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National Chief Delivers 2005 Report to Nation in D.C.



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National Chief Sean Murray shakes hands with President George W. Bush after delivering the 2005 Report to the Nation this past March. In background, left to right: Peggy and Terry Dunn (Report to the Nation host couple), Jim Terry (assistant Chief Scout Executive), and Bill Steele (Report to the Nation director).

Kieran Thompson

In 1910, President William Howard Taft invited representatives from the Boy Scouts of America to attend a meeting at the White House to report on the status of their organization. Each year since, the Boy Scouts of America has presented a Report to the Nation that highlights the events and successes of the BSA to our nation's leaders.

National Chief Sean Murray was one of eight youth selected to deliver the 2005 Report to the Nation this past March. "The experience was amazing," said Murray. "Having the opportunity to represent the 4.5 million Boy Scouts from across America in this capacity in a report to our nation's

leaders is something I will never forget."

Murray was joined by Cub Scouts Curtis and Sam Semones, Venturing President Amy DiFrancesco, and fellow Boy Scouts John Cruz, Charles Suber, Phillip Barquero, and Michael Wedekamm. The delegation had the privilege of visiting the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, the Pentagon, the CIA Headquarters in Langley, the United States Capitol, various monuments and memorials, Arlington National Cemetery, and the White House.

Reflecting on his visit to Washington, D.C., Sean said, "I met the Speaker of the House, Senate Majority Leader, Director of the CIA, Commandant of the Naval Academy, and several other leaders in our federal government. However, the most memorable

experience would have to be speaking with President Bush in the Oval Office. He was very energetic and happy to meet with the delegation, which meant a lot to me."

For more information on the 2005 Report to the Nation, visit <http://www.bsartn2005.org>.



Implement Scoutreach Mentoring

Ross Armstrong

One of the Order of the Arrow's most unique programs is the OA Scoutreach Mentoring program. It creates positive peer influence in rural and urban communities. Arrowmen are matched with Scoutreach units to provide positive leadership in the areas of camping and advancement. Mentors help at unit meetings and on camping trips.

Think back to your first camping trip with the BSA. Was there someone you looked up to? As a mentor, you will be that person to these youth. This is a chance for you to pass on your Scouting knowledge to others. Be prepared to teach Scouting skills and be a beacon of positive values as these young men become better Scouts.

There are three easy steps your lodge can take to implement the Scoutreach Mentoring program. First, identify units through your council's Scoutreach Committee. Second, match recruited mentors with units in need. Third, put the matched mentors in contact with the units.

In addition to the reward of watching Scoutreach units achieve success, there is a three-level gold/silver/bronze recognition patch and certificate series available through the Scoutreach Division.

Take a moment to ponder the positive change you could bring to just one Scout through the OA Scoutreach Mentoring program. Expand that change to an entire unit, then throughout your council. The possibility for a significant impact from your lodge is real and powerful.

For more information on the OA Scoutreach Mentoring program, visit the national OA Web site at <http://www.oe-bsa.org>.

Scouting's National Honor Society

CHIEFLY SPEAKING



Brothers,

Camping and the enjoyment of the outdoors are essential to the Boy Scouts of America and the Order of the Arrow. "To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit," the second of our Order's four-part purpose, emphasizes our commitment to camping. It is in the out-of-doors that one learns more than how to start a fire, but such essential concepts as leadership, conservation, service, self-esteem, and an appreciation for nature's magnificence.

When I think of camping, I often reflect on my first Boy Scout camping experience when my troop participated in a camporee at a local Scout camp.

When we arrived, our senior patrol leader snapped into action, making sure that we followed all of the rules while setting up camp. In the process, I pitched my tent—a challenging task for an 11-year-old—and helped my patrol arrange our kitchen site. After hours of hard work, I gathered around the campfire with my new friends, telling stories and gazing at the constellations my dad had taught me.

During this early camping experience, I witnessed many things that camping offers a young person. I observed leadership from my senior patrol leader. I learned about my abilities when it came to pitching a tent and helping others in my patrol. I also learned to appreciate the brilliance of the brightly gleaming stars overhead.

Of the many ways the Order of the Arrow enhances these experiences through camping, our high-adventure programs are the most exciting. These programs provide amazing camping experiences, plus cheerful service along the way to ensure the use of these places for years to come. Thousands of people visiting Minnesota's boundary waters enjoy the service provided by the OA Wilderness Voyage each year. Our organization's trail work at Philmont ensures that it will remain Scouting's paradise, and our Sea Base Ocean Adventure underwater service projects are working to keep Florida's reefs healthy.

