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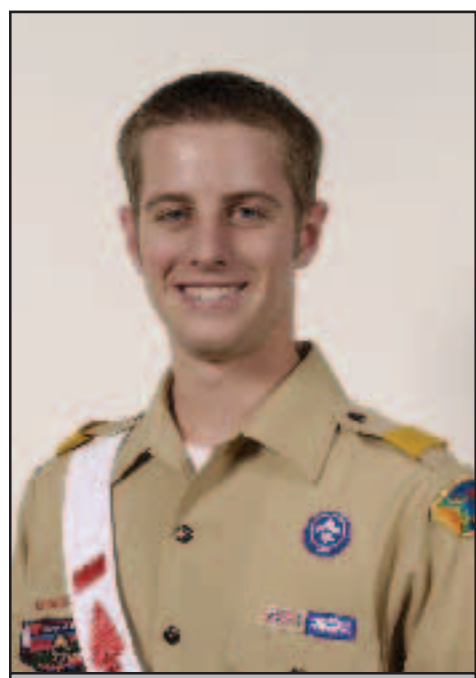


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OA NATIONAL CHIEF, VICE CHIEF ELECTED



NATIONAL CHIEF
EVAN CHAFFEE

P. J. Berger

The National Planning Meeting of the Order of the Arrow occurs every year in Dallas, Texas. At this event, the two most visible young men in our Order are elected—the national chief and vice chief. The 2007 national officers are Evan Chaffee and Larry Newton.

Our national chief is from San Juan Capistrano, California. He is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of Wiatava Lodge of the Orange County Council. Evan is 19 years old and attends Saddleback College, pursuing a major in business and political science. Evan is very excited about this new

position and looks forward to meeting Arrowmen from all over the country.

When not involved in Scouting, Evan enjoys traveling, kayaking, canoeing, backpacking, and learning about history. Evan is also involved in several sports including rowing, sailing, and track and field.

Our national vice chief hails from Montgomery, Alabama. He is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of Alibamu Lodge of the Tukabatchee Area Council. Larry is 19 years old and majors in political science and history at Huntingdon College.

When asked about the upcoming year, Larry was confident that “this is going to be a great year for servant leadership and for building tomorrow’s leaders today.” Larry is an avid outdoorsman who loves to hunt, fish, and play football.



NATIONAL VICE CHIEF
LARRY NEWTON

NLATS Program Updated

Colin Smalley

The Order of the Arrow is unveiling an updated and retooled National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar (NLATS) course this year, following its first major rewrite since being introduced in 2001.

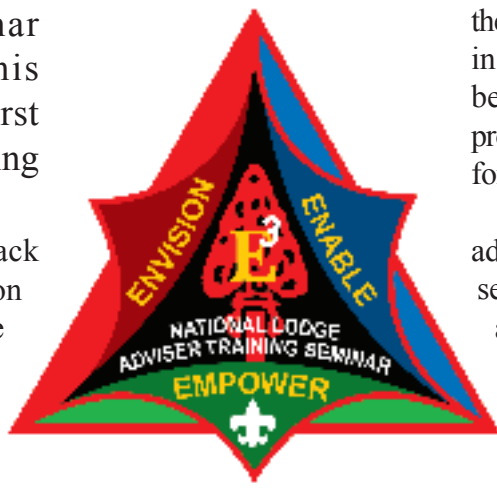
After receiving feedback from the NLATS II session held at NOAC, the course was updated to focus less on the nuts and bolts of lodge operations and more

on youth development. The course is built around three major points: Envision, Enable and Empower (E³).

Mark Chilutti, vice chairman of the National OA Committee

for Leadership Development, said “We are excited to launch a reinvigorated and improved seminar. Our approach is to give advisers a toolbox that the NLATS staff will fill with the tools necessary to help them in their role as advisers. We believe the E³ concept will provide them with a framework for success.”

The seminar is designed for adult OA members currently serving as lodge adviser, staff adviser, or those who will be assuming the position. NLATS is offered at the region level, usually twice every year. The weekend-long NLATS course event is often partnered with a National Leadership Seminar. Please visit the OA Web Site at <http://www.oa-bsa.org> for an upcoming NLATS opportunity in your area.



2007 National OA Conservation and Leadership Summit To Be Held in Indiana

Thomas Lambert

Leadership and service, it's what we do. This summer the OA will host one of the most unique events in our Order's rich history, which will cement our Order's purpose in the minds of Arrowmen and Scouts across the country. The National Conservation and Leadership Summit (NCLS) will be held on the Indiana University Campus from July 28 to August 1 and has been divided along two unique and functional tracks: Conservation and Leadership.

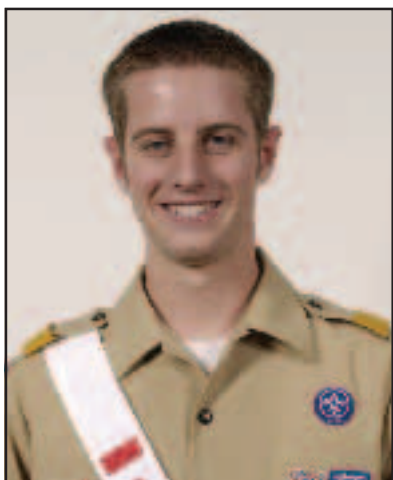
The conservation tract is designed to train the 2008

ArrowCorp5 staff in their responsibilities at the five project sites. Participants will receive hands-on training from the National Forest Service, detailing how we as an Order will help to protect and improve our National Forests.

