National Chief Delivers Report to the Nation

Evan Michael Hess

A delegation representing the Boy Scouts of America presented its annual Report to the Nation this past February. Representing more than 4.6 million young men and women who are members of the BSA, a carefully selected group of outstanding youth leaders went to the White House to greet President George W. Bush and deliver the message. Among these distinguished delegates was the 2007 National Chief of the Order of the Arrow, Evan Chaffee.

The delegation was composed of eight youth representatives including Chaffee, National Venturing President Marguerite Elizabeth Belli, and six young Scouts who have performed extraordinary feats. Of these delegates, four had been awarded medals for heroism and bravery. Chaffee described the members of the group as real-life heroes that embody the Scouting spirit. “They truly inspired me,” he said. “Knowing that these young men used skills learned in Scouting to save lives is a testament to the positive effect the Boy Scouts of America is having on today’s youth.”

The delegation spent five days in Washington, D.C., delivering a report that outlines the service, morals, and training that our organization provides for our nation’s youth and the communities in which we live. In addition to President Bush, the report was delivered to a number of America’s leaders and key decision makers, including Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Peter Pace, Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell.

Chaffee described the experience as one in which he was both overwhelmed and humbled. It was inspiring to hear about the impact that the Boy Scouts of America has on the youth of the America. This conglomerate Report to the Nation sent a truly powerful message. “Representing the Boy Scouts of America was an honor,” Chaffee said. “The opportunity to present our nation’s leaders with a report of our values-based program was one that I was proud to undertake.”

As a part of the experience, the delegation was given an all-access tour of Washington, D.C., that included Arlington National Cemetery, the U.S. Naval Academy, the Central Intelligence Agency, the U.S. Supreme Court, and the Capitol Building.

The Report to the Nation is delivered annually to the political leaders of the nation, as has been the tradition since 1910 when the first report was delivered to President William Howard Taft. For more information on the most recent Report to the Nation, please visit http://www.bsartn2006.org.

Noel K. Zakin, a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award and OA Distinguished Service Award, died on March 3, 2007, in New York City. Zakin was one of the first youth to cast a vote for a national youth chief at the 1949 national OA planning meeting. He served on the Executive Board of the Greater New York Council for more than 20 years and was a mentor and inspiration for generations of Scouts and Arrowmen.
National Service Award Recipients Announced

The Order of the Arrow is pleased to announce its 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, to their councils. Awards are presented to two outstanding lodges in each region annually.

The lodges being recognized for their 2006 accomplishments are:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Region</th>
<th>Lodge</th>
<th>Council</th>
<th>Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Central</td>
<td>Cho-Gun-Mun-A-Nock Lodge</td>
<td>Hawkeye Area Council #172</td>
<td>Cedar Rapids, IA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Michigana Lodge</td>
<td>Calumet Council #152</td>
<td>Munster, IN</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Northeast</td>
<td>Pamela Lodge</td>
<td>Katahdin Area Council #216</td>
<td>Bangor, ME</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Ah’Tic Lodge</td>
<td>Bucktail Council #509</td>
<td>Dubois, PA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Southern</td>
<td>O-Shot-Caw Lodge</td>
<td>South Florida Council</td>
<td>Miami Lakes, Florida</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Echockotee Lodge</td>
<td>North Florida Council #87</td>
<td>Jacksonville, FL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Western</td>
<td>Talako Lodge</td>
<td>Marin Council #35</td>
<td>San Rafael, CA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Orca Lodge</td>
<td>Redwood Empire Council #41</td>
<td>Santa Rosa, CA</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

E. Uner Goodman Camping Award Recipients Selected

The Order of the Arrow is pleased to announce the selection of eight lodges for the E. Uner Goodman Camping Award. The award was established as a tribute and testimonial to the Order’s founder, E. Uner 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 2006 accomplishments are:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Region</th>
<th>Lodge</th>
<th>Council</th>
<th>Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Central</td>
<td>Mi-Gi-Si O-Paw-Gan Lodge</td>
<td>Detroit Area Council #262</td>
<td>Detroit, MI</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Golden Sun Lodge</td>
<td>Cornhusker Council #324</td>
<td>Bloomington, Indiana</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Northeast</td>
<td>Tisquantum Lodge</td>
<td>Old Colony Council #249</td>
<td>Canton, MA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Kittatinny Lodge</td>
<td>Hawk Mountain Council #528</td>
<td>Reading, PA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Southern</td>
<td>Ittawamba Lodge</td>
<td>West Tennessee Area Council #559</td>
<td>Jackson, TN</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Colonnelle Lodge</td>
<td>Sam Houston Area Council #576</td>
<td>Houston, TX</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Western</td>
<td>Talako Lodge</td>
<td>Marin Council #35</td>
<td>San Rafael, CA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Cahuilla Lodge</td>
<td>California Inland Empire Council #45</td>
<td>Redlands, CA</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

