A LOOK AHEAD AT NATIONAL PROGRAMS

Like every successful lodge, the national Order of the Arrow committee must plan ahead and prepare its membership for upcoming events.

Given the size and planning required for national events and in anticipation of the Order’s 100th anniversary, the committee has developed a schedule of events.

Here’s a quick look ahead for national OA events to assist you as your lodge plans for what may well be the busiest five years of our history.

Mark your calendars now. Make your plans to attend the 2006 NOAC, where more information on these exciting opportunities for fun, fellowship, training, and service will be provided.

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NOAC Reservation Information Released

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The conference will be held on the beautiful campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing, next door to the capital of Michigan, Lansing. Founded in 1855, the university, a member of the Big 10 Conference, is one of the nation’s leading institutions of higher learning, serving approximately 45,000 students.

In November, NOAC reservation information was mailed to every council’s Scout executive, detailing how their council can make reservations to attend the conference. Initially, every council must complete a Contingent Reservation Form and forward it with a $100 deposit per participant (nonrefundable) to the national OA office by March 1, 2006. The total conference fee of $345 for both youth and adult participants is due May 31, 2006, to avoid late fees. Information about NOAC and the reservation process can be found on the Order of the Arrow Web site, www.oa-bsa.org.

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Brothers,

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The Order excelled in its four service areas at the 2005 National Scout Jamboree. From The Outdoor Adventure Place to the Indian Village, Twelve Cubed, and Service Corps, the Order was well-represented at the jamboree.

The Leadership in Service program has completed its inaugural year. This program encourages Arrowmen to give service to their councils and communities. While traveling, I heard firsthand from Arrowmen about projects that their lodge completed. Everyone had pride in the work done for their local camps or communities.

Looking ahead, the Order is poised to demonstrate its continued support of Scouting and community service. The 2006 NOAC is expected to be the largest event the Order has ever held. In 2007, the Order will be conducting a summit for lodge leaders to begin preparation for the 2008 service projects. In 2008, the Order will be giving service to five national forests with 5,000 volunteers over five separate one-week periods. I challenge every Arrowman to leave a mark on the Order by attending one of these upcoming national events.

In conclusion, I heard a quote while serving as National Chief this year that has stuck with me. This quote sums up my feelings toward the amazing individuals I have had the opportunity to serve with during the past year: “The best recognition comes not from those for whom the service was done, but rather from those with whom you served.” At any level in the organization, there are many remarkable people that you have already had the honor of serving with. Take the time to get to know these people because you never know how much they could contribute to your life.

Yours in Brotherhood,

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OA Trading Post Now Online

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On April 1, the NOAC 2006 merchandise will be posted. NOAC reserved orders from conference participants must be picked up at the conference. Arrowmen not attending NOAC will have their mail orders shipped from the conference.

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Leaderthink: Responsible for Representing the Group

One of the fundamental tasks of leadership is serving as an example of the group to outsiders. Representing the group is a skill that is essential to leadership. All leaders in the Order of the Arrow are charged with this duty; a chapter chief represents his chapter to the lodge and a lodge chief represents his lodge to the section. However, OA leaders are required to take this a step further. Not only are we required to represent the group, we also are obligated to represent the ideals of our brotherhood.

In most organizations, the leader simply has to represent the group. This works because the group is the organization. A school president represents the school by representing the student body. Yet the OA is something higher; our organization is the organization. A student body. Yet the OA is something higher; our organization is the organization. As leaders in the Order, we must represent ourselves to reflect the set of values found in the Scout Oath, Scout Law, and the OA Obligation. Our obligation commits us to these values, that we will always and faithfully live these principles and represent them to all those around us. We were elected into the OA because we were already leaders, and as such we are now charged with representing not only our brothers, but the principles and values that the OA and Scouting hold. OA leaders must represent this set of values to nonmembers and members alike. So the leader must always set the example. As Allowat Sakima states, “you must remember that this obligation you to a life of cheerful service,” a life of cheerful service.**
High-Adventure Opportunities Await

Dave Nguyen

Each summer, the Order of the Arrow offers a variety of high-adventure opportunities to Arrowmen.