I encourage you to camp regularly, recruit others to go camping, and seek activities that allow you to truly enjoy the outdoors. You will be amazed at what you will learn about yourself and our world while sitting around a campfire.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Chris Schildknecht
National Vice Chief

National Service Award Recipients Announced

The recognitions subcommittee of the National Order of the Arrow Committee is pleased to announce the selection of eight lodges for the National Service Award. The award was established in 1999 to recognize lodges in each region that have performed outstanding service, both in a qualitative and quantitative sense, for their councils. Awards are presented to two outstanding lodges in each region annually.

The lodges being recognized for their 2005 accomplishments are:

Central Region	Southern Region
Gabe-Shi-Win-Gi-Ji-Kens Lodge Chief Okemos Council Lansing, Michigan	O-Shot-Caw Lodge South Florida Council Miami Lakes, Florida
Lodge Manitous Lodge Great Sauk Trail Council Ann Arbor, Michigan	Mikanakawa Lodge Circle Ten Council Dallas, Texas
Northeast Region	Western Region
Unami Lodge Cradle of Liberty Council Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Maluhia Lodge Maui County Council Wailuku Maui, Hawaii
Madockawanda Lodge Pine Tree Council Portland, Maine	Tiwahe Lodge San Diego-Imperial Council San Diego, California

E. Urner Goodman Camping Award Recipients Selected

The recognitions subcommittee of the National Committee of the Order of the Arrow is pleased to announce the selection of eight lodges for the E. Urner Goodman Camping Award. The award was established as a tribute and testimonial to the Order's founder, E. Urner Goodman. Its purpose is to encourage and challenge Order of the Arrow members and lodges to increase their effectiveness in promoting and increasing Scout camping in each region. Awards are presented to two outstanding lodges in each region annually. The lodges being recognized for their 2005 accomplishments are:

Central Region	Southern Region
Kiondaga Lodge Buffalo Trace Council Evansville, Indiana	Wihinipa Hinsu Lodge Bay Area Council Galveston, Texas
Nischa Chuppecat Lodge Hoosier Council Bloomington, Indiana	Pellissippi Lodge Great Smoky Mountain Council Knoxville, Tennessee
Northeast Region	Western Region
Ga-Hon-Ga Lodge Revolutionary Trails Council Utica, New York	Toloma Lodge Greater Yosemite Council Modesto, California
Lowwapanu Lodge Northeastern Pennsylvania Council Moosic, Pennsylvania	Miwok Lodge Santa Clara County Council San Jose, California

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Learn more about the NOAC 2006 committees and see what new and exciting programs they are offering to all participants.

Contingent Leaders
March 31, 2006
Learn about this new concept of contingent leaders. Plus learn about the Contingent Leader selection process and how to get the most out of your experience.

Need More Information about NOAC?
Visit <http://event.oa-bsa.org>

Josh Sain Scholarships Awarded



Patrick Murphy
Past National Chief

The Josh R. Sain Memorial Scholarship was established in 1998 to honor the spirit and the memory of Josh Sain, a former national vice chief.

These scholarships are provided to immediate past national, regional, and section chiefs upon successful completion of their terms of office.

All awards are selected on merit and based on performance in their respective roles and academic achievements while serving as chief. The scholarships will be in the amount of \$1,500 each.

The National Committee congratulates these fine youth leaders of the Boy Scouts of America and the Order of the Arrow. 🍀



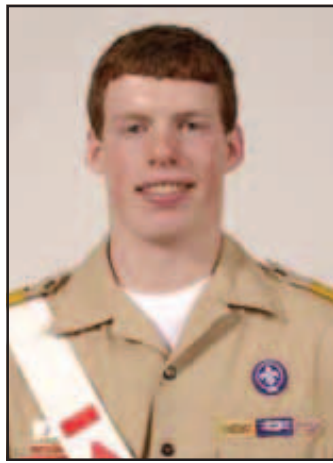
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Past Region Chief



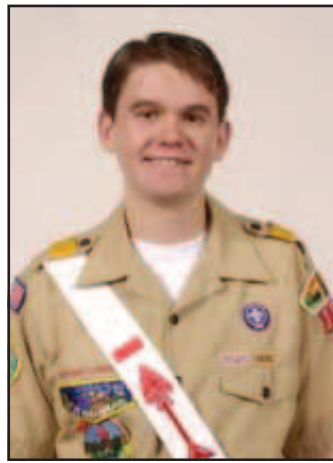
Seth Mollitt
Past National Vice Chief



Dan O'Rourke
Past Region Chief



Paul Jensen
Past Region Chief



Ross Armstrong
Past Region Chief

OA Web Update: OA Web Site Now Features New NOAC Information Area With Conference News and More

Whether you have been to a NOAC as a participant, a contingent leader, a parent of a participant, a professional, or a staff member, the OA Web site has all the information you need. The NOAC Information Area is constantly updated with information on what you can do, see, and buy at the 2006 National Order of the Arrow Conference.

