

TROOP 778 ELECTIONS

January 11, 18 and 25, 2012

I. A. Week One - Election of the Senior Patrol Leader, Part 1

- The Troop elects the Senior Patrol Leader. Any Scout who meets the requirements of Star or above and NYLT Trained, with no age requirement, may run for this position.
- Scouts will identify themselves as candidates for Senior Patrol Leader. Nominations will be allowed. Troop members must obtain the consent of the nominee prior to their nomination.
- All candidates will be asked to give a talk of eight minutes maximum, during which he should tell the Troop what his qualifications and Scout experiences are, why he feels he will be an effective SPL, what he plans to do as Senior Patrol Leader, what his goals for the Troop are for the coming year, and anything else he feels is pertinent to his candidacy.
- Troop members may ask questions of each candidate after his talk.

B. Week One - Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Troop Guides and Troop Instructors

- Scouts who wish to be considered for Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Troop Guide and Troop Instructor should inform the Scoutmaster either at the January 11 meeting or shortly thereafter by telephone.
- Requirements: ASPL – Star and NYLT Trained
Troop Guide - First Class complete through Scoutmaster Conference by January 31, 2012.
Troop Instructor – First Class complete through Scoutmaster Conference by January 31, 2012.
- The Senior Patrol Leader candidates, Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters will discuss these candidates during the week between January 11 and 18.

II. Week Two - Election of the SPL, Part 2, Election of the OA Troop Representative, Election of Patrol Leaders

- The Troop elects the Senior Patrol Leader.
- The new Senior Patrol Leader immediately appoints the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader.
- Order of the Arrow members will elect their Representative. Requirements: Be an OA member in good standing and Star rank.
- Candidates for OA Troop Representative should be prepared to present their qualifications, Scouting experiences, reason why they will be a good leader and plans for the coming year. These presentations should be 3 - 4 minutes long.
- Patrols will meet separately to elect their Patrol Leader, with the supervision of an Assistant Scoutmaster.
- Candidates for Patrol Leader should be prepared to present their qualifications, Scouting experiences, reason why they will be a good leader and plans for the coming year. These presentations should be 3 - 4 minutes long.
- The Senior Patrol Leaders appoints Troop Guides and Troop Instructors.

III. Week Three - Election of Troop Officers

- Patrol Leaders announce their selections for Assistant Patrol Leaders.
- Candidates for any of the following positions should be prepared to tell the Troop members their qualifications, Scouting experiences, the reasons why they will make an effective troop officer, and what they intend to accomplish in the position during 2012. These presentations should last 3 - 4 minutes.
- Requirements for all officers: First Class and above.
- Troop elects the Troop Chaplain Aide
- Troop elects the Troop Scribe
- Troop elects the Troop Quartermaster
- Troop elects the Troop Webmaster
- Troop elects the Troop Librarian
- Troop elects the Troop Historian
- Troop elects the Troop Bugler
- Troop elects the Leave No Trace Coordinator

IV. General Information

- The leaders will supervise the election and count the ballots, but will in no way attempt to influence how Scouts vote or the actual results of each vote.
- The totals for each vote will be tabulated and written down. Scouts who were candidates for any position may see the vote totals for that position only.
- Scouts may be candidates for positions they currently hold if they meet the requirements.
- Scouts can be candidates for as many positions as they wish, although they are encouraged to select the ones they are most interested in and prepare their speeches accordingly.
- The troop will vote for every elected position, even if there is only one candidate. In this situation, Scouts should vote yes or no for that candidate.
- Scouts should keep in mind that some of the most important positions in the Troop (Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, Troop Instructor) are appointed, not elected. These positions need to be filled by Scouts willing to devote extra effort and time and who wish to have the maximum opportunity to develop their leadership skills.

V. Patrol Leaders' Council

The Patrol Leaders' Council consists of the following:

Senior Patrol Leader
Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
Patrol Leaders
Troop Guides
OA Troop Representative