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NEW OA NATIONAL CHIEF, VICE CHIEF ELECTED

Evan Hess

The Order of the Arrow National Planning Meeting occurs annually and yields many exciting leadership opportunities to section chiefs from across the nation. Perhaps the two most visible of these opportunities are election of the national chief and national vice chief. This year, Sean Murray and Christopher Schildknecht were elected chief and vice chief, respectively. They are prepared to build upon the foundations left by their predecessors.

Sean Murray of Norwich, New York, is a Vigil Honor member of Otahnagon Lodge of the Baden-Powell Council. This 19-year-old is an accounting major at Syracuse University in Syracuse, New York, and has much to look forward to as the 2006 national chief. He foresees the coming year as one of the most exciting and rewarding experience of his Scouting career.

Christopher Schildknecht of Cincinnati, Ohio, joined Scouting in the Dan Beard Council. Chris was elected 2006 national vice chief by his peers after serving as section chief for Section C-4B. He is 18 years old and is a zoology major at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. He aspires to become a veterinarian. Schildknecht said that he is honored to be chosen from so many qualified people and he cannot wait to attend NOAC 2006 in Michigan.



National Chief Sean Murray (left) and National Vice Chief Christopher Schildknecht (right) pose for a snapshot after being elected at the 2005 National Planning Meeting in December.

These two Arrowmen will serve through 2006. Chris envisions strengthening programs that are already in place. "Now is not the time to add programs, but merely strengthen the ones we have," he said.

Sean sees his position as one of hard work. "My main duty as national chief is to be the youth representative of the Boy Scouts of America," he said. "I have several other duties which include working

closely with the other national officers and section chiefs, preparing for a spectacular NOAC at Michigan State University, and serving our Order much like every other Arrowman as we continue our Legacy of Servant Leadership."

His vision for 2006 includes engaging the new generation of Arrowmen that are being selected. "In 2006, I believe that the Order should pause and enjoy all that it has accomplished," he said. "Over our 90-year history, we have always supported the Boy Scouts of America in preparing young men for life."

The Order has much to look forward to in 2006. For more information on Sean Murray or Chris Schildknecht, visit the national Web site at <http://www.oe-bsa.org>.



Make Plans for NOAC '06

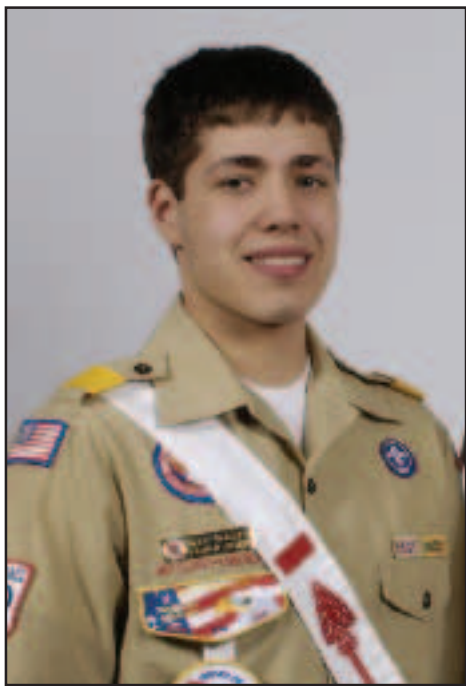
Mike Gollner

Time is running out to sign up for the grandest Order of the Arrow event in the nation. The National Order of the Arrow Conference is coming July 29 to August 3 to Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan. The deadline to register for NOAC has passed. Lodges should have sent in their deposits by March 1. Talk to your lodge contingent leader or lodge adviser soon to confirm your reservation to the most exciting OA event you will ever experience. Staff deadlines are also approaching. Staff can register online through the NOAC portal at <http://www.oe-bsa.org>.

Now is the time to promote NOAC to other members in your lodge. Several pre-conference patches have been sent to each lodge to help promote NOAC. As Arrowmen and staff register for NOAC, they will also receive a pre-conference patch, which is designed to help promote the conference in your home unit, lodge, and section. Wear it proudly on your uniform and get your friends to sign up early for NOAC. Planning, promotional, and registration resources are available on the OA Web site at <http://www.oe-bsa.org>.