We also have flyers, posters, web banners, and videos for you and your lodge to use in promotion of NOAC. We want to make this year's conference the largest and best the Order has ever experienced. Open your Internet web browser, navigate to <http://www.oa-bsa.org>, and click on the 2006 National Order of the Arrow Conference banner at the top of the page today. 🍀

E. Urner Goodman Scholarships



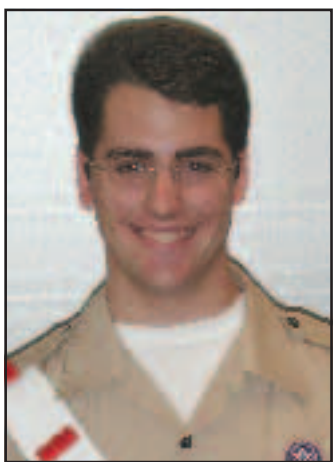
Joe Sadewasser

The purpose of the E. Urner Goodman Scholarship program is to assist members of the Order of the Arrow who are considering a professional Scouting career.

The National Order of the Arrow Committee established the scholarship fund as a meaningful memorial to the founder of the Order and to help perpetuate recruitment of high-caliber, service-minded individuals dedicated to professional Scouting service.

E. Urner Goodman, founder of the Order of the Arrow, was a teacher before entering the professional service of the Boy Scouts of America in 1915. He retired as national director of Program in 1951. Dr. Goodman believed strongly that a professional career in Scouting provided an excellent method of serving one's fellow man.

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Justin Stirewalt

NOAC Trading Post: It Pays to Order Early! Online Trading Post Offering Discounts to Early Shoppers, Selling New Merchandise Only Available Through Pre-orders

Ryan Miske

NOAC 2006 merchandise is now available by linking to the trading post through <http://www.oa-bsa.org>. If you spend at least \$100 at the online trading post before June 1, you will receive five percent off your entire order!

Several of the items that are sure to grab the attention of both youth and adults are collectible memory sashes that can be signed by friends and OA dignitaries, hacky sacks for those occasional lulls in NOAC action, and NOAC teddy bears for your loved ones back home.

Pre-orders will only be accepted through the link at

<http://www.oa-bsa.org> and can be paid by credit card; *there is no need to mail paperwork to the national office*. Orders entered on the Internet will be ready for pick up at the conference in July. If you are not going to NOAC, you can place your order to be shipped to you during NOAC. Place your order early to ensure that you get everything you want before supplies run out!

Attention Vigil Honor Members: Be sure to place your order for one of the new personalized, embroidered Vigil certificates. This 11.25-by-9-inch fully embroidered piece can be personalized with your name, lodge,

council, Vigil Honor induction date, American Indian name, and translation. For \$65.95, these matted and framed pieces can be proudly hung on your wall for years to come. This item will be available on a pre-order basis only. Order today and pick it up at NOAC or have it mailed to you during NOAC. 🍀



NOAC 2006: Conference Committee Reports

Special Events Runs Museum, Special Meals, More

Adam Heaps

The NOAC Special Events Committee is divided into three major subcommittees. The OA Center for History subcommittee curates the museum and coordinates history-related training cells. They will host an OA memorabilia Road Show based on historical items in the museum and pieces brought by individuals. Behind the scenes, the committee will work on the Order's archive. The Special Meals subcommittee is responsible for coordinating the popular

Very Important Arrowmen luncheons, the Section Leadership Dinner, and the Goodman Society Lunch, in addition to other receptions. Finally, the Program subcommittee is charged with planning several major projects, including coordinating the Lodge Spirit Award, the staff gathering, a NOAC wide game, and the fireworks and ice cream social at the Goodman Gala.

The Special Events committee will coordinate the band and chorus as well as the Distinguished Service Award Dinner. 🌸

NOAC Live! Reporting NOAC Through the Web

Andy Collins

This year NOAC Live! promises to be a great communication tool, creating an interactive experience on the NOAC Web site before, during, and after the conference.

Over the six days of NOAC, the NOAC Live! staff promises to report various aspects of the conference, from the arrival of the first Arrowmen to the great shows and beyond.

