



# OPERATIONS UPDATE

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## YOUTH MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

The National Order of the Arrow Committee, at its August 9, 1996 meeting, gave approval to change the camping requirements for Order of the Arrow election eligibility to read:

After registration with a troop or team, have experienced fifteen days and nights of camping during the two-year period prior to the election. The fifteen 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.

This change in the camping requirements takes effect immediately.

## 1997 ORDER OF THE ARROW SERVICE GRANT PROGRAM

For the third consecutive year, the National Order of the Arrow Committee is making matching grant money available to lodges for camp service center projects in their council.

Applications for the 1997 OA Service Grant Program may be obtained from the national office and were included in each lodge's Charter Renewal Kit mailed on October 1st. Service project grant requests must be returned to the national office on or before November 30, 1996.

## E. URNER GOODMAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

E. Umer Goodman scholarship applications may be acquired from the national office and must be submitted by January 15 each year for consideration.

## 1997 CHARTER RENEWAL REMINDER

All 1997 lodge charter applications, Quality Lodge and E. Umer Goodman Petitions are due December 31, 1996. The 1997 Lodge Charter Renewal Kit was mailed to every Scout Executive that has an Order of the Arrow lodge in his council on October 1, 1996.