On the leadership side, Arrowmen will be taught about the Order's new strategic plan, titled “Living the Legacy,” which is to be our organization's direction for the next five years (2008-2012). Each lodge may send five lodge leaders and officers to the event; the suggested

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CHIEFLY SPEAKING



Brothers,

This year the Order will reinvigorate itself with the implementation of our new national strategic plan, which will lay the groundwork for the next several years of this brotherhood of cheerful service. The trail of servant leadership will be paved through the continued support outlined in this new strategic plan entitled *“Living the Legacy.”* In addition, the OA will run our extraordinarily ambitious service project, *ArrowCorps*⁵. This year’s national program of emphasis is the National Conservation and Leadership Summit. The Summit is uniquely themed *“Building the Path to Servant Leadership”* and will offer lodge leaders the opportunity to come together to collaborate and develop ideas and organizational skills that will help to improve our organization on multiple levels.

We have much to look forward to in the coming years, but our continued success can be accomplished only if we act together as a team. Henry Ford, founder of Ford Motor Company, once said, “Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, and working together is success.” This summer we will come together at the National Conservation and Leadership Summit. The next step will be to maintain a unified commitment to the goals and programs we will establish at the Summit. This will not be easy, but together we can overcome any challenge and achieve anything to which we wholeheartedly set our minds.

As your national chief, I exhort you to take advantage of the wonderful opportunities and programs the OA has to offer. Events like the 2007 Summit and our high-adventure programs are designed to foster personal growth and inspire us as leaders and outdoorsmen. Moreover, our participation in these programs allows us to demonstrate our continued commitment to our Order’s founding purposes – to promote Scout camping and its traditions while crystallizing ourselves as cheerful servant leaders. Set the example. Take up a challenge. Experience what the OA is truly about!

This year we embark upon a new adventure. It will be a journey into uncharted territory, so I urge you to join me in trailblazing the future of our organization. Thank you all for your commitment to continued service, and I look forward to getting to know the many Arrowmen that comprise this great Order in the upcoming year!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Evan Chaffee
National Chief

New Region Chiefs Elected

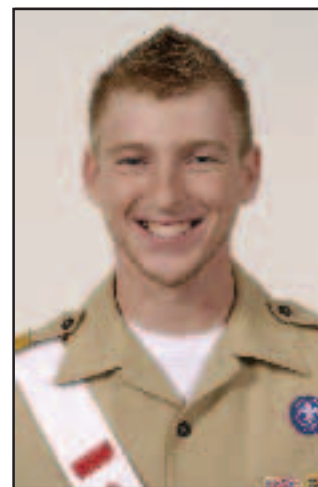
Central Region Chief DON HOUGH



Outside of Scouting, Don enjoys football, skiing, and track and field.

The section chiefs from the Central Region have chosen Don Hough as the 2007 Central Region Chief. Don is from Lakota Lodge of the Northwest Suburban Council. He was the C-3B Section Chief and hails from Hoffman Estates, Illinois. He attends William Harper Rainey where he is majoring in education.

Western Region Chief CHAD WOLVER



of Scouting, Chad likes to backpack, mountain bike, write, collect geodes and solve Sudoku puzzles.

From Tempe, Arizona comes Chad Wolver as the 2007 Western Region Chief. Chad is from the Wipala Wiki Lodge of the Grand Canyon Council. He was the Section Chief of W-4C. He currently attends Arizona State University where he is majoring in economics and mass communication. Outside

Northeast Region Chief KENNETH HAGER



works at a local theatre and is also a DJ. Ken’s thoughts after his election were, “I’m overwhelmed to have been selected to serve my brothers in my region, and will strive to further our goals throughout this year.”

The 2007 Northeast Region Chief is Kenneth Hager. Ken attends the University of Pennsylvania where he is majoring in secondary education for social studies. He was the NE-4B Section Chief and hails from Wagon Lodge of the Westmoreland Fayette Council. He is from Uniontown, Pennsylvania. When not Scouting, Ken

Southern Region Chief ALEX GOMEZ



Alex enjoys community service, outdoor adventure, and being involved with campus activities, including his fraternity, Phi Kappa Tau.

Alex Gomez was elected as the 2007 Southern Region Chief. Alex was the S-4S Section Chief and is a member of the O-Shot-Caw Lodge of the South Florida Council. He is from Pembroke Pines, Florida, and attends Florida State University, majoring in history and political science. Outside of Scouting,

Reported by Adam Heaps.

2007 Service Grant Recipients Announced

One purpose of the Order is “to crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.” It is in this spirit that the Order offers the National Service Grant program.

Since 1995, the OA has provided matching service grants to lodges. The money is awarded to lodges for camp (Boy Scout or Cub Scout) or service center projects that benefit the local council.

Central Region

Golden Sun Lodge, Cornhusker Council 324, received \$5,000 to renovate an existing campsite to make it accessible to physically challenged Scouts and campers.

Northeast Region

Grand Monadnock Lodge, Nashua Valley Council 230, received \$1,810 to build a bouldering wall for Cub Scout Camp.

Owaneco Lodge, Connecticut Yankee Council 72, received \$4,000 to refurbish a council camp training cabin.

Southern Region

Chilantakoba Lodge, Southeast Louisiana Council 214, received \$3,245 to build an EcoCon shelter at camp.

Kawida Lodge, Blue Grass Council 204, received \$4,000 to construct a 4-acre flat field at McKee Scout Reservation.

Mowogo Lodge, Northeast Georgia Council 101, received \$4,345 to build a nature lodge with classrooms.

O-Shot-Caw Lodge, South Florida Council 84, received \$3,600 to build a new amphitheater.

Wahunsenakan Lodge,

Colonial Virginia Council 595, received \$4,000 to construct a discovery trail at camp.

