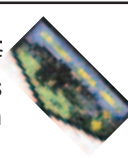



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# NATIONAL BULLETIN



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## National Conservation And Leadership Summit

The 2007 National Conservation and Leadership Summit (NCLS) is scheduled to be held July 28 through August 1 on the beautiful Indiana University campus in Bloomington. Nearly 2,500 Arrowmen from across the nation are expected to attend this national event.

The twofold purpose of the NCLS will be to train key management and strike team leaders for the 2008 *ArrowCorps*<sup>5</sup> program and to present the Order of the Arrow's 2008-2012 Strategic Plan to its key lodge, section, and region leadership.

Approximately 800 *ArrowCorps*<sup>5</sup> staff members will be trained and certified in techniques that will prepare them for leadership roles. The training will include project planning, conservation methods, tool usage, logistics, crew management, health and safety, and other important topics.

The Order's leadership will learn how the OA plans to serve and support Scouting, develop leaders of character, promote outdoor adventure, and be an active, honored brotherhood over the next five years. Training sessions, workshops, and discussion groups on how to implement the plan will be a part of the summit program.

A council may send up to five Arrowmen to the summit. Two of the Arrowmen

must be youth members. It is the National OA Committee's expectation that every lodge's Key 3 leadership will attend the summit (lodge chief, lodge adviser, and lodge staff adviser or Scout executive).

Youth and adult Arrowmen interested in serving as *ArrowCorps*<sup>5</sup> staff members will be selected by an Incident Commander (lead adviser) after making application on line and securing the necessary approvals. Only Arrowmen 18 years of age and older will be selected as *ArrowsCorps*<sup>5</sup> staff members. An *ArrowCorps*<sup>5</sup> staff application will be available on line at the NCLS Registration Portal: <http://www.oa-bsa.org> beginning February 1, 2007.

A council contingent reservation form for the leadership portion of the summit must be completed on line by March 1, 2007 using the NCLS Registration Portal: [www.oa-bsa.org](http://www.oa-bsa.org). A nonrefundable \$100.00 per participant deposit must accompany the reservation form transmitted through the local council office. No individual reservations will be accepted. The contingent reservation and deposit transmittal forms will be available from the NCLS Registration Portal on February 1, 2007.

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## ARROWCORPS<sup>5</sup> A HIGHER ADVENTURE


Michael Gollner

During the summer of 2008, five-thousand (5,000) Arrowmen from across the nation will embark on the largest service project in the Order of the Arrow's history—*ArrowCorps*<sup>5</sup>. This project is not like any previous OA adventure. When we work on service projects at five national service sites, over 5 weeks, with more than 5,000 Arrowmen, we will all participate in a higher adventure, culminating in a legacy of service at national forests across the nation.

In only a year and a half, Arrowmen will be building trails, clearing brush, and providing meaningful service at the Mark Twain National Forest, Manti La-Sal National Forest, George Washington and Jefferson National

Forests, Shasta Trinity National Forest, and Bridger-Teton National Forest. Arrowmen are not limited to participation in a nearby project. In fact, you can attend any project across the country or several of them. Unlike other high adventure opportunities with the OA, *ArrowCorps*<sup>5</sup> is unique because this will be the first large-scale OA event where adults can take an active role. Plan now to participate and leave your mark on our national treasures for future generations to see.

Detailed information is being released on the national OA Website as it becomes available. A quarterly spotlight on each of the sites begins in a few months, so that you can take a closer look at which sites you would like to attend. Participant registration for the *ArrowCorps*<sup>5</sup> programs will begin in the spring of 2007. Join us in 2008

at five sites, for five weeks, with 5,000 of your fellow Arrowmen for the largest OA service project in history. 

### ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup> Dates and Locations

#### JUNE 7-14, 2008 / MISSOURI

Mark Twain National Forest

Project Description: Cedar tree removal from glade areas in the wilderness to help restore native grasses.

Recreational Opportunities: Canoeing, horseback riding, fishing, and visiting Branson, Missouri.

#### June 14-21, 2008 / UTAH

Manti-La Sal National Forest

Project Description: Tamarisk (invasive species) removal along the Buckhorn Wash. Each day of work will push the Tamarisk invasion back 30 years.

Recreational Opportunities: Green River float trips, national parks, dinosaur quarry and museums, fishing, mountain biking, and whitewater rafting.

#### JUNE 21-28, 2008 / VIRGINIA

George Washington and Jefferson National Forests

Project Description: Campsite improvements and construction of seven miles of new multi-use trail north of Covington, Virginia.

Recreational Opportunities: Whitewater rafting, fishing, mountain biking, and nearby historical sites.

