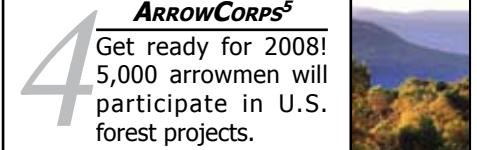
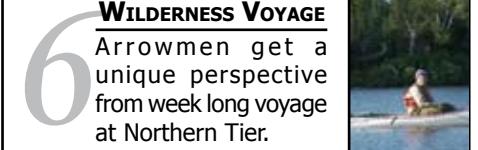


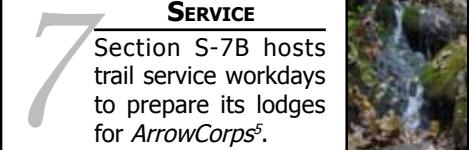
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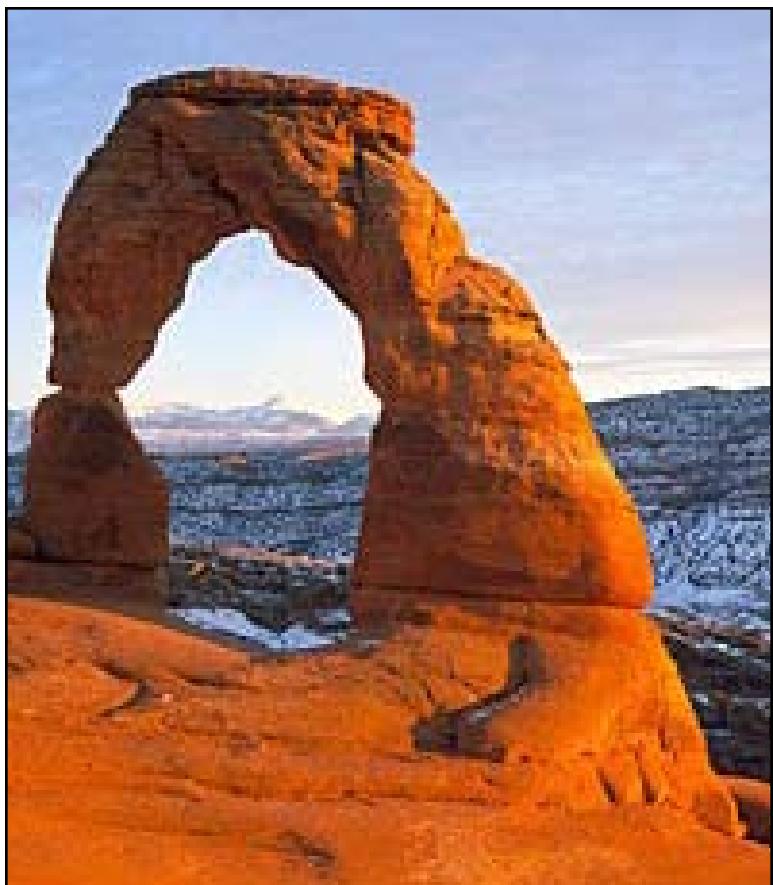
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Manti-La Sal National Forest, the ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup> site in south-eastern Utah.

## Living the Legacy sets plan from 2008-2012

*"Living the Legacy, the Order of the Arrow's 2008 to 2012 Strategic Plan, is a blueprint for service to Scouting."*

~Brad Haddock, chairman, National OA Committee

### Dave Schaub

The Order of the Arrow, as the brotherhood of cheerful service, had a noble vision when it was founded over 90 years ago. This vision has remained unchanged, but in the late 1990s it became

apparent that it would be helpful to produce a strategy for continued advancement towards this vision. Thus, in 1998, the OA published its first strategic plan. This summer, at the National Conservation and Leadership

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## Are you ready for 2008?

During the summer of 2008, the Order of the Arrow and the USDA Forest Service will be partners for *ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup>*, the Order's 2008 program of emphasis. *ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup>* will be one of the most ambitious service-oriented projects that the Boy Scouts of America has undertaken in its 98-year history. The program will bring 5,000 Arrowmen together over five weeks to provide service to five national forests across the country.

This summer, hundreds of Arrowmen spent a week at the OA National Conservation and Leadership Summit preparing for *ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup>*. Arrowmen who attended

the summit's conservation track were trained by Forest Service personnel in forest preservation and conservation and will lead their fellow Arrowmen at *ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup>*. These leaders will hold key positions at the *ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup>* sites and will be charged with implementing this vital effort on behalf of our national forests.

Arrowmen interested in attending *ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup>* can learn more about each of the five sites in past and future editions of the National Bulletin or on the Order's Web site, <http://www.oa-bsa.org>.

**See site profiles on pages 4 and 5**

## OA assists with wildfires

### Bobby James

As the warm, dry Santa Ana winds of Southern California gusted through the unseasonably dry region at 60 to 80 mph, it was not surprising when wildfires broke out throughout the area in October, destroying thousands of homes and more than 300,000 acres of land. This devastation affected 600,000 citizens. Flashbacks to the 2003 Cedar fires filled the minds of Californians in the area who had faced similar tragedies only a few years ago. A crisis had begun and American Red Cross evacuation centers sprung up across San Diego county.

