Beginning in the spring of 1910, a delegation of young, decorated Scouts traveled to our nation’s capital to deliver the Boy Scouts of America’s annual Report to the Nation. This comprehensive report includes updates on Scouting growth and program highlights.

Each day, the delegation distributes these reports to important agencies, offices, and key figures involved with the Scouting movement. Since the mid-1960s, it has become customary that the national chief of the Order of the Arrow be included in this experience. In early March, National Chief Jack O’Neill left his hometown of St. Louis to head to the nation’s capital for a week.

This year’s delegation included the National Venturing President, a decorated Sea Scout, two Cub Scouts, a pair of Boy Scouts, and even a Medal of Merit recipient. Each of the seven members has a unique story about Scouting’s impact on their lives.

“Representing over 4.5 million Boy Scouts and 170,000 Arrowmen at the Boy Scouts’ annual report in Washington, D.C., was a tremendous honor,” O’Neill said. “We spent five days in Washington, D.C., delivering the report to our nation’s leaders. We met people like distinguished Eagle Scout and Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell.”

Some of the personal highlights for Jack included trips to institutions such as the NASA Goddard Space Center, U.S. Marine Corps Base Quantico, the Pentagon, U.S. Secret Service Headquarters, the National Capitol, Arlington National Cemetery, and the White House. “Each place had its own unique atmosphere,” he said.

A tradition started with President Taft in 1910, the annual appearance by the BSA highlights the continuous commitment that is decreed in our oath, “duty to country.”

Recalling the events of meeting the president, O’Neill summarized by saying, “We reached the West Wing and waited in the Roosevelt Room, just outside the Oval Office. They opened the large door to the Oval Office, and there stood the President of the United States, Barack Obama. The entire contingent was introduced to the President, then we went to the formal presentation of the report.”

For daily photo slideshows, delegate interviews, and a look back at previous reports, visit www.bsartn2008.org. Be sure to check the Web site early next spring to see all the details for the 100th Anniversary presentation.
## 2009 National Planning Calendar

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## A perspective on leadership

### Youth conference leadership elected since 1949

By KEN DAVIS  
Founder's Advisory Council

The pattern for the National OA Conference was set in December 1949 when the first National Conference Chief was elected to oversee the first youth-led conference in 1950. Dick Wilson, of Washington, Pennsylvania, was elected by the eight other chiefs present at the meeting held at Camp Alpine in northern New Jersey. After that time, nearly every election for national conference chief was held in December before the conference.

Later, the title was changed to National Chief, and a National Vice Chief and Region Chiefs were eventually added. The election was held among the youth Area Conference Chiefs (now called Section Chiefs) who attended. For many years, only half of the Area Conference Chiefs were invited, because of travel costs, size of meeting space, and similar constraints. Every two years, the Area chiefs from Areas who did not participate the last time were invited to the current election and planning meeting.

The one deviation from the December election pattern happened at the 1950 National OA Conference. At that meeting, there were two meetings of the Area Conference Chiefs in attendance to talk about various aspects of OA policy. At the end of the second meeting, the Area Conference Chief elected the National Conference Chief who would serve at the 1952 NOAC. James Montgomery, of Pellissippi Lodge in Knoxville, Tennessee, was elected to replace Dick Wilson.

Montgomery was a major in the ROTC program on campus, active in Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity, President of the Kappa Alpha Fraternity, and a varsity debater. He later served as general chairman and leader of the youth chiefs at the 1952 national conference, held at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

After this one experiment of having a national chief elected two years before his conference, the process returned to its original scheme, and officers were elected at December planning meetings just before the year of a NOAC. Later, national chiefs would serve for two years, between 1974 and the mid-1980s, but they were never again elected at a NOAC.

### Multicultural Markets replaces Scoutreach

OA mentoring will continue to serve with the Multicultural Markets Team. Visit scouting.org/MultiCultural.aspx for more information.

### National Updates

Purchase great recognition items and gifts. Click on the National Endowment page to review the selection of coins, figurines and prints.

### Fill-able OA Forms online

OA forms are available on oabsa.org that include text fields that allow them to be filled out online. Forms include high adventure applications, national award applications, the Vigil Honor petition, and the Distinguished Service Award nomination form.