If lodges need assistance with bringing members to NOAC or planning for the conference, their sections have access to new resources through the 100% @ NOAC program. Region coordinators are available to help lodges. If you are having trouble and need assistance in planning for NOAC, contact your section chief or adviser now. See you this summer at what should be the largest OA event in history!

CHIEFLY SPEAKING



Dear Brothers,

It is truly an honor to address you as the national chief of the Order of the Arrow. The honor bestowed upon me by my fellow section chiefs is one that I accept with humility and excitement. This year, I plan to meet and work with Arrowmen from across the nation and build upon the legacy left by my predecessors.

I am looking forward to the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) this summer at Michigan State University in East Lansing. NOAC 2006 is going to be the event of a lifetime, with record-breaking attendance predicted. Our theme is "The Legend Lives On," which will be an integration of our Order's honored past and well-planned future. NOAC 2006 will be a celebration of all that has been accomplished over our Order's rich history. This event will form a solid pathway toward our Order's future. Will you be a part of it? Make plans now to be there!

This year, we will strengthen this movement that our founder, Dr. Goodman, started 90 years ago. I am excited with all that is to come and hope that all of you are as well.

Yours in service,

Sean Murray
National Chief

New Region Chiefs Elected

Every year at the Order of the Arrow National Planning Meeting, one Arrowman from each region is elected by his fellow section chiefs to serve a term as region chief for one year.

Ross Armstrong

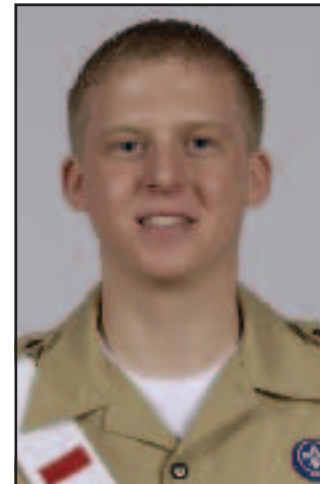
Central Region Chief RUSSELL BRESNAHAN



The section chiefs of the Central Region chose Russell Bresnahan. Russell comes from Shawnee Lodge of the Greater St. Louis Area Council in St. Louis, Missouri, and was the chief of Section C-5C. He is a business administration ma-

major at Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas. When asked how he felt about being a national officer, he said, "I am honored to serve as the Central Region Chief." Russell finds the opportunity to meet and inspire Arrowmen throughout the year to be an exciting aspect of his new position.

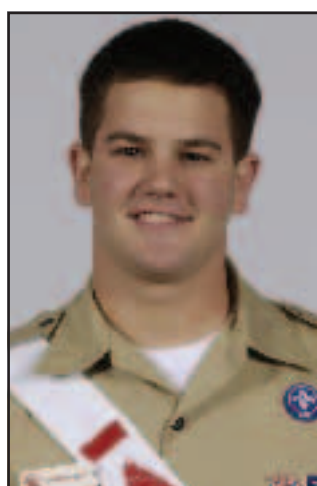
Northeast Region Chief JON FULLER



Jon Fuller was chosen to lead the Northeast Region. Jon is from TKAen Dod Lodge of the Five Rivers Council in Horseheads, New York, and was chief of Section NE-3A. He is a public relations major at Mansfield University of Pennsylvania. His

first leadership position in the Order was chapter chief, where he learned a lot about communication. Jon looks forward to working with Arrowmen from across the country and making a positive change wherever he can.

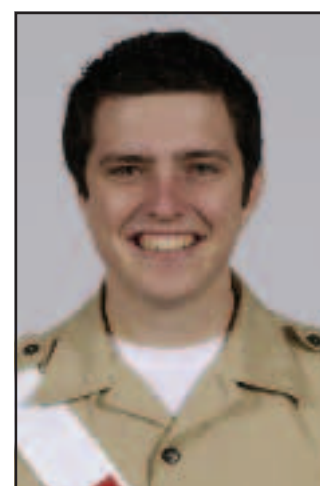
Southern Region Chief DUSTIN COUNTS



The Southern Region chief for this year is from Catawba Lodge of the Mecklenburg County Council in Charlotte, North Carolina. Dustin Counts is a business major at Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte. His first thoughts

upon being elected were: "What an opportunity! I am so honored and privileged." The high values of our Order and being in the company of fellow Arrowmen give him great pride.

