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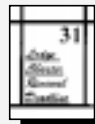
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Order Mourns Loss of National Vice Chief



National Vice Chief, Josh Sain
by David Garrett

Our Brotherhood has suffered a great loss. Our National Vice Chief, Josh Sain, was killed in a car accident on Friday, October 24, 1997. Josh was riding with his close friend and former Section Chief Travis Spivey when their vehicle hydroplaned and struck a bridge during a rain-storm. Josh was killed instantly; Travis was seriously injured, but he is on the road to recovery.

Josh was an Eagle Scout from Troop 314 in Manchester, Tennessee.

Prior to serving as National Vice Chief, he was the Section Chief for Southern Region 6A. A Vigil Honor member and Founders Award recipient of Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge, he served as Lodge Vice Chief and two terms as Lodge Chief.

Approximately 750 Scouts, Scouters and family friends gathered to remember Josh at a memorial service on Monday, October 27. The front of the chapel was overflowing with flower arrangements. In the center of the room was a small table containing a picture of Josh, his ashes, an Eagle Scout banner and his troop flag. National Chief Chris Rogers, and Region Chiefs Jason Peoples and Josh Souza placed

a sash with the words "To our dearest brother, Love Chris, Jason, Joe, Jason and Josh" as a final goodbye from all the 1997 National Officers who he served with. Josh leaves behind his parents, John and Melba Sain, and his sister, Sheryln.

At the memorial service, three

Arrowmen spoke of Josh's devotion to Scouting and the amazing impact he had on others during his nineteen years. During one of the eulogies, former Lodge Chief Andy Verble compared Josh to the North Star, a leader who others

could direct their life by. Andy also stated that: "Josh's real legacy is one of love. Josh Sain had an unmatched ability to reach out to people. It's a sincerity that can't be taught or learned. It comes from the heart and even the best actor can't possibly imitate it. His ultimate power was not the rare combination of public speak-



Josh shares a laugh with 1997 OA Trail Crew participants.

Josh Sain Memorial Fund

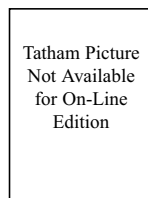
The Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge and the Middle Tennessee Council have established a memorial fund in Josh's memory. The money will be used for a major permanent project at Boxwell Scout Reservation. Donations may be sent to the Josh Sain Memorial Fund, Middle Tennessee Council, PO Box 150409, Nashville, TN 37215.

ing and leadership. His ultimate strength, and one we all possess, was love."

Josh will never be forgotten due to his devotion to the OA and to Scouting. During his speech at the National Jamboree, Josh spoke of the importance of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness and Service, the things he referred to as the *spirit* of the Order. Josh was a living example of the *spirit* of the OA. Let his memory continue to strengthen the *spirit* of Scouting and the OA in each of us.

Additional information on Josh's memorial service, including the eulogies given by the Scouters, may be found on the Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge Web site at <http://www.edge.net/boyscout>

OA Remembers Tatham, Peterson and Slesnick



Thomas Tatham

by Clyde Mayer

On September 9, 1997, Thomas Tatham, a Founder's Advisory Council member and long time



Earle Peterson

National Committee member, passed away. A member of South Florida Council and O-Shot-Caw Lodge, Tatham was a strong supporter of Scouting on the



Bill Slesnick

council, region and national levels. He was a recipient of the OA Distinguished Service Award, Silver Buffalo, and Distinguished Eagle Scout Award.

On October 31, 1997, National OA Associate Director Earle W. Peterson died unexpectedly while attending a Boy Scout Meeting at the Florida Sea Base. For more than 42 years, Earle served the BSA professionally as a District Executive, Camp Director, Scout Executive and

Director of Boy Scout Training and Uniform and Insignia.

As the Associate OA Director, Earle served as the Professional Adviser to several sub-committees and provided professional support to the *National Bulletin* and the OA Trail Crew program at Philmont. Earle was an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of the OA.

