

Election Candidacy Agreement

Dear Lodge Officer Candidates and Parent/Guardian. Thank you for wanting to serve as a lodge officer for the upcoming year. Serving as a lodge officer is a unique and exciting opportunity. The success of the lodge depends on each lodge officer, and their appointed adviser, to make a commitment of their time, talent, and energy. If you have any questions or are unsure about what will be asked of you as a lodge officer, please talk with one of the current officers or advisers before completing this form. This form **MUST** be received by the Lodge Adviser before the Takoda Lodge Officer Election.

Yes, I desire to become a Candidate for office in Takoda Lodge.

Name: _____

Chapter Name: _____ District: _____

Troop #: _____ Phone #: _____ Email: _____

This form is meant to make sure that each candidate has the support and understanding of their parents/guardians before making a commitment to serve as a lodge officer. This is a crucial part of ensuring the success of every officer. Each Lodge Officer is expected to do the following:

1. Attend **ALL** scheduled Lodge events and the Section C3-A Conclave.
2. Regularly communicate with their advisor, chairmen, and other officers throughout the year.
3. In consultation with your advisor, create goals, milestones, budget, and a backdated calendar for the position you were elected.
4. Meet the goals and milestones that you set.
5. Help recruit, train, and lead lodge members in carrying out the lodge's year round program.
6. Officers are expected to attend and participate in a limited number of other meeting, planning sessions, and special projects throughout the lodge year, especially throughout the fall of the current year as we plan the New Year. Dates for these meeting will be set by the new officers.
7. Lodge Officers are expected to attend the majority of Wednesday Night Summer Camp Cracker barrels.
8. Set the example by correctly wearing a full Class A uniform.
9. Conduct themselves at all times according to the highest standards of the Scout Oath, Law, and OA Obligation.

The success of the OA Lodge is dependent on active, engaged officers. Each officer will have an experienced adult adviser assigned to him to work as a team with their officer. Advisers in the OA are experienced Scouters who enjoy volunteering their time to mentor motivated Arrowmen. Advisers train, coach, and guide their officers to complete assigned duties that exceed what is normally asked of young men in high school or college. Lodge Officers are expected to diligently work with their adviser, their fellow officers and chairmen, and with other Arrowmen. Service as a lodge officer is not for everyone. Lodge Officers are expected to be able to budget their time between school, family, religious, and other responsibilities with what is required of them as a lodge officer. A great many officers have served with distinction and managed their other responsibilities well. Since the effective operation of a Lodge with over 750 members depends on each Lodge Officer, any officer who finds that he cannot keep up with the duties above or balance these duties with other commitments and obligations will be expected to resign or will be removed from office.

I attest that the above Arrowman has my support to serve as a Takoda Lodge Officer and that we have discussed the responsibilities of being a lodge officer.

Parent/ Guardian Date

Candidate Date