Western Region Chief KIERAN THOMPSON



The section chiefs of the Western Region chose Kieran Thompson to serve as their region chief. Kieran is from Wipala Wiki Lodge of the Grand Canyon Council in Phoenix, Arizona. He is a film major at Scottsdale,

Arizona, Community College and plans to be a film director. When asked what he found most exciting about being region chief he said, "The Western Region is made up of many fine Scouts, and I look forward to representing them." According to Kieran, OA Trail Crew is the most exciting thing that he has done in the OA.

Congratulations to these four Arrowmen. They have embarked on a journey of great service. They will take their respective regions to new levels of excellence and uphold the traditions of our Order through 2006. 🍀

2006 Service Grant Winners

The following lodges have received matching service grants to help fund projects in their respective councils 🍁

Central Region

• Tamegonit Lodge, Heart of America Council, received \$5,000 to reconstruct a critical part of the camp's scenic trail that will provide handicap accessibility to the camp's Cub World.

• Illini Lodge, Prairielands Council, received \$4,250 to create a handicap-accessible walkway throughout the central camp area.

• Blue Ox Lodge, Gamehaven Council, received \$4,000 to convert the basement of Deer Lodge to a health lodge at Gamehaven Scout Reservation.

Northeast Region

• Unami Lodge, Cradle of Liberty Council, received \$5,000 for massive restoration of Unami Lodge on Treasure Island due to severe flooding that closed the camp.

• Madockawanda Lodge, Pine Tree Council, received \$5,000 to construct an American Indian archery area for its new Cub World camp.

• Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee Lodge, Greater Niagara Frontier Council, received \$1,200 to construct an observation tower at the boat lake and to bring the swimming pool up to county code at Cub Camp Stonehaven.

Southern Region

• Ahoalan-Nachpikin Lodge, Chickasaw Council, received \$3,150 to construct a shower and toilet facility that will accommodate co-ed Venturing, Cub Scout youth and parents, and Scouts with disabilities.

• Waguli Lodge, Northwest Georgia Council, received \$4,000, to renovate, repair, and remodel the original camp dining hall into a year-round building for use as an OA and handicraft lodge.

• Semialachee Lodge, Suwannee River Area Council, received \$2,100 to construct three tree-house style bunkhouses.

Western Region

• Tupwee Gudas Gov Youchiqudt Soovep Lodge, Rocky Mountain Council, received \$3,150 to establish a new Project COPE course.

• Orca Lodge, Redwood Empire Council, received \$3,150 to construct a new shower facility at Camp Riggs at Elk River.



NOAC Trading Post: Get your NOAC Gear!

Ryan Miske

Along with the great ideas, new friends, and unforgettable memories you will take home from NOAC 2006, you will also want to take with you some tangible treasures. The trading post is pursuing several new items this year: water bottles to quench your thirst; a collectible memory sash on which you can get the signatures of your favorite Arrowmen; and, a limited-edition Gregory Perillo-inspired figurine of Meteu for your bookshelf back home.

Gregory Perillo, a western painter and sculptor, captures the fascinating saga of the American Indian. He has been commissioned to create an original oil painting of Meteu passing down the legend to the next generation of Arrowmen. This

painting, and a sculpture inspired by the painting, will be available at the NOAC trading post. During NOAC, Mr. Perillo will be on hand for a multimedia retrospective honoring his work, which will include a question-and-answer session.

Link to the OA online trading post through <http://www.oa-bsa.org> after April 1 to order NOAC 2006 merchandise. Orders will be ready for pick up at the conference in July.

Not going to NOAC? Don't worry, NOAC merchandise purchased at the OA online trading post can be shipped to customers who are not attending the conference.