#### JULY 12-19, 2008 / CALIFORNIA

Shasta-Trinity National Forest

Project Description: Significant trail maintenance and reconstruction to avoid soil erosion.

Recreational Opportunities: Whitewater rafting and kayaking, fishing, mountain climbing (Mt. Shasta), house boating and water skiing (Lake Shasta).

#### JULY 26 - AUGUST 2, 2008 / WYOMING

Bridger-Teton National Forest

Project Description: Bridge work, campsite improvements, fence building, erosion control projects, and weed control.

Recreational Opportunities: Whitewater rafting and kayaking, canoeing, fishing, sightseeing in both Teton and Yellowstone National Parks.

## CHIEFLY SPEAKING



Brothers,

*As 2006 winds down, I am proud to say that our Order has thrived during the last 12 months. Our successes were witnessed across the nation at each level of our organization. It is now time to reflect upon our accomplishments.*

*From the Order's high-adventure programs, to the National Leadership Seminars, National Lodge Adviser Training Seminars, and National Order of the Arrow Conference, our organization has triumphed and portrayed an image of servant leadership like never before. This year marked the first time since the inception of Philmont Trail Crew, Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage, and Ocean Adventure that all three programs were filled to capacity. Fourteen National Leadership Seminars and five National Lodge Adviser Training Seminars were held throughout the nation. These seminars have prepared our lodge leadership for the responsibility of leading their fellow Arrowmen. This summer, our Order held the largest NOAC in its history with more than 8,000 Arrowmen in attendance. NOAC offered Arrowmen the opportunity to re-energize our organization as we move toward our 100th anniversary in 2015.*

*Beyond what we accomplished this past year, our Brotherhood is examining its future and introducing programs that will further our purpose. In the summer of 2008, Arrowcorps<sup>5</sup> will give 5,000 Arrowmen the opportunity to provide significant service to five national forests. In addition, work is under way on the Order's next strategic plan, which will guide our organization into another decade of cheerful service.*

*We achieved many of our objectives in 2006, however our work does not end here. Coach Vince Lombardi once said, "The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual." It is up to each Arrowman to continue providing service to our Order and the Boy Scouts of America as we continue to build upon this new legacy that we have begun.*

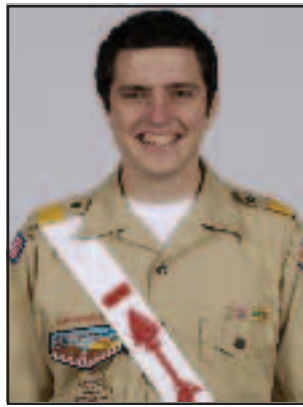
*Yours in service,*

Sean Murray  
2006 National Chief

# End of Year Region Reports

## Western Region

**Kieran Thompson**



enthusiasm to help their youth leaders succeed.

The West was at NOAC in full force. Boasting the highest percentage per capita of Arrowmen at the

This year, the Western Region held four National Leadership Seminars. Each NLS was a huge success, with more than 200 Arrowmen trained. In addition, two National Lodge Adviser Training Seminars were held. The advisers who completed the training went back to their lodges and sections with the skills and

conference, one could not go to any training, show, or pizza party without hearing cheers of "West Is Best!"

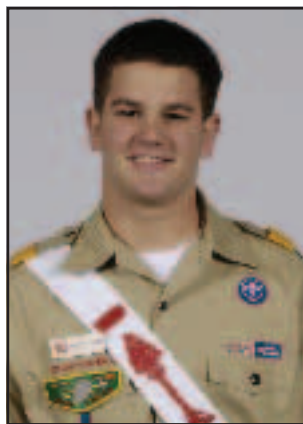
All 13 section conclaves this year were successful. Training, fun activities, and quality shows were just a few things Arrowmen experienced at these events. From Montana to California, and from New Mexico to Washington, each conclave was unique and fun.

The Western Region Gathering was held in Phoenix, Arizona, with section chiefs from all 13 sections in attendance. Highlights included training on servant leadership, a trip to the Arizona State Fair, a visit to the Western Region office, and the Section Chief Talent Show.

The Western Region produced a Quality Lodge Handbook in 2006, and the 2007 edition is now available on the Western Region Website. 🍷

## Southern Region

**Dustin Counts**



This year has flown by, and it has been a year to remember. The Southern Region started the year with the first of four National Leadership Seminars in March. The NLS and National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar were held in Canton, Mississippi.

All of this year's section conclaves in the Southern

Region were held in March and April. A key result of the conclaves was the election of eight new section chiefs in the 10 sections. This strong leadership pool is really looking forward to a great year of service.