On November 26, 1997, William E. (Bill) Slesnick died in his sleep.

Bill was a long time member of the National OA Committee and was International Ambassador for the Jewish Committee on Scouting.

A member of the Passaconaway Lodge in Hanover, New Hampshire, Bill had received the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award, the Silver Buffalo, and the OA Distinguished Service Award. He was a professor of mathematics at Dartmouth College and was a Rhodes Scholar.

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CHIEFLY SPEAKING



Fellow Arrowmen,

The results of the participant's evaluations from the National Jamboree indicated that the Order's Odyssey of the Law program was one of the top three events at the entire Jamboree. This is certainly a great honor for all of those who worked so many hours to develop and run this event.

We would like to thank all of the Arrowmen who provided leadership to NLS, Philmont Trail Crew, and all of the National Jamboree program areas. We are honored that we had the opportunity to participate in these quality programs during this last year. The example of brotherhood and cheerful service demonstrated by the staff of each of these events exemplified the true meaning of our Order. As leaders of our Order, we encourage you to promote NLS, Trail Crew, and NOAC during the upcoming year to your lodge membership.

As the year comes to a close we would like to issue our final challenge. As many of you know the BSA made a commitment to achieve 200 million hours of community service by the year 2000 as a part of the President's Summit for America's Future. The Order is proud to have been asked to provide the leadership and manpower to promote Scouting's community service commitment to every pack, troop, and team in America. So, we ask you to please help us in the promotion of this project.

All of us have a challenge at hand to help promote the achievement of 200 million hours of community service by the year 2000. We believe this is an attainable goal if we come together as one. We are all leaders and honor Scouts in the OA. Be a shining example of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service to the best of your ability. Do your part in your section, lodge, and troop to help provide service to your community.

While we provide these community services, let us remember: "When laboring for others let it be with the same zeal as if it were for yourself."

Yours In Brotherhood,

Chris Rogers
1997 National Chief

Josh Sain
1997 National Vice Chief

This article was written prior to the loss of Josh Sain.

The 1998 European Camp Staff Program

by International Division, BSA

The European Camp Staff Program enables participants to serve as volunteer staff members of a Scout Center in another country. Scouts learn about another culture and learn about Scouting in Europe while developing their leadership skills.

If you are interested in this program you need to consult the booklet entitled European Camp Staff Program—Participating

Centers 1998 which is available from the International Division of the National Office. If you are willing to work for a minimum of six weeks, this program may be for you. The normal registration fee of \$135.00 has been waived due to a special scholarship for 1998. If you are interested, you will be required to fill out an application form and return it to the National Office, International Division.

If you are selected to participate in a European Scout Center, you must pay your own travel expenses to and from Europe. However, the European Scout Region will refund 50% of your travel costs, up to a maximum of \$800.00.

For further information, please contact the International Division, BSA, 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, PO Box 152079, Irving, Texas 75015-2079 or call 972-580-2405. ♪



Five sessions of NJLIC slated for Summer of 1998



by Dave Petrush

The National Junior Leader Instructor Camp (NJLIC) is the ultimate in training experiences for youth leaders. Conducted each summer at Philmont Scout Ranch, NJLIC trains older Scouts who are

potential staff members for the council junior leader training conferences. The council training committee and the Scout Executive nominate those Scouts they think will benefit their council by attending. Scouts who meet the qualifications receive an invitation from the Chief Scout Executive.

Participant qualifications are: First Class rank or higher; 14 years of age by opening day of course, but not yet 18; completion of council junior leader training course; willingness to become a junior leader trainer for the local coun-

cil; proficiency in Scouting skills (rope work, lashing, fire building, etc.); and good physical condition.