Whether “wetting” your appetite by going for a plunge in the Atlantic Ocean with the Ocean Adventure at the Florida Sea Base or fulfilling your passion by hiking through Philmont Scout Ranch as a part of your Trail Crew experience, OA High Adventure makes for a great summer. If you have ever given thought to what American Indians and early explorers did to be avid traders, then maybe the OA Wilderness Voyage is your calling.

Before your weeklong trek completely designed by you, each Arrowman will be afforded the opportunity to work closely with Arrowmen from across the country who are concerned about the future of the national high-adventure programs.

This could be seen as a daunting task, but it is a mountaintop experience unlike any other in Scouting. The OA high-adventure programs take you out of your daily routine and connect you with people who want to do something different. It is not every day that you can tell your friends that you climbed into Cypher’s Mine, watched the Northern Lights from a canoe or went scuba diving in the Florida Keys.

These programs help to ensure that future Scouts will have a place to live, work and interact. This summer, commit to one or more of the Order of the Arrow high-adventure opportunities. For more information about the OA high adventure programs, please visit adventure.oa-bsa.org or talk to your lodge chief. Choose your adventure now!

Philbreak 2006

Popular program continues to offer exciting springtime adventures

Philbreak is an alternative spring break for college-age Scouts and Venturers conducted at Philmont Scout Ranch. The program allows young people a chance to contribute worthwhile service to Philmont Scout Ranch, to visit the ranch at a unique time of year and to enjoy fellowship opportunities.

The one-week program will be conducted from Friday, March 10-17, 2006. The program includes four days of service on trail work, one day of snow skiing at nearby Angel Fire Resort, and tours of Philmont and the surrounding area.

The $100 fee covers lodging, meals, one day of skiing, and the shuttle to/from Albuquerque International Airport. This program is limited to 48 participants. Preference will be given to first-time participants.

Philbreak participant requirements include the following:
• Be 18 years old by the day the program begins, but not yet 26 years old by its conclusion.
• Be physically fit and able to lift and handle materials up to 50 pounds.
• Be of Philmont height and weight guidelines will be strictly enforced.
• Be a registered Boy Scout or Venturer and be approved by your council’s Scout executive.

Registration applications can be obtained by contacting: Philmont Scout Ranch, 17 Deer Run Road, Cimarron, NM 87714, Telephone: 505-376-2281, E-mail: camping@philmontscoutranch.org.

If your lodge conducts a service project, celebrates an anniversary or starts a new program that is noteworthy, e-mail Lee Thackston at lthackston@iname.com for consideration in the “Around the Nation” column.
Profiles in Service: Grant Helps Cub Scouts

Ty-Ohni Lodge builds nature lodge for Cub Scout Adventure Camp at Camp Cutler

Cameron Michaelree

In 2005, Ty-Ohni Lodge of Otetiana Council, Rochester, New York, received a $4,500 Order of the Arrow Service Grant. This grant was used to construct a nature lodge for Cub Scout Adventure Camp at Camp Cutler, the local council camp.

The members of Ty-Ohni Lodge had noticed that the Cub Scout program was suffering from low membership and camp participation. They also saw that Cub Scout Adventure Camp needed a nature building to offer the best possible experience to campers. After evaluating these needs, the lodge decided to support the Cub Scout program to a greater extent than ever before.

Lodge members contributed 960 man-hours and additional funds toward the project. Camp rangers and council volunteers worked closely with lodge members during fellowship weekends to complete the project.

Following completion of the nature building, there was a 22 percent increase in camp attendance. The new nature building helped the council to develop an exciting program along with a great environment for visiting Cub Scouts.

Steve Denaker, who is camp director and adviser to the quartermaster corps, proudly states, “The new nature lodge is a shining example of what the OA can accomplish to support camping and Cub Scouting. This new building and the grounds surrounding it enabled Cub Scout Adventure Camp to build a successful nature program. The nature program can be credited for increased camp attendance as well as overall camp satisfaction. I am very pleased with the work done by our Order of the Arrow lodge.”

Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge Remembers Josh Sain

Jeffery Finley

Josh Sain was Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge chief and SR-6N section chief before being elected the 1997 National Vice Chief of the Order of the Arrow. Josh was killed in a tragic car accident on October 25, 1997. As a reminder that Josh never finished his term, a yellow ribbon is affixed to the National Vice Chief’s bonnet. Soon after Josh’s death, Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge started planning a permanent way to recognize his role in the Middle Tennessee Council. The youth leadership decided to build a gateway at the entrance of a planned high-adventure area at Boxwell Scout Reservation.