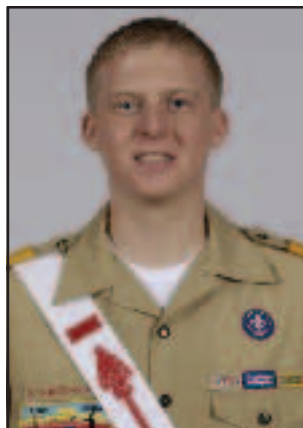
Of the four regions, the Southern Region was proud to boast the largest number of Arrowmen in

attendance at this year's National Order of the Arrow Conference.

Since the conference, the Section Officers Seminar and more NLS seminars have been held across the region. The Southern Region is excited about the success of these events and looks forward to greater service in 2007. 🍷

## Northeast Region

**Jon Fuller**



The Northeast Region had another banner year in 2006. Its 10 conclaves were well-attended by Arrowmen from across the region. In order to ensure the quality of future leaders in the Order, three National Leadership Seminars and two National Lodge Adviser Seminars were conducted.

Arrowmen from the Northeast Region attended programs at all three high-adventure bases. The region spirit was seen by the rest of the nation at NOAC this summer. The Northeast Region also published a Lodge Cub Scout Service Guide that outlines ways lodges can become involved in the Cub Scout

program.

At the Section Officers Seminar in November, the section officers joined the rest of the region leadership in sharing ideas for better conclaves and prepared for December's OA National Planning Meeting. 🍷

## Central Region

**Russ Bresnahan**



The Central Region provided Arrowmen with four high-quality National Leadership Seminars in 2006. Two hundred seventeen participants from across the great Midwest traveled to seminars in St. Louis, Missouri; Kansas City, Missouri; Rochester, Indiana; and Camp Lake, Wisconsin. The Central

Region NLS staff was always prepared and willing to put in extra time after the seminar to stay connected with participants and guide them to fulfilling their NLS contracts.

Due to the excellent training and dedicated follow-through, the lodges of the Central Region are stronger in leadership and

service this year. In addition to the NLS and NLATS weekends this year, the Central Region had strong representation at NOAC. The region's 14 sections all had great conclaves, and the new section chiefs look forward to helping plan the 2007 OA events. 🍷

# Quality Lodge Pin Available

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

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



## Profile in Service: Chapter Reinventing Self Through Service



(Left to right:) Jim Gorman, Terry Bramlett, Gable Jackson, Josh Millsaps, Lucas Hedgecock, Adam Kish, Jeffrey Lytle, and Jack Butler celebrate the event.

### Payton Bramlett

Arrowmen of the Machque Chapter in the Mowogo Lodge, Northeast Georgia Council, have been experiencing truly extraordinary changes. From increased membership to a new attitude, the Machque members have been striving to make their chapter better. In an effort to show their true character and commitment to cheerful service, they helped organizers of a local American Cancer Society Relay for Life with physical arrangements.

The Arrowmen successfully set up tents, moved tables, and performed many other related tasks with smiles on their faces. Organizers were thrilled with the hard work that these Arrowmen put into the event, and they were surprised with the financial outcome. The Union

County, Georgia, Relay for Life raised more money this year than ever, bringing in more than \$138,000.

While many of the chapter's Arrowmen participated in this event, two Arrowmen were instrumental in organizing it. Jeffrey Lytle and Adam Kish led the group and helped supervise the chapter's efforts. When Kish was asked how it felt to know that they had helped raise money to help find a cure for cancer, he said, "We all felt really good about it."

Because of its recent growth, the Machque Chapter is becoming a highly regarded part of the Mowogo Lodge. The members of this chapter are moving forward in their quest to exemplify servant leadership. The selfless and cheerful attitudes of these Arrowmen exemplify the mission of our Order. 🍀

## Summit, continued from page 1

The NCLS fee is \$295.00 for participants who pay their fee by May 31, 2007, a late fee will be assessed after that date. The fee includes four night's air conditioned university housing, 11 meals, program and registration materials, and recognition items during the five-day summit.

NCLS administrative and program information will be available to all council contingents on April 1, 2007 through the NCLS Information Portal on the OA Website: [www.oa-bsa.org](http://www.oa-bsa.org).

Administrative information will include details about Indiana University, emergency contact information, medical requirements, risk management issues, transportation information, contingent and participant needs list, and more.

The information portal will also provide program information and an activity guide for summit participants. Information about religious services, summit gatherings, recreational opportunities, and special events will be included on the portal.

### NCLS TRADING POST

Contingent participants and NCLS staff members must place trading post orders through the Trading Post Portal: [www.oa-bsa.org](http://www.oa-bsa.org) to order merchandise in advance of the summit. This will help ensure all mementos desired can be obtained and avoid long lines and possible disappointment in attempting to purchase merchandise at the summit. Additional items not found on the portal will also be available for purchase at the summit.

