



## **Order of the Arrow**

The Order of the Arrow (OA) is Scouting's national camping honor society. It recognizes Scouts and Scouters (adults) who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. This recognition provides encouragement for others to live these ideals as well.

Members of the Order of the Arrow are known for maintaining camping traditions and spirit, promoting year-round and long-term resident camping, and providing cheerful service to others. OA service, activities, adventures, and training for youth and adults are models of quality leadership development and programming that enrich and help to extend Scouting impact to youth.

Scouts are elected to the Order by their peers in Scouts BSA Troops, Venturing Crews, or Sea Scouting Ships.

### **Eligibility**

To be eligible for election, a **Scout** must:

- Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Have experienced 15 nights of camping while registered with a troop, crew, or ship within the two years immediately prior to the election. The 15 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.
- 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 Unit Leader (Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor, or Sea Scout Skipper), be elected by the youth members of their unit.

**Adults** (age 21 or older) who meet the camping requirements may be selected following nomination to and approval by the Lodge adult selection committee.

## Membership



*Order of the Arrow Sashes: Ordeal, Brotherhood, Vigil*

### **Ordeal Membership**

The induction process, called the Ordeal, is the first step toward full membership in the Order. Upon completion of the Ordeal and its ceremony, the member is expected to strengthen his involvement in the unit and encourage Scout camping.

### **Brotherhood Membership**

After 6 months of service as an Ordeal member and after fulfilling certain requirements, a member may take part in the Brotherhood ceremony, which places further emphasis on the ideals of Scouting and the Order. Completion of this ceremony signifies full membership in the Order of the Arrow.

### **Vigil Honor**

After two years of exceptional service as a Brotherhood member, and with the approval of the National Order of the Arrow committee, a youth or adult Arrowman may be recognized with the Vigil Honor for their distinguished contributions to their lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, or their Scout camp. This honor is bestowed by special selection and is limited to one Arrowman for every 50 members registered with the lodge each year.

## Los Lobos Chapter

The **Los Lobos** chapter of the Order of the Arrow belongs to the **Tuku'ut Lodge** in the **Greater Los Angeles Area Council**. It serves the communities of the **El Camino Real District**.

The Chapter meets on the first Thursday of every month. Fellowship starts at 7:00p and the meeting starts at 7:30p. All meetings are held at:

**St. Matthews United Methodist Church**  
15653 Newton St.  
Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

## Reference

Order of the Arrow: [www.oa-bsa.org](http://www.oa-bsa.org)

Tuku'ut Lodge: [www.tukuut.org](http://www.tukuut.org)

Los Lobos Chapter: [www.loslobos-oa.org](http://www.loslobos-oa.org)