As the events unfolded, a flurry of emails were exchanged between members of Tiwahe lodge. Leaders of Tiwahe, of the San Diego area, in conjunction with their local council, met to discuss ways to assist with the emergency that had developed. They were quickly given this opportunity an estimated 12,000 displaced Californians were taking shelter at



**Lodge Chief Bobby James leads fellow Arrowmen from Tiwahe lodge in their efforts to offer tents, cots, food, water, and supplies to the evacuees of the California wildfires.**

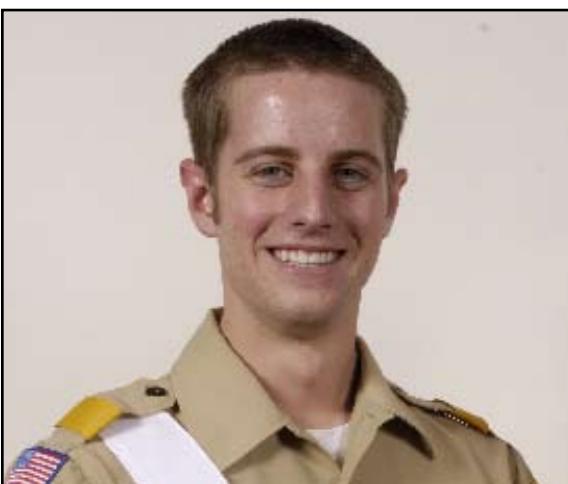
Qualcomm Stadium and in dire need of living quarters. The council delivered several hundred tents and cots to the evacuation center at Qualcomm Stadium, where Scouts demonstrated setup procedures and offered food, water, and other supplies to

the evacuees.

After a few days, the Santa Ana winds finally subsided, the fires were under control, and most of the residents were allowed to return home. When this happened, lodge members stepped in and assisted at Qualcomm Stadium with

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## CHIEFLY SPEAKING



Brothers,

*We each possess special gifts and talents that can be molded to benefit us and others in our future endeavors. The OA is a great place to do that by way of chapter, lodge, or section involvement. A major reason why this organization is so great is that there are opportunities for everyone to grow and develop. In this organization it is best to "aim for success, not perfection. Never give up your right to be wrong, because then you will lose the ability to learn new things and move forward with your life." The OA gives you many chances to work at these talents and find your inner-leader. Currently two of these include our high-adventure programs and ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup> in 2008. You also can grow through the training seminars provided nationwide. Don't let these opportunities pass you by! Take charge of your future and become leaders in your lodge and community. This is our time to revolutionize the principles of the OA; brotherhood, cheerfulness and service. We have an amazing history and a very bright future. What kind of legacy do you wish to leave? Now could be your chance to make a difference.*

*This has been an amazing year, and none of the things we accomplished could have been done without all of you. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to our organization. Thank you for allowing this year's national officers to serve you. This year we all worked as a TEAM and Together Everyone Achieved More. At the beginning of this year, I used a quote from the founder of Ford Motor Company, Henry Ford: "Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success." In my opinion, we did this and the OA grew dramatically. Keep up the good work, and I look forward to the success that we will have in 2008!*

*Yours in Brotherhood,*

*Evan Chaffee  
National Chief*

# Strategic plan sets OA goals

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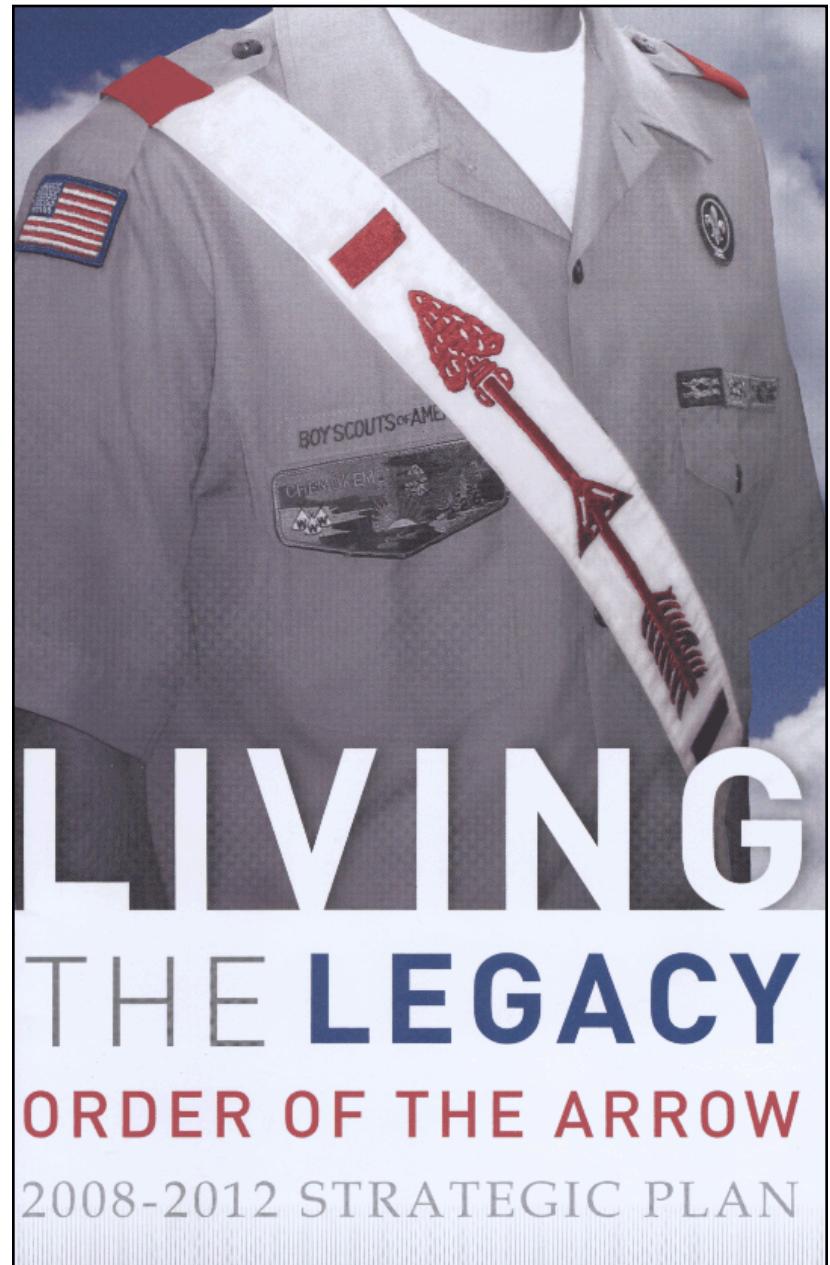
Summit, the Order unveiled its third strategic plan, entitled Living the Legacy, to be implemented from 2008 to 2012.

