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## OA undertakes Project 2013 at jamboree

THE ORDER OF THE ARROW provides staffing for many 2013 National Scout Jamboree areas.

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Cheerfully serving as the national honor society of the Boy Scouts of America, the Order of the Arrow seeks to embody the principles of servant leadership through its programs and over 170,000 members. In this spirit, the Order's involvement at the Summit Bechtel Family Scout Reserve represents the largest OA presence at a National

Scout Jamboree in history. Each jamboree program supported by the Order of the Arrow is composed of a dedicated and committed team led by youth and guided by adult advisers. Dubbed "Project 2013," a collective staff of six hundred Arrowmen signed up to serve in various roles and responsibilities at the Summit.

Continuing from the efforts of past jamborees, the Order of the Arrow Service Corps assists many program and administrative areas of the jamboree. When manpower and difficult tasks are requested by Jamboree leadership, the Service Corps will be there to answer the call. This is just

one element of the OA's impact on the jamboree, which creates an environment conducive to servant leadership, brotherhood and cheerfulness.

Throughout the entire jamboree, each troop and crew will participate in a trek on the Summit property. Troops and crews will be led up to the "Summit of the Summit," Garden Ground Mountain, by a trek guide who is also a youth member of the OA. After a fun hike and programs along the way, trekkers will visit Garden Ground and experience everything it has to offer!

Programs at Garden Ground will include an Indian Village, providing



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# Order continues to provide service to jamboree

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participants with an in-depth view of American Indian culture, regalia, dance, and singing. Skilled dancers and craftsmen will provide an unforgettable experience for Scouts as they learn more about the traditions that the Order of the Arrow was founded upon.

When the Order was founded in 1915, it was envisioned to represent three principles that have endured to this day. Co-

founders E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson sought to hone these traits, brotherhood, cheerfulness into actions by all Arrowmen. The principle of service, will be evidenced at the jamboree through the Day of Service program. Each Scout and Venturer at the jamboree will participate in projects providing service to local communities, the National River, and on-site at the Summit. Each day of the Jamboree, two hundred troops and crews will leave their

campsites for a day of service. The Order's finest Arrowmen will be serving as the guides for this program, facilitating and providing leadership to the projects undertaken by our jamboree participants.

In addition to these four programs, Order of the Arrow staff members will also provide support to the youth staff by providing evening recreation activities. The recreation staff will host cookouts, game nights, and many more activities.

Without a doubt, the 2013 National Scout Jamboree will be an event to remember for many years to come. Located at a brand-new high adventure base with state-of-the-art outdoor equipment, Scouts, Venturers and Scouters will forge new memories and friendships on this new site! The Order of the Arrow is ready to serve and help make this jamboree a great experience for all participants. Enjoy your time here at the Summit!

## Take part in the National Leadership Seminar Be sure to take part in one of Scouting's best trainings

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Have you as a Scout or Scouter ever thought about why your fellow Scouts elected you or as an adult why you were selected to be a member of The Order of The Arrow? They chose you because they believe that you have leadership skills and that you are an example to follow. They observed that you are a friend to all and live the Scout Oath and Law. Through the OA, you can build upon your skills and become an even better leader by

attending a National Leadership Seminar (NLS).

At NLS, Arrowmen learn more about how to apply leadership in any situation. The staff for NLS is made up of a region's best trainers. Each NLS is planned and led by a region chief and most of the trainers at a seminar are youth under the age of 21. Participants will leave the weekend energized and ready to get more involved in their home lodge or chapter.

After completion of the weekend of training, each Arrowman is required to complete a contract that they

made with themselves and their table guide at the seminar. After the participant completes their contract, they are recognized with a NLS recognition patch.

Although NLS is an intense weekend of training, Arrowmen still have an incredible amount of fun. The training classes are engaging and each participant makes new friends at his table. The training sessions on Saturday night are usually everyone's favorite; while they are entertaining, they teach some of the best lessons of the weekend.

If you would like to attend

NLS, contact your lodge chief or go to your region's website to find the next date and location for a NLS in your area.

For adults over 21 who have already attended NLS or would like training focused on the adviser's side of the OA, there is a National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar (NLATS) course for you.

NLATS is usually held at the same time and location as the NLS, and are run by the top OA trainers in the region. Advisers will leave NLATS with new ideas and how to effectively lead their lodge or chapter back home.