If you meet these qualifications and would like to attend one of the five sessions offered this summer, please contact your local council office to express your interest. ♪

1998 NJLIC

June 28 - July 4
July 5 - July 11
July 19 - July 25
July 26 - August 1
August 9 - August 15

DSA & Red Arrow Nominations Deadline

by Billy Walley

The National Order of the Arrow Committee presents the Distinguished Service Award to those Arrowmen who have rendered outstanding service to the Order on the section, area, region or national level. The Red Arrow Award is presented to non-Scouters or Scouters who are not members of the Order of

the Arrow, for distinguished service to the OA. Both awards will be presented at the 1998 National Order of the Arrow Conference.

Nominations for the Distinguished Service Award and the Red Arrow Award are available by sending a self addressed stamped envelope to the National Office of the Boy Scouts of America, 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, P.

O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-2079. The completed nominations are due in the National Office by February 1, 1998. ♪



1998 Opportunities

NOAC at Iowa State

by Jay Kucera

Thousands of OA members are preparing to invade Iowa State University from August 2 - 6, 1998 for NOAC. Our Section Chiefs will be planning the details of the Conference during the National Planning Meeting in December. However, it is not too early to start promoting NOAC and recruiting exceptional Arrowmen to serve on staff.

This will be the first time the OA has visited the 1,800 acre ISU Campus. ISU's centralized location and easy access make it an ideal location for a national event. The campus provides over a million square feet of facilities including a capacity to house over 7000 Arrowmen. We have access to a state of the art entertainment complex in the Iowa

State Center. The Hilton Coliseum can comfortably

seat over 10,000 cheering Arrowmen for the arena shows. The city of Ames and its 48,000 residents provide a pleasant setting for the Conference in the agricultural heart of Iowa. Side trips can take you to historic Boone, or to the thriving metropolis of Des Moines.



The Campanile houses the Stanton Memorial Carillon. Since 1899 when the Campanile was completed, sets of bells have been given to the university as gifts. Today, its 50 bells have a combined weight of 30 tons; the smallest weighing 10 pounds and the largest, 5,737 pounds. Short carillon concerts are given at noon and 5:10 PM daily during the school year.

The service lodge, Mitigwa Lodge, has provided much information concerning travel to Ames, transportation services, and local travel agencies in a homepage designed to help your lodge plan your journey to NOAC. The homepage address is www.racoon.com/~NOAC98/Index.htm.

If you are interested in serving on staff, you need to contact your committee's Lead Adviser for an application. A listing of Lead Advisers is contained in the box below. Your application must

be mailed to your Lead Adviser by February 1, 1998.

NOAC STAFF APPLICATIONS: Arrowmen interested in serving as support staff must request an application by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Conference Committee Lead Adviser. Support staff applications will not be available from the National Office. The deadline for submitting applications to Lead Advisers is February 1, 1998.

Activities Gene Schnell 3017 Droste Road St. Charles, MO 63301-1108	Communications and Public Relations Bob Szczys 606 Skyview Circle Grand Forks, ND 58201	The Outdoor Adventure Place (TOAP) Dan Segersin 9741 Purgatory Road Eden Prairie, MN 55347-4316
Administrative Services Ken Davis 6320 Phyllis Lane Alexandria, VA 22312-6402	Publications William Ketron 2102 Moccasin Trail Murfreesboro, TN 37130	Trading Post Glenn Ault 15684 La Subida Drive Hacienda Heights, CA 91745
American Indian Events David Shettles 131 Meadowbrook Street Camden, TN 38320	Shows Bruce Sanders 206 Scarlet Place 2505 South President Street Baltimore, MD 21202	Training Mike Hoffman 14002 North 29th Street Phoenix, AZ 85032
Inductions and Ceremonial Events Del Loder 3637 35th Avenue West Seattle, WA 98199	Special Events Matt Walker 405 Ridgewood Richardson, TX 75080	

NOAC Testimonials

Ben Kittinger of Klahican Lodge



"I will never forget being picked from the audience and brought onto stage during the 1996 Opening Show. The view from the stage is awesome. At NOAC, you meet new people and have new experiences."