The Web site will be updated twice daily with exciting up-to-the-minute information as NOAC events transpire, and the

site will feature podcasts of several events around NOAC. Those who visit the site will experience interviews with the national officers, excerpts from the shows, our interactive man-on-the-street series, and much more. Look for small videos, blogs from Arrowmen at the conference, a teaser trailer for the site, and the results of the lodge Web site competition.

The NOAC Live! Web staff is dedicated to delivering the message and reporting the events of NOAC through the World Wide Web. 🌸

2006 National Council of Chiefs

Jeff Hayward

Building on the success of previous conferences' National Council of Chiefs, NOAC 2006 will continue the tradition of gathering our Order's leaders to witness firsthand the introduction of the newest resources and programs available. Participants will have the opportunity to influence several national programs and how they will operate in the future.

Each lodge chief and adviser will receive further information on the 2007-2008 National Programs of Emphasis, including the exciting ArrowCorps⁵ program. It is at this venue that the OA LodgeMaster program will be unveiled, along with a new annual report template being developed for lodges. With the ability to create their own unique annual report, this program will allow lodges to highlight their accomplishments and achievements for the year in a professional presentation to their council executive board.

A new addition to the program this year will be a breakout session covering several national OA programs, allowing participants to give direct feedback on what they see currently and how they could be more beneficial.

The 2006 national officers will host this gathering of our nation's top youth leadership. After an award presentation to the National OA Service Grant recipients, the 2006 National Council of Chiefs will conclude with a special guest, who will undoubtedly leave everyone inspired to serve others. 🌸

'The Experience' Committee

David M. Carson

"The Experience" Committee has the pleasure to be the latest addition to NOAC since TOAP was introduced in 1994. Like the OA itself, "The Experience" will offer exciting adventures to all Arrowmen at NOAC.

This venue features exciting outdoor gear, revolutionary sports equipment displays, Olympic athlete meet-and-greets, and Olympic Team demonstrations.

"The Experience," located in the 8,600-square-foot Brody Center, is a place not to be missed. There

will be many hands-on activities, including the first-ever National Outdoor Skills Competition. Teams from lodges across the nation will test their skills in timed competitions such as tent pitching, sleeping bag stuffing, and other outdoor-related tasks. Check out "The Experience" at NOAC, because the question is: Are *you* experienced? 🌸



Daily Legend

The NOAC newspaper, The Daily Legend, plans to have more coverage than in the past. It will keep participants up-to-date on all of the action at Michigan State University. The paper will be packed with information, schedules, bus routes, and maybe even your picture! Be sure to check the paper every day for photographs and names of you and your friends. Reporters will be on the beat, conducting interviews, writing stories, and getting the inside scoop of events to come. Issues of The Daily Legend will be souvenirs you will want to take home from NOAC.

Fun at The Outdoor Adventure Place

Brandon Beery

The Outdoor Adventure Place (TOAP) is the place to be at NOAC 2006. Few other areas at NOAC offer as many fun and adventurous opportunities as TOAP.

Located in the Brody Complex at Michigan State University, this area will include campsite displays, cooking demonstrations,

bouldering walls, merry-go-rounds, a rope bridge, the sky walk, and much more. Participants will be able to learn about disability awareness as well as learn to fly-fish. TOAP is offering a large variety of activities in one centralized area. Every person who visits TOAP will find something interesting and enjoyable to do. 🌸

Inductions and Ceremonial Events

Dylan Polk

The Inductions and Ceremonial Events (ICE) Committee and staff have spent many months preparing for NOAC. This year, the ICE training staff will offer every participant a new perspective on the Order's ceremonies and induction process.

Classes offered range from beginning Ordeal Ceremonies to Advanced Ceremony Coaching. After completing ICE training, ceremonialists will leave NOAC with a greater understanding of their role in the induction sequence. For those interested in knowing

where they stand, the ICE ceremony competitions offer the opportunity to compete against the best ceremonial teams from across the country.

This year ICE is ecstatic to announce the addition of Intensive Induction Trainer Training (IT²) for the more experienced Arrowman. This program is designed for Arrowmen who are attending their second or even third NOAC and are searching a more in-depth understanding of the induction process.

For more information about ICE activities and competitions, check the NOAC Web site at <http://www.oa-bsa.org>. 🌸

Where Are They Now?

Taking a Look at Glenn Ault's History of Service to Scouting and the Order

Drew Dougherty

Being the first is not as easy as one might think. Just ask Glenn Ault, who was elected to serve as the first conference vice chief (CVC) of Trading Post for the 1986 National Order of the Arrow Conference. At that time, Ault was a newly elected section chief from NE-5A, which included the nine lodges of Eastern Pennsylvania. Today, Ault continues to serve the Order on the National Committee as the vice chairman of Financial Resources.

