

Order of the Arrow

Q: Will girls be able to be members of the Order of the Arrow?

Beginning February 1, 2019, unit elections will be permitted in Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scout units.

Q: Will camping be counted retroactively for those currently in Venturing and Sea Scouts?

Yes. Camping that has taken place within the two years immediately prior to the election will be counted beginning February 1, 2019. This camping must have taken place while an individual was registered with the BSA as a program participant and must be while participating with a BSA Venturing Crew or Sea Scout Ship.

Q: Can I be elected into the OA if I am over the age of 18?

Yes! As long as you are under the age of 21 at the time the election is held. If you are over 21, you will need to go through the adult selection process.

Q: Will there be any opportunities for Venturers to learn more about the OA and Venturing?

Yes! We will provide high level information and the opportunity to gather feedback from youth Venturing participants at VenturingFest 2018, which will be held July 1-6, 2018.

Q: When will the OA literature be updated to reflect these changes?

We are planning that all literature will be updated by Summer of 2019.

Q: Will we still be able to wear lodge flaps on any female uniforms that may be created?

Yes. We continue to work with BSA National Supply to help ensure that the current OA lodge flap shape and size will be accommodated.