Unique NCLS merchandise will be available for ordering by April 1, 2007 for those attending and those unable to attend the summit. All mail orders for those unable to attend the summit will be shipped from the summit site. All other orders must be picked up at the summit. 🍀



## Just in Time for the Holidays!

### Men's OA Watch:

Water resistant to 100M, Swiss movement, sapphire crystal, stainless steel watch with stainless steel band.

**Visit the OA Trading Post online for this and other great items!**



*Left: Voyage participant Chris Sauter portages his canoe through the Beartrap River in the Boundary Waters. Above: Foremen Travis McCormick and Pedro Miller take a break after building a check dam trail feature to prevent erosion on the portage trail.*

# High Adventure Programs Offer Fun, Excitement, Service for Arrowmen

Dave Nguyen

The founder of our Order, Dr. E. Uner Goodman, told us not to forget our dreams of high adventure. Keeping Dr. Goodman's thoughts in mind, the Order of the Arrow has responded by providing meaningful service to each of the three national high-adventure bases—the Florida Sea Base, Northern Tier, and Philmont. In the summer of 2007, the Order will provide nine two-week programs at all three bases. These programs are available to Arrowmen ages 16 through 20, and each offers a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

These programs are deeply rooted in the ideals and values that the Order has embodied since its beginning. Our service varies by location, but each project will have a lasting impact on the future generations of Scouts who will use these bases. At Florida Sea Base, Arrowmen will remove litter from the Atlantic Ocean and perform

marine wildlife counts that will be used to determine the population of certain species and health of the reefs. At Philmont Scout Ranch, Arrowmen will work



*David Miller proudly displays the two Northern Pikes he caught one afternoon.*

work between Birch and Frog lakes to allow canoeists safer passage. All work and no play is not a philosophy of these programs. At Florida Sea Base, all participants will be certified as PADI open water scuba divers. Participants at Philmont will be able to join in many of the evening programs, plus enjoy fun and fellowship with their crew and other Philmont hikers. At Northern Tier, participants will be able to visit some of the most scenic wildlife places in America—rated as one of the top wilderness places to visit in the world.

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The Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure at Florida Sea Base is filled for the 2007 season. For more information about each of these programs, please visit <http://www.oa-bsa.org>. Only the Order of the Arrow can provide you with the incredible opportunity to join fellow Arrowmen from around the country this summer through OA high adventure—Get out more! 🍷



*Above: Brad Bennett, Pedro Miller, George Schroeder, and Mitch Wolters pose for the camera while repairing a portage trail. Below: The crew takes a break on the water. From left to right, they are: David Miller, Travis McCormick, Scott Johnson, Pedro Miller, Jon Fuller, Allan Reed, Josh Chenette, Chris Sauter, and Justin Mills (kneeling). (Photos courtesy Travis McCormick)*