"It amazes me how much the Order of the Arrow has changed in the last 20 years," recalls Ault. "Back then we didn't have the high-adventure programs or the huge presence at the [national Scout] jamboree."

Ault was recognized with the Distinguished Service Award at the 1988 National Conference for his service as section chief and CVC.

This Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member, originally from Gishigan Lodge, Penn Mountains Council, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, currently resides in Hacienda Heights, California. Ault is an assistant professor of surgery in the Keck School of Medicine at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

Ault received his bachelor's degree in 1987 from Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pennsylvania. He completed his medical degree at Philadelphia's Hahnemann University in 1992. He also holds a master's degree in education from USC. Ault has 2 children, Justin

and Taylor. His wife, Maria, is also a surgeon.

Ault recognizes the importance the Order of the Arrow has played in his life. "The opportunities that I was afforded in the OA provided me with leadership skills that I apply in my daily life both on a professional and personal level," Ault said.

Ault was appointed to the National Committee in 1993 by Dr. Carl Marchetti and has served as a lead adviser for many national conferences and special events.

"I enjoy serving on

the National Committee," he said. "It gives me a unique opportunity to be directly involved with the youth leadership of today and have an influence on the lives of many young people. It is really rewarding." 🌸

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NOAC Museum Renamed OA Center for History

This year at NOAC, the OA Museum has been renamed the OA Center for History. The center will have exhibits and interactive areas, as well as several exciting activities that lodges will be able to enjoy as a contingent.

The museum will include national, regional, and local OA history, Scouting history, and a store where you can pick up commemorative museum patches depicting an historical OA ceremony. For the first time, a remote traveling museum will be displayed at "The Experience" with a sampling of items on display at the NOAC Museum. This traveling museum will also be on display at select meals and special gatherings.

The museum will be the setting for two lodge competitions: the static displays of lodge history and live presentations of lodges' histories. Another exciting feature will be the OA Memorabilia Road Show, where Arrowmen can bring in memorabilia for experts to evaluate and appraise. The Center will also conduct three training cells: 'The History of

the OA', 'Ceremonial History,' and 'Your OA Time Machine,' which aim to help lodges preserve their own history.

Panel discussions with experienced Arrowmen and other OA history experts will be held throughout the conference. These discussions will be interactive as attendees will be able to contribute questions and listen to the discussions. Historical preservation will continue in several areas. The Center will conduct living history interviews with older members of the National OA Committee. They will also continue the digital archiving process of OA historical records and memorabilia.

The OA Center for History invites all NOAC participants to support these events. There are several great opportunities to learn, participate, and help preserve the Order's history. For details on activities, including all of the competitions lodges are eligible to participate in, see the individual event descriptions on the NOAC Web site via the National OA Web site at <http://www.oa-bsa.org>. 🌸

Organization, Planning of National OA Conference Changes Over Years

Youth Leadership Emerges as NOAC Develops

Ken Davis

The year 2006 marks 58 years since the first modern National OA Conference, held in 1948 at Indiana University. During this time, NOAC has grown in size, complexity, and variety of program offerings, especially in the role of youth leadership.

In 1948 and 1950, the NOAC committees were Arrangements, Registration, Group Discussions, Ceremonials, Morale, DSA, Budget, Displays (three groups), Campfire, Tableau, and Resolutions. Total attendance was listed at more than 1,000 Arrowmen. By 2004 at Iowa State University, the committees included Administration, Finance and Trading Post, Ceremonial Events, Indian Events, Recreation and Competition, Training and Leadership Development, Special Events, Camping and High Adventure, Founders Day, and Shows. Attendance has surpassed 6,000 since 1990, with more than 7,000 attendees in 1998. A new

record could be set at Michigan State University this year!

The most important and fascinating change in all these years is the move to youth leadership. In 1948, each committee was led by a member of the National OA Committee or a member of the BSA national staff. Each had a junior chairman selected from outstanding youth leaders in the OA from across the nation.

In 1949, the first election of youth was carried out among eligible area chiefs, who are now called section chiefs. The first youth to be elected at the national level was Richard Wilson of Pennsylvania, who was the National Conference Chief (NCC). Every two years thereafter, one-half of the area chiefs were invited to participate in electing the NCC and then serving as a leader of one of the committees. (In the early days there was not sufficient budget available to allow all youth chiefs to participate.) At the end of each NOAC, the chief left office.