## What will your adventure be?

**Mike Gray**  
2013 CENTRAL REGION CHIEF

Are you 16 years old, but not yet 21? Do you love the outdoors? Want to experience high adventure for a fraction of the normal cost? If you answered yes to these questions, the Order of the Arrow high adventure programs are the place for you next summer.

As a participant at the 2013 National Scout Jamboree, you have officially stepped foot on a national high adventure base!

In fact, you are one of the first trailblazers of the BSA's newest property. Officially named the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve, the "Summit" in West Virginia is one of four high adventure bases owned by the Boy Scouts of America. The other three may sound familiar as well: Philmont Scout Ranch in New

Mexico, Florida Sea Base, and Northern Tier in Minnesota.

The Order of the Arrow has special high adventure programs designed for Arrowmen just like you at all four bases.

At Philmont, OA Trail Crew participants cheerfully provide service by building trails and improving campsites for a week; the second week includes a traditional Philmont experience.

At Northern Tier, OA Wilderness Voyage follows a similar structure to the Philmont program; and OA Canadian Odyssey takes participants across the border to provide service to the portage trails in the Quetico Provincial Park of Canada. At Wilderness Voyage, participants experience all that the Boundary Waters Wilderness Canoe Area that northern Minnesota has to offer.

Florida Sea Base offers OA Ocean Adventure, a 10-day journey

of wilderness camping, kayaking, sailing, fishing, snorkeling, and conservation-based service!

In 2014, at the Summit, the OA will also offer a high adventure

experience for 14-17 year old Arrowmen. You can find more information about this program at [adventure.oa-bsa.org](http://adventure.oa-bsa.org). Check it out today!



Sunset over looking the Gulf of Mexico at the OA Ocean Adventure program at Florida Sea Base.

# Thousands of Arrowmen gathered for 2012 NOAC



One of the many activities Arrowmen can take part in during NOAC is indoor archery.

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STAFF WRITER

Arrowmen gathered at Michigan State University this past summer for the 2012 National Order of the Arrow Conference. Notable in attendance were the Boy Scouts of America's key three, two United States congressmen (one past,

one current), an Olympic gold medalist, but most importantly, over 7,000 Arrowmen representing their respective lodges. "It's all about the Scouts," as BSA National President Wayne Perry says. Conference-goers were able to meet fellow Arrowmen from around the nation through fellowship activities, including daily training classes, the Grand HoDag, and the Founder's Day Fair.



With Arrowmen from all over the country, attendees are able to learn from some of the best trainers in the country.

Our theme for the week, "United, We Leave a Legacy," was selected by the section chiefs at the 2011 National Planning Meeting in Dallas, Texas. In preparation for the upcoming 100th anniversary, it is especially important to join together as an Order to celebrate the bonds of brotherhood and the lasting impact they create.

A unique aspect of the 2012 conference was the partnership with the National Eagle Scout Association for the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the first Eagle Scout Award. Eagle Scouts and Order of the Arrow members share several key principles, including servant leadership. A total of 2,182 Eagle Scouts attended NOAC last year, representing approximately 37 percent of all conference-goers. Among the events hosted by the National Eagle Scout Association was the NESAs Banquet, which was one of the most popular events of the week. Due to great demand for admission, NESAs opened a second venue to the banquet, allowing for capacity to increase from 800 to 1,450 participants.

Another unique feature of this conference was its focus on technology. In an interview, BSA National President Wayne Perry cited the use of technology as a priority for his term, including this conference. The advent of new technology brought Arrowmen together in many ways – Facebook notified Arrowmen about their section gatherings, texting allowed Arrowmen to find each other, and a QR-code based game called "Munzee" brought Arrowmen together in friendly competition. Throughout the week, Arrowmen scanned QR codes in various locations with their smartphones. Each code scanned gave participants a select amount of points. Individual, lodge, section, and region rankings were kept, allowing lodges, sections, and regions to work together to try to win the competition.

As with every conference, one of the best opportunities for Arrowmen to meet each other was the Grand HoDag on Thursday evening. This carnival-esque gathering began with the Reunion of the Regions, a new event designed to bring together the Order as one through a series of exercises played through a music file, before evolving into a festival complete with free root beer and games.

Another conference favorite were the evening shows. The shows staff spent months writing and revising



During NOAC, each night is concluded by an arena show where everyone gathers. These shows typically each have their own theme.

scripts, and arrived much earlier than participants and other staff in order to prepare for the shows. Highlights from the shows included awards (3 Red Arrow Awards, 69 Distinguished Service Awards, and a Lifetime Achievement Award), a laser and light show complete with confetti and smoke, and special guests including Congressman Pete Sessions (R-TX), reality show winners Derek and Drew Konzelman, Olympic gold-medalist Steven Holcomb, and theater group

Fighting Gravity, all of whom were well-received.