# Lodge Chiefs: Free iPod for the Chief Who Sends the Most Arrowmen to High Adventure

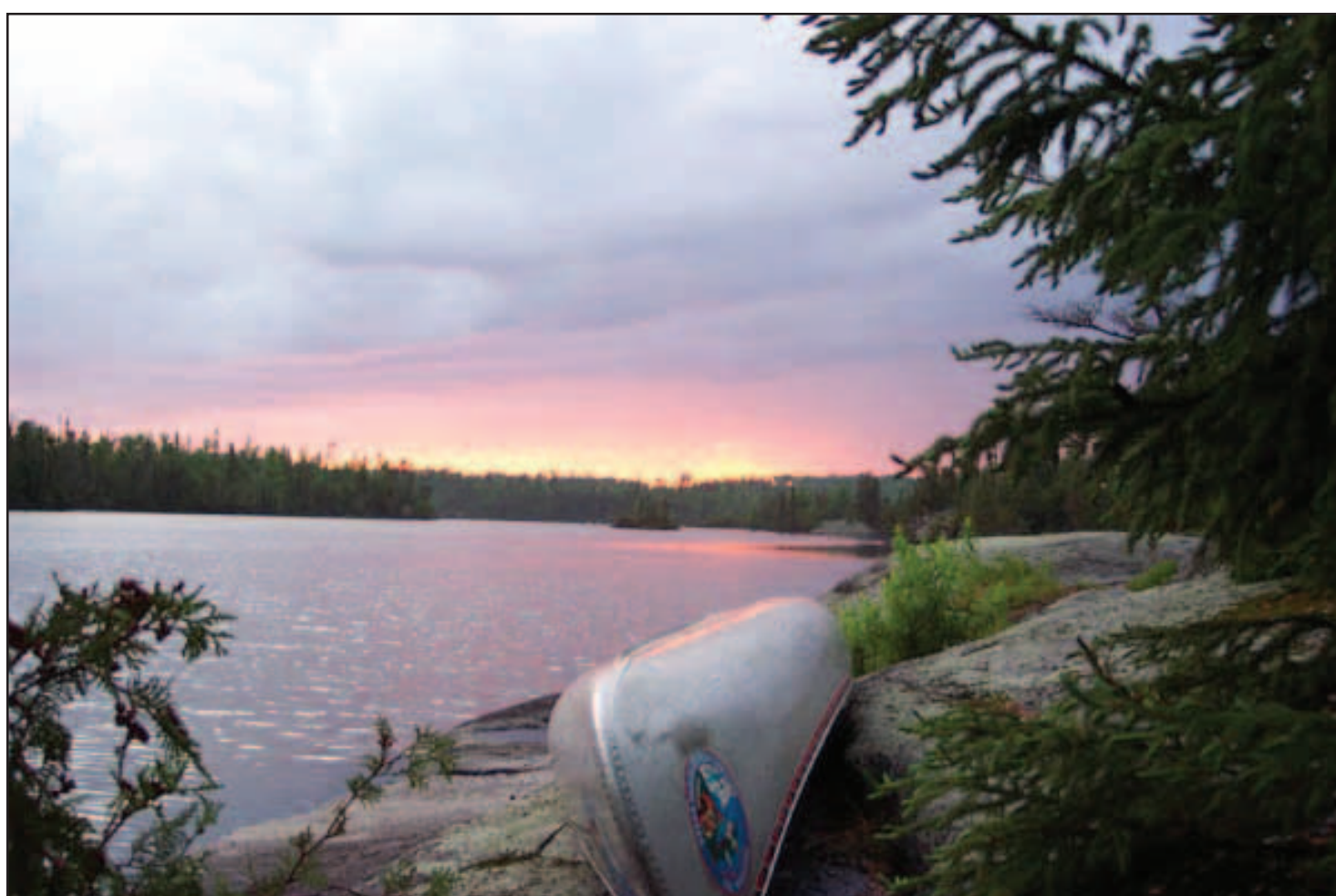
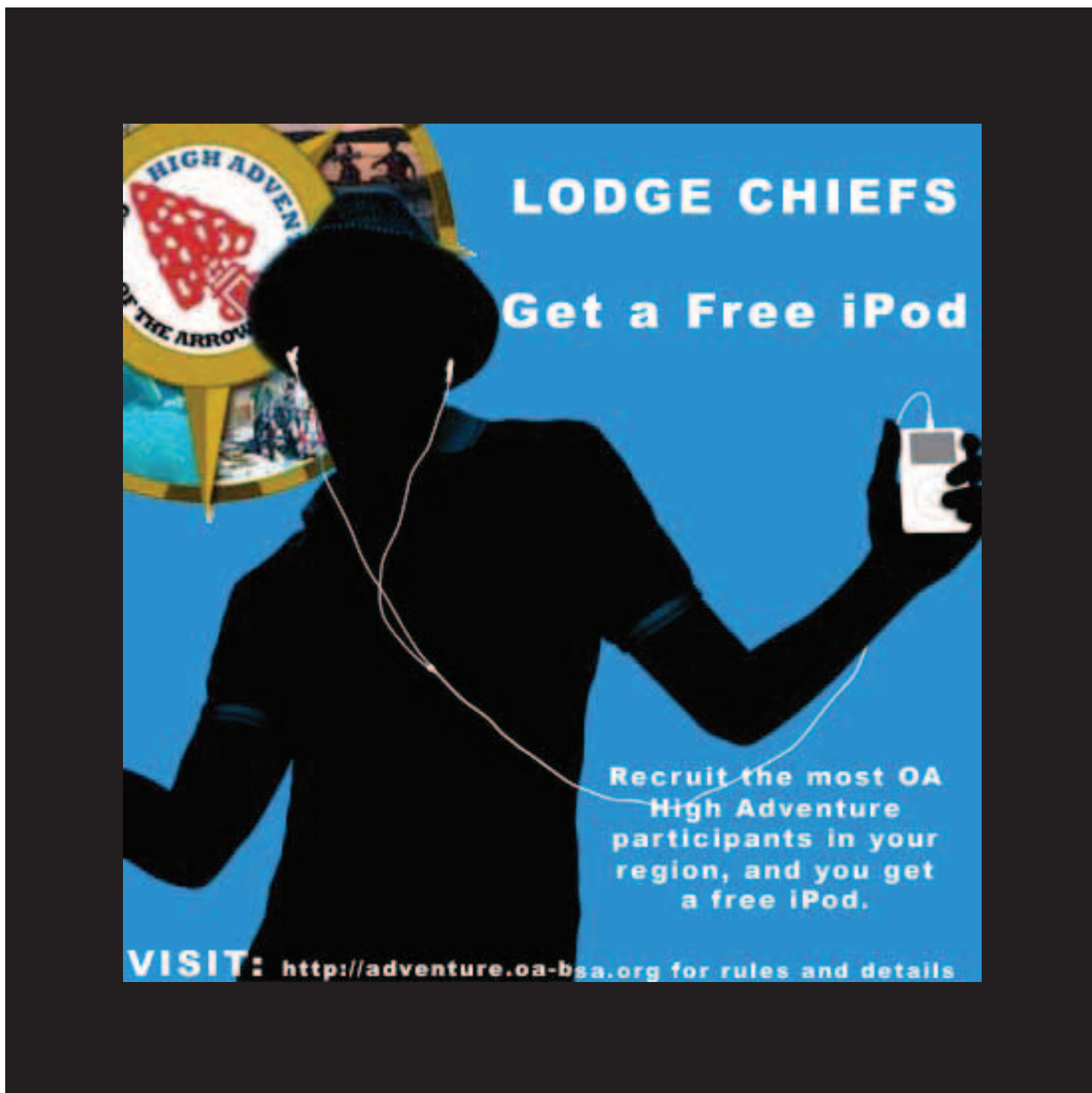
The Order of the Arrow is pleased to announce an opportunity for one lodge chief from each region to receive an Apple iPod just for promoting OA high adventure programs in their lodge.