Western Region

Tahosa Lodge, Denver Area Council 61, received \$5,000 to retrofit the Creede Campsite at Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch so that it is accessible to persons with disabilities.

Wal-La-Moot-Kin Lodge, Blue Mountain Council 604, received \$5,000 to restore camp property so that it can be used for camping and high adventure.

Remembering Our Brother, R.D. Dunkin

Dominique Baker

Our Order lost a true servant leader in December when Central Region Chairman R. D. Dunkin passed away during the National OA Planning Meeting in West Lake, Texas. A shockwave surged through the entire Scouting organization when this man who dedicated his life to the service of young men died unexpectedly.

R. D. was a mentor, leader, and friend to thousands of Arrowmen and Scouters across the nation. While he did not have children of his own, many thought of R. D. as a father. While speaking with R. D., he could make you feel as if you were the only person in a crowded room. After listening to you, he would sit back, pause, and ask a question that would force you to think even deeper. If conversing by e-mail he would send a



“A Bag of Tools”
Isn't it strange that princes and kings,
And clowns that caper in sawdust rings,
And common people like you and me
Are builders for eternity?

Each is given a bag of tools,
A shapeless mass, a book of rules;
And each must make... ere life is flown
A stumbling block, or a steppingstone.
-R.L. Sharpe

R. D. Dunkin passed away on December 29, 2006 at the National Planning Meeting in West Lake, Texas. Dunkin had served as Central Region Chairman for 15 years.

story that would stick in your mind for days and make you think. Somehow he always knew what questions to ask to lead you down the right path.

Thorns and Roses, a staple at National OA High Adventure Programs and Jamboree Service Corps, was just

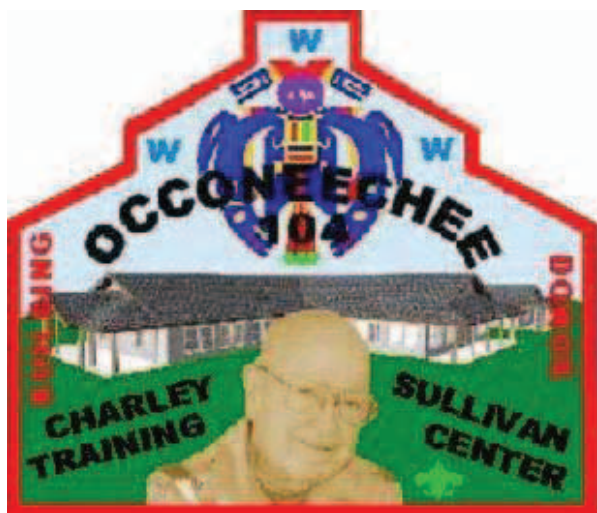
one of the many legacies R. D. left behind. This remarkable activity became a way for Arrowmen to come together as a group and share our days, months, and years with each other. While letting our guard down we shared life's ups, downs, and hopes. For many people,

Thorns and Roses would be the highlight of the event. At its conclusion, R. D. would play a song, the lyrics of which always presented a newfound clarity on life. R. D. truly understood people.

The officers who had the honor to serve with R. D. are forever changed people. He challenged us mentally and spiritually—farther than we thought possible. I know that I am a better person by having had R. D. in my life and feel very fortunate for it. Although R. D. has left this world, R. D.'s lessons and legacy will forever live on close to our hearts. Remember to never be afraid to tell those you love how you feel, to seize the day, and to always “go forth and be awesome people”!

What will your verse be? 🍷

Dominique Baker served as Central Region chief in 2001.



PROFILE IN SERVICE: Occoneechee Lodge Honoring Commitment

Adam Schmidt

Many lodges recognize adult advisers with plaques and wildlife prints—but that is not the case for Charley Sullivan's North Carolina lodge. They have elected to construct a building in his honor.

The members of Occoneechee Lodge, are in the midst of bringing a 15-year-old dream to life by erecting the Charley Sullivan Lodge Training Center at Camp Durant as a tribute to the long time Order of the Arrow national committeeman.

Former national chief Brad Starr has been working with youth and adult members alike to raise the \$400,000 necessary to fund the training center. Over the past several months, \$157,000 has been garnered from sources close to the lodge. The public phase of the fundraising campaign is set to

kickoff in May with construction scheduled for the fall.

According to former lodge Staff Adviser Jack Hendrix, the training center will serve as the home of Occoneechee Lodge and as a training facility for all types of Scouting groups. The center will include a lodge museum, ceremony room, office and classrooms, kitchen, and a large meeting area. The facility will be available for pack, troop, team and crew youth and adult training for groups across the council.

“Our desire is for it to become a place to provide knowledge,” Hendrix explained. For Charley Sullivan however, there can be no greater satisfaction than knowing that his leadership and dedication inspired his home lodge to create this learning center in his honor—a place the entire council will enjoy for years to come. 🍷

National Conservation and Leadership Summit To Be Held in Indiana

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breakdown for attendance is the lodge key three, plus two additional Arrowmen, of which at least one must be a youth leader. Training sessions and workshops focused on the new strategic plan will be offered at the Summit.

Additional information on the Summit, including program and trading post information, will be available at <http://www.oe-bsa.org> on April 1st. If you are interested in serving on the 2008 ArrowCorps⁵ staff, you can apply by going to <http://www.oe-bsa.org>. 🍷

NOAC 2006 Trading Post Items Still Available



Were you unable to make that final trip to the NOAC Trading Post?

Or, were you unable to attend NOAC?

The OA Trading Post staff has the solution for you.

Select NOAC 2006 merchandise and other memorabilia are still available; visit <http://www.oe-bsa.org> and click through to the OA Trading Post Online.