Brock Ostrander of Yah-Tah-He-Si-Kess Lodge



Brock will be attending his first NOAC. "I am looking forward to staying on a college campus, learning more about the OA, and also trading patches."

Jim Cheatham of Ittawamba Lodge



Jim, a youth veteran of the NOAC scene, stated: "NOAC is two weeks of activities crammed into four days. You will return to your lodge energized and ready to serve your fellow Arrowmen."

WANTED: A FEW GOOD MEN

by Doug Hirdler

If you are over 18, have camp experience and are looking for employment next summer, you may want to investigate the many opportunities that exist at our National High Adventure Bases. The mountains of Philmont, the north woods of Canada, and the clear waters of the Florida Keys all provide tremendous opportunities for staff at one of our High Adventure Bases. All of the bases provide food, lodging, and tremendous

program potential. You will work hard, but you will certainly have fun. For an application, write to the following High Adventure Bases.

Philmont Scout Ranch
Cimarron, New Mexico
87714

Northern Tier
P.O. Box 509
Ely, Minnesota 55731-0509

Florida Sea Base
P.O. Box 1906
Islamorada, Florida 33036

Order of the Arrow Trail Crew

by Todd Turner

For the fourth consecutive summer, Philmont Scout Ranch and the OA are teaming up to offer the Order of the Arrow Trail Crew Program. The OA Trail Crew Program provides youth members an opportunity to experience the majestic mountains of Philmont for only \$100. The Summer of 1998 will consist of six sessions. The last session will conclude in time for NOAC.

During your two week session, you will be assisted by two experienced Foremen. The Foremen have extensive Philmont and OA backgrounds. During the first week of your session, you will be working on the Tooth Ridge trail, one of the hallmark trails at Philmont. You will be based at a trail camp where you will have the opportunity to enjoy fellowship and to share ideas with Arrowmen from across the nation. The second week will consist of a trek, personally designed by your crew. You will have opportunities to experience many of the backcountry programs while practicing low impact camping methods. At the

1998 Trail Crew Information

Sessions:

June 12 - June 26
June 19 - July 3
June 26 - July 10
July 3 - July 17
July 10 - July 24
July 17 - July 31

Cost: \$100

Requirements:

Must be at least 16 years old the day the session begins, but not 21 by its conclusion.

Applications:

Call the National Office at 972-580-2438.

conclusion of the two week experience, a banquet is held in recognition of your journey.

This is the opportunity of a lifetime. Do not let it pass you by! If you are interested in serving on staff, please see the related article on high adventure staff opportunities.

Now Available Passport to High Adventure

by Dave Petrush

The publication *Passport to High Adventure*, which was partially funded by the OA, was recently released by the Camping Committee of the Boy Scout Division. This publication is designed to help older Scouts and Explorers, with guidance from their adult leaders, to plan and safely carry out council and unit high adventure treks using "leave no trace" techniques.

Passport to High Adventure, No. 04310, is a complete package of everything needed to prepare for a trek. It includes a directory of 55 council



high adventure programs and 17 specialty adventure programs. All of the forms necessary to prepare for a high adventure trek are in the passport, including a Personal Health and

Medical Record, tour permit application, and Unit Money-Earning Application. Some of the chapters in the publication include; trip planning, travel, budget,

insurance, promotion and preparation, equipment, trail procedures, and trek safety.

When conducting camping promotions visits to troops, Arrowmen are encouraged to share this important resource. ♣

Service to America

by Tony Fiori

Earlier this year, President Bill Clinton, along with former presidents Ford, Carter and Bush, attended a summit on volunteerism that was held in Philadelphia. After the conference, President Clinton challenged all youth organizations to make a commitment to provide service in their surrounding communities. The BSA committed 200 million hours of service by the end of the year 2000. This goal can be easily accomplished if each Scout completes a minimum of 12 hours of community service project.

motion teams to visit Cub Scout and Boy Scout roundtables and unit meetings. The task force recommends that the teams coordinate this effort with the camping promotion visits. Units will record their hours of service on their annual unit recharter.