By 1963, the decision was

made to also elect a National Conference Vice Chief (NCVC), the first of whom was Gerald McNellis of St. Paul, Minnesota. As the youth took on more and more responsibility to plan and carry out NOAC, the decision was made to keep the national officers for the entire two-year term between elections. In 1974, region chiefs were also elected for the six BSA regions. These leaders served for two years until the term was changed to a single year in 1984 to give more youth the opportunity to serve.

Youth with fresh ideas are at the planning table for national events every year. Constrained only by budget and facilities, new and more challenging ideas continue to be unveiled at each successive NOAC, which has resulted in thousands of Arrowmen being trained, inspired, and motivated. The variety of program offerings, fun, fellowship, learning, and inspiration is almost endless, thanks in large measure to the ideas and hard work of the youth leaders of the OA. 🌸

AROUND THE NATION



ADAM SCHMIDT

To promote Scout camping, Ema'O Mahpe Lodge of the Cimarron Council, Oklahoma, now coordinates, sponsors, and promotes the National Camping Award for Boy Scout troops and Varsity teams as well as the National Summertime Pack Award for Cub Scout packs in Cimarron Council. When a unit earns an award, the lodge not only pays for the ribbons and certificates, but an Arrowman also makes a public presentation. For more information, visit <http://www.cimarronbsa.org/OA.asp>.

The Arrowmen of Tichora and Chemokemon Lodges of south central Wisconsin are working together to consolidate into one lodge after their

councils merged earlier this year. Lodge leaders have embraced this opportunity to strengthen the ties of brotherhood in their region. A number of steering committee and subcommittee meetings were held this winter and spring to crystallize the consolidation plans. Both lodges are famous for their devotion to camp improvements and patch auctions to provide camperships. A joint spring conference was held at Ed Bryant Scout Reservation in April. Visit the new lodge's Web site at <http://www.glaciersedge.org>.

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.

E. Urner Goodman's OA Family Tradition

Matt MacDonald, E. Urner Goodman's great-great-nephew, continued the Order of the Arrow founder's family tradition and legacy on September 10 by receiving his OA Brotherhood honor at the Shawnee Lodge 2005 Fall Reunion and 75th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee held at the S-F Scout Ranch in Missouri. 2005 also happens to be the celebration year for the 90th Anniversary of the Order of the Arrow, started by E. Urner Goodman at Treasure Island Scout Camp in Philadelphia in the summer of 1915. Matt also earned his Eagle Scout Award earlier the same week by passing his Eagle Scout board of review. Matt is a member of Troop 604, of the New Horizons District Chapter, Greater St. Louis Area Council.

Matt and his father hosted an Urner Goodman display during the 2005 Fall Reunion with Urner Goodman family memorabilia including family pictures, four generations of Boy Scout Handbooks, OA Handbooks, copies of Norman Rockwell paintings, OA and BSA national event papercasts, BSA patches from national and council camps and events, and other OA books about the history of the OA and the life of Urner



Matt MacDonald

Goodman. They shared stories about the Goodman family, including the fact that Matt's birthday is the same as Urner's daughter, and that Urner's youngest son posed for Norman Rockwell's Eagle Scout painting while they were neighbors in Vermont. Matt also prepared a report titled "Urner Goodman – Boy Scout Legend and Religious Leader" as part of his Brotherhood rededication.

Matt and his father visited the National Scouting Museum when it was located at Murray State University and talked with the curator about the Urner



Matt MacDonald (center) stands with Shawnee Lodge brothers Mike Gallagher and Clayton Melton.

Goodman exhibit that was on display. They have also talked about sharing the rare and historic memorabilia with the curator for the new OA section at the current National Scouting Museum in Irving, Texas, and with the new OA digital archive.

When Matt is not busy with Boy Scout activities, he keeps himself

involved with his other interests in martial arts working towards a second degree black belt in taekwondo from the World Taekwondo Federation, and a first degree black belt in judo from the International Judo Federation. Matt is also on his high school wrestling team, and enjoys powerlifting and sailing high-speed catamarans. 🍷