Place your order early to ensure that you get everything you want before supplies run out! 🍁

OA Web Site Adds NOAC Info Area

Brian Love

The national OA Web site staff is "powering up" for this year's NOAC while expanding and revising the current site. One of the newest additions is the NOAC Information Area, which opened in December. It contains everything that Arrowmen, parents, staff, contingent leaders, and BSA professionals need to know before arriving at Michigan State University. You can access the NOAC Information Area by visiting <http://www.oa-bsa.org> and clicking the graphic at the top of the page for the NOAC Information Area. Links to the trading post and NOAC registration are provided in the NOAC

Information Area. Be sure to check the national OA Web site frequently as we add valuable NOAC information for you and your lodge contingent.

The national OA Web site is created by Arrowmen from around the country that write, edit, design, and develop the site's content. You do not need to be a programmer to be a part of the staff, since a wide variety of skills are needed. If you are experienced in writing, photography, graphic design, or web development and would like to be a part of the national Web site staff, send an email to webmaster@oa-bsa.org. The Web staff is always looking for new members to join the team! 🍁

Leadership in Service Award successful in 2005

Patrick Homan

The Order of the Arrow Leadership in Service Award saw a successful inaugural year, with 2,787 Arrowmen earning the award. Two more years (2006 and 2007) of potential service remain for this award to be earned.

Though it is too late to earn it for 2005 (applications are being accepted through March 31), now is the time to start

planning for 2006.

The requirements for the award remain the same. Each year, Arrowmen who wish to earn the award must give a total of eight hours of service participating in lodge, chapter, or council service projects that benefit a local council camp. An Arrowman must also give a total of six hours of service in a community-related service project that is planned and executed by the lodge or chapter.

In order to increase

participation over the next two years, each lodge's leadership is encouraged to promote this award at lodge and chapter functions. Interested Arrowmen can receive the necessary form from their lodge leadership and then obtain the needed signatures from their Scoutmaster, lodge chief, or lodge adviser upon completion of service. For further information visit the national Order of the Arrow Web site at <http://www.oa-bsa.org>. 🍁



NOAC 2006 - CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

American Indian Activities

At NOAC 2006, be sure to tap the roots of the Order and experience the American Indian activities. The AIA Committee offers training opportunities from dance styles and proper clothing to hands-on craft sessions where you can take home your own authentic gear. The training cells cover most of your lodge needs and personal aspirations. Feel free to sign up for our wide range of experiences from native regional history to contemporary pow-wow dance and regalia.

American Indian Activities is also home to the fast-paced and spectacular individual dance competitions. Competitors in novice to advanced categories compete to push their physical limits to the heartbeat of the drum. The national drum team competition will also bring forth the most talented singers in the nation.

Aside from public performances throughout NOAC and before the arena shows, the AIA Committee will host the Founders Day Pow-wow in honor of Goodman, Edson, and all Arrowmen still committed to unselfish service. All who are dressed in outfit will be invited to dance. Space for spectators is unlimited.

Xtreme High Adventure

Xtreme High Adventure is back and better than ever. This year the committee is planning to bring you all the favorites from the last NOAC as well as some new and exciting opportunities that can only be described as extreme. There is no better way to cool off at NOAC than by getting wet—Xtreme High Adventure has you covered. Plans are under way to bring you kayaking, scuba diving, and sailing. Since it is the high-adventure committee, plans for climbing and rappelling are in the works. Finally, Xtreme High Adventure is taking a lesson from the X Games and hopes to bring skateboarding to NOAC this summer. Whether you are looking to hang out underwater or stay dry, Xtreme High Adventure will have something for everyone at NOAC.



The Activities and Recreation Committee (ARC) went straight to the drawing board at the 2005 National Planning Meeting in preparation for NOAC. The ARC Staff will run races, games, competitions, and many other fun-filled activities.

Radio Station/Info Booths/Hometown News Committee

The Radio Station/Info Booths/Hometown News Committee is planning new ways to keep everyone on site and back home informed on what is happening at Michigan State. For those attending, bring your portable radios so that you can tune in to the NOAC radio station for great prizes and giveaways. While there, be sure that you visit the information booths to get directions, find out about changes, and keep yourself informed about the events and developments of the conference. For everyone not attending NOAC, the Arrowman Press Corps will work hard to keep you informed. The Press Corps plans to capture backstage VIP experiences at the shows, the museum, and the trading post in order to report to everyone at home what the Arrowmen are experiencing at NOAC 2006.