### 2008 Quality Lodge Pins

Pins are now available for ordering. Lodges may purchase pins for $1.50 each. The order form is available in the 2009 Program Support Pak. Visit oabsa.org for more information.

### Official Publication of the National Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts of America

The National Bulletin is published quarterly. If you have an article and/or photo (with caption) for submission, please e-mail it to Mark Hendricks at mphendricks@gmail.com. Alternatively, submissions may be mailed to: Boy Scouts of America, Order of the Arrow, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015.

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Leaderthink: film and acting

By KIERAN THOMPSON
2006 Western Region Chief

During my first year as an adult in the Order of the Arrow, I spent my summer attending the Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage and the National Conservation and Leadership Summit. After a summer filled with OA adventures, I made the next logical step—a move to Hollywood to pursue a career as a film director.

One of the biggest examples of “OA leadership” that I use everyday is the Leaderthink process. While working with actors, I analyze the situation, make decisions, and communicate hundreds of times per day.

The most memorable experience was the development of my thesis film, Caleb Couldn’t Love, on expensive film. We were down to the last scene, on the last night of a five-day shoot and, due to camera issues earlier that day, we only had enough film to shoot one take of each actor. The scene also happened to be the most important scene of the film, the climax. The scenes needed to be perfect the first time.

I began rehearsing the scene with the actors. The lead role nailed it. I watched his performance and communicated minor adjustments that were successfully implemented. The actress, however, had a more difficult role in the scene, and wasn’t coming across properly. I communicated some adjustments; she gave a different performance, but it still wasn’t what I was looking for. After talking with her, reviewing the scene, and rehearsing, we tried again. The scene was different, but still not what I needed. After trial and error using the Leaderthink process repetitively, I realized that with the actress in this scene, the best way to communicate was to tell her the opposite of what I wanted! Actors can be a bizarre bunch. We shot the scene, and she performed perfectly. Mission accomplished.

As Arrowmen, we’re trained to adapt, and we know how to “be prepared” no matter what challenges present themselves. All Arrowmen should take advantage of the training available in the OA. It is the perfect environment to try new things. And, as Arrowmen transition from youth to adults, the arsenal of skills built up will be critical. I assure you, you’ll need them!

Is the new Boy Scout uniform required at all OA events?

Because Arrowmen must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America and the OA is an official part of the BSA, Arrowmen are expected to present themselves in proper BSA uniform whenever appropriate. It is usually up to the leadership of an OA event to determine whether the field uniform or some other attire is most appropriate. Currently both the older uniform style and the new centennial uniform are proper field uniforms, and thus either may be worn. More information can be found online or in the BSA’s Insignia Guide, item no. 33066.

Send your Burning Issues to Editor in Chief Mark Hendricks at mphendricks@gmail.com.

Chiefly Speaking

Brothers,

The year 2009 is well under way, and I could not have asked for a more exciting beginning. We have already held successful NLS programs in every region, and lodges from across the country have been doing their part to help train the leaders of tomorrow. These are exciting events that inspire enduring memories. I am eager to see what the rest of this year will hold for the Order.

As we move forward, I find it helpful to consider this famous quote: “Great thoughts speak only to the thoughtful mind, but great actions speak to all mankind.” Theodore Roosevelt said this, and in doing so, articulated his belief that in order to be successful, we must not only think about where we want to go, but also that we must react to those thoughts and take action. We are the drivers of our own destiny. As Arrowmen, we can use the Order’s programs as a guiding force to leave our mark on history in many important ways.

There are countless ways to make an impact through our organization and within society. Whether your individual contribution is large or small, being proactive about your convictions makes all the difference. Your impact can be as straightforward as practicing Leave No Trace, cheerful service, or living the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

As your National Vice Chief and friend, I encourage each of you to set lofty goals and work toward fulfilling them. Do not allow barriers to stand in the way of your success. Maintaining your integrity at all times is a must. Retaining the respect of those you lead, serve, and work with is crucial for every successful leader. Learning from our past helps shed light on how to approach the future. In 2009, we can be confident that the Order of the Arrow will continue to accomplish great things.