An integral part of the Service to America project is the individual recognition awarded by the Scouts who complete a minimum of 12 hours of service in the community. Unit leaders have the option to place a unit award if at least 75% of their unit qual-

ified. Offering recognition to its members and leaders is well-

added to the Lodge Charter program. This was the first time being recognized for the Order of the Arrow's purpose, the BSA asked the Order to promote the project to local packs, troops, and teams.

A national OA task force has developed a plan for all lodges to promote the Service to America project to the units in their respective councils. Each lodge will receive promotional materials and general information in the mail by the end of October. Lodges will be asked to form pro-

grams, and lodge fellow-ship attendance.

Remember, this Lodge Idea Book will only be as good as the ideas you submit! The Lodge Idea Book will be distributed at the 1998 NOAC. ♣

PROFILES IN SERVICE

Service delivered through National Service Grants

by Alex Rhodes

Dedication in service to others has been the theme as the *National Bulletin* has profiled those lodges that have completed service projects that were based on the OA's 1995 "Year of Service." In this issue, the final three lodges are profiled for their work completed during 1996.



Croatan Lodge of the East Carolina Council in Kinston, North Carolina, received a grant for \$1,300 to complete a project designed to expand a normally provisional campsite to accommodate physically impaired campers. The labor intensive project that was completed entirely by OA members proved to be quite a challenge. In addition to the extensive labor required to redesign a campsite and construct a new activity shelter, the members of Croatan Lodge weathered two hurricanes while completing their "year of service" project. The new campsite is constructed much like a wheel, with the center of the site elevated much like a pitchers mound in baseball. The person conducting the program is visible to all present, some or all of whom may be in wheelchairs. Project funds were also used to modify the existing shelter to better accommodate handicapped

persons. The members of Croatan Lodge can be proud of their contribution to their local council camp and the accessibility they have provided to handicap Scouts.



Tatanka-Anpetu-Wi Lodge of the Overland Trails Council in Grand Island, Nebraska, was selected to receive a \$3,900 service grant to construct a suspension bridge across the Platte River. A flood in 1993 destroyed the previous bridge, leaving 210 acres of the camp inaccessible for use in Camp Augustine's summer camp program. With the lodge providing over three-fourths of the necessary labor to complete the project, a much needed bridge was completed in early June. A dedication ceremony conducted on June 13, 1996, officially opened the bridge for use by campers. The construction of this bridge allowed the OA to sponsor a summer camp Indian Lore program as well as outpost programs, wilderness survival, first year camper programs, and Webelos events on the south side of camp. Congratulations to the members of Tatanka-Anpetu-Wi for their hard work.



Toontuk Lodge of the

Midnight Sun Council in Fairbanks, Alaska, received a matching grant for \$5,000 to improve their beach and waterfront areas of Lost Lake Scout Camp.

Improvements included removing old stumps and grass that were scattered throughout the beachfront and installing a geo-textile fabric laid to block plant growth and keep the sand in place. Over 160 cubic yards of sand was trucked in and spread out on the swimming and boating beaches. A new fence was installed around the beaches and the lookout tower was repainted. The overall beach area was enlarged by 25% and a boat ramp was completed to provide easier access to vehicles launching boats. Finally, the swimming and boating docks were given much needed repair. Work on this project that encompassed more than 900 man hours was begun in late May and finished in time for Scouts arriving for summer camp on July 14, 1996. By completing those projects the members of Toontuk Lodge have improved the overall appearance of the lake, and made it much more inviting for those attending Lost Lake camp to participate in the many water activities.

The National OA Committee is proud of the accomplishments of these lodges and all of those lodges who have completed service projects in an effort to better their council camps and the Scouting community. ♣

Ideas Needed for Lodge Idea Book

by Chris Rogers

The 1997 National Officers are developing a Lodge Idea Book composed of ideas and suggestions from Arrowmen and lodges across the nation. They need your ideas on communication, membership retention, brotherhood conversion, call-out ceremonies, tips on running a successful executive committee meeting, and lodge fellow-ship attendance.