Training

Training has a lot to offer to new and experienced NOAC participants. The Training Committee is determined to bring you, the Arrowman, the most personalized information possible by addressing your

needs in a variety of new approaches.

An online survey will be available during registration to assist you in finding appropriate training cells. In addition, the committee will offer youth and adviser-specific training cells allowing each group to address concerns that are not related to the other. In the afternoon a new program, the Adviser Roundtable, will offer forum-based discussions for advisers. These roundtables will allow advisers from across the country to interact and discuss common issues. There is also an added emphasis to Chapter Operations. Lastly, NOAC Training will bring back popular programs such as NLS II, Leadership Symposium, and NOAC Certified Training.

Activities and Recreation Committee

The Activities and Recreation Committee (ARC) has a lot to offer at this year's NOAC. Some of the activities Arrowmen can expect to participate in include national competitions in basketball, dodgeball, volleyball, ultimate Frisbee, amazing race, 5k run, and a golf tournament. Other activities include a mini-hoop dunk contest, tricycle race, pinewood derby, open swims, bowling, patch trading, beat-the-geeks game show, talent show, and much more. ARC will also feature the Grand Hodag with a county fair/carnival theme. At check-in, the committee plans to run the HA-HOOPLA—a series of activities based on the OA high-adventure programs—and urges each participant to bring two cans of nonperishable food to donate to those who are less fortunate. ARC is working hard to ensure that all who attend NOAC will find something interesting and fun. 🍷

The Xtreme High Adventure Committee (below left) and the Training Committee (below right) met at the National Planning Meeting to kick off their work. Each Conference Committee works year long to plan their conference activities and events.



Turtles in Action: Tulpe Lodge Delivers Cheerful Service in the Hurricane Zone

Dustin Benoit

On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast region with torrential rains and category 4 winds that were immediately followed by an estimated 37-foot storm surge. The majority of the region was devastated, including Waveland, Mississippi, a small coastal city on the Gulf of Mexico that suffered unimaginably from the hurricane.

In early November, Tulpe Lodge of the Annawon Council of Norton, Massachusetts, became involved in the hurricane relief efforts. After viewing pictures of Waveland, members of the lodge executive committee immediately decided that something had to be done. Within days, the lodge initiated a plan to raise enough money to send 10 Arrowmen to Waveland to help the community rebuild.

Within three weeks of the LEC decision, Tulpe Lodge had raised \$4,200 through the support of Scouting families, the local community, and the local media. The 10 Arrowmen, who referred to themselves as “Turtles in Action,” included eight members of Tulpe Lodge as well as Section Chief Andy Collins and Northeast Region Chief Dan O’Rourke. On November 24, they departed for Waveland with the goal of working with local Scouting families to cleanup and provide the



Left: Three Tulpe Lodge brothers take a break from their work in Waveland, Mississippi. Right: The devastation in Waveland, and across the Gulf Coast flooded homes, crushed automobiles, and devastated families.



community with some cheerful service in any way possible.

While in Waveland, they worked with many families, including the family of Judith Bradford, the Scoutmaster of Troop 77 and Advisor to Crew 77 in Waveland. The Turtles in Action crew moved large pieces of houses, a pole from the pier, large appliances, fallen trees, and all sorts of general debris.

Tulpe Lodge also worked with Saint Clare’s Church and School while in Waveland. Every building of Saint

Clare’s had been washed away by Katrina’s storm surge. Upon arrival, the school, rectory, and sanctuary had been relocated to makeshift tents, which had since flooded from the rain. The group spent nearly a day of cleaning to prevent additional water damage and a second day sealing the bases of all the tents to thwart future flooding. Thanks to the efforts of Tulpe Lodge, the children of Saint Clare’s did not miss any more school.