Yours in Service,

Dan Higham
2009 National Vice Chief
The Josh Sain Memorial Scholarship, established in 1998, honors the life of former National Vice Chief Josh Sain, who was killed in an auto accident in 1997. The scholarships are available to immediate past national and regional officers, and immediate past section chiefs upon successful completion of their terms. All scholarship recipients are selected based on performance in their respective roles and academic achievements while serving as one of the aforementioned officers.

The National Order of the Arrow Committee congratulates the following Josh Sain Memorial Scholarship recipients. Each of the following Arrowmen will receive $1,500:

- Jacob P. Wellman is the immediate past National Chief. Jake attends the University of New Mexico, where he is majoring in political science.
- Benjamin L. Stilwill is the immediate past National Vice Chief. Ben attends DePauw University, where he is a business major.
- Mark P. Hendricks is the immediate past Western Region Chief. Mark attends Claremont College, where he majors in chemistry.
- S. Tyler Elliot is the immediate past Central Region Chief. Tyler attends the University of Cincinnati, where he is a middle childhood education major.

Each of the following Arrowmen will receive $1,000:

- Geoffrey S. Landau is a past section chief from the Southern Region. Geoff attends the University of Florida, where he is majoring in animal science.
- Colin C. Smalley is a past section chief from the Western Region. Colin attends Creighton University, where he majors in environmental science.
- Joseph R. Maugeri is a past section chief from the Northeast Region. Joe attends Wake Forest University, where he is an English major.
- Alexander F. Braden is a past section chief from the Western Region. Alex attends the University of La Verne, where he is majoring in public administration.
- Isaac A. N. McDaniel is a past section chief from the Southern Region. Isaac attends Oklahoma Christian University, where he is majoring in new media design.

Eight lodges have been awarded the 2009 National Service Award. This award is presented to lodges for outstanding service rendered during the 2008 calendar year. Created in 1999, the National Service Award recognizes lodge service quantitatively and qualitatively, and a lodge must be a National Quality Lodge to be considered for this award.

The following were selected to receive the National Service Award by the National Order of the Arrow Committee:

- **Central Region**
  - Cho-Gun-Mun-A-Nock Lodge
  - Hawkeye Area Council #172
  - Cedar Rapids, IA

- **Northeast Region**
  - Madockawanda Lodge
  - Pine Tree Council #218
  - Portland, ME

- **Southern Region**
  - Echocootee Lodge
  - North Florida Council #87
  - Jacksonville, FL

- **Western Region**
  - Wiatawa Lodge
  - Orange County Council #39
  - Santa Ana, CA

- **Southern Region**
  - Mikanakawa Lodge
  - Circle Ten Council #571
  - Dallas, TX

- **Western Region**
  - Orca Lodge
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Looking back at the 1994 National Officers

By JAMES TARBOX
People/Recognitions Editor

The 1993 National Planning Meeting brought a big change to the lives of six individuals as they were elected as the Order of the Arrow youth leadership for 1994. They were National Chief Scott Beckett, National Vice Chief Kyle Tanner, Southern Region Chief Rob Berner, Western Region Chief Jim Lewis, Central Region Chief Kyle Brown, and Northeast Region Chief Ryan “Zieak” McFarland.

Each developed their own individual experience throughout the year, but all would experience the thrill of representing our organization on a national scale.

Jim Lewis says, “It was an absolute rush being able to travel around the country every weekend. Until then, I had only been on an airplane once! College relationships and activities were difficult to maintain, but I loved the Scouting relationships that I was forming, and the opportunity to contribute to an organization at a regional and national level was priceless!”

Zieak McFarland adds, “I loved the travel, speaking to Scouts with similar interests, and feeling like I could make a difference in the organization.”

Looking back at his term as national chief, current National Committee member Scott Beckett says, “Being a national officer was a once-in-a-lifetime experience to make a contribution to service to others, an honor and a gift that should humble all who have the opportunity.” Scott also believes that the positions have evolved and include more leadership capabilities and greater responsibilities such as NOAC scheduling and logistics.

While serving as national officers, each learned many lessons.

“I learned to be very comfortable just being myself. At the time, I had long hair usually pulled into a ponytail, so I did not fit the stereotypical national officer appearance. I just really looked different,” McFarland says.

Over in the Western Region, Lewis was learning how to include everyone to accomplish goals. “Leaders must be humble and be servants to those they lead,” he says. “When people all work together toward a common goal, amazing things can happen. During my term, all of our lodges worked together to organize 72 new Scout units across the region!”

