



Aerie # 16 - 2021 OA Unit Elections Update – January 10, 2021

1. Changes in OA election eligibility requirements for the calendar year 2021 election cycle ONLY:

Earlier today, the National OA Committee announced a temporary change in the camping requirement for eligibility as a candidate for membership in the Order of the Arrow. This change only affects Scouts and adults during the 2021 Unit Election Year.

- The limitation on counting no more than three (3) nights of short-term camping in a single month is increased to five (5) nights per month. All other requirements for virtual short-term camping eligibility remain in effect.
- The requirement for a long-term camp of five (5) consecutive nights is relaxed. While council long-term camps should be utilized if available, any combination of short-term and/or long-term nights, in camp or virtual, that are part of a BSA unit-organized unit camping event held within the two years prior to election may be counted toward the 15-night requirement.

Do not assume that Scoutbook and Troopmaster will be able to adjust their OA eligibility reports for this election cycle. In all likelihood, Unit leaders will have to manually calculate a Scout's eligibility under this temporary change.

As of today, there have been no reports of a unit election having been held in Egwa Tawa Dee. The first schedule election is due to take place on January 11, 2021. If your Chapter conducted a unit election on or before January 10, 2021, please contact the Unit Relations Adviser so he can advise what needs to be done.

The National OA Committee announcement can be found at <https://oa-bsa.org/article/oa-temporary-camping-requirement-changes?fbclid=IwAR0UaDBJOCfaQjXZYxy94VZSHXa7f3-ubdjLNnSmORm8KoI9mnU1ySOHb4>

2. Questions - Contact the Committee. unitrelationschairman@acegwa.org.