Tulpe Lodge has pledged continued support to Waveland, Mississippi. In

February, lodge members collected nonperishable foods and supplies that were sent to the community. Throughout the Gulf Coast, Waveland and hundreds of other communities like it are still in need of nonperishable foods, tools, household supplies, and other direct forms of aid. Thanks to hundreds of donations and contributions, Tulpe Lodge was able to provide the community of Waveland with much-needed assistance. For more information on this project, visit <http://www.waveland.tulpelodge.org>.

Where Are They Now?

Profiling Mark Chilutti’s Service to Scouting and the Order

Peter Capp

More than most members of the Order of the Arrow, Mark Chilutti had good reasons to let the OA become a thing of his past. But, unlike many who have not, Mark stood steadfast in the face of adversity and has provided unwavering service to our Order.

Mark was born and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he attained the rank of the Eagle Scout and in 1981 joined Unami Lodge. Over the next several years, he became a Vigil Honor member, lodge chief, and eventually, section chief.

After demonstrating capable leadership, Mark was chosen as the program director of the 1987 Northeast Region OA Seminar. In 1988, he served as NOAC’s vice chief of public relations. It was in that capacity that he developed and ran the first NOAC radio station, something that thousands of Arrowmen now look forward to hearing at each national conference.

Life began to throw curveballs at Mark in the late 1980s, just as he was beginning to make the transition from youth to adult. In 1988, a collision with a drunken driver left him severely injured. Despite this, he successfully continued as a CVC for NOAC. In 1996 while operating his jewelry store, two robbers entered the establishment and shot Mark, severing his spine and paralyzing

him from the chest down

In spite of these tragic events, Mark persevered. As an adult he has worn many hats, including that of lodge adviser to his first and only lodge, Unami, and most recently that of National OA Committee member. Of his most recent appointment Mark says, “Being appointed to serve on the National OA Committee is something I am extremely proud of and humbled by, and I work hard every day to live up to the expectations and honor that comes with it.”

Currently Mark works as director of major gifts at Magee Rehabilitation Hospital in Philadelphia, where he raises funds to improve quality of life for individuals with disabilities. He lives there with his wife, Jayne, who Mark says is quite supportive of all that he does in Scouting.

Mark states simply that being able to give back has been the most enjoyable part of his Scouting career. He went on to say, “I credit everything that I learned in Scouting and the Order for all that I am today. They helped me achieve success in life, and helped me when faced with the largest challenges of my life. I have friends all over the country who truly are my Brothers. What a great feeling to know that almost anywhere I travel, I likely have friends from the OA to visit.”

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AROUND THE NATION



LEE THACKSTON

Members of Allogagan Lodge near Chicopee, Massachusetts, braved 2 inches of snow on December 3 to continue clearing brush from the site of Camp Moses' new amphitheater. Check the progress of the new waterfront amphitheater at <http://www.oalodge83.org/>.

Talidandaganu Lodge of Chattanooga, Tennessee, recently launched a tremendous resource for computer-savvy Arrowmen. The following Web site not only has a link to each lodge in the country, it also links to the Web site of each council, section, and region. You can access this wealth of information at <http://www.tali293.org/resources.htm>.

"Building a Legacy Together" is the theme of the Colonneh Lodge project to build a new ceremonial ring that will be used primarily for Brotherhood ceremonies. This is the first new ring built at Sam Houston Area Council's Camp Strake in 40 years. The project will entail clearing trails, building the ceremony ring site with permanent seating, adding a permanent fire ring with illumination torches, and constructing a 40-foot-long foot bridge. Learn more at <http://www.colonneh137.org/>.

If your lodge conducts a service project, celebrates an anniversary or starts a new program that is noteworthy, e-mail Lee Thackston at lthackston@iname.com for consideration in the "Around the Nation" column.

Looking Back: National OA Conferences Preceded by National, Regional Meetings

Ken Davis

In 2006, the Order of the Arrow will hold its national conference at Michigan State University in what may be the largest such gathering ever. This will be the latest of the "modern" NOACs, which started out with the university format at Indiana University in 1948. Previously, the OA held smaller national and/or regional events at places like council Scout camps, similar to many of today's conclaves.