2007 National Conservation and Leadership Summit Committee Planning Reports

Conservation

By Kyle Becker

The Summit Conservation Committee will provide training to Arrowmen who will be strike team leaders for the 2008 ArrowCorps⁵ program. To successfully accomplish this, trainers from the US Forest Service and OA high adventure staff will be utilized.

The 800 conservation participants at the Summit will experience extensive training on many outdoor related topics. These include Conservation USA, Leave No Trace, Wilderness Medicine and First Aid. There will also be tool and site-specific instruction, and training on the Forest Service's Incident Command System.

In the end, the conservation participants will be equipped with the necessary tools to be successful in 2008.

Leadership Development

By P. J. Berger

The Leadership Development Committee's main focus will be developing leaders using the new Strategic Plan as a guide. The fourteen training sessions that this committee will offer focus on leadership opportunities at many different levels, from the local council to national areas of the BSA and OA. There will be not only training for youth, but adult and professional leaders too.

Another main focus of this committee is the Lodge Leadership Development course. There will be several sessions on "why we need the LLD program" and one session that will go in depth on how to effectively organize and implement a successful LLD program for your lodge back home. A special advanced session of the "How LLD?" will also be offered to those Arrowmen who participate in the main session.

Brotherhood

By Chris Bergtholdt

The Brotherhood Committee will roll out the Active and Honored Brotherhood section of the 2008-2012 strategic plan. The section chiefs on this committee have been tasked to put together and run training sessions that cover many of the initiatives found in this part of the new strategic plan. Along with a longer overview session of this section, participants can look forward to many different breakout training sessions.

A couple of the highlights will be sessions on the lodge and Cub Scouting,

preserving lodge history, and reconnecting lost members. Participants can also look forward to sessions on the new lodge management software, *Lodgemaster*, and a panel discussion on the best practices for elangomat programs. There will also be a joint session with National Events Promotions Committee on effectively using available resources to promote lodge events. The Brotherhood Committee is looking forward to providing fun and interactive training sessions for the participants at the Summit.

Leadership: Outdoor Adventure

By David Emery

The Outdoor Adventure Promotion Committee is committed to building a P.A.T.H. that develops active Scouting units. The P.A.T.H is the basis by which the outdoor adventure promotion team will teach the following four main concepts: The first is broadening the Partnerships between Cub Scouts and the OA, as well as the concept of camp chiefs and their summer camps. The other initiatives will be Attaining physical fitness, Teaching outdoor ethics, and High Adventure promotion.

Through these main concepts, the committee will delve into topics such as the camp chief program, strengthening the OA's bond with Cub Scout outdoor programs, helping to promote the three national high-adventure bases, *ArrowCorps*⁵, teaching the fundamentals of outdoor ethics, and general physical fitness.

National Events Promotion

By Thomas Lambert

The National Events Promotion Committee (NEPC) is hard at work developing promotion materials for the 2007 Summit and *ArrowCorps*⁵. For the Summit, a promotional website is currently being developed which will include everything lodges need to know about the Summit. The NEPC has set a goal of 100 percent lodge representation at the 2007 Summit, and with lodge support, the goal can be attained.

For *ArrowCorps*⁵, the NEPC is already planning the promotion strategy for the event. While at the Summit, participants will have the opportunity to attend training on how to promote events culminating in the presentation of *ArrowCorps*⁵. The Committee will also provide a resource center where event promotion materials can be customized for your lodge's events. Let's work hard to get 100 percent lodge participation

at the 2007 Summit.

Communications

By Roderick McDaniel

The communications committee is charged with keeping everyone informed at the National Conservation and Leadership Summit. The communications committee will use word of mouth, newspaper, and text messaging to communicate throughout the Summit. The committee will also produce the daily newspaper that will give the latest reports on events and people at the Summit and provide participants with a schedule of events and updates. The newspaper will be distributed each morning at breakfast.

This year the committee will introduce a new way of communicating at the summit. Just imagine if you could receive information about the summit via text messaging! Well, now you can when you sign up. With text messaging you will automatically receive schedule changes and updates on every event almost instantaneously. Don't forget to bring your cell phone with you!

Chief's Corps

By Ryan Spencer

This year the Chief's Corps is going to change the way we have provided service in the past. At this year's Summit, we will provide essentials with a twist, our experience. To become a member of the Chief's Corps, you must have been a past lodge chief. So, for all former lodge chiefs wanting to provide some of the most meaningful service at the summit, I definitely encourage you to sign up today!

Gatherings

By Ben Stilwill

The Gatherings Committee is very excited about the gatherings that will be held at the Summit. The opening and closing gatherings will set the tone for the learning we intend to accomplish at the Summit, service to be implemented back home, and remind all Arrowmen of the meaning of the obligation of the Order of the Arrow. Participants from both the conservation and leadership sides of the Summit will leave the gatherings feeling challenged and inspired to do the work that will be set before them in the new OA strategic plan and *ArrowCorps*⁵ program. It is through these gatherings that participants will really begin to understand how to "Build

the Path to Servant Leadership."

Service to Scouting

By Mark Thurman

The Service to Scouting Committee is responsible for delivering perhaps the most important part of the Order's new strategic plan. The committee will provide training cells and resources explaining the Order's newly defined role within Boy Scout councils. Look for training on lodge-council relationships, recruiting Scouts, retaining youth, raising money, and conducting an annual planning meeting with the Supreme Chief of the Fire. In addition, make sure every staff adviser stops by the forum "For Professionals Only."

To complement this training, we are planning to release a new resource for the Troop-Team Representative program which will feature step-by-step instructions for getting this useful program off the ground. Finally, to reflect the changes in the strategic plan, a new customizable Quality Lodge petition will be unveiled that will help lodges prioritize their Councils needs.