The new plan has taken countless hours of work, which began nearly two years ago. Never before has a strategic planning task force obtained so much input; more than 10,000 invitations were offered to Arrowmen to complete an electronic survey about the OA. Survey information was also gathered from representatives of all of the lodges at the National Council of Chiefs at NOAC, as well as from local council Scout executives.

The results of the surveys showed immense variance in opinions on what makes a good lodge and what the OA should be doing. This led to numerous outcomes, the first being an increase in flexibility, demonstrated through a new "write-in" requirement for the 2008 Quality Lodge Award.

Another outcome in the new strategic plan was a focus on the "core purposes" of the OA. The new plan, which has its basis in the strategic plan of the Boy Scouts of America, is founded on four pillars: Serve and Support Scouting; Develop Leaders of Character; Promote Outdoor Adventure; and Be an Active, Honored Brotherhood. These four statements make up the heart of the OA's plan to further its vision over the coming years.

## LIVING THE LEGACY ORDER OF THE ARROW 2008-2012 STRATEGIC PLAN



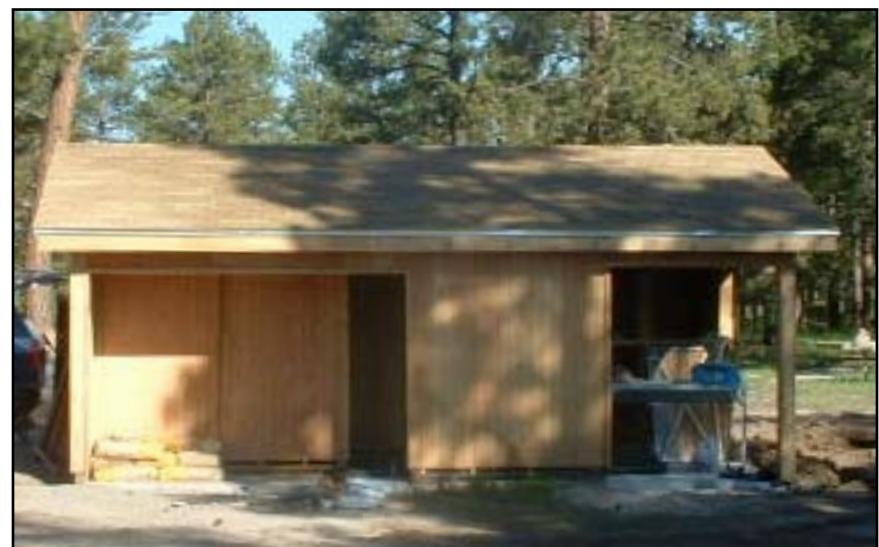
*Living the Legacy, the Order's national strategic plan was revealed at the 2007 National Conservation and Leadership Summit in Bloomington, Indiana.*

## Profile in service: equality reaches Colorado Scout camp

### Jim Bichler

At Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch in Colorado, Tahosa Lodge is working to convert one of the campsites to a more accessible layout in compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act. The lodge received a \$5,000 National Order of the Arrow service grant for this project, in addition to a \$5,000 donation from the The Weyerhaeuser Company and \$7,500 from Tahosa lodge's account. Eighty-one Arrowmen, including some national officers, logged a total of 684 service hours to undertake this task.

The project centered on retrofitting the bathroom and wash basin facilities to accommodate Scouts in wheelchairs. This was challenging because many features of the standard campsite



*Tahosa Lodge works to renovate a campsite bathroom.*

bathroom had to be altered. Increasing the overall area of its interior and installing special fixtures for showering and waste disposal are two examples of the modifications performed. Extra-spacious tents with platforms equipped with four power outlets

were installed to accommodate campers who require electric sources for breathing devices, rechargeable wheelchairs, and other related appliances. The campsite features a raised hearth campfire ring as an additional safety precaution.