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Brown graduated from Iowa State University in 1997 with a bachelor’s degree in anthropology. He is now a paramedic for Mobile Intensive Care Services at Mary Greeley Medical Center. He also teaches emergency medical services courses regularly.

McFarland graduated from Sheldon Jackson College with a Bachelor of Science in natural resource management. He is now the director of parks and recreation for the city of Petersburg, Alaska.

Lewis graduated from the University of Southern California in 1997 with a B.S. in public policy and management, and again in 1998 from Syracuse University with a master’s in public administration. Berner graduated from Baylor University with a business degree and now works sales for Tremco Inc.

Lodges Honored with Goodman Camping Award

Eight lodges have been recognized for their efforts in camping promotion with the E. Urner Goodman Camping Award. The award was established as a tribute and testimonial to the Order’s founder, Dr. 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 National Order of the Arrow Committee congratulates the following lodges on their accomplishments:

Central Region
Nischa Chuppacat Lodge Hoosier Trails Council #145 Bloomington, IN
Timmeu Lodge Northeast Iowa Council #178 Dubuque, IA

Northeast Region
Octoraro Lodge Chester County Council #539 West Chester, PA
Wyona Lodge Columbia-Montour Council #504 Bloomsburg, PA

Southern Region
Hasinai Lodge Three Rivers Council #578 Beaumont, TX
Muscogee Lodge Indian Waters Council #553 Columbia, SC

Western Region
Orca Lodge Redwood Empire Council #41 Santa Rosa, CA
Tsisqan Lodge Oregon Trail Council #697 Eugene, OR

Preventing for the 2009 national conference

By PHIL RAINIE
National Events Promotions Team

The NOAC 2009 theme is “The Power of One”—intimating that even as individuals, Arrowmen can make a meaningful difference. The conference committees will incorporate this theme into their activities. The following short descriptions give a glimpse of what each committee will offer NOAC participants:

**Activities and Recreation**

The activities and recreation committee is responsible for coordinating a variety of programs, including athletic competitions, recreational activities, and religious services. This year’s conference looks forward to many new and exciting events—there is something for everyone.

**American Indian Activities**

As with all Order of the Arrow functions, our AIA committee will coordinate several American Indian programs for everyone to enjoy at NOAC. Make sure that your lodge’s drum and dance teams are ready for these events. There will be singing, regalia, and dance competitions, in addition to a world-class American Indian show.

**Chiefs Corps**

The Chiefs Corps provides much of the “behind-the-scenes” service at NOAC, and is responsible for coordinating many of the programs—a truly invaluable resource. When you see them at the conference, be sure to thank them for all of their service!

**Communications**

The communications committee will bring the official daily publication of The CornerstONE, the NOAC Live site, NOAC Radio, Event Promotion Resource Center, and the information booths, which will be located throughout campus.

**Outdoor Adventure**

Interested in high-adventure programs? Enjoy climbing, kayaking, and scuba diving? Then check out the instruction and activities planned by the outdoor adventure committee.

**Inductions and Ceremonial Events**

Looking to help improve the quality of your OA ceremonies, the inductions and ceremonial events committee will help your lodge work on staging techniques, presentation, memorization, and utilizing American Indian regalia.

**Shows**

The shows committee is responsible for the development, production, and staging of the Opening Show, Recognition Show, and Theme Show at the conference. This year, you will have the opportunity to become a part of the shows. The shows committee has announced an OA Film Festival. Arrowmen are encouraged to check out www.noachshowsfest.com for more information.

**Special Events**

The special events committee puts together the unique programs at the conference. These events include exclusive functions for selected conference participants to special luncheons and dinners, the OA museum, and the band and chorus.

**The Experience**

Ever wonder what new technology and equipment exists for high-adventure activities? The Experience committee brings together all the latest gear from top manufacturers across the country.

**Training**

One of the largest parts of the NOAC program is training. The training committee presents programs and educational opportunities for youth and adult participants.

Check out tradingpost.oa-bsa.org today!

The trading post will be a major feature at NOAC. Even if you have already pre-ordered merchandise on the trading post Web site, www.tradingpost.oa-bsa.org, you will still need to go by the trading post to pick up your pre-order.