Remember, this Lodge Idea Book will only be as good as the ideas you submit! The Lodge Idea Book will be distributed at the 1998 NOAC. ♣

IDEA GUIDELINES: When submitting suggestions, please focus on the following:

- 1) Programs unique to your lodge.
- 2) Ideas for solving common challenges in lodges.
- 3) Fun ideas for programs.
- 4) Lodge Web site addresses.

SUBMIT TO:
Chris Rogers
291 North Fraternity Lane
Whitewater, WI 53190

e-mail: rogersct01@uwwvax.uww.edu

DEADLINE: January 12, 1998

How a Web site can help your lodge

by John Bicket & Andy Martin

Why do you want to get your lodge on the Web? What makes this medium of communication so useful? Well, more than one person can access the same information at the same time, and some pages have a thousand people visiting per hour. It can be used to display text, pictures, sound clips, or video. It is not very expensive to browse or to create information for the Web. Unlike a paper document, information can be changed in seconds. Information on the Web is available to the entire world, and writing Web pages is not that difficult.

If you are interested in creating a Web site for your lodge there are many resources you can consult. You can buy a book to help you or borrow one from the library. A good book to get is Laura Lemay's Teach Yourself Web Publishing in a Week.

You can find a lot of information on the Web itself: Try <http://help.netscape.com/links.html> and follow the links from the "Creating Web Pages" list, or visit the Microsoft site at <http://www.microsoft.com>. The most important place to find help is from your fellow lodge members. Although Web publishing is quite new, you will be surprised at how many people know something about building Web pages. Once you start asking, you will probably find a lot of "local talent" willing to help you get started.

The Central Region recently issued a challenge to all lodges and sections within the Great Midwest to design and maintain an Internet homepage by the end of the calendar year. Each homepage should showcase their area's customs and traditions as well as serve as a reference guide to assist visitors in finding out more about officers, advisers, and upcoming events.

To obtain a list of lodges who have Web sites, you can contact <http://gwis2.circ.gwu.edu/~dpillie/oa/index.html>.

OA WEB SITE UNVEILED: You can now get the latest information on the 1998 National OA Conference or view this and past editions of the *National Bulletin* on the Web. Just point your browser to <http://www.ou-bsa.org>.



Northeast Region Update

by Joe Barton

Over the last ten years the Northeast Region has realigned its areas three different times. The most recent occurred on June 1, 1997. The purpose of each of these realignments has been to better serve the youth involved in Scouting throughout the Region.

As a result of the realignments, the OA sections are almost always affected. Each of the Area Directors decides which Councils will be included in the new sections. All decisions regarding the eleven new sections of the Northeast Region were made prior to the first conclaves in June, and the lodges in our region knew which section they would call "home" when



they left their 1997 conclave.

Meetings of the new sections began after September 15, following the last Conclave of the 1997 program year. We would like to offer a hearty "thank-you" to all of our lodges, and especially the section leadership for ensuring that this transition went as smoothly as the previous realignments.

We had our first region-wide meeting of the sections at the annual Section Officers' Seminar on November 14-16 at Alpine Scout Camp.

by Josh Souza

Things in the sunny Western Region have been moving along great! We just held a hugely successful Gathering of Section Chiefs in Phoenix, Arizona, that focused on how chief's can "imagine" and conduct outstanding programs. At the Gathering, two new region programs were introduced; the Officer's Ideabook and the Scoutmaster's survey.

The Officer's Ideabook is a notebook designed to be passed along from one officer to the next, sharing all of his successes and failures. The Officer's Ideabook also features over 90 ideas and helpful hints on how to improve section and lodge program. Each

lodge and section in the region will receive the Officer's Ideabook, thus assisting over 1,100 youth officers.