# The early years of the Order of the Arrow

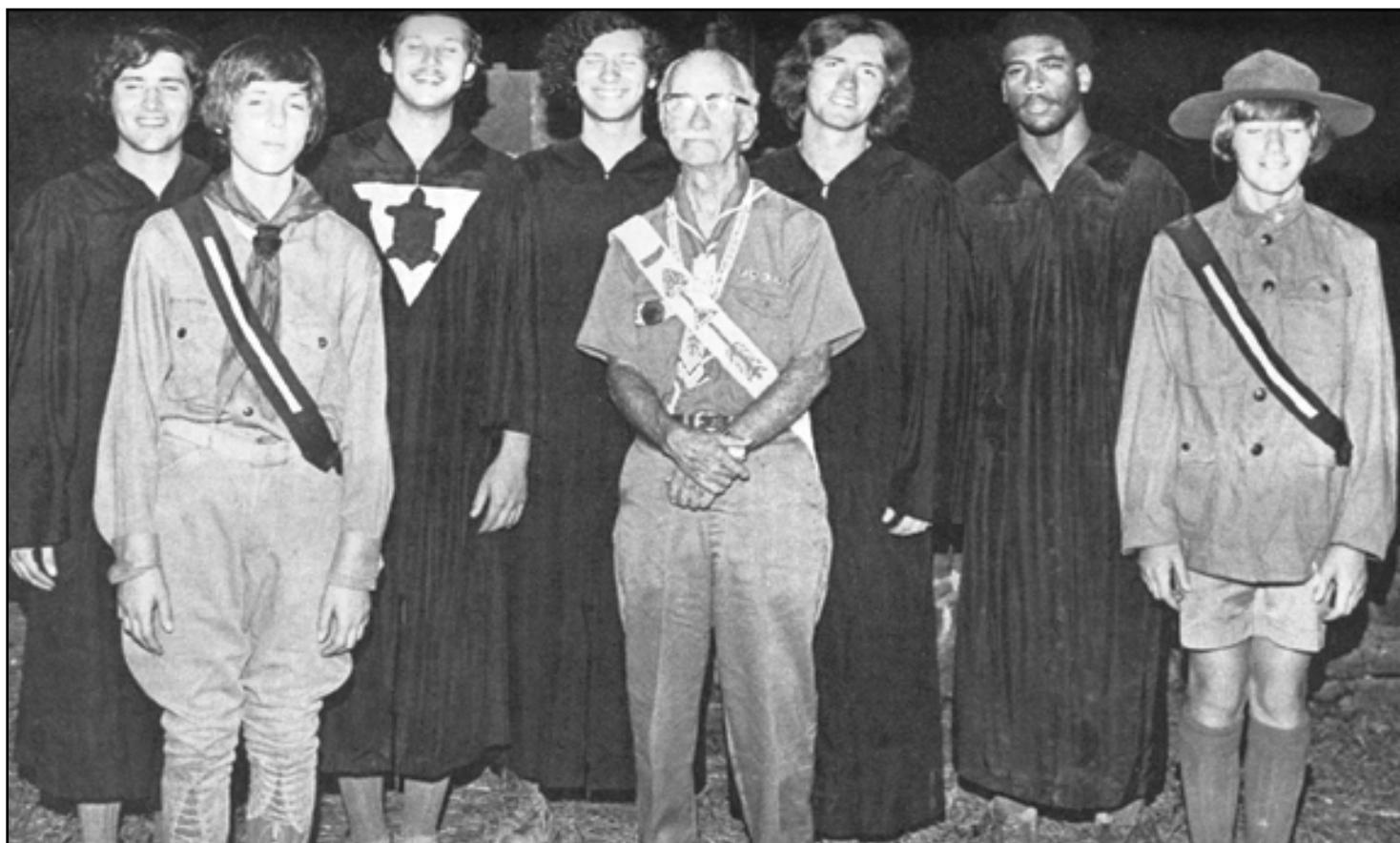
*Del Loder*

When E. Urner Goodman and Carroll Edson were assigned senior staff positions at Treasure Island Scout Camp, they already had the idea to form a camp honor society to recognize outstanding Scouts who did their best to follow the Scout Oath and Law in their everyday lives.

Every Friday night for five weeks during the summer of 1915, they inducted the Scouts who had been elected by their troops for this honor. By the end of that camp season, 25 Scouts had been selected and inducted. In 1916, these Scouts decided to call themselves Unami Lodge.

From 1915 to 1918, Unami was the only lodge, and word of it spread quickly through the Scouting community, up and down the Delaware Valley. Other Scout camps were interested in starting similar programs. By 1921, nine lodges were conducting inductions in the pattern established at Treasure Island.

At the 1922 National Scout Executive Conference near Asheville, North Carolina, some members expressed concern over camp fraternities and secret organizations. A resolution was presented "that camp fraternities be discouraged in connection with Boy Scout camps." Goodman spoke at length on the issue, pointing out that such camp societies could "further emphasize the Scouting principles and ideals in the life of boys." The resolution was



**Founder Dr. E. Urner Goodman stands with members of an original Ordeal Ceremony reenactment team. Ceremonies have been a big part of the Order's traditions**

approved by a narrow vote. After the vote, the Chief Scout Executive called members of the Wimachtendienk together in private and asked them not to push the expansion. "Let it grow, if it will, on its own merits and not through a promotional effort on your own part," he said.

The growth of new lodges was slow. In the early years, they were formed at each Scout camp, creating multiple lodges within a council. There were 13 active lodges in 1925, 37 in 1930, and 45 in 1935. After 20

years, the Order of the Arrow reached the Pacific Coast with a charter issued to the Canalino Lodge of Mission Council, Santa Barbara, California. Since then, the Order of the Arrow has expanded to more than 300 lodges in every corner of the country and beyond.

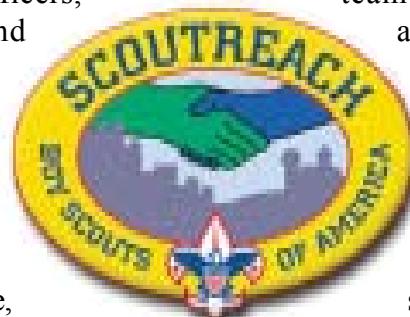


**Founder Dr. E. Urner Goodman, left, and Cofounder Carroll Edson, right, at Treasure Island Scout Camp, where the Order of the Arrow was founded.**

## Southern Region offers Scoutreach at SOS

*Kenney Barton*

The Southern Region strives to expand its cheerful service every year, and 2007 has not been an exception. During the Southern Region gathering, 40 Arrowmen, including section officers, section advisers, and region coordinators, participated in the first regionwide Scoutreach mentoring activity with Scouts from Troop 400 in Huntsville, Alabama.



theme, Arrowmen taught Scouts how to tie the basic knots required to advance from Tenderfoot through First Class rank.