PROFILE IN SERVICE: Service comes ‘natural’ to Anpetu-We Lodge

Adam Schmidt

“Down and dirty.” That’s the way the Arrowmen of Anpetu-We Lodge, Greater St. Louis Area Council, served their local community this spring. During two separate One Day of Service events in April and May, lodge members worked to enhance the environment in southeast Missouri and southern Illinois, armed with shovel and trowel.

First, the lodge spent a brisk April morning at the Conservation Campus in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, where tasks included relocating bushes and shrubs, planting more than 20 varieties of native plant species, creating a new flowerbed for spring annuals, and mulching several existing flowerbeds. In May, Arrowmen converged at Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge in southern Illinois to repair and maintain trails throughout the refuge for recreational use. More than 70 lodge members participated in these projects, amassing more than 250 hours of cheerful service.

Anpetu-We Lodge chose two One Day of Service events this year to improve places of environmental education and natural recreation so that others can visit and enjoy local conservation zones. “The best part about this effort is that this work is important to the local community,” explained lodge Vice Chief John Wright.

“The central focus of the Order of the Arrow is service like this,” Wright said. “Through service we show that we are willing to sacrifice our time for the betterment of our fellowman. I believe we are changing the world for the better, one community at a time.”
Train the Trainer Hosted at Florida Sea Base

Dave Schaub

During a non-Conference year, the Order of the Arrow hosts a national Train-The-Trainer (TTT) course to update and improve the National Leadership Seminar and National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar programs. Each region sends a contingent composed of key youth and adult leaders who will be the core NLS and NLATS trainers for the following year. This year, TTT was held at the Florida National High Adventure Sea Base in Islamorada, Florida.

Upon arrival at the Sea Base, the trainers were welcomed by National Chief Evan Chaffee and OA Vice Chairman of Leadership Development Mark Chilutti. The weekend was themed “Back to Basics.” Following an icebreaker session, trainers were divided into their respective groups. The NLS and NLATS groups were led by Chilutti and Northeast Region Chairman Randy Cline.

With the “Back to Basics” theme in mind, the event leadership included members of the first NLS team on the TTT staff to provide a unique perspective of what they had in mind when they designed the Order’s premier leadership course. They also offered insight, tips, and methods to focus on for each individual session.

The NLATS participants had their hands full as they deliberated over changes to the lodge adviser training program. By the end of the weekend, all of the participants agreed with the program changes.

The TTT would not be complete without an opportunity to explore the beautiful Florida Sea Base. On Saturday afternoon, participants took a break from their meetings to go snorkeling in the coves. The day concluded with a rededication ceremony performed by the 2007 region chiefs. The next morning before heading home, the TTT participants made a commitment to improve the NLS and NLATS programs in their regions.

Project in 2008 to Provide Service Nationwide

Mason Thomas

In the summer of 2008, the Order of the Arrow and the USDA Forest Service will team up to provide service to five sites across the country over five weeks. This endeavor is called ArrowCorps5 and will be one of the most ambitious projects the Order has ever undertaken. The goal is to have a thousand Arrowmen at each site to provide cheerful service to our national forests.

The five parks are Mark Twain National Forest in Missouri, Manti-La Sal National Forest in Utah, George Washington and Jefferson National Forests in Virginia, Shasta-Trinity National Forest in California, and Bridger-Teton National Forest in Wyoming. This and future issues of the National Bulletin will highlight one of these sites and the specific projects to be completed.

During the week of June 14–21, 2008, a thousand of the nation’s hardest working Arrowmen will be in the Manti-La Sal National Forest in southeastern Utah to remove an invasive plant species known as tamarisk (salt cedar). Tamarisk is a particularly harsh plant because it not only absorbs valuable water from the soil, but also deposits salt that kills native plant species. Each individual plant annually produces around 500,000 wind-dispersed seeds, each of which can germinate in the soil within 24 hours. This task is not an impossible one because a day’s work will push back tamarisk growth.

