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National Chief Carey Mignerey

Age: 18
Hometown: Roswell, Georgia
Lodge: Egwa Tawa Dee
Council: Atlanta Area, in Atlanta, Georgia
Scouting rank/recognitions: Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member; Founder's Award recipient
OA background: past SR6S section chief
School: St. Pius X Catholic High School
Siblings: One older sister, age 21
What he likes to do in his spare time:
Hang out with friends at Starbucks, or hiking and camping

Meet the New National Officers

by Keith Brodock

National Bulletin: What would each of you like to accomplish this year as national officers?

Carey: One of my primary goals is to see increased success of the OA Trail Crew and OA Wilderness Voyage programs. These programs are some of the greatest that our Order has to offer, and I want every Arrowman possible to take part.

Jordan: I want to represent the Order of the Arrow in a fun and inspirational manner. I also want to deliver a successful NOAC that will set the standard for future NOACs, to make a positive impact on future OA leaders.

National Bulletin: What are some of your fondest OA memories?
Carey: My fondest memories of

our Order, and of Scouting, are those times when I have truly been able to relate with another Scout. I believe that the most important resource the BSA has to offer is great people. The times that I have spent in brotherhood and fellowship have been the greatest times.

Jordan: My fondest OA memories include the calling out for my Vigil Honor at summer camp; NOAC Shows staff in 1998; meeting Bruce Sander, national committee member and last two years' national officers; being elected section chief and national vice chief; and meeting new friends.

National Bulletin: Who is the one person who has had the most impact on your life?

Carey: My Scoutmaster. He taught me how to apply Scouting's funda-

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National Vice Chief Jordan Hitchens
Age: 18

Hometown: Reading, Pennsylvania
Lodge: Kittatinny
Council: Hawk Mountain, in Reading, PA
Scouting rank/recognitions: Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member; Founder's Award recipient
OA background: Past NE4A section chief
School: Central Catholic High School
Siblings: Two younger brothers, ages 13, 15 and a sister, age 14
What he likes to do in his spare time: See his girlfriend, play basketball, lift weights, and—of course—attend the Saturday Night Buffalo Chicken Wing Eating Contest with his buddies

Region Chiefs Added to National Committee

by Jim Cheatham

During the December 1999 national OA committee meeting held in Dallas, Texas, National Chairman Ed Pease appointed the four newly elected region chiefs to the national OA committee. The four region chiefs will join the current and immediate past national chief and national vice chief as the only youth members of the national OA committee. Following this announcement, the *National Bulletin* discussed this new national committee policy with National Chairman Pease.

National Bulletin:
What sparked the idea of

adding the region chiefs to the national OA committee?

Ed Pease: As we implement the strategic plan, it has become increasingly evident that in order to be successful, all operational levels of the Order must be integrated. Much of the success of the strategic plan depends on the regions giving leadership to the various components both at the national and section levels. This clearly required the inclusion of the region leadership in national planning and programming.

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Plan to Attend NOAC 2000 in Tennessee

by Carey Mignerey

On July 29, more than 6,800 Arrowmen will descend on the University of Tennessee at Knoxville for the 2000 National Order of the Arrow Conference. The conference theme, "Bound in Brotherhood, Led by the Spirit," will be incorporated with the rich and exciting program and shows.

The 2000 NOAC is unique from past conferences because an extra day has been added. NOAC begins on Saturday, July 29, and will extend to Thursday, August 3. Since the conference opens a day

early, lodges may register only on July 29. On the first evening, region gatherings and a massive, conference-wide extravaganza will kick off the festivities.

Sunday will be the first of three traditional conference days. In the mornings, outstanding trainers from throughout the country will cover subjects ranging from OA administration, to American Indian culture, to inductions and ceremonies.

The afternoons will be jam-packed with great activities like American Indian workshops and competitions, Meet the Man, The Outdoor Adventure Place (TOAP),

OA Jeopardy, athletic competitions, patch trading and much more! Camping and high adventure also share the limelight at the High Adventure Expo and the Xtreme High Adventure areas.

To accommodate these great programs, the evening shows will be slightly later in the evenings. Shows are a much-anticipated element of conferences. The lineup will include the opening show, an awards show, an American Indian heritage show, and the theme show.

One of the most popular programs at the confer-

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CHIEFLY SPEAKING



2000 National Chief Carey Mignerey (right) and National Vice Chief Jordan Hitchens.

Dear Arrowmen,

It is not easy to express in words how it feels to serve as your 2000 national officers; yet the words excitement and inspiration come to mind. We know the vision that we establish over the next 12 months will be reflected in the lives of generations of Arrowmen. In all of the activities of the Order in 2000, we will build this vision.