After their instruction, groups of Arrowmen and Scouts tried to untangle a human knot to illustrate that teamwork, perseverance, and communication are important components of successful goal completion.

The success of this activity can serve as testament to all lodges that a simple

activity can have a profound impact upon the youth of our organization. The Southern Region leadership hopes that this event will inspire future section officers to continue in their footsteps.

When the Scouts arrived at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, they met Arrowmen for lunch and had a tour of the facility. After the meal, everyone moved outside for advancement activities. In accordance with the troop's monthly Scouting



**Scouts from Troop 400 participate in the Southern Region Scoutreach mentoring activity at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center. Pictured from left to right: Andrew Cowan, Ryan Braddy, Isaiah McComb, Daymon Billips, and James Simpson.**

# *ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup>*: Are you ready to prove



## 1. **Mark Twain National Forest Missouri June 7-14, 2008**

Mark Twain National Forest, located in southern and central Missouri, is more than 1.5 million acres sprawled across the beautiful Ozark Highlands. President Franklin Roosevelt created the forest to protect the area from loggers, who had systematically been clearcutting the state's native oak, hickory, and pine trees.

On June 7–14, 2008, 1,000 Arrowmen will work to make this magnificent place even more beautiful and to preserve its natural state. Arrowmen who choose to give service at Mark Twain will be working in the Bateman area of the forest, where they will remove cedar trees from the area. Cedar is an invasive species that, if not removed from the area, will destroy the precious little grassland that remains.

As a result of the OA's efforts, the ecological balance in the forest will be maintained, and the area



will be protected for use by future generations.

In addition to providing service, Arrowmen will also spend recreational time in the area. Mark Twain National Forest is home to the Greer Spring, the largest spring in any national forest. It pumps an average of 222 million gallons of water each day. The Glade Top Trail National Scenic Byway also runs through the forest and provides amazing views of the area.



## 2. **Manti-La Sal National Forest Utah June 14-21, 2008**

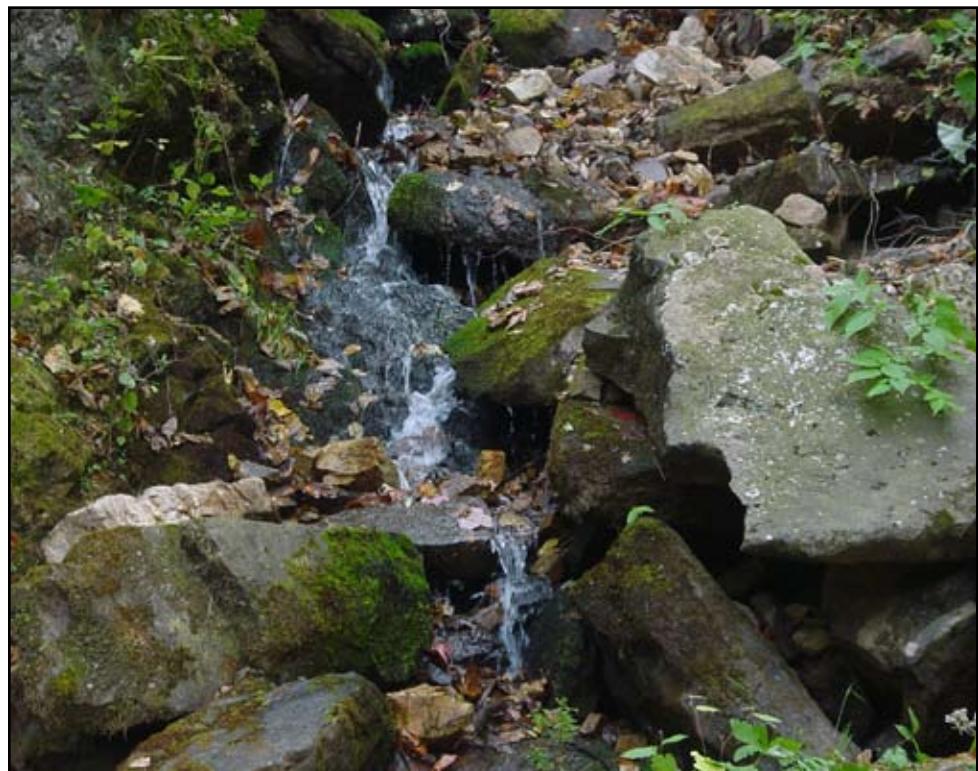


During the week of June 14–21, 2008, 1,000 of the nation's hardest-working Arrowmen will be in the Manti-La Sal National Forest in southeastern Utah to remove an invasive plant species known as tamarisk (salt cedar). Tamarisk is a particularly harsh evergreen shrub that absorbs valuable water from the soil and deposits salt that kills native plant species. Each individual