The State of Utah, as well as the counties of Emery and Carbon, will assist with the conservation efforts by bringing even more hands to help reclaim this lost terrain. Those who attend this and other ArrowCorps5 projects will also have the opportunity to take a day off, relax, and have some fun. At the Utah site, participants will be able to choose between rafting on the Green and Colorado rivers, geocaching, hiking, rappelling, mountain biking, playing in a golf tournament, or visiting a museum and dinosaur quarry.

Watch the upcoming editions of the National Bulletin for articles highlighting the other four sites. Information about ArrowCorps5 can also be found on the Order of the Arrow Web site, http://www.oa-bsa.org.

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.
Witauchsoman Lodge: A Unique OA Scoutreach Mentoring Program

Scout Best

Witauchsoman Lodge of the Minsi Trails Council in Pennsylvania and New Jersey has created a unique program to better serve their council’s Scoutreach troops. Code-named Nature Quest, the lodge’s program is currently in its fifth year.

The first years of the program involved only one of the lodge’s six chapters. Seeing that there was some general confusion about OA Scoutreach Mentoring, the chapter’s main goal was to build awareness between the district and troops, as well as to introduce the Order of the Arrow program. Despite the fact that the Arrowmen often did not receive recognition for their service because of the unique method, the youth still accepted the challenge. The chapter planned a camporee for the troops to attend and taught them about basic camping skills. In addition, Arrowmen helped with the staffing of district events and encouraged Scoutreach troops to attend.

By year three (Nature Quest III), other chapters in the lodge became involved and the regular OA Scoutreach program was implemented. Arrowmen were paired up with troops to help them during weekly meetings and events. Since a majority of the council’s Scoutreach troops meet after school, it was hard for Arrowmen to attend meetings. The Nature Quest team discovered that this nationally suggested method was not going to work in their council.

By the fourth year, Witauchsoman Lodge finally got it right. Nature Quest IV was presented to the lodge’s executive board, where it was decided to create a new operating committee within the lodge. The new Scoutreach committee functions like any other committee of the lodge. It has a lodge chairman and a yearly budget, sets goals, and has a committee that includes subchairman from each chapter. The lodge also realized that it is important to have Arrowmen involved in both Boy Scouting and Cub Scouting Scoutreach units. Because the regular method did not work well the previous year, a different approach was developed using ideas from Nature Quest I. Arrowmen planned and operated four councilwide Scoutreach events, two for Cub Scouts and two for Boy Scouts. Each one proved to be a great success.

So many Arrowmen learned outdoor skills in addition to working on rank advancement. Furthermore, Arrowmen made sure Scoutreach troops were attending their district’s camporees.

Nature Quest V is well on its way. For 2007, the lodge’s Scoutreach committee will again conduct weekend Scoutreach events for the council, as well as increase awareness of the program.

Leaderthink: Leaving a Legacy

Ross Armstrong

Because leadership positions in the Order of the Arrow normally last one year, it is common practice to set goals relative to what can be done during that short period of time. Although it is important to accomplish these goals during our time of influence, a large part of successful leadership involves the legacy that is left behind. Legacy has been officially defined as “something handed down from an ancestor or a predecessor or from the past.”

As members of the OA, our legacy should include more than simply the customs and traditions of our lodges. It must also include brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. As young leaders, it is important that we set aspirations above and beyond the boundaries set by our role or position. Establish a vision for your legacy early in the year, and think about what you want your lasting contribution to be.

You can take a few simple steps to establish a legacy and ensure its success. First, when developing your goals for the year, note how those goals can be expanded in the future. Are they one-time goals or will they impact the success of the next leader? Try to ensure that at least half of your goals for the year match your desired legacy and will have a significant influence on improvements for the following year. Second, communicate your vision to fellow Arrowmen. Chances are that an Arrowman helping you this year will be a leader next year. If members understand the long-term vision of your goals, they are more likely to carry them on when they are asked to lead. Finally, ensure that the transition from year to year is a smooth one. Make yourself available to your successor once you have left office. It should be clear that as your successor has questions, he or she can turn to you for answers.

Do not underestimate the importance of leaving a legacy. It will be the single most important measure by which others will evaluate your success. It is the single greatest impact you can leave on our organization. Will that legacy be clear? Will your legacy have lasting effects? How will your time in the driver’s seat be remembered?
Visit the OA Trading Post Online at www.oa-bsa.org

Order memorabilia for the 2007 National Conservation and Leadership Summit!

