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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Thousands of Arrowmen gathered for 2012 NOAC

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 NESA Banquet, which was one of the most popular events of the week. Due to great demand for admission, NESA 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 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-medallist 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!

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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.

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.

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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 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 QA 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.

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

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.

Maybe high adventure is what some are looking for. If so, the Outdoor Adventure Place will be a destination at NOAC 2015. 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!

OA 100th ANNIVERSARY

The 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference

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