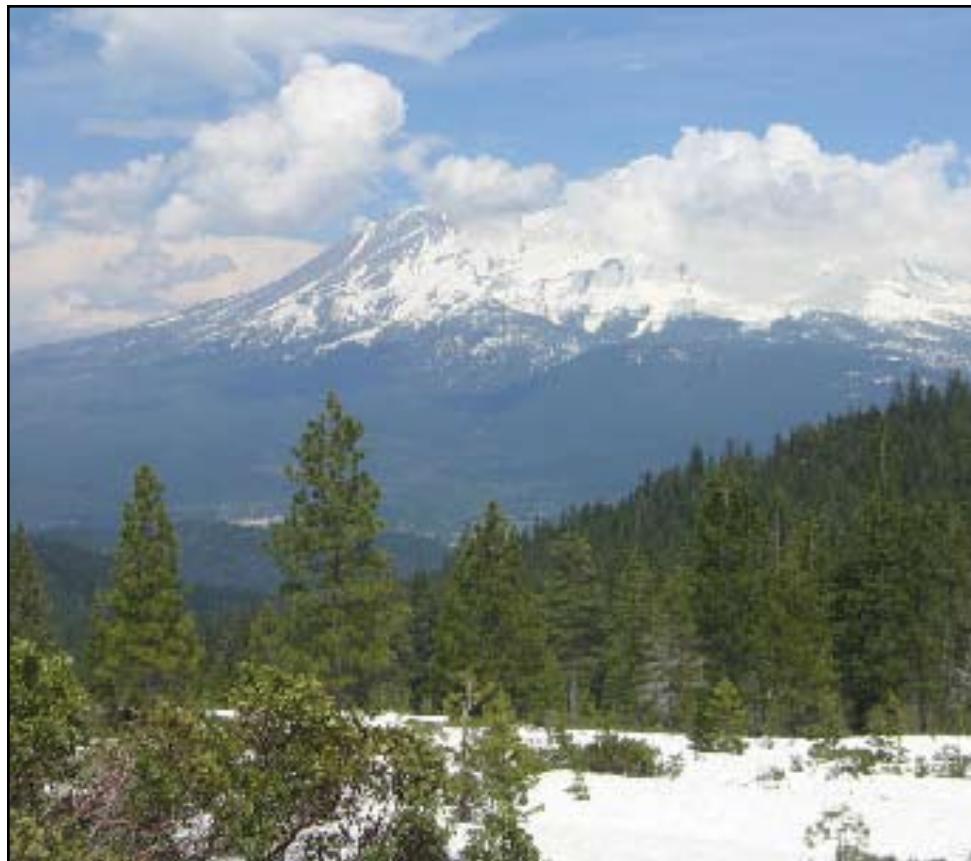
tamarisk plant produces around 500,000 seeds annually. The seeds are wind-dispersed and can germinate in the soil within 24 hours. Each day's work will help push the tamarisk growth back 30 years and keep the native landscape intact.

The OA will be assisted in their conservation efforts by the state of Utah and the counties of Emery and Carbon, which will bring additional workers to help reclaim this lost terrain.

Those who attend this and other *ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup>* 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.



# Provide service to our national forests?

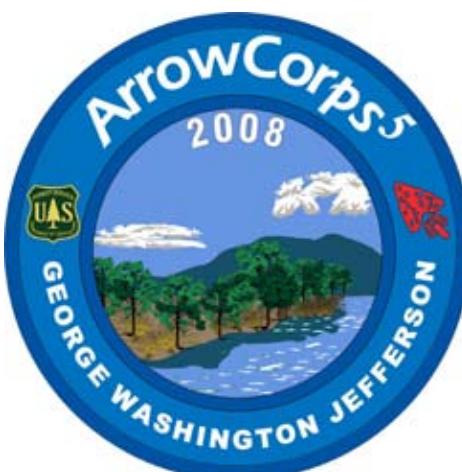


## George Washington and Jefferson National Forests Virginia

**3.**  
**June 21-28, 2008**

Arrowmen who attend the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests project during the week of June 21–28, 2008, will be assigned to one of two very different service districts. In the James River district, which resembles the traditional forest in the sense of trees and wildlife, Arrowmen will construct a five-mile horseback trail system. The second service district, Warm Springs, is less traditional and will require Arrowmen to create a trail from the marina to a beach on Lake Moomaw.

Participants will be offered one full day of recreation to enjoy the area



and interact with one another through activities like whitewater rafting, mountain biking, horseback riding, and visiting historic landmarks.



## Shasta-Trinity National Forest

**California**

**July 12-19, 2008**

**4.**

When President Theodore Roosevelt created Shasta-Trinity National Forest, he ensured that generations of Americans would be able to experience the granite peaks and cliffs, canyons, glaciers, rock pinnacles, and reflective lakes that make this forest so breathtaking. With Mount Shasta towering in the distance, a plume of sulfurous smoke serves as a reminder of the awesome energy that lies hidden beneath the calm exterior. With an elevation of 14,162 feet, Mount Shasta is the second-highest volcano in the Cascade Range.

When 1,000 Arrowmen descend upon Shasta-Trinity on July 12–19, 2008, they will be assigned to one of several trail-building teams. In total, attendees at this site will provide much needed trail maintenance and reconstruction to more than 200 miles of hiking trails. Each area of the project will provide participants with a unique experience, as the work at each site is similar, but the diversity of the ecosystem will present each team with a truly unique experience.



The largest of the projects at Shasta-Trinity is repair to the Pacific Crest Trail. Arrowmen will work on more than 116 miles of trail surrounding Interstate 5. With more than 50 access points, this stretch of trail is a major inlet to the forest, and maintaining it is vital. Recreational opportunities will include whitewater rafting and kayaking, fishing, mountain climbing, and waterskiing.

The Glade Top Trail National Scenic Byway also runs through the forest and provides amazing views of the area.

## Bridger-Teton National Forest Wyoming

**5.**  
**July 26-August 2, 2008**

Bridger-Teton National Forest is located in western Wyoming and offers its visitors more than 3.4 million acres to explore. With its pristine watersheds, abundant wildlife, and immense wild lands, the Bridger-Teton National Forest comprises a large part of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, the largest intact ecosystem in the contiguous United States. Arrowmen who serve at this forest will take part in one of three projects designed to improve the forest for its visitors.