Events and Activities

By Jake Wellman

Parties, athletics, and hanging out with friends. No, this isn't a typical high school jock's day; this is the Events and Activities Committee for the 2007 National Conservation and Leadership Summit. The purpose of the E&A committee is to make sure that Arrowmen "Have A Blast on the Path," as they have appropriately themed themselves for the Summit.

With six hours of training every day, participants will be squirming and jumping out of their seats in anticipation for the events and activities awaiting them. Every afternoon, the University campus will be open for all sorts of activities including an open gym, outdoor camping competitions, and various indoor recreational opportunities including card games and bowling.

Every night, the committee will provide a cracker barrel type event with fun, food, and entertainment. These parties will be themed so participants will need to stock up on their Western, tropical, and region spirit gear. The main event will occur Monday night and will feature a live band and pool party.

The committee is also responsible for religious services on Saturday and Sunday for all Arrowmen. 

Looking Back at 1999 National OA Summit

Dr. Kenneth P. Davis

In July of 2007, Arrowmen from across the nation will gather at Indiana University for the National Conservation and Leadership Summit. At this event two major activities will be carried out to prepare the Order for 2008 and beyond. Many of those attending from lodges across the nation will focus on the



The 1999 Summit introduced many new OA initiatives.

“leadership” track, where they learn about the OA strategic plan for the next five years and plan how their lodges and sections can help implement that plan. At the same time, a large number of Arrowmen will prepare for the *ArrowCorps*⁵ conservation service projects planned for five national forests across the country in 2008, from California to Virginia.

This seems to be a unique event for the OA—but is it? In 1999, under the leadership of then National OA Chairman Ed Pease, the first OA Summit was held. Pease appointed Randy Cline and a task force to create the Order’s first strategic plan, which was ready for distribution in 1999. At the National OA Planning Meeting in December 1998, elected officers and “Summit Vice Chiefs” began planning the first summit. The Key 3 plus two additional youth for each lodge were invited to the summit, which was held at Colorado State University in Fort Collins. More than 1,100 OA members participated in the August 1999 Summit in northern Colorado to plan for the Order’s future.

Chairman Pease welcomed those attending and announced that it would be a working conference, focused on the 1998-2002 OA strategic plan, what it meant, and how to implement it in lodges and councils. The implementation process focused on three areas—to reposition the OA as Scouting’s “National Honor Society;” to reposition the OA as an integral part of every Scout council; and to support Scouting’s 21st century initiatives by focusing on leadership, quality membership, and adventure.

The group then broke into sessions on communications and marketing, financial services, lodge leadership development, OA unit representatives, training, quality lodge program, recognition and awards, role of the section and service. All of the delegates in these various areas met to discuss and brainstorm ways for the OA to do more for Scouting.

As they departed Fort Collins, Chairman Pease urged Arrowmen to take on the challenge offered by George Bernard Shaw to “...be used for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one...” and to return to their lodges to ensure the Order would do even more for Scouting. And so ended the first-ever OA Summit, the precedent for the 2007 event to be held at Indiana University. The challenge in 2007 is to set a new fresh path for the Order that will continue its service to our fellow man. 🌲

ArrowCorps⁵ Builds on Skills Learned at Summit

Thomas Lambert

*ArrowCorps*⁵, to be held on five different weeks, at five different locations, with five thousand Arrowmen in attendance is scheduled for the summer of 2008. It is one of the Order’s most exciting and ambitious programs in its 92 year history.

The skills necessary to carry out an enterprise of this magnitude do not come easily. We found an answer to this need

by adding a conservation emphasis at the Leadership Summit planned for later this year.

After arriving at the Summit, conservation participants will be taken to the Hoosier National Forest (Monday) near the Indiana University campus to begin their training as *ArrowCorps*⁵ staff. While at the national forest, conservation participants will be given hands-on training by National Forest Service

experts in forest preservation and conservation.

The conservation participants will become the staff for the 2008 *ArrowCorps*⁵ program and will be our greatest assets in achieving our service goals.

If you have a passion for the outdoors, and want to spend a week in the beauty of a national forest as a staff member for this historic endeavor, then apply on-line by going to <http://www.oa-bsa.org> and join the conservation team. 🌲



ArrowCorps⁵ Dates and Locations

JUNE 7-14, 2008 / MISSOURI

Mark Twain National Forest

Located in the Ozarks in central and southern Missouri, and the only national forest in the state, Mark Twain National Forest covers 1.5 million acres. Participants will remove cedar trees that are considered an invasive species in the forest to restore native grasses. The USFS estimates there will be no natural grasses in this area in 10 years if the cedar trees are not removed.

June 14-21, 2008 / UTAH

Manti-La Sal National Forest

Situated in the LaSal Range in southeastern Utah, this national forest covers 1.4 million acres and is composed of three unique land ecosystems – alpine, plateau, and red rock canyon. Participants will remove Tamarisk, an invasive species, from the Buckhorn Wash area and Joes Valley Reservoir near Huntington, Utah. Each day of work during the project will push the Tamarisk invasion back 30 years.

JUNE 21-28, 2008 / VIRGINIA

George Washington and Jefferson National Forests

Covering more than 1.8 million acres of forest, including a segment of the Appalachian Trail across the Blue Ridge and Allegheny Mountains, this forest area is rich in history. Participants will provide campsite improvements, removal of exotic vegetation, and construct more than seven miles of new multi-use trails north of the forest office in Covington, Virginia.