You do not need to attend the Summit to order these limited edition items!
Building a Legacy: OA High Adventure

**Jake B. Knudsen**

The Order of the Arrow’s reputation has been built in part as a service organization that promotes camping and high adventure. These principles are best expressed today in the three high-adventure programs that the Order of the Arrow sponsors.

The Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage program is an experience to remember. Based in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness between the United States and Canada, it is a two-week adventure that is divided equally between building portage trails and a weeklong backwater canoe trek. The service week involves construction and restoration of many backwoods portage trails. Most of the projects involve building turnpikes in the muddy trail sections to help drain and decontaminate water sources.

In the summer of 2006, the program was credited with construction of the longest turnpike in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area. It measured approximately 18 inches wide and 250 feet in length. Before the turnpike was built, the trail had been a swampy section with downed birch trees that forced people to leap from log to log to stay out of the mud. Now that the turnpike is complete, natural restoration will occur. Within a few years the devastation that existed will hardly be noticeable.

Our longest-running high-adventure program is the Order of the Arrow Trail Crew program at Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico. OATC takes its participants on a journey through beautiful terrain and natural magnificence. Similar to the Wilderness Voyage, this program consists of a service week and a trek week. The program heavily emphasizes backpacking, trail building, and the Leave No Trace approach to camping.

The service week focuses on clearing terrain, constructing switchbacks, building water retention bars, and other trail-building activities from the foothills to the highest peak at Philmont, Mount Baldy. Since its inception over 10 years ago, the OATC program has constructed seven full-length trails and countless hours of service to Philmont Scout Ranch.

The third and newest high-adventure program is the Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure program at the Florida High Adventure Sea Base in Islamorada, Florida. This two-week adventure involves official PADI scuba certification during the first week and service projects involving Florida Keys wildlife, including coral restoration, during the second week.

Although these three programs are inherently different, they have a recurring theme. The work completed in each of these programs leaves behind a lasting legacy that will exist and benefit others for years to come.

For more information about the Order of the Arrow’s high-adventure programs, visit the national OA Web site at http://www.oa-bsa.org.
Order’s Emphasis on Youth Leadership Goes Back More Than 50 Years

Ken Davis

After World War II, the Order of the Arrow became an official part of the BSA program and the Grand Lodge of the Order was dissolved. At the National OA Conference in 1948, the Steering Committee of the Grand Lodge became the National OA Committee. Soon thereafter, under the leadership of Chairman H. Lloyd Nelson, the group embarked on a mission to foster youth leadership in the OA. Plans already under way allowed for the election of area conference chiefs to plan and oversee annual area pow wows of lodges for training and fellowship. Some of these were elected in 1948 and others in 1949.

On December 29, 1949, a meeting convened at Alpine Scout Camp in northern New Jersey to plan the 1950 NOAC at Indiana University. In attendance were members of the national committee, as well as nine of the newly elected area conference chiefs, one from as far away as Texas. Areas had been numbered from among the 12 regions of the BSA at the time. Representatives from six of the areas were in attendance. These young men met to discuss what they thought should happen at the next NOAC, and they elected Dick Wilson of Area 3B, Washington, Pennsylvania, as the first National OA Conference chief.

Among the ideas considered for the 1950 NOAC were better-prepared training, organized American Indian dancing, and ceremonies. Noel Zakin of Area 2A suggested a better promotion plan and involvement of more lodges in the national meeting. Special luncheons were planned for area conference chiefs and other area leaders, as well as for Scout executives and lodge advisers.

By the time the meeting was over, a plan was in place and each youth took responsibility for a portion of the conference, to be advised by a member of the national committee. This scheme would carry on and has gradually led to the current NOAC planning process, along with the current structure of elected youth leaders at all levels of the OA, from chapter through lodge and region to national. The attendees at the 1949 meeting were pioneers in establishing a plan for youth leadership in the Order—a plan that remains in place to this day.

JumpStart Is Here For Your Lodge’s Newest Members

Lodge leaders, don’t forget to continue promoting JumpStart to your new Ordeal members.

This Web site has been designed specifically for new members of the Order of the Arrow.

Here new members can catch a glimpse of the OA’s rich history, discover more about the Ordeal experience, and learn how to seal their membership in the Order by taking the next step: Brotherhood Membership.

After your next Ordeal, send all your new members to http://www.jumpstart.oa-bsa.org to get them started on the right foot.
Congratulations to the 2007 Quality Lodges!


