



SAKLAN LODGE

ORDER OF THE ARROW

Youth Membership Qualifications

All members of, or candidates for membership in, the Order of the Arrow who are under 21 years of age shall be considered youth members or candidates for youth membership, subject to meeting these requirements:

1. Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.
2. At the time of their election, youth must be under the age of 21, and hold one of the following ranks corresponding to the type of unit in which they are being considered for election: Scouts BSA First Class rank, Venturing Discovery Award, or Sea Scout Ordinary rank, or higher, and following approval by the Scouts BSA Scoutmaster, Venturing Crew Advisor or Sea Scout Skipper, be elected by the youth members of their unit.
3. Have experienced 15 days and nights of camping while registered with a troop, crew, or ship within the two years immediately prior to the election. The 15 days and nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of at least five consecutive nights of overnight camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. Only five nights of the long-term camp may be credited toward the 15-night camping requirement; the balance of the camping (10 nights) must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps of, at most, three nights each. Ship nights may be counted as camping for Sea Scouts.

Voting for youth candidates will be based on their spirit of brotherhood, cheerfulness (no matter how tiresome their duties), and a willingness to give unselfish and wholehearted service to others at all times.

Adult Membership Qualifications

Each year, upon holding a unit election for youth candidates that results in at least one youth candidate being elected, the unit committee may nominate registered unit adults, 21 years of age or older, for membership in the OA to the lodge adult selection committee, composed of the lodge adviser, the chair of the council committee on which the lodge adviser serves, and the lodge staff adviser. The number of adults nominated can be no more than two-thirds of the number of youth candidates elected, rounded up where the number of youth candidates is not a multiple of three. In addition to the two-thirds limit, the unit committee may nominate the currently serving unit leader (but not assistant leaders), as long as he or she has served as unit leader for at least the previous 12 months. Recommendations of the adult selection committee, with the approval of the Scout executive, will be candidates for induction, provided these conditions are fulfilled:

1. Selection of the adult is based on the ability to perform the necessary functions to help the OA fulfill its purpose, and not for recognition of service, including current or prior achievement and positions.
2. The individual will be an asset to the OA because of demonstrated abilities that fulfill the purpose of the Order.
3. ~~The camping requirements set forth for youth members are fulfilled.~~ (This requirement was removed In January 2026, though not yet updated in the Handbook referenced below).
4. The adult leader's membership will provide a positive example for the growth and development of the youth members of the lodge.

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