The lodge chief in each region who has the most Arrowmen registered and paid in full by March 1, 2007, will receive the 2GB iPod Nano. Winners will be announced March 15, 2007.

Many regions, sections, and lodges offer scholarships for members of their respective lodges to participate in these programs. Contact your lodge or section chief for more information.

Applications for each of these programs can be found on the redesigned OA Website: <http://www.oa-bsa.org>. This is your one-stop source for newsletter articles, promotional videos, and other high-adventure resources. 🏕️

*Mornings like this are typical in the Wilderness Voyage. Here the sun rises over Nets Lake as OA Voyage crews prepare for another day on the water.*



AROUND THE NATION



ADAM SCHMIDT

Arrowmen of Hungteetsepoppi Lodge, Piedmont Council, California, sponsored a weekend camping experience for Cub Scouts last fall at Coyote Hills Regional Park. Arrowmen and adult leaders taught the Cub Scouts camping fundamentals, several knots, and basic first aid. Arrowmen also led a hike, a campfire, and other activities. The event was designed to show Cub Scouts and their parents how much fun Scouting can be and to encourage them to join a Boy Scout troop. "I think the weekend was a huge success," Hungteetsepoppi Lodge Chief Luke Roy said. "It's always fun to know that you're helping to expand the Scouting program."

Mikanakawa Lodge, Circle Ten Council, Texas, teamed up with the City of Dallas in October to beautify city parks and dedicate a memorial to Scouting in the city's Oak Cliff neighborhood. Following a morning of Good Turns in the parks, Arrowmen continued their service and helped to feed women and children at the Center of Hope. The project served as the lodge's One Day of Service commitment to the community.

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](mailto:adamkschmidt@gmail.com) for consideration in the "Around the Nation" column.

# Where Are They Now?

## Profiling Jim Barbieri's Record of Service Over the Last Thirty Years

*Ed Lynes*

When Jim Barbieri attended the Order of the Arrow National Planning Meeting at Schiff Scout Reservation in December 1974, he was in his fourth term as Section NE-2A chief. "In those days, section chiefs rotated serving on NOAC committees, so the opportunity to serve on the 1975 conference committee was a once-in-a-lifetime event for me," Jim said. His years of experience in the section helped him to get elected deputy conference vice chief for special events (the predecessor to the modern-day conference vice chiefs).

The 1975 NOAC was a time of growth and change for the Special Events committee, which that year introduced the popular Very Important Arrowmen luncheon and ice cream gala. For his service to the section and NOAC, Jim received the Distinguished Service Award in 1977.

Jim is still committed to the Scouting movement. He serves on the executive boards of the Boston Minutemen Council and the Northeast Region, as well as the

National OA Committee. His two sons, Andrew and Thomas, are both Eagle Scouts and Vigil Honor members who have served on staff at several NOACs and at the 2005 National Scout Jamboree.

Jim received a bachelor of science in business administration from the University at Albany, State University of New York, in 1977, and later received an MBA from Binghamton University, State University of New York. He began his banking career as a teller while still in college, and rose through the ranks of several different banks in the Northeast. In 1998, Jim founded Horizon Bank and Trust. He currently serves as the president and CEO of Holbrook Cooperative Bank in Holbrook, Mass.