The first "national" meeting of the OA was held October 7 and 8, 1921, at the Philadelphia council headquarters. Its intent was to form a national OA organization. At that time, there were 10 known lodges and the "Grand Lodge," as it was known. E. Urner Goodman was elected as the first Grand Chieftain. The second national meeting was held in the fall of 1922, hosted by the Reading, Pennsylvania, council and future Chief Scout Executive Arthur A. Schuck. The 1923 meeting was held in October at Camp Linstead of the Baltimore council and was followed a year later by a gathering at Kanohwanke Scout Camp

in Tuxedo, New York.

The tenth anniversary meeting was held in 1925 back at Treasure Island. Gold medals were presented to founders Goodman and Edson for their service to the OA. Annual meetings were again held in 1926 and 1927 (by which time there were 19 lodges). The decision was then made to hold regional meetings in alternate years to the national meetings. In 1928 lodges from Regions 1 and 2 held a separate meeting, as did those from Region 3.

National and regional meetings alternated through 1933. Due to the planned 1935 National Scout Jamboree, that national OA meeting was postponed until 1936. Thereafter, the beginnings of plans for area meetings of lodges began to develop. The national meetings continued every two years until 1942, when that meeting was cancelled due to World War II. After the war, only one meeting was held using the familiar format from the 1930s, at Chanute Field Air Base in Illinois. Since 1948, the Order has met at various universities for all of its national conferences. 🍀

OA Trail Crew



Dave Nguyen

If you are looking for the adventure of a lifetime, then look no further than the Order of the Arrow Trail Crew program. Based at Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico, this two-week experience provides Arrowmen from age 16 through 20 the opportunity to participate in a Good Turn for Scouting. The second-week bonus is an opportunity to trek in the backcountry of picturesque New Mexico. During the entire time, participants work in crews composed of Arrowmen from across the country.

During the first week of the program, participants complete various service projects, most notably building trails that will be used by Scouts. This week of service brings you even closer to the other crew members through the satisfaction of a job well done.

During the second week, the crew designs, plans, and completes its own trek. Some crews choose Mount Baldy, others choose Mount Phillips, but the real question is: What will you choose?

For applications visit the OA Web site at <http://www.oa-bsa.org>. 🍀

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My OA Summer Adventure in Paradise

Brian Chrzanowski's Ocean Adventure at Sea Base in the Florida Keys

Brian Chrzanowski

The Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure (OAOA) was a memorable experience. From the moment I arrived in the beautiful Florida Keys until the day my fellow crew members and I departed for home, the program continually amazed me.

The adventure began with a PADI (Professional Association of Diving Instructors) Open Water Diver course. Following certification, we spent time working on one of the most complex ecosystems in the world. Partnering with the Reef Environmental Education Foundation (REEF), our crew collected scientific data to be logged and studied by researchers. We also conducted

underwater reef cleanups as well as meaningful out-of-water projects. In addition to the service projects, there were surprising program elements that always kept the crew wondering what would be next.

The experience at the Sea Base was incredible. The best part was the brotherhood shared within my crew. The eight of us, each coming from a different part of the country, bonded as brothers. Whether serving cheerfully together or working as a team to beat the Sea Base staff in a game of volleyball, we were truly brothers.

The Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure is a once-in-a-lifetime experience that you do not want to miss! 🍷



OA Ocean Adventure participants spend time diving, fishing, and exploring the Florida Keys while conducting unique coastal service projects.

Take A Wilderness Voyage Up North

Frank Sturges

On a two-week trek through the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, my OA Wilderness Voyage crew and I paddled and portaged more than 150 miles. We transformed a mud hole into a portage trail that now allows others to easily make their way through the woods. We saw the Northern Lights, wildlife such as beavers and deer, and incredible sunrises. We visited cliffs with American Indian pictographs,

experienced rapids, visited the Canadian border, and paddled across countless pristine lakes. Most importantly, my crew and I forged unbreakable bonds of brotherhood while providing cheerful service to the Boundary Waters Area.

These images barely scrape the surface of the many experiences my crew and I shared this past summer at Northern Tier. The OA Wilderness Voyage program illustrated the true ideals of the Order as only can be done in the northern woods of Minnesota.