JULY 12-19, 2008 / CALIFORNIA

Shasta-Trinity National Forest

The largest national forest in California, Shasta-Trinity covers more than 2.1 million acres and varies in elevation from 1,000 feet to the top of Mt. Shasta at 14,162 feet. Participants will provide significant trail maintenance, repair, and reconstruction to reduce and eliminate soil erosion.

JULY 26 - AUGUST 2, 2008 / WYOMING

Bridger-Teton National Forest

Located in western Wyoming adjacent to the Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks, the Bridger-Teton forest is one of the largest in the United States covering 3.4 million acres. Participants will construct mountain bike and hiking trails, remove fencing to allow unrestricted movement of wildlife, and help control fire through a fuels reduction project where the forest and urban areas meet.

AROUND THE NATION



ADAM SCHMIDT

Aracoma Lodge of Alabama's Black Warrior Council hosted its annual Native American Events Seminar late in February. Dancing, drumming and native craft-making were featured activities. The lodge welcomed many Arrowmen and Scouts as well as non-Scouts who were interested in learning about American Indian culture. The seminar is a great way to perpetuate the traditions of local native Americans and the lodge.

Also in February, Arrowmen and family members of Kittatinny Lodge, Hawk Mountain Council, Pennsylvania, made an exciting road

trip to the nation's capital. While in Washington, D.C., lodge members and their families visited the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian—the newest museum on the National Mall. Approximately 8,000 objects from the museum's permanent collection are on display, chronicling thousands of years of Indian culture and identity across the North and South American continents.

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

Lodge Brings Hope Through Camping Service

Jake Wellman

Siwinis Lodge, of the East Los Angeles Council, recognized a problem with some troops in their area—they weren't camping or advancing. Two key components of Scouting and troop functioning are also vital to the well-being of our Order, without which lodges would not have any new Arrowmen to induct. Leaders of the Rio Hondo District and Wiyot Chapter identified this problem and went to work providing the type of service for which our Order prides itself.

In 2005, the chapter attempted a solution by sponsoring a weekend camping event for troops who needed help with their camping skills. More than 20 Scouts arrived at a local golf course to participate in a camping experience guided by the experts—Scouting's



honor campers.

Scouts were divided into patrols and taught how to set up tents, cook, use camp tools, tie knots, and identify plants and animals. The weekend concluded with an exciting campfire where Siwinis' Arrowmen further educated participants on skills necessary for reaching the First Class rank and on ways to help their troops get out and start camping.

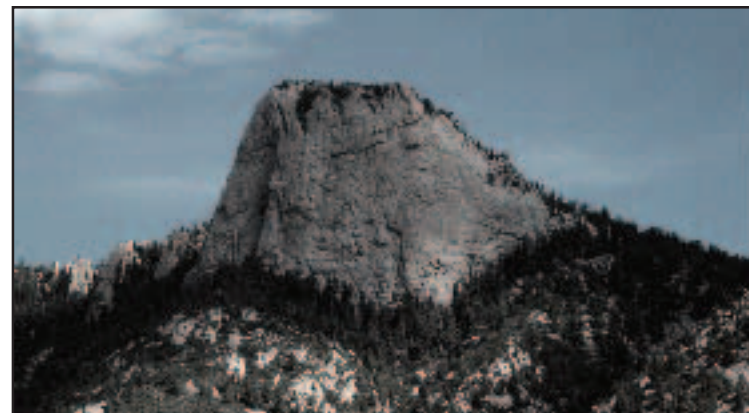
One troop stood out in particular and blossomed as a result of Siwinis' efforts. The troop embraced Scouting, began advancing, and even took home the District's first place trophy at the Fall Camporee!

Lodge Leadership Development Meets the Great Outdoors

Dave Schaub

Each summer the Order of the Arrow sponsors a weeklong training course on the nuts and bolts of the Lodge Leadership Development program (LLD). Its main focus is to teach LLD advisers how to mold the program to fit the needs of their individual lodges and instruct them on how to fully utilize the LLD resource Web site. The course addresses the differences between youth and adult learning styles and how those styles come into play when teaching the LLD program. When all is said and done, participants leave with the tools they need to make their lodges' LLD training as meaningful as possible for the Arrowmen they serve.

During the week, leaders will have the chance to interact



This summer's weeklong LLD program will take place at the Philmont Training Center in Cimarron, New Mexico.

with members of the National Order of the Arrow Committee including the national chief and national vice-chief. Participants will also have an opportunity to relax and enjoy the great outdoors with their Brothers.

The course runs from June 17-23 at the Philmont Training Center in Cimarron, New Mexico. Participants are also welcome to bring their families with them. Those families that choose this option will be kept

busy exploring the backcountry of Philmont and other activities under the supervision of Philmont staff during the training course's off hours.

To participate in this program an adviser must obtain the approval of both the council's Scout executive and lodge adviser. For more information on this opportunity please contact your council office.

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Testimonial From OA Wilderness Voyage

Brandon Gething tells of his experience in the OA Wilderness Voyage program in the Boundary Waters Wilderness Area



OA Wilderness Voyage Foreman Gil Rogers leads a crew through the Boundary Waters during their two-week adventure.

Brandon Gething

When you think of the boundary waters of northern Minnesota, what images come to mind? I think pure, pristine and untouched wilderness. Last summer, I had the good fortune of spending two weeks in this vibrant environment. I signed up for the Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage on a chance. A chance that I will never regret for the rest of my life; a chance that has forever changed the way I live. When I first began the program, I was not an avid paddler and had only paddled a short ten-mile canoe trip with my Boy Scout troop prior to participating in the program. However, by the end of Wilderness Voyage, my paddle would just glide through the water effortlessly and in sync with the other person in my canoe.