Jim credits his leadership experiences in Scouting for giving him the skills he needed to succeed in business. "The Order of the Arrow clearly afforded me the opportunity to develop organizational and people skills at an early age, which provided the edge I needed to stay ahead in a competitive business environment," he said. 🍀



Jim Barbieri is pictured above, farthest to the left, alongside his fellow Deputy Conference Vice Chiefs who were charged with the task of organizing the 60th Anniversary National Conference. In this photo from an early edition of the National Bulletin printed in 1975, they are from left to right: Jim Barbieri, Special Events; Kerry Cheesman, Administration; Larry Leach, Public Relations; Kevin Holloway, Indian Events; Tom Trzybinski, Recreation; Kevin Bowling, Shows; and Charles Wisdom, Training. The original caption from the 1975 National Bulletin also read: "Hard and long hours on their part are producing a great conference."



To the left, Jim is pictured with his wife, Diane, after having received the Silver Antelope in May 2006.

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# Egwa Tawa Dee Hosts OA Scoutreach Mentoring Weekend

*John Crew*



The weekend of October 20–22 marked the successful completion of the 5th Egwa Tawa Dee OA Scoutreach Mentoring Weekend. Scouts throughout the Atlanta Area Council were invited to receive firsthand practical knowledge of basic camping and patrol/troop leadership skills; focusing on camping, backpacking, cooking, and pioneering.

Twenty-one Scouts from four districts emerged, eager to learn and advance in rank. The weekend began by dividing the attendees into four patrols and assigning youth Arrowmen as mentors to serve as their troop guides.

The backpacking class taught Scouts how to pack patrol gear; select the right tent for a backpacking excursion; prepare food, water, and trail mix for a hike; and select the right clothes and shoes for hiking; as well as basic compass reading. The class concluded with a 5-mile nature hike through some of the remote areas of Bert Adams Scout Reservation and a demonstration of on-the-trail cooking with backpacking stoves.

The new patrol enjoyed the hands-on training in tying the knots needed to become a First Class Scout and in learning several lashings. Two class projects applied the newly learned skills. The first project was a walking A-frame—a giant A-frame that a Scout uses as stilts while being guided by the rest of the patrol, with ropes to ensure safety. The second project was a camping chair, which is a smaller A-frame with a tarp seat in the middle.

The cooking session, under the cover of the dining tarp, instructed Scouts on

dutch oven cooking and stovetop grilling. Using trial by fire, the Scouts created chili of various spice degrees and for dinner produced a culinary miracle of chicken tetrazzini. Between meals, the Scouts learned how to make charcoal cooking fires, to safely clean kitchen utensils, and to sump leftovers.

The camping class got a grade-A course on how to select and construct a campsite, with proper placements of tents, fire rings, latrines, and wood yards. The Arrowmen mentors emphasized the policies and benefits of Leave No Trace camping. A wood yard was constructed, and Scouts learned the safety principles involved with earning their Totin' Chip. After learning how to pitch a tent, they received words of wisdom on how to go camping on a shoestring budget. Fire-building concluded their activities.

Other notable events of the weekend included team-building Project COPE activities and a Saturday evening performance of songs and skits. An evening downpour provided the opportunity for an invaluable lesson on packing and storing gear in rainy weather.

At least three past participants of the Scoutreach Mentoring program have been inducted into the Order of the Arrow. 🏹

## Event Update from Volume LXIII, Issue 3: "Success of Scoutreach"

Due to extenuating circumstances, the event spotlighted in the article "Success of Scoutreach" in the September/November issue of the *National Bulletin* was moved to the spring of 2007. For news and updates about this activity, please contact Tschitani Lodge staff adviser Mike Pannone at [mpannone@ctrivers.org](mailto:mpannone@ctrivers.org).

## Impact the Future with Scoutreach Mentoring

*Bradley Long*

Take a moment to think about the first years you were a Scout. Recall the older Scouts and Scoutmasters who helped you along the way—the mentors that showed you how to build a fire, how to tie a knot, and how to cook breakfast. See if you can count the number of people who have contributed to your Scouting experience in some manner. I bet you are unable to do it.

But what if you had been in a troop that did not have any older Scouts? What if your troop was new and you had all new Scoutmasters

who had not been Scouts themselves? Would it have been as easy for you to learn Scouting skills? Do you think you would have stayed in Scouting and become a member of the OA?

Many young men in the Scoutreach program find themselves in this position. These youth do not have older Scouts to help and teach them the skills most Scouts learn early on. Arrowmen can help eliminate this problem by becoming involved with the OA Scoutreach Mentoring program. The purpose of the program is to give Arrowmen the chance to be the older Scouts in troops that do

not have older Scouts and teach young Scouts the necessary skills.

