

Meeting Place

Wiatava Lodge Meetings are the first Thursday of the month from 7:30 to 9:00 PM. The meetings take place at the Orange County Council's William Lyon Homes Center for Scouting at 1211 East Dyer Road, Santa Ana, CA 92705. For more information on the Orange County Council Visit www.ocbsa.org

Eligibility to become a member of the OA

A youth must be a registered member of a Boy Scout troop or Varsity Scout team and hold First Class rank.

The youth must have experienced 15 days and nights of camping during the two years before his election. The 15 days and nights must include six consecutive days (including five nights) of resident camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps. Scouts are elected to the Order Of The Arrow by their fellow unit members, following approval by the Scoutmaster or Varsity team Coach.

Purpose of the Order of the Arrow

To recognize those campers-Scouts and Scouters-who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and by such recognition cause other campers to conduct themselves in such manner as to warrant recognition.

To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit.

To promote Scout camping, which reaches its greatest effectiveness as a part of the unit's camping program, both year-round and in the summer camp, as directed by the camping committee of the council.

To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

History of the OA

The Order of the Arrow (OA) was founded by Dr. E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson in 1915 at the Treasure Island Camp of the

Philadelphia Council, Boy Scouts of America. It became an official program experiment in 1922 and was approved as part of the Scouting program in 1934. In 1948 the OA, recognized as the BSA's national brotherhood of honor campers, became an official part of the national camping program of the Boy Scouts of America.