The Wilderness Voyage experience is twofold – service and fun. During

the first week, my crew and I worked to put the finishing touches on a portage trail that had been mostly complete from the prior summer. A portage trail is a trail that is at the lowest point on the landscape that will allow for easy passage between lakes. Voyagers and fur traders used these very same trails to pass between thousands of lakes in the boundary waters years ago. The staff members, our foremen, taught us various conservation techniques and how to use equipment such as sledge-hammers, rock bars, and matic-type tools. By the time we were finished with our work week, we had moved the tools onto a new portage trail where future participants would continue the work that we had started. During the second week, we paddled each day to a different place and got to see just a tidbit of what Minnesota has to offer. We went swimming, fishing, and even learned how to cook in some of the most primitive ways.

Would I go back for this same experience again? Absolutely! The Wilderness Voyage taught me a lot about myself and even helped me to understand who I am just a little bit better. I am forever a changed young man for participating, and I strongly encourage anyone to take advantage of this opportunity!

Applications are now being accepted and can be found at <http://www.oa-bsa.org>!



A-ha... T'Kope Kwiskwis Lodge!

Part One of Three, by Case Barden

Tradition is given the highest regards when it comes to T'Kope Kwiskwis Lodge of the Chief Seattle Council. T'Kope is one of a handful of lodges that use Northwest Coast style button blankets for ceremonies, the only lodge to practice gifted Northwest Coast native dances, and the only lodge to have had a longhouse for ceremonies. T'Kope prides itself on these traditions.

Originally natives used shells to make the decorative patterns. The motif on the center of the blanket would be a local animal, like Orca or Raven. Button blankets are usually dark blue with red borders embellished with white buttons to form a central motif. The blankets look even better during fire-lit ceremonies, where the buttons flicker to the movements of the principal characters.

Since the lodge formed in 1954, T'Kope has been gifted 12 dances from the local Native American people. These dances range in variety from the *Chief's Welcome* and the *Spirit of the S'Lahal*, to a gambling dances and even a song made specifically for the lodge. This song is simply known as the *Lodge Song*, and it celebrates the power of T'Kope Kwiskwis. To be gifted a dance is a great honor and requires a deep respect for American Indian tradition. In 1957 the brothers of T'Kope Kwiskwis built the Ed Packard Memorial Longhouse to provide a warm and dry place to dance and perform ceremonies. It was built to inspire passion in all who saw it. Sadly however, the longhouse was deemed unsafe in the fall of 2004 and had to be demolished. T'Kope is currently raising funds to build a new longhouse. Luckily the main pole from the original longhouse was saved and is under restoration so that at least one part of the original legacy will live on. The best way to describe the Lodge's pride is in its yell: "A-ha! Hyas Kloshe, Okok, T'Kope Kwiskwis!" When translated it means, "How mighty is the Silver Marmot!"

Quality Lodge Pin Now Available

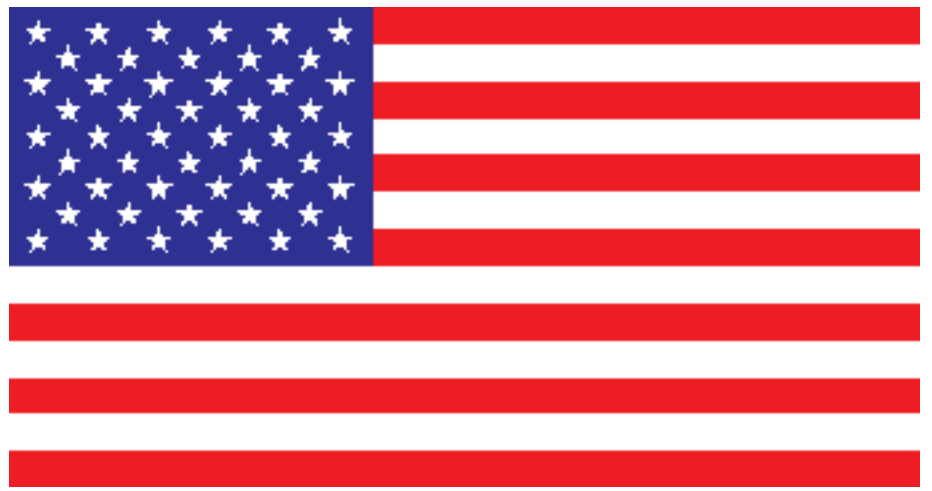
The Order of the Arrow recently developed a Quality Lodge pin to recognize the efforts of Arrowmen throughout the nation. The concept of this pin was first presented to lodge leaders during the National Council of Chiefs at the 2006 NOAC. Lodges that have obtained Quality Lodge status in 2006 and in the future will be eligible to purchase pins for youth and adult Arrowmen. Pins may be purchased from the national OA office for \$1.50 each after February 1, 2007. Order forms will be included in the 2007 Lodge Program Support Pak.

Proceeds from the Quality Lodge pin sales will be placed in the Order's Endowment Fund. Interest income generated from this fund provides support to Scouts both nationally and locally through college scholarship assistance, camp improvement grants to lodges, national OA high-adventure service projects, youth and adult training programs, camp promotion kits for every troop and team in the BSA, American Indian camperships, OA communication improvement projects, and programs that preserve the traditions and history of our Order.



Josh Sain Memorial Scholarship Application Due March 15

The Josh Sain Memorial Scholarship was established in 1998 to honor the spirit and the memory of Josh Sain, a former national vice chief of the Order of the Arrow. The annual scholarships are available to immediate past National and regional officers, and immediate past section chiefs upon completion of their successful terms in office. Recipients are selected on merit and based on performance in their respective roles and academic achievements while serving in one of the roles mentioned above. The 2007 application is available on the national Web page and is due March 15, 2007. 🇺🇸



NATIONAL NOTES

LLD Recognition Patch

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

OA Scoutreach Mentoring

Take advantage of the OA Scoutreach Mentoring program. Learn more by visiting the OA Website at <http://www.oa-bsa.org>.