If you are an Arrowman looking for a way to serve, why not find out more about OA Scoutreach Mentoring? Your impact will be greater than you might imagine, and you can earn a series of special issue patches—a patch with a different color border for each year you participate. Most importantly, you can do what Arrowmen do best—help fellow Scouts advance and even become eligible to become members of the Order of the Arrow. 🏹

## Website Update

*Brian Love*

The national Order of the Arrow Website continues to provide Arrowmen and lodges with access to accurate, current, and relevant information. The national Website team also plans to add new lodge resources to the site, such as the recently posted lodge annual report template, which will assist

lodge leaders in developing quality presentations to highlight their achievements.

If you have not had the opportunity to check out the NOAC 2006 memories online, be sure to browse through the excellent articles, photos, blogs, and podcasts that the NOAC Website staff has created.

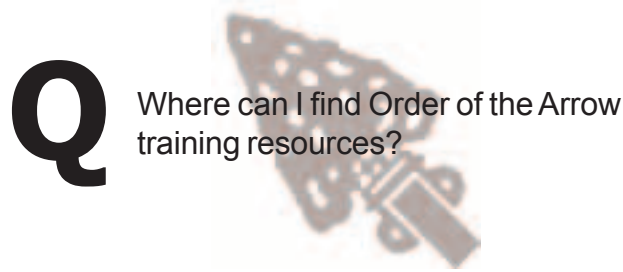
As part of the Website staff's annual coverage of

the National Planning Meeting, information regarding the new national and region chiefs as well as newsworthy updates will be posted throughout the meeting. In the coming months, additional information about the National Conservation and Leadership Summit and the *ArrowCorps*<sup>5</sup> program will be made available. 🏹

## Season's Greetings



*With Peace and Prosperity  
in the New Year!*



**A** Order of the Arrow training resources can be found on the new OA Training CENTRAL Website located at <http://www.oa-bsa.org>. The site was unveiled during the 2006 National OA Conference and offers a full library of resources. The site includes training syllabi from recent national conferences, Lodge Leadership Development resources, reference materials, videos, and more. It also allows full-text searching of all training materials produced since the Arrowman Resource Disk was originally released at the 2000 NOAC.

## NATIONAL NOTES

**Lodge Charter Renewal Kits**  
Lodge charter renewal kits were distributed to council offices in October. Charter renewals are due in the national OA office by December 31, 2006.

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

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

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

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

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## NOAC 2006 Trading Post Items Still Available

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

**Or, were you unable to attend NOAC altogether?**

**The OA Trading Post staff has the solution for you.**

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

## 2007 National Planning Calendar

January 25-28	NLS/NLATS Train the Trainer, Florida Sea Base	June 17-23	OA-LLD Training, Philmont Scout Ranch
February 4	Scout Sunday	June 29	OA Service Grant Applications Distributed
	Scout Anniversary Week Begins	July 25	OA Summit Staff Week Begins
February 5-7	National Meeting, Dallas, TX	July 28-August 1	OA Summit, Bloomington, IN
February 8	Scout Anniversary Day	August 12	OA Ocean Adventure Ends
February 10	Scout Sabbath	August 16	OA Trail Crew and Voyage End
February 16-18	NLS, Okinawa, Japan	September 14-16	NLS/NLATS, Alpine, NJ
February 23-25	NLS, Rochester, IN	September 21-23	SOS - SR, Norcross, GA
March 1	OA Summit Reservations Due	September 28-30	NLS, London, OH
March 9-11	NLS, Camp Guajataka, Quebradillas, PR		NLS, Las Vegas, NV
	NLS/NLATS, Santa Barbara, CA	October 1	OA Charter Kits Distributed
March 16-18	NLS/NLATS, Pottsboro, TX	October 5-7	NLS, Monteagle, TN
March 30-April 1	NLS/NLATS, Alpine, NJ		NLS, Montana
	Summit Site Visit, Bloomington, IN	October 19-21	SOS - WR, Phoenix, AZ
April 13-15	NLATS, Rochester, IN	October 31	OA Service Grant Applications Due
April 27-29	NLS/NLATS, Gilmanton Ironworks, NH	November 1	OA Lodge Program Packs Available
	NLS, Yorkville, IL	November 2-4	SOS - NER, Alpine NJ
May 1	Camp Promotion Packets Available		NLS/NLATS, Live Oak, FL
May 13	Mother's Day	November 9-11	NLS, Parkville, MO
May 30	National OA Committee Meeting	November 16-18	NLS/NLATS, Portland, OR
May 30-June 1	National Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA	Nov. 30-Dec. 2	SOS - CR, Parkville, MO
June 5	OA Ocean Adventure Begins	December 27-30	National Planning Meeting, Dallas, TX
June 8	OA Trail Crew and Voyage Begin	December 31	Lodge Charter Renewal Deadline