Before the gateway could be built, the Middle Tennessee Council had to raise the required $1,350,000 to construct the program areas. With the completion of the Walker Project COPE facility, the Parish high-adventure center, the DeBartolo swimming pool and the Maddox shooting sports complex, it was time to construct the gateway.

2005 Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge Chief Peter Capp declared this year that the lodge would complete the Josh Sain Gateway to High Adventure. When Capp was elected Section 6N chief and Jeffery Finley became lodge chief, the two began working with dedicated members of the lodge to build a series of three 20-foot arches.

This memorial gateway is made of 10-inch steel pipe, hundreds of cinder blocks, and enough Tennessee limestone to fill the cavity in the Tooth of Time. “The Josh Sain Gateway to High Adventure is the result of a national outpouring of support from the entire Order of the Arrow family,” said lodge adviser Bob Corlew. “Josh was such a special person, we wanted to remember him in a special way. He would have liked the way everyone pulled together and had such a great time working together on this project. What a great memory to him.”

Middle Tennessee Council Scout Executive Joe Long is very proud of the project. Arrowmen of Ty-Ohni Lodge put the finishing touches on the nature lodge, which was partially financed by an OA Service Grant for $4,500. The nature lodge will support their council’s Cub Scout Adventure Camp program.

OA Conservation Activities in Adventure Programs Lead to New Heights of Service

Ken Davis

In 2005, the Order of the Arrow opened its third service event program at a national Boy Scouts of America high-adventure base to good reviews when the OA Ocean Adventure program was fully subscribed. At the same time, the Order was finalizing its plans for five major service projects in 2008, which will allow even more Arrowmen to participate in conservation service to our nation.

This work began in 1995 when the first such program, the OA Trail Crew, opened at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. The idea was twofold. First, each participant at least 16 but not yet 21 years of age would work for a week improving or creating trails at Philmont. This work would be followed by a weeklong trek along Philmont’s trails. The second part of the program was a reinforcement of the purposes and principles of the Order in the lives of the attendees through discussions, program elements and the example of the staff. Most summers, this program runs throughout the season at Philmont.

Following the successful work done at Philmont, the National OA Committee in 1999 authorized a similar program, the Wilderness Voyage, at Northern Tier High Adventure Base near Ely, Minnesota. This program engaged young men in improving portages between lakes, work that had not been done in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness since the 1930s. Like the Philmont program, the Arrowmen plan and take a weeklong canoe trip after their week of portage trail work.

Following the good work at Northern Tier, the US Forest Service awarded its top volunteer recognition to the OA in 2003, noting that the Voyage effort had improved canoeing for all members of the canoeing public in the Boundary Waters area, a 1.2 million-acre tract supervised by the Forest Service.

Because of the success of these programs, the OA has committed itself to five major service projects for the summer of 2008. Working with the Forest Service, the OA will offer conservation events at national forests in California, Utah, Wyoming, Missouri and Virginia. Up to a thousand Arrowmen will be welcomed at each location for a week of trail and conservation work. The OA’s history of finding additional ways to serve has led to these major projects planned for 2008.
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Trading Post Pre-Orders:
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He remarked that “this truly is a gateway to high adventure. Passing through these resplendent arches, the world of high adventure opens up to any Scout of OA age, which we know will help with retention of older Scouts. In this area of Boxwell Reservation, a Scout can find a shotgun range, a high ropes course, a world-class rappelling tower, a brand-new swimming pool, and a Venture Conference Center that can sleep 64 Scouts! And there is more to come in the future for the up-and-coming Scouts who pass through the Josh Sain Gateway to High Adventure.”

The gateway and the program areas were dedicated on December 3, 2005. Josh’s parents, John and Melba Sain, joined with lodge members for this special occasion. Josh’s legacy of service to youth will continue as Scouts pass through the gateway to high adventure and experience all the wonders of Scouting’s outdoor program.

Notes

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

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.

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

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

2006 National Planning Calendar

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