These are truly exciting times to be a member in the Order of the Arrow. This year will be teeming with opportunities to see and experience the spirit of the OA at all the national programs offered. The Order is continuing to promote high-adventure programs and serve through the extension of the OA Trail Crew at Philmont. Also, after a highly successful debut, the OA Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage approaches its second season. We will offer 16 National Leadership Seminars, including another weeklong National Leadership Seminar at the Philmont Training Center in northern New Mexico. The opportunities are endless, and the potential is immeasurable.

We also must remember the 2000 National OA Conference, where Arrowmen from throughout the nation can teach and inspire one another. This year's theme, "Bound in Brotherhood, Led by the Spirit," will justly become a reality. At NOAC, there is a spirit of excitement all around—a spirit that is doubtless is the very essence of our Order. This is the 85th anniversary for our Order as well, which makes it an even more extraordinary event.

Clearly, 2000 will prove to inspire the hearts and minds of many Arrowmen. Among the sights and sounds of so many exciting programs, the spirit of the Order will truly come alive. We are challenged to make this spirit and this vision of the Order a reality. Together, we can make this happen.

Yours in brotherhood,

Carey Mignerey
Carey Mignerey
National Chief

Jordan Hitchens
Jordan Hitchens
National Vice Chief

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NB: How have the regions been represented on the national level prior to this addition to the national committee?

EP: Prior to my decision to add the region chiefs and region staff advisers to the national OA committee, only the region chairmen were members of the committee.

NB: What is unique about having BSA professionals on the national OA committee?

EP: We are the only national committee that has members who are Scouting professionals. However, these seven individuals do not vote due to national BSA policy. Nevertheless, their involvement over the past few years has been extremely helpful in improving the efficiency of our operations and the quality of our programs. ♣

Planning NOAC !

by Charley Wasson

The 2000 National Order of the Arrow Conference will be packed with activities and events. The section chiefs met in Dallas, Texas, last December to begin planning all aspects of the conference. Conference vice chiefs (CVCs) were elected to lead each program area.



American Indian Activities Committee. From left: Josh Cummings, Yates Phillips, and CVC Devlin Cooper.

The American Indian Activities committee elected Devlin Cooper as its CVC. According to Cooper, this committee will conduct many American Indian programs, including pageants, dance and attire competitions, and the American Indian show on Tuesday night of the conference.



Communications Committee. From left: Joe Shaw, Luke Whited, CVC Jay Widby, Tom Winters, and Jason Mackey.

The Communications committee is a combination of the former Publications and Public Relations committees. Jay Widby will serve as the CVC. The Communications committee plans to redesign the NOAC Today newspaper. Anyone can participate in NOAC this year via the OA Web site, www.oa-bsa.org.



Competitions and Recreation Committee. From left: CVC Tim Flintoff, Lyle Lash, Andy Zahn, Mark Hogan, and Mikey LaPlante.

Tim Flintoff will serve as CVC for Competitions and Recreation. This committee will provide a wide assortment of events for all ages. Football, volleyball, OA Jeopardy and a 5K run will be some of the activities sponsored by this committee, and participants should not forget patch trading or the brotherhood band and chorus.



High Adventure and Camping Committee. From left: Ben Pharr, Ben Janke, CVC Mark Stickel, Matt Dukeman. Held is Rob Wong.

High Adventure and Camping is a new program area this year. The CVC will be Mark Stickel. Activities and events planned range from The Outdoor Adventure Place to presentations of camping and high-adventure technology, to interactive camping displays.



Inductions and Ceremonies Committee. Standing, from left: Steve Arisman, Brian Barth, CVC Bob Crume. Seated, from left: Carson Strickland, Bradley Polk.

The Inductions and Ceremonies committee is led by Bob Crume. This committee will organize four OA ceremonies competitions and the calling-out ceremony. Each participating group will receive performance evaluations, which include suggestions on how to improve its ceremony presentation.



Founder's Day Committee. From left: Keith Brodock, CVC Rob Rodriguez, Brian Leech, Dave Yoder.

This year, Founder's Day will have its own committee. Robert Rodriguez will serve as the CVC. Wednesday's activities will last one full day. Founder's Day will spotlight "BOB," or the Best of the Best—a show-and-do exposition. Rodriguez promises Founder's Day will be a "fun, action-packed day for all to enjoy."

Region Chiefs Elected

Central Region Chief
 Luke Wolfe comes from the Chemokemon Lodge, Sinnissippi Council, in Janesville, Wisconsin. He is a Vigil Honor member and recipient of the Founder's Award. Luke has served as C3A section chief in the past. He now attends the University of Wisconsin in Stout, where he is majoring in construction management. The one thing he wants to stress to everyone is that he is available to all Arrowmen. Please do not hesitate to contact him at any time. Luke's