



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

# ORDER OF THE ARROW

The National Order of the Arrow Committee has approved some exciting updates to Scouting's National Honor Society. Beginning February 1, 2019, unit elections will be permitted in Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scout units. The new Order of the Arrow membership requirements include:

## OLD:

- OA Mission.
- OA Purpose.
- Be a registered member of the BSA.
- Spend 15 nights camping while registered with a troop or team within the previous two years, including at least one (but no more) long-term camp consisting of at least five consecutive nights of camping (with a maximum of five nights). At least 10 nights must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps of, at most, three nights each.
- Youth must be under 21, hold First Class rank or higher and, following approval by the Scoutmaster or Varsity team Coach, be elected by the youth members of their troop or team.
- Registered adults 21 or older who meet the camping requirements may be selected following nomination to the lodge adult selection committee.

## NEW:

- *Unchanged.*
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- Spend 15 nights camping while registered with a **troop, crew, or ship** within the two years immediately prior to the election. For Sea Scouts, **ship nights** may be counted as camping. (All other camping requirements remain unchanged.)
- At the time of their election, youth must be under the age of 21, hold the **Scouts BSA First Class rank**, the **Venturing Discovery Award**, or the **Sea Scout Ordinary rank** or higher and, following approval by the Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor, or Sea Scout Skipper, be elected by the youth members of their unit.
- *Unchanged.*

For a full breakdown of changes and answers to frequently asked questions, visit [oa-bsa.org](http://oa-bsa.org)