2007 National Planning Calendar

May 30 National OA Committee Meeting
May 30-June 1 National Annual Adventure, Atlanta, GA
June 5 OA Ocean Adventure Begins
June 8 OA Trail Crew and Voyage Begin
June 17-23 OA-LLD Training, Philmont Scout Ranch
June 29 OA Service Grant Applications Distributed
July 25 NCLS Staff Week Begins
July 28-August 1 NCLS, Bloomington, IN
August 12 OA Ocean Adventure Ends
August 16 OA Trail Crew and Voyage End
September 14-16 SOS - SR, Huntsville, AL
September 28-30 NLS, London, OH
NLS, Las Vegas, NV
NLS/NLATS, Alpine, NJ
October 1 OA Charter Kits Distributed
October 5-7 NLS, Monteagle, TN
NLS, Montana
October 19-21 SOS - WR, Phoenix, AZ
October 31 OA Service Grant Applications Due
November 1 OA Lodge Program Packs Available
November 2-4 SOS - NER, Alpine, NJ
November 9-11 NLS/NLATS, Live Oak, FL
November 16-18 NLS, Parkville, MO
November 20-22 National Planning Meeting, Dallas, TX
December 27-30 Lodge Charter Renewal Deadline

NATIONAL OFFICER DIRECTORY

National Chief Evan Chaffee
San Juan Capistrano, California
Evan.Chaffee@gmail.com
National Vice Chief Larry Newton
Montgomery, Alabama
LMNBSA@hotmail.com
Central Region Chief Don Hough
Hoffman Estates, Illinois
chief@central.oa-bsa.org
Northeast Region Chief Ken Hager
Uniontown, Pennsylvania
chief@northeast.oa-bsa.org
Southern Region Chief Alex Gomez
Pembroke Pines, Florida
chief@southern.oa-bsa.org
Western Region Chief Chad Wolver
Tempe, Arizona
chad.wolver@asu.edu

2007 National Planning Calendar

May 30 National OA Committee Meeting
May 30-June 1 National Annual Adventure, Atlanta, GA
June 5 OA Ocean Adventure Begins
June 8 OA Trail Crew and Voyage Begin
June 17-23 OA-LLD Training, Philmont Scout Ranch
June 29 OA Service Grant Applications Distributed
July 25 NCLS Staff Week Begins
July 28-August 1 NCLS, Bloomington, IN
August 12 OA Ocean Adventure Ends
August 16 OA Trail Crew and Voyage End
September 14-16 SOS - SR, Huntsville, AL
September 28-30 NLS, London, OH
NLS, Las Vegas, NV
NLS/NLATS, Alpine, NJ
October 1 OA Charter Kits Distributed
October 5-7 NLS, Monteagle, TN
NLS, Montana
October 19-21 SOS - WR, Phoenix, AZ
October 31 OA Service Grant Applications Due
November 1 OA Lodge Program Packs Available
November 2-4 SOS - NER, Alpine, NJ
November 9-11 NLS/NLATS, Live Oak, FL
November 16-18 NLS, Parkville, MO
November 20-22 National Planning Meeting, Dallas, TX
December 27-30 Lodge Charter Renewal Deadline

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 path 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.

2007 National Planning Calendar

May 30 National OA Committee Meeting
May 30-June 1 National Annual Adventure, Atlanta, GA
June 5 OA Ocean Adventure Begins
June 8 OA Trail Crew and Voyage Begin
June 17-23 OA-LLD Training, Philmont Scout Ranch
June 29 OA Service Grant Applications Distributed
July 25 NCLS Staff Week Begins
July 28-August 1 NCLS, Bloomington, IN
August 12 OA Ocean Adventure Ends
August 16 OA Trail Crew and Voyage End
September 14-16 SOS - SR, Huntsville, AL
September 28-30 NLS, London, OH
NLS, Las Vegas, NV
NLS/NLATS, Alpine, NJ
October 1 OA Charter Kits Distributed
October 5-7 NLS, Monteagle, TN
NLS, Montana
October 19-21 SOS - WR, Phoenix, AZ
October 31 OA Service Grant Applications Due
November 1 OA Lodge Program Packs Available
November 2-4 SOS - NER, Alpine, NJ
November 9-11 NLS/NLATS, Live Oak, FL
November 16-18 NLS, Parkville, MO
November 20-22 National Planning Meeting, Dallas, TX
December 27-30 Lodge Charter Renewal Deadline

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 path 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.