

Lodge Officer Election Procedures

1. All youth members in good standing of Itibapishe Iti Hollo Lodge, Central North Carolina Council, of the Boy Scouts of America are eligible for election as a Lodge Officer in the lodge so long as they meet the following requirements:
 - a. They are a youth member that will not turn twenty-one years of age prior to the end of the term for which they are running for. (The term runs from the point of election until the next election at the Fall Fellowship of the following year.)
 - b. Must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America in the Central North Carolina Council.
 - c. Must be a current dues paying member of the Itibapishe Iti Hollo lodge.
2. Youth members wishing to become a candidate for lodge office must send a letter to the lodge adviser prior to the event announcing their intentions. Floor nominations will be accepted; so long as the lodge key three agree that the member meets all the requirements laid out in section one of these procedures.
3. **Only** those youth members who have sent a letter to the lodge adviser prior to the Fall Fellowship will be allowed to campaign. The lodge adviser (or designee) will notify the member during Fall Fellowship check-in that their letter was received and they are an eligible candidate. Official campaigning starts from the point that the member checks-in, up until the lodge officer elections begin.
 - a. Those youth members **who did not** send a letter to the lodge adviser prior to the event will not be allowed to campaign during the official campaigning period.
 - b. All campaigning will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the Scout oath and law, as well as the principles of the Order of the Arrow.
 - c. Smear campaigning is not acceptable and will not be tolerated. Any one found not to be conducting themselves as an Arrowman may find their eligibility for election revoked by the lodge key three.
 - d. It is the responsibility of the campaigning individual to remove all campaign materials and dispose of properly, promptly following the closing of elections.
4. Lodge officer elections will be conducted under the supervision of the lodge key three. (Or their designees.)
 - a. If the current lodge chief is running for office they will choose another youth member (with the approval of the lodge adviser and staff adviser) that is not eligible for election to act in their place in all matters pertaining to the lodge officer elections.
5. The election proceedings for lodge officers will be conducted as follows:
 - a. Each youth member (subject to verification by photo ID) of the lodge will be allowed one vote for each office being elected.
 - b. Elections will be carried out in the following order:
 - i. Lodge Chief
 - ii. Lodge Vice Chief
 - iii. Lodge Secretary
 - iv. Lodge Treasurer

- c. Floor nominations will be made after speeches are given for the officer position that is being elected at that point of the election proceedings.
- d. Votes will be cast by secret ballot.
- e. Votes will be counted either by the lodge key three or their designees.
 - i. The Lodge Chief or his designee **will not** cast a vote unless there is a deadlock election. (Per the procedure outlined below.)
- f. In the event of a deadlock, a runoff election will be conducted between the two candidates with the highest number votes.
 - i. If after a runoff election another deadlock ballot is declared the youth member conducting the election will cast a vote to break the deadlock for the candidate of their choosing.
- g. After the winner is declared from the initial election, those candidates not receiving the vote, who sent a letter to the lodge adviser announcing their intentions will be asked if they choose to drop down for the next available office.
 - i. Those candidates choosing to drop down from the previous election will be allowed to give speeches for the office that they are now running for.
 - ii. Those members that did not send a letter to the lodge adviser **will not** be allowed to give a speech, and must be re-nominated for the new position from the floor.
6. The newly elected lodge officers will be sworn in after the election(s) are complete and will exercise the duties of their elected position effective immediately.
7. Any questions that arise during lodge officer elections that are not answered in these procedures will be decided by the lodge key three or their representatives.