At this conference, Arrowmen were encouraged to unite to leave a legacy. Plenty of opportunities existed to do just that. Be sure to get involved in your local lodge as the Order nears its centennial anniversary. The year 2015 marks one hundred years as an organization for the Order of the Arrow; there are great plans in the works for this grand celebration, so stay tuned!



Service is another part of National Order of the Arrow Conferences. Arrowmen took part in community service at the 2012 conference.

# Order of the Arrow - onward to centuries of service

Celebrating its centennial in 2015

## Ways the OA is celebrating the anniversary

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### National Visitation Program

In the summer of 2015, a caravan of Order of the Arrow representatives will visit local councils at their camps, council headquarters, and other events throughout the season. The caravan will consist of national and regional officers, section chiefs, as well as other Order of the Arrow leaders.

During their trip they will be sharing the message of our Order's century of service over the last

one hundred years. While going from council to council they will be meeting both youth and adult members of the Order of the Arrow who have joined our Brotherhood over the last century as well as other Scouting leaders to showcase to them the great things we have done and the plans we have for our next century!

To find out more about when a caravan is making a stop by you, follow the OA website or contact your lodge chief during the 2014 calendar year.

### Centennial Celebration

Among the plethora of ways the



OA is celebrating the century of service in 2015, local lodges will be participating in the centennial celebration! Throughout the 100th anniversary year, lodges will work with the national Order of

the Arrow committee to plan and execute a service project that will make an impact on their local area.

Through this program each Arrowman will be able to use their unique talents and skills to work on

a service project. By the end of the year we will have over 300 different service projects completed across the country through the effort of every Arrowman in every state and in every lodge.

## The 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference



An Arrowman from Trapper Trails Council climbing the rock wall during the 2012 National Order of the Arrow Conference.

**Ricky Angeletti**  
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Ready for a fun, record breaking and exciting Scout event? The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) in 2015 is the place to be. With a projected record-breaking attendance of 10,000 Arrowmen, all members in attendance will be in for a treat. And the best part is: Everyone is invited!

The Order of the Arrow wants to celebrate its 100th anniversary with all Arrowmen for an inspirational and unforgettable experience! The 2015 NOAC will be held at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan from August 3-8, 2015.

One of the many ways this NOAC will be different from other NOACs is each participant will receive a commemorative red OA sash with a white arrow. If getting a cool red sash at NOAC doesn't sound exciting enough, maybe everything that happens over the six fun-filled days will.

Throughout NOAC, there will be a diverse mix of events and programs. Activities will be so many that guests will have to prioritize what to see first. Within recreation alone, Arrowmen can find themselves playing dodge ball to basketball, ping pong to golf, and of course the Grand HoDag!

In addition, NOAC offers many opportunities for Arrowmen to experience the American Indian



The theme for the 2015 NOAC will not be decided until a later date. The 2012 theme was "United, We Leave a Legacy."

culture that the Order was founded upon. These opportunities are not just for experienced dancers and singers but also for Arrowmen who are looking to start a new craft or hobby. Maybe your niche is participating in OA ceremonies? You can compete for the top spot across the nation in ceremonial competitions.

NOAC also hosts some of the best shows that Scouting has to offer. OA shows will bring the conference theme to life in a way that is as dynamic and inspirational as it is fun and entertaining.

For history buffs, be sure to check out the extensive collection in the NOAC museum which will be full of OA and Scouting history and memorabilia.

Maybe high adventure is what some are looking for. If so, the Outdoor Adventure Place will be a destination at NOAC2015. Guests can find fun adventures including scuba, mountain boarding, kayaking, fly fishing, a climbing challenge course and much more!

As a part of each lodge's contingent, Arrowmen will travel to NOAC and have the opportunity to meet Arrowmen from across the nation while living in dorms at Michigan State University. Be sure to reserve your spot for the centennial OA adventure of a lifetime! Start by talking with your lodge chief, lodge adviser or lodge staff adviser today!

To stay current with all things related to NOAC 2015, check back periodically at [noac2015.org](http://noac2015.org)!

The Order of the Arrow youth leadership has selected the theme "Centuries of Service" as the thematic concept to tie the year's celebration together. More details on the program elements and theme will be forthcoming, including the year-long logo.