NOAC 2009 merchandise is posted at www.tradingpost.oa-bsa.org. There, you will find many classic memorabilia items that have traditionally been offered at national conferences (e.g., patches, T-shirts, ceramic mugs, neckerchiefs, etc.). Additionally, there are some new items that will spark the interest of youth and adults. Here is a sample of some of the new items that are available:

- A trendy polo shirt with a discreet embroidered turtle, which makes the shirt one that can be worn in and out of Scouting events.
- A plush turtle along the same lines as the plush teddy bears that have been offered in the past.
- A bronze coin for each of the ArrowCorps sites.

Place your pre-order as soon as possible. If you don’t pre-order, there is no guarantee that you will find your favorite NOAC memorabilia at the on-site trading post. You do not need to attend NOAC to place a pre-order. Please let your friends and family know that the NOAC 2009 trading post merchandise has been posted.
Local Lodge carries on ArrowCorps legacy

Last summer, thousands of Arrowmen from across the nation gathered to participate in the largest conservation project ever conducted in North America. Although countless hours of service were given by the OA to the nation’s national forests, some work was left unfinished. Having the George Washington/Thomas Jefferson work site within its boundaries, Shenandoah Lodge 258 decided to follow the example of ArrowCorps and take action!

Enthused by the Order’s challenge to help provide conservation work to the United States Forest Service, members of Shenandoah Lodge’s contingent felt compelled to return and continue the work that ArrowCorps began. On the weekend of March 14, 2009, Shenandoah Lodge decided to replace its annual lodge spring fellowship with a return to the forest.

The event, the George Washington/Thomas Jefferson Trail Crew Weekend, was held near Covington, Virginia. Thirty Shenandoah Lodge Arrowmen, along with five Arrowmen from neighboring lodges, met to undertake continued service to the

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- Pete Echols

Forest Service. Rain or shine, the event would take place. And, of course, it rained the entire weekend.

Led by ArrowCorps participants, squad leaders, and Philmont Trail Crew participants, the weekend kicked off with an instructional forum on the procedures necessary for the work ahead. The next day, the contingent set off for the work site. Just as the morning began, six crews were well on their way to building a new trail. The culmination of time, effort, muscle, and a few cutter mattocks and fire rakes yielded a completed trail. This was amazing, considering the unfavorable weather conditions and lack of experience from the majority of the participants.

Shenandoah Lodge 258, with help from local Arrowmen, accomplished a quarter mile of completed trail. Arrowmen departed the event with a satisfied feeling that they left a legacy behind. The George Washington/Thomas Jefferson Trail Crew experience was summed up by Shenandoah Lodge Chief Pete Echols, when he said, “A lot of good can come from a little effort. The little things are what matter to this one.”

OA chapter and Cub Scouts participate in service project

By WILLIAM PAYNE
Appalachee Chapter Adviser

On a cool October morning, members of the Appalachian Chapter of the Yustaga Lodge at Greenwood Cemetery in Panama City, Florida, for their annual Southern Region One Day of Service.

For the first time, the Appalachian Chapter teamed with Cub Scouts from various packs in the Lake Sands District of the Gulf Coast Council for an unlikely service project at the cemetery. Following an opening ceremony and safety briefing, Chapter Chief Graham Parsons paired Cub Scouts and parents with Arrowmen to begin the task of cleaning up the neglected cemetery.

“When I attended NLS, I remembered Carey Miller, Associate National Director of the Order, talking about how important the Cub Scout program is and how we need to be involved with them,” stated Josh Tracy.

The Cubs worked hard to pick up trash, dead flowers, and pull weeds, while some of the adults started raking, “weed-eating,” and cleaning overgrown burial plots.

At final count, 65 Cub Scouts and parents joined 27 Arrowmen for a total of 265 hours of brotherhood and cheerful service. The Arrowmen discovered that you can still have fun, even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities! Joint projects such as this provide great opportunities for Arrowmen to interact with Cubs in a positive, service-oriented way.

Every lodge is encouraged to adapt its own projects to accomplish this goal.

JumpStart is there for your lodge’s newest members

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

This website 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 new members to www.jumpstart.oa-bsa.org to get them started on the right foot.
2008 National Quality Lodge Awards