

**Wahunsenakah Lodge #333  
11721 Jefferson Avenue  
Newport News, Virginia**

**Wahunsenakah Lodge #333 Adult Nomination Procedures**

**July 1, 2003**

All Adult nominations shall be in accordance with the Wahunsenakah Lodge Adult Nomination Procedures. Because the Order of the Arrow is principally a youth organization, Troop, Team, District, and Council Scouters are not elected to membership for recognition. Adult election into the Order of the Arrow should take place only when the adult's job in Boy Scouting (**does not include Cub Scouting or Webelos**) Will make the Order of the Arrow membership more meaningful in the lives of youth membership.

Many Arrowmen and lodges often forget that the requirements for selection of Adults into the Order of the Arrow are not the same as for youth. The following are the basic requirements.

**For Unit Scouters**

Each calendar year (after a valid election for youth members has been held), the Troop or Team Committee may recommend adult(s) to the Wahunsenakah Adult Selection Committee for consideration for induction into the Order of the Arrow. *Units with less than 50 youth members can recommend only one adult per year. Units with 50 youth members or more can recommend two adults per year. The number of youth members that the unit includes on its recharter at the start of the calendar year will determine whether a unit can nominate one or two adults.* The following conditions will apply.

1. Selection of the Adult is based upon the ability to perform the necessary functions to help the Order of the Arrow fulfill its mission and not as a recognition for service, including current or prior achievement or position.
2. The individual will be an asset to the Order of the Arrow due to demonstrated skills and abilities that will fulfill the purpose of the Order of the Arrow.
3. The camping requirements as set forth for youth members are met.
4. The adult leader's membership will provide a positive role model for the growth and development of the youth members of the Wahunsenakah Lodge.

**For Council and District Scouters**

Council and District Scouters may be recommended to the Lodge Adult Selection Committee for consideration for membership in the Order of the Arrow providing they meet all of the above requirements. However, at their discretion, the Lodge Adult Selection Committee may waive the camping requirements. Council and District Scouters can only be nominated by members of Council Professional Staff, the Council President, or the Chairman of the District in which the Scouter is registered. **Scouters whose primary (registered and paid) position is with a unit must be nominated by that Unit.**

**All adult members shall be inducted into the Order of the Arrow at the discretion of the Lodge Adult Selection Committee. Adults must be 21 years of age or older to be nominated. If younger than 21, Scouters must be elected as youth members of a Troop or Team.**

**Adult Nomination Letter Information**

On the reverse side are the general rules for nominating adult Scouters to become candidates for induction into the Order of the Arrow. To assist the Wahunsenakah Lodge Adult Selection Committee in determining if an adult is eligible to become a candidate, the following information shall be submitted. The information should be printed or typed and forwarded to the Wahunsenakah Lodge Adult Selection Committee, Colonial Virginia Council, 11721 Jefferson Avenue, Newport News, Va. 23606. **Date and submit the letter no later than December 31 of the year in which the youth election was held and for which the adult nomination is made.**

1. List the name, address, telephone number, date of birth, and current scouting position(s) of the recommended adult nominee. If the nominee holds more than one position, identify the primary position (paid position at the last registration with the Colonial Virginia Council).
2. Include a positive statement that the nominee has completed a total of 15 days and nights of camping (within the last two years) including a 6 consecutive days and 5 consecutive nights long-term camping experience under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America. **Camping with the Cub Scouts or Webelos Scouts does not count toward this requirement.**
3. Include the dates and locations of the long-term camping experience.
4. Include a statement that the adult's membership in the Order of the Arrow will provide a positive role model for the growth and development of the youth members of the lodge.
5. Include a statement that the nominee will take an active role in the Wahunsenakah Lodge, will strive to attend the majority of the Lodge events, and will strive to obtain Brotherhood within one and one-half years after induction.
6. **Have the nominee sign and date the letter signifying agreement with the statements contained in the letter.**
7. Include the address, telephone number, and signature of the person recommending the adult for membership. **This person cannot be the nominee.**

Action on the recommendation will be taken within thirty days after receipt of the nomination letter at the specified address. The person submitting the letter of nomination will be advised of the Adult Selection Committee action. The adult should not be "called out" until the Adult Selection Committee has approved the nomination. **To be eligible to be "called out" during a particular event or to attend a particular Ordeal, the nomination letter must be received at the specified address at least 30 day prior to the date of the event or Ordeal.**

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