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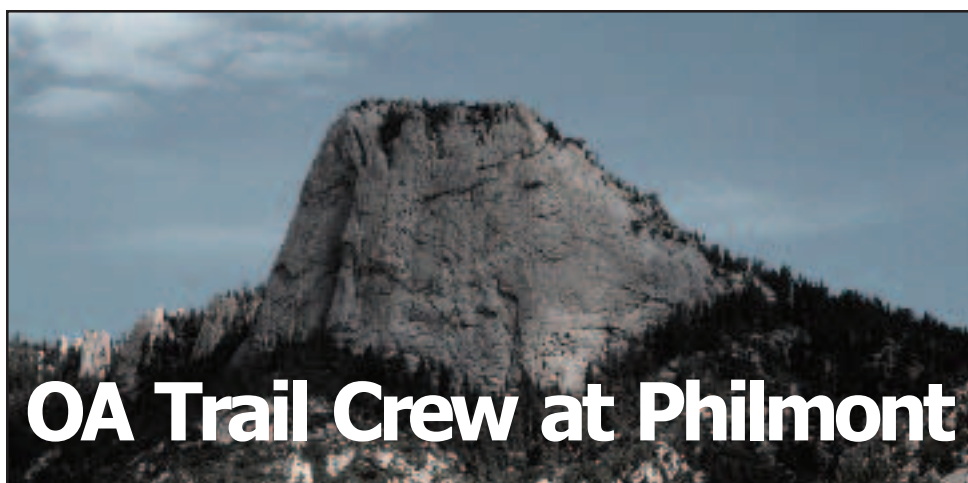
Paul Jensen

The Voyagers did not need roads. For up to 18 hours a day, they paddled miles in birch bark canoes, stopping only to carry their 180-pound loads of furs over the narrow trails between lakes. They ate dried pork and peas and slept every night beneath the stars. Hard work was their life; adventure was their reward.

Over 150 years have passed since the last Voyagers made their way through

the Boundary Waters of Minnesota. Today, many adventurers pass over the same trails, but a select few dare to build them. Those who do are the members of the Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage. For two weeks, these Arrowmen trade paddles for pick axes and move stone instead of water. They live the life of the Voyager, surrounded only by hard work, their crew, and the endless wilderness. The Wilderness Voyage program preserves the legacy of the French-Canadian adventurers by rekindling their spirit and answering the call of service.

The farther you get from civilization, the closer you become to your crew, to your thoughts, and to understanding things that really matter. Only after becoming completely immersed in the wilderness can we begin to find ourselves, for we discover our strength in times of weakness and our courage in moments of fear. The challenge awaits; are you ready for the Wilderness Voyage? 🌲



OA Trail Crew at Philmont

Brian Cutino

Beyond textbooks and calculators, there is a place of adventure and excitement that pure imagination cannot fully describe. The acclaimed Order of the Arrow Trail Crew program at Philmont National High Adventure Base is your gateway to adventure.

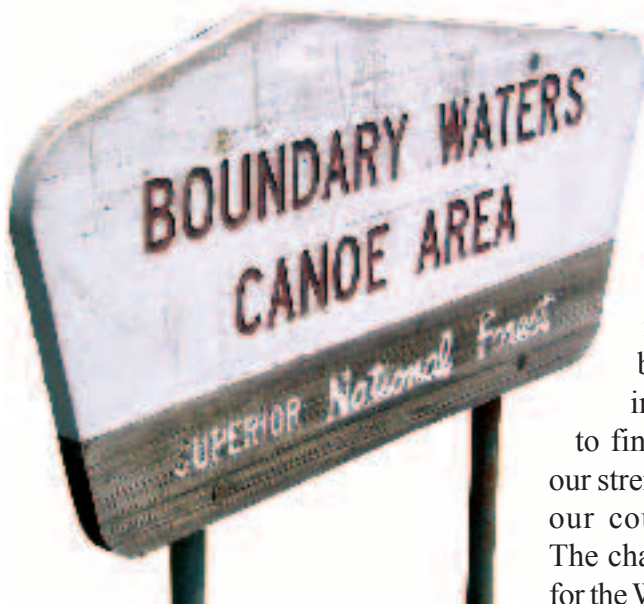
OA Trail Crew offers Arrowmen a chance to experience the wonders of Philmont Scout Ranch at the lowest price available. With one week of building trail and one week experiencing a

custom adventure trek, participants come from across the country to experience Philmont. Arrowmen learn to use trail-building tools to construct trail that will leave a lasting mark. "The sense of accomplishment after completing some of the finest trail I have ever seen is like nothing I have ever felt in my life," said Sean Royston of Jacksonville, Florida, a past OATC participant. "It was truly an honor and a privilege to serve Philmont in such a large and visible way."

When was the last time

you got a chance to work with breathtaking views? Kevin Burls of Ashland, Ohio, a past OATC participant, said, "I was able to serve with other devoted and motivated OA members in a beautiful area—the shadow of the famous Baldy Mountain."

