



Unit Elections: Showtime

Session Length: 45 Minutes

Through this session, you will:

Explain: explain the importance of using quality election and how to do so

Demonstrate: how to conduct a quality election

Guide allow participants to conduct their own elections and help as needed

Enable provide the challenge to take what they've learned back to their own unit elections

Learning Outcomes:

- Specific talking points for elections
- Specific ways to appear/present in an election
- Have the knowledge to assist others in unit elections

Theme Connection:

The theme of NOAC 2018 is "Decide Your Destiny," emphasizing the message that today's decisions shape tomorrow's reality. This session will relay this theme in the following ways:

- Facilitate Arrowmen to provide stronger elections which in turn will allow these Arrowmen to influence and build the future of the order effectively allowing Arrowmen to determine the destiny of the OA

This session will help the Chapter (C#) and Lodge (L#) with the Journey to Excellence Requirements: C1, C2, L1, L2, L3, L4, L5, L7, L9, L10

Required Materials:

- projector
- laptop



TRAINER PREPARATION

Replace this text with a comprehensive list of steps a trainer needs to take before presenting this session, e.g. if the session calls for trainers to develop particular examples from their own experience, if there are handouts to be duplicated or flipcharts to prepare ahead of time, PowerPoint presentations to update...

1. find a personal story about an election you have participated
2. review standard election procedures
3. watch the SURGE/ and regular election vides prior to presenting them
4. prepare questions to engage the audience throughout the session

Session Narrative

[The body of your session should be here. Be sure to use headings that break up the different topics or part of the session, and adjust the recommended time for each part after you've written it]

Trainer Instructions: If at any time the trainer should perform an action (play a video clip, ask prompting questions, etc) type the directions into boxes like this. Simply copy this box and paste wherever needed throughout the lesson plan, replacing this text with your own material.

Introduction

5 minutes

Introduce yourself as a trainer. Thank you all for attending this session and I promise you will not regret it. The purpose of this session is to provide a base of information for you all to take back to your home lodges and improve the election program there, so we can all together build a brighter future for the. Ask for other people's experiences with bad elections and wrap up with a story of your own. Preferably ask questions about how they were bad or how you could make them better



Appearance

10 minutes

Discuss the importance of what you wear and first impressions. Discuss pros and cons of regalia and scout uniforms. This is an excellent time to get audience feedback and gauge interest. Explain the importance of how appearance affects how people view you and how it can leave a lasting impression.

presentation

10 minutes

discuss the content of what should be talked about during the election. This is another great time to use audience participation. Suggested talking points include chapter activities, lodge events, section conclave, NOAC, NLS, OAHA, brotherhood, service, camping, and leadership opportunities. Explain and demonstrate the importance of speaking with confidence, making eye contact, using good posture, and being an effective communicator. It's still important to note the impression you leave on a unit. And of course, stress excitement as much as possible, boys don't want to join something that others seem disinterested in.

Activity

20 minutes

To improve the learning, process its expedient to practice your skills so we are going to be practicing a mock election. Split the audience into groups and have half be the unit and half be the election team. Wander around and offer advice as needed.

Takeaway Challenge

3 minutes

In closing I would like to provide you with a challenge. Every single one of us have had powerful experiences in this organization that we would not be who we are today's without. I challenge every one of you to give as many other scouts this opportunity as possible. Take what you have learned here today and apply them back home and build this program through your own efforts. Remember, only through deciding our own destinies can we assist others in building their own.

Appendix: Resources and Source Material

- Guide to unit elections

<https://oa-bsa.org/resources/publications/guide-to-unit-elections>

- Choose OA

Insert Cell Name



Insert Session Name

<https://oa-bsa.org/chooseoa/>

- Western Region Surge

<https://western.oa-bsa.org/surge/>