The second program introduced was a region-wide Scoutmaster survey to be used during unit election visits. Each Scoutmaster will complete an evaluation reflecting the perception of the OA in the troop. The survey reminds Scoutmasters that Arrowmen can be a great resource to their unit by setting a great example and by teaching skills. The goal of this program is to erase the old belief that the OA only takes away older boys from the troop.

Lastly, we are actively promoting the OA Trail



Crew program. Each lodge will receive two master copies of fun looking promotional flyers to send out in their lodge newsletter. Skits with hard hats, tools, and orange vests performed at NLS's also assist us in promoting this program.

If you have any suggestions for these programs, please contact Region Chief Josh Souza.

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Dear Readers:

We have received numerous articles and photographs for publication, and will continue to welcome them. However, in the case of some photographs we have received inadequate information or quality. If you are submitting pictures for publication, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- (1) Provide names and lodges of all individuals in photographs. Identify the people from left to right, starting with the front row if there are multiple rows.
- (2) Those in the photograph should be in complete uniform, unless the activity captured does not require the complete uniform (such as the Philmont backcountry).
- (3) If an action photograph, provide a description of the activity and possible caption.
- (4) The photographs must be useable. They cannot be over/under exposed or too light/too dark to see.

1997-1998 Planning Calendar

1997

- December 27-30 National OA Planning Meeting -
West Lake, TX
December 31 Lodge Charter Deadline

1998

- January 15 E. Urner Goodman Scholarship Applications
Due
January 30-31 Central Region NLS - Rochester, IN
February 1 Distinguished Service Award (DSA) and Red
Arrow Award Nominations Due
Central Region NLS - Rochester, IN
February 9 National OA Steering Committee Meeting -
Irving, TX
February 20-22 Southern Region NLS (location TBA)
February 27-28 Western Region NLS - Albuquerque, NM
March 1 1998 NOAC Lodge Reservations Due
Western Region NLS - Albuquerque, NM
March 6-8 1998 NOAC Spring Meeting -
Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa
March 13-15 Western Region NLS - Logan, UT
March 27-29 Northeast Region NLS - Alpine, NJ
August 2-6 National OA Conference -
Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa

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1998 Lodge Charter Renewal

by Clyde Mayer

In early October, Council Scout Executives received by mail their lodge's charter renewal kit. It contains all of the necessary information and forms to renew a lodge's charter. The Lodge Charter Renewal Application must be in the National Office by December 31, 1997 to be considered on time.

Each charter renewal kit contains the following information and materials: Purpose and procedures for lodge charter renewal, 1998 Lodge Charter Renewal Application, Quality Lodge Recognition Petition for 1997, E.

Urner Goodman Camping Award Petition for 1997, and the *National Bulletin* direct mail request form.

In addition to charter renewal materials, the following 1998 program items are included in the renewal kit: OA Service Grant Application, E. Urner Goodman Scholarship Fund Application, 1998 Philmont OA Trail Crew Program Application, and a fact sheet on the 1998 National OA Conference.

The 1998 lodge dues will remain the same as they were last year (\$1.50 per Arrowman). When the National Office receives a lodge's completed Charter Renewal Application and fees, the

December, 1997						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

lodge will receive its 1998 Lodge Program Support Pak. Program paks will be ready for distribution as early as December 1, 1997.

Burning Issues with Todd Turner

Question: I have seen members of my lodge wearing a variety of shoulder loops, some red, some silver and some gold. Also, at a recent training event, several staff members were wearing neat OA emblems on their shoulder loops. What is the policy for the wearing of shoulder loops?

Response: Shoulder loops are a solid colored ribbon worn on the shoulder epaulets. Wear the color for the primary registered position in which you are functioning.

Silver	Council or District Scouter
Gold	National or Regional Scouter
Red	Troop Member
Blaze (Orange)	Varsity Team Member
Green	Exploring Post Member
Blue	Cub Scouter

Absolutely nothing should be attached to the ribbon shoulder loops at any time. As Arrowmen, we should set the example by only wearing the appropriate shoulder loops.