The largest project at this site is the Teton Pass trail construction. This project will require 650 participants and will create approximately 8,000 feet of trail for mountain biking. This project will be split into three parts, with two groups working on general trail construction in low-elevation areas and the third group doing intermediate trail construction on higher-elevation terrain.

Two hundred participants will be needed to remove a length of the



Goosewing exclusion fence, which encloses a very large area and inhibits wildlife migration in the forest. This project will help to balance the local ecosystem by allowing migration habits of local herds to normalize.

The smallest project at Bridger-Teton will need 80 participants to remove a quarter-mile of wooden and sheep wire fencing in the Dutch Joe area of the forest. The fences are located in both open and wooded areas and will provide participants with breathtaking views of the Grand Tetons and surrounding areas.

## AROUND THE NATION



ADAM SCHMIDT

Leaders from 16 lodges are set to converge this winter to share ideas and strengthen leadership skills. The Central Region's Area 1 Leadership Training Conference, to be held February 8–10, 2008, in Minneapolis-St. Paul, will lead lodge leadership through guided instruction in a series of NLS-style sessions. Past section officers and lodge chiefs are spearheading this project.

Arrowmen of Section NE-1A from across northern New England will enjoy a weekend of fellowship and American Indian cultural activities at the MAINE (MAine INdian Events) Fellowship, January 18–20, 2008, in Waterville, Maine. The event is hosted by Madockawanda Lodge of Pine Tree Council and is set to feature discussions on ceremonies, dancing, and drumming, as well as recreational activities like swimming and climbing. Arrowmen will also participate in a pow-wow on Saturday night.

On June 2, 2007, Arrowmen from Sections C-3B and C-3C joined forces to provide service to Starved Rock State Park. Under the slogan "Gettin' Our Sashes Dirty," 90 Arrowmen came together to build foot bridges along the Sandstone Ridge so that visitors and their dogs can safely hike the trails. Arrowmen blocked off unmarked trails leading to cliff sides and moved lumber dropped by helicopters years ago. A unique restoration project took place on top of Starved Rock itself, where select Arrowmen meticulously removed nonnative species in an isolated ecosystem.

If your lodge conducts a service project, celebrates an anniversary, or starts a new program that is noteworthy, e-mail Adam Schmidt at [adamschmidt@gmail.com](mailto:adamschmidt@gmail.com) for consideration in the "Around the Nation" column.

# A unique perspective for youth

*Frank Sturges*

No sight will ever compare to watching canoes paddle into a morning sunrise over the Height of Land Portage on the Canadian border. Our trip followed the centuries-old trail of the French voyagers, giving us some of the same experiences they had along the way. However, the OA Wilderness Voyage program provides a truly unique perspective on the Boundary Waters in its commitment to the Order's ideals of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service.

Each Voyage crew begins with a week of service in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness of the Superior National Forest. During this time, crews manage public trails that are used throughout the year. The hours spent together turning mud into trail allow for lasting friendships to form between fellow brothers. The first week together is what gives the program its exceptional quality and shows our commitment to the ideals



Arrowmen canoeing on a trek at the Northern Tier High Adventure Base.

of the Order of the Arrow.

Still, a change of scenery never hurts, and the second week of the program offers just that. During the trek planned by your crew, you can see sights like grazing moose, pictographs, and incredible waterfalls. One of my favorite trekking memories is of standing with fellow participants less than 20 feet from the Canadian border watching the Northern Lights

set the sky afire. It was a humbling sight.

I have never found the ideals of the Order to ring truer than they do in the heart of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. The program costs \$125, and you must be at least 16 but not yet 21 to attend. More information and sign-up forms can be found at <http://www.oa-bsa.org>.

# Over 100 assist with wildfires

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dismantling the makeshift living quarters located in the middle of the football stadium. More than 100 Scouts, mostly Tiwahe Arrowmen, worked for nearly two days to help close down the center. Arrowmen also worked at two other shelters in the North County, one in the East County, and in a number of temporarily established food shelters as well.

Following the strong response from Arrowmen, Lodge Chief Bobby James said, "I was extremely proud of our Arrowmen's response to the call to action during this devastating time of need, proving what cheerful service truly means." The dedicated service and fast response of the Tiwahe Arrowmen greatly assisted thousands of evacuees and helped to maintain order during the crisis.

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**Chris Wells (pictured), 1998 NE-4B section chief and 1999 National Summit vice chief, is a Navy veteran and an engineer serving in Iraq. He is currently overseeing construction on a training base for the Iraqi Army and advising the Iraqi Army's engineering department. His family recently forwarded a copy of the National Bulletin to Wells in Iraq, and he reports via e-mail that an article about the 1999 summit "brought back a lot of good memories." Wells is proud to be serving and adds, "I owe my preparedness for this mission to the Boy Scouts of America and the Order of the Arrow."**



## Join top leaders of the OA for a week of training at Philmont

This summer, during the week of June 15–21, Philmont Scout Ranch will host the OA Adviser Training seminar as part of the Philmont Training Center courses. The seminar is open to all adult OA leaders and will feature an in-depth look at being a successful adviser, the Lodge Leadership Development program, the Order's new strategic plan, servant leadership, and more.

Sessions will be led by members of the national Order of the Arrow committee, youth officers, and other special guests.

Applications are available now and require the approval of your local council Scout executive. For more information, contact Mark Chilutti, National OA Committee vice chairman for leadership development, at [chilutti2000@aol.com](mailto:chilutti2000@aol.com).