High-Adventure

Check out <http://www.oa-bsa.org> to obtain information about Philmont Trail Crew, OAOA, and the Wilderness Voyage.

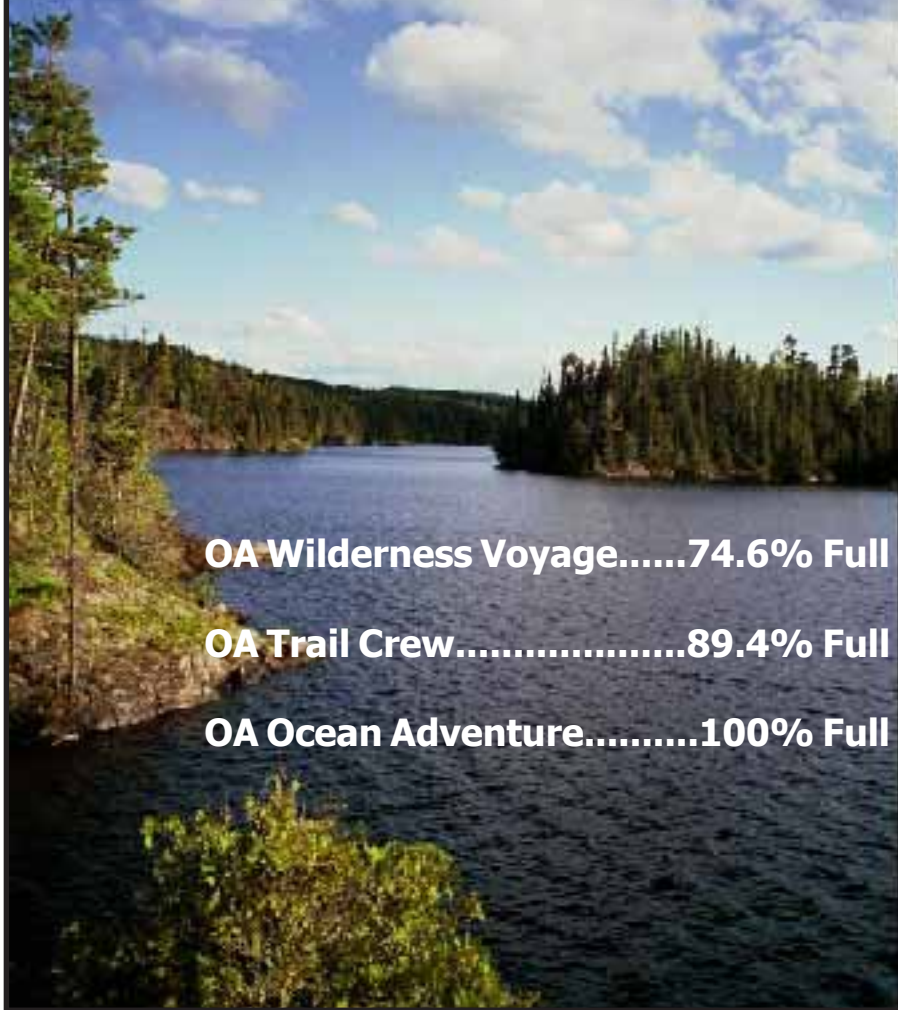
Online OA Trading Post

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.

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

OA HIGH-ADVENTURE PROGRAMS

Sign up now! Space is limited!



OA Wilderness Voyage.....74.6% Full

OA Trail Crew.....89.4% Full

OA Ocean Adventure.....100% Full

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2007 National Planning Calendar

March 1	OA Summit Reservations Due	August 12	OA Ocean Adventure Ends
March 9-11	NLS, Camp Guajataka, Quebradillas, PR	August 16	OA Trail Crew and Voyage End
March 16-18	NLS/NLATS, Santa Barbara, CA	September 21-23	SOS - SR, Norcross, GA
March 30-April 1	NLS/NLATS, Potttsboro, TX	September 28-30	NLS, London, OH
April 13-15	NLS/NLATS, Alpine, NJ	October 1	NLS, Las Vegas, NV
April 27-29	NCLS Site Visit, Bloomington, IN	October 5-7	NLS/NLATS, Alpine, NJ
May 1	NLATS, Rochester, IN	October 19-21	OA Charter Kits Distributed
May 13	NLS/NLATS, Gilmanon Ironworks, NH	October 31	NLS, Monteagle, TN
May 30	NLS, Yorkville, IL	November 1	NLS, Montana
May 30-June 1	Camp Promotion Packets Available	November 2-4	SOS - WR, Phoenix, AZ
June 5	Mother's Day	November 9-11	OA Service Grant Applications Due
June 8	National OA Committee Meeting	November 16-18	OA Lodge Program Packs Available
June 17-23	National Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA	Nov. 30-Dec. 2	SOS - NER, Alpine NJ
June 29	OA Ocean Adventure Begins	December 27-30	NLS/NLATS, Live Oak, FL
July 25	OA Trail Crew and Voyage Begin	December 31	NLS, Parkville, MO
July 28-August 1	OA-LLD Training, Philmont Scout Ranch		NLS/NLATS, Portland, OR
	OA Service Grant Applications Distributed		SOS - CR, Parkville, MO
	NCLS Staff Week Begins		National Planning Meeting, Dallas, TX
	NCLS, Bloomington, IN		Lodge Charter Renewal Deadline