

## Who is eligible for membership?

Any Scout under the age 21 who is a registered Boy Scout or Varsity Scout, holds the First Class rank, and meets certain camping requirements. After being approved by the Scoutmaster or Varsity Team Coach, youth are elected by the youth troop or team members. Adults (age 21 or older) may be selected following nomination to the lodge adult selection committee.

## Membership Levels

The introductory level of membership in the OA is the Ordeal. After 10 months, Ordeal members can become full members by completing the Brotherhood membership process, after which they are considered full members. Finally, after two years of dedicated service, a Brotherhood member can be recognized for their dedication with the Vigil Honor, the highest honor a lodge can bestow upon a member.

## LODGES

An OA lodge is the unit of the OA that matches up with a local council. Only one lodge charter is granted per council. The OA lodge helps the local council provide a quality Scouting program through methods such as recognition of Scouting spirit, youth leadership development, and adventurous programming.

## BROTHERHOOD

One of the most unique aspects of membership in the OA is the sense of brotherhood that comes from being a part of an organization with so many members. The shared experiences of all OA members creates a bond that cannot be replicated, and is shared by brothers across the nation and around the world. OA members form friendships that last a lifetime.

## FELLOWSHIP

One of the common events held by local OA lodges are fellowship weekends, gatherings of brothers of the local lodge for activities and competitions. These weekends are often held in the fall, in celebration of a year's dedicated service provided by the brothers of the lodge, the Order, Scouting, and the Scout camp.

## SERVICE

Another type of weekend event held by lodges around the nation are service weekends. Generally held at the camp of the local council, Arrowmen come together to provide service to the camp, helping to open it for the summer camp season, close it after the season is over, or to provide simple repairs.

## High Adventure

The Order of the Arrow has a presence at each of the four BSA national high adventure bases, each with its own specific OA High Adventure program run by dedicated Arrowmen, which Arrowmen can attend for a much lower cost than they could if participating with a council contingent. The programs are generally two weeks in length: one week of service to benefit the base, and one of program planned by the Arrowmen. More information about specific programs can be found at [adventure.oe-bsa.org](http://adventure.oe-bsa.org).

## #ChooseOA

The members of the OA choose to take part in a movement that is greater than themselves, and to become leaders of character and quality, and they do so for a variety of reasons, some of which you've just read. What will you choose?

For additional information, visit [www.oe-bsa.org](http://www.oe-bsa.org).



# What is the Order of the Arrow?

**The OA is Scouting's National Honor Society.**

Founded in 1915 at the Treasure Island Camp of the Philadelphia Council, the OA has recognized Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives for over 100 years. Today, the service, activities, adventures, and training for youth and adults provided by the OA are models of quality leadership development and programming that enrich, support, and help extend Scouting to America's youth. The OA has over 160,000 members in lodges affiliated with more than 270 local BSA councils

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