## LodgeMaster assists lodges with records

*Steven Heimark*

LodgeMaster is the new software system being used to help Order of the Arrow lodges manage their membership databases. Not only was LodgeMaster designed by the OA for the OA, its capabilities extend much further. This software is also able to import Boy Scouts of America ID numbers, track service hours, help manage Ordeals, track assets, run

reports on membership, and much more.

Additionally, the system is designed to allow multiple lodge members to access and edit the database simultaneously. As a combination of desktop application and online database, this unique software allows lodge leadership to download the latest information at the click of a button.

Most importantly, this software



### OA LodgeMaster

Membership management software for Order of the Arrow lodges

can help eliminate much of the time necessary to perform lodge administrative tasks, leaving more time for the important things like

service and brotherhood. For more information about LodgeMaster, visit [www.oa-bsa.org](http://www.oa-bsa.org).

## Section SR-7B sponsors trail service project

*Stephen Senter*

In preparation for the *ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup>* project, Section SR-7B committed itself to hosting a number of trail service workdays on the Mountain to Sea Trail (MST), which stretches over 900 miles across North Carolina to the Atlantic Ocean coastline near Hatteras Island. The objectives of these workdays are to lend tangible service to the area while preparing lodge contingents for the same type of work they will experience at *ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup>*.

Jeff Brewer, a past OA Trail Crew foreman, saw the need for a volunteer program designed to address trail construction and maintenance that would prove vital to keeping trails open. Jeff has encouraged this project

throughout the section in his current role as president of Friends of the Mountain to Sea Trail. He has helped coordinate two workdays with the OA and his organization in which Arrowmen can become familiar with the tools, safety procedures, and trail-building methods that will be useful during *ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup>*.

It is essential that we realize the importance of our nation's national forests and do all that we can to conserve these resources for the education and enjoyment of future generations. As lodges prepare for *ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup>*, Section SR-7B has taken a proactive approach in assisting its member lodges with training. Its efforts will prove worthwhile during the service projects next summer.



**SR-7B is hosting service workdays on the Mountain to Sea trail in North Carolina. Lodges are preparing to participate in ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup>.**

**Q** Can I attend more than one week of the ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup> program next summer?

**A** Absolutely! A number of Arrowmen have expressed interest in attending multiple sites of ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup>. All you have to do is sign up. The first sessions are back-to-back, and it would be tricky to attend both in terms of transportation. However, the rest of the program leaves one or two weeks in-between sessions to give Arrowmen who want to attend more sites a chance to rest. Trained squad leaders are welcome to attend other program sites as participants as well.

## 2007-2008 National Planning Calendar

December 27-30	OA National Planning Meeting, Dallas, TX
December 31	Lodge charter renewal deadline
February 1	ArrowCorps <sup>5</sup> Registration Due
February 3	Scout Sunday
February 8	Scout Anniversary Week Begins
February 9	Scout Anniversary Day
February 9	Scout Sabbath
February 11-13	BSA national meetings, Dallas, TX
February 22-24	NLS/NLATS, Rochester, IN
February 29-March 2	NLS, Damascus, AR
March 14-16	NLS, Cimarron, NM
March 28-30	NLS/NLATS, Alpine, NJ
April 11-13	NLS/NLATS, Leesville, SC
April 25-27	NLS, Oahu, HI
May 1	NLS, Oconomowoc, WI
May 2-4	Camp Promotion Packets available
May 21	ArrowCorps <sup>5</sup> Final Payment Due
May 21-23	NLS, Sharpsburg, PA
May 22	National OA Committee Meeting
June 3	National Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA
June 8	ArrowCorps <sup>5</sup> instructors arrive at Philmont OA Ocean Adventure begins
June 7-14	OA Trail Crew Begins
June 10	ArrowCorps <sup>5</sup> , Mark Twain National Forest
June 14-21	Northern Tier OA Voyage begins
June 15-21	ArrowCorps <sup>5</sup> , Manti-La Sal National Forest
June 21-28	OA Philmont Training, Philmont Training Center
June 30	ArrowCorps <sup>5</sup> , George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
July 12-19	OA Service Grant Application distributed
July 26-August 2	ArrowCorps <sup>5</sup> , Shasta-Trinity National Forest
August 10	ArrowCorps <sup>5</sup> , Bridger-Teton National Forest
August 17	OA Ocean Adventure ends
August 19	Philmont OA Trail Crew ends
September 12-14	Northern Tier OA Voyage ends
October 1	NLS/NLATS, Alpine, NJ
October 3-5	SOS, Charleston, SC
October 10-12	OA Charter Renewal Kits distributed
October 13-15	NLS, Canton, MS
October 17-19	NLS/NLATS, Orange County, CA
October 24-26	BSA national meetings, Dallas, TX
October 31	NLS, Toledo, OH
November 2	SOS, Tempe, AZ
November 7-9	OA Service Grant applications due
November 14-16	OA Lodge Program Paks available
December 5-7	NLS/NLATS, Talladega, AL
December 27-30	NLS/NLATS, Parkville, MO
December 31	SOS, Alpine, NJ
	NLS, Marin County, CA
	SOS, Rochester, IN
	OA National Planning Meeting, Dallas, TX
	Lodge charter renewal deadline

## NATIONAL NOTES

### LLD Recognition Patch

The Lodge Leadership Development recognition patch order form is available on the OA Web site. 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 Web site.

### High-Adventure

Check out the national web site to obtain information about Philmont OA Trail Crew, OAOA, and the OA Wilderness Voyage.

### Online OA Trading Post

Click on the OA Trading Post banner on the home page of the OA Web site to purchase great recognition items and gifts. Click on the National Endowment page to review the selection of coins, figurines and prints.

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

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