With the OA Trail Crew program, you can finally head out to Philmont and live your Scouting dreams. Currently, all sessions are full for the 2006 season. To sign up for the waiting list, visit <http://www.oa-bsa.org>. 🌲



Time to Start Planning for an OA Ocean Adventure in 2007

Evan Chaffee

Imagine waking up each morning and going to the beach for some fun in the sun and waves. Imagine helping preserve one of nature's greatest gifts, the ocean. It is our responsibility to conserve and protect this precious gift. As Arrowmen, we have the opportunity to do these things and more by participating in the Order of the Arrow's newest high-adventure program. The OA Ocean Adventure is a two-week program at the Florida National High Adventure Sea Base in Islamorada, Florida.

In your first week, you will earn scuba certification, perform various service projects, and brush up on your beach sports skills. During the second week, you will use your new scuba skills to dive in the Florida Keys, classifying fish and helping

to preserve the ocean's precious ecosystem.

The OAOA gives you the opportunity to make lifetime friendships. Former participant Morgan Bancroft of Glastonbury, Connecticut, said, "I walked away with seven new brothers I never knew I had. Bonding with new friends from around the country was just as exciting as letting myself fall freely into the water with my gear on for the first time." Like Morgan said, you will come to Ocean Adventure alone, but you will leave knowing that those who participated with you are now your brothers.

The Ocean Adventure is an amazing experience at a bargain price. In order to learn more and become a participant in this program in 2007, you can talk to former participants, ask your lodge for more information, or go to the national OA Web site at <http://www.oa-bsa.org>. 🌲



GOD BLESS AMERICA!



Profiles in Service: Tiwahe Lodge

Adam Schmidt

The Scouts of Southern California have enjoyed their summers at Mataguay Scout Reservation for over 50 years, and the Arrowmen of Tiwahe Lodge, San Diego-Imperial Council, are determined to keep it that way. Thanks to the hard work and determination of the lodge, a new deck awaits the arrival of this summer's 2,500 campers.

Last year, with the help of a National Order of the Arrow Service Grant, lodge members improved the Scout reservation by constructing a deck adjacent to the Al Silva building. Crafted from trek deck materials and noncorrosive hardware, the 2,800-square-foot deck is largely weatherproof and will endure for generations of Mataguay Scouts. The membership of Tiwahe Lodge contributed 3,300 service

hours to complete the task.

The lighted deck is handicap-accessible and can accommodate 300 campers at once. The new deck is expected to serve as a site for a variety of summer camp programs, including merit badge classes, dining, outdoor gatherings, and assemblies. Districts, troops, Wood Badge participants, and Arrowmen will utilize the deck during the remainder of the year. 🌲

Congratulations to the 2006 Quality Lodges!

Central Region----Totanhana Nakaha----Naguonabe----Tom Kita----Awase---- Otyokwa----Cho-Gun-Mun-A-Nock Timmeu----Blue Ox----Manitous----Mi-Gi-Si O-Paw-Gan----Mischigonong----Nacha Tindey----Gabe-Shi-Win-Gi-Ji-Kens Nischa----Chuppecat----Kiondaga----Kiskakon----Mikano----Mascoutens----Owasippe----Illini----Woapink----Michigamea Cuyahoga----Wapashuwi----Netawatwees----Menawngihella----Chi-Hoota-Wei----Onondaga----Ku-Ni-Eh----Tarhe Tecumseh----Dzie-Hauk----Tonga----Tatanka-Anpetu-Wi----Golden Sun----Kit-Ke-Hak-O-Kut----Wah-Sha-She----Taleka

Northeast Region----Madockawanda----Passaconaway----Tulpe----Grand Monadnock----Memsochet----Tisquantum

Pachachaug----Na Tsi Hi----Hunnickick----Ajapeu Lenapehoking----Sakuwit----Woapalanne----Shinnecock Lowwapaneu----Achewon Netopolis----Owaneco Shu-Shu-Gah----Suanhacky----Aquehongian----Tkaen Dod Ashokwahta----Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee----Ganeodiyo Ty-Ohni----Langundowi----Gyantwachia----Loon Otahnagon----Kayanernh-Kowa----Onteroraus Ga-Hon-Ga----Half Moon----Witauchsoman----Wyona Wunita Gokhos----Unami----Kittatinny----Woapeu Sisilija Octoraro----Monaken----Nachamawat----Ah'Tic Wagion----Enda Lechauhanne----Ahtuhquog----Tuckahoe

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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.ou-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.ou-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.ou-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.ou-bsa.org>.

2006 National Planning Calendar

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