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Unit Elections Overview

Pacifica District Roundtable

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When Can Elections Be Held?

- Units may conduct one Election per year
- Typically conducted at regular Unit Meetings
- Must have at least 50% of “active” registered Youth members present



How Can I Request an Election?

- Send an email to oachapteradviser@pacificabsa.org
- Respond to message sent to Unit Key 3 from Tuku'ut Lodge via Lodgemaster



Youth Eligibility Requirements (1 of 2)

- In the OA, Scouts are “Youth” until age 21
- Rank Requirements:
 - Scouts BSA – First Class Rank or higher
 - Sea Scouts – Ordinary Rank or higher
 - Venturing – Discovery Rank or higher
- Approval of the Unit Leader



Youth Eligibility Requirements (2 of 2)

- 15 nights of camping under auspices of BSA in last 2 years before the Election
 - Minimum of a 5-night long-term campout (can't count additional nights from a longer trip)
 - Remaining 10 nights from trips \leq 3 nights
 - Virtual Camping Nights OK through 12/31/2021



What Do I Receive Before the Election?

- Soft copies of the following forms:
 - Unit Election Report & Candidate Info
 - Unit Election Evaluation
 - Blank Election Ballot
 - OA Adult Candidate Nomination



What Happens During the Election?

- Election Team members use a script to provide an overview the OA, eligibility and procedures
- Eligible Scouts identified to the Unit (need not be present)
- Ballots issued, collected and tabulated
- Results announced at the Leader's discretion



How Can Adults Become Members?

- Unit Leaders automatically eligible if the Camping Nights requirement is met
- Unit Committee may nominate no more than one Adult for every three Youth elected
- Send the completed Nomination Form to me to be forwarded to the Lodge's Review Committee



What Happens After the Election?

- Results announced
- Candidates entered into the Lodgemaster system
 - Add no-reply@lodgemaster.oa-bsa.org to safe list
- Will be sent emails notifying them about upcoming Induction Weekend opportunities
 - 3/year – Fall (Nov), Winter (Feb) and Spring (Apr/May)
 - 2 years to complete an Induction Weekend



How Else Can OA Help My Unit?

- OA Orientation Visits
- Camp Promotion Visits
- OA members serve at District and Council events Units May attend
- Leadership experience and training courses



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Questions?



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Additional Resources

- www.oa-bsa.org
- www.tukuut.org



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