

Olave Program: FAQs

It sounds like there are some things that haven't changed about the Olave Program?

Yes - the Olave Program is still run by young women for young women! The name is the same and the age range remains 18-30. You can still participate in the Olave Program as an individual or as part of a Peer Group.

There is no more 'social networks' in the Olave Program Framework – does that mean I can't just hang out with my Peer Group anymore?

The new Olave Program Framework is designed for Olaves to get the most out of Guiding by focusing your energy (and your Peer Group's energy) on taking part in worthwhile activities. Take the opportunity to do something new and interesting with your Peer Group rather than just 'hang out' – do something to help the community, challenge yourselves with an adventure or learn a new skill. Keep on meeting new people through the Olave Program and gaining support from your Peer Group, but don't forget to live for the challenge!

So I will now only be recognised as an Olave if I am registered as such? How do I do that? What if I don't register?

A key recommendation from the Olave Program Review Report was to make the Olave Program an opt-in system so that only 18-30 year olds who identify as Olaves are counted as such. States are in the process of developing procedures to enable this registration and you will be informed by your State Olave Program Manager once this is in place (if it is not already). There will be some flexibility in the initial stages to ensure that nobody misses out on the chance to be an Olave!

I am about to start working on my Olave Baden-Powell Award – should I wait until the new awards have been created?

We would encourage anyone who is thinking of starting an award (or who has already started one) to not change their plans. The new awards will be some time away, and there will be no disadvantages to those who have already started working on existing awards. If you have started or are thinking about starting work on an award then DO IT! You won't be affected by any changes and will still earn the same award when you have completed it.

What can I do to help develop the Olave Program now?

We now all take responsibility for making the Olave Program a great one. For sharing the word in a positive way. For committing to events, activities and roles and making them successful. For making the most of our opportunities and taking on challenges. It is up to each Olave and how we talk and how we act that can improve the Olave Program from here. Live for the challenge!

What if I have comments or feedback on the new Olave Program?

We'd love to hear from you! Email olave@girlguides.org.au or connect via the Olave Program Facebook Page.