During the first week of the Voyage, the crew provides a valuable service to all who visit the Boundary Waters, working to repair portage trails. The crew then embarks on an unforgettable trek through some of the most amazing wilderness in the United States.

Through this program, you can experience the best that Northern Tier has to offer for only \$125. More information can be found at <http://www.aa-bsa.org>. 🍷



A beautiful sun sets on the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in northern Minnesota.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

Looking for an adventure this summer? There is still time to sign up for OA High Adventure Programs in 2006!

Whether you choose Trail Crew at Philmont Scout Ranch or Wilderness Voyage at Northern Tier [The new Ocean Adventure at Florida Sea Base is full] each OA High Adventure program promises two weeks of intense fun for a lot less money than you'd think.

Check it out on the OA Web Site at <http://www.aa-bsa.org>.

Q How can I be on staff for NOAC 2006? **A** Youth and adult Arrowmen who wish to serve on staff at the 2006 National Order of the Arrow Conference can apply online by visiting <https://registration.oa-bsa.org>. Once there, simply follow the on-screen instructions to submit your application. The deadline to submit a staff application is Friday, March 31, 2006.

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NATIONAL NOTES

LLD Recognition Patch

The Lodge Leadership Development recognition patch order form is available on the OA Web site, <http://www.oa-bsa.org>. This patch recognizes Arrowmen who staff and attend your lodge LLD training course.

OA Scoutreach Mentoring

Is your lodge taking advantage of the OA Scoutreach Mentoring Program? Learn all about the program by visiting the OA Web site at <http://www.oa-bsa.org>

Online OA Trading Post

Click on the OA Trading Post banner on the home page of the OA Web site to purchase some great recognition items and gifts. Click on the National Endowment page to check out the selection of coins, figurines and prints. Visit the NOAC Trading Post for official conference memorabilia.

High-Adventure Web Site

Check out adventure.oa-bsa.org to obtain information about Philmont Trial Crew, OAOA, and the Voyage.

More information about these National Notes and other news can be found on the OA Web site online at <http://www.oa-bsa.org>.

2006 National Planning Calendar

March 17–19	NLS/NLATS, Cimarron, NM	September 15–17	NLS, Alpine, NJ
March 24–26	NLS/NLATS, Canton, MS	September 22–24	NLS, Camp Lake, WI
March 31–April 2	NLS/NLATS, Alpine, NJ	September 22–24	SR SOS, Norcross, GA
April 28–30	NLS, High Ridge, MO	October 2	OA Charter Kits Distributed
May 1	Camp Promotion Packets Available	October 6–8	NLS, Conroe, TX
May 5–7	NLS, Camp Gorton, NY	October 13–15	NLS/NLATS, Camp Tracy, UT
May 24	National OA Meeting, Washington, DC	October 20–22	SOS, Phoenix, AZ
May 24–26	National Annual Meeting, Washington, DC	October 27–29	NLS, Ridgecrest, NC
May 31	NOAC Final Payment Due and Staff Fees Due	October 31	OA Service Grant Applications Due
June 2–4	NLS, Camp Gorsuch, AK	November 1	Lodge Program Support Pak Available
June 6	OA Ocean Adventure Begins	November 3–5	SOS, Alpine, NJ
June 7	Northern Tier OA Voyage Begins	November 17–19	NLS, Camp Bothin, CA
June 9	Philmont OA Trail Crew Begins	November 17–19	NLS/NLATS, Parkville, MO
June 18–24	Philmont LLD Training	November 17–19	NLS/NLATS, Norcross, GA
June 30	OA Service Grant Applications Distributed	December 1–3	SOS, Rochester, IN
July 23	OA Ocean Adventure Ends	December 27–30	National Planning Meeting, DFW
July 25	Northern Tier OA Voyage Ends	December 31	Lodge Charter Renewal Deadline
July 25	NOAC Staff Week Begins		
July 28	Philmont OA Trail Crew Ends	2007	
July 29–August 3	NOAC, Michigan State University	January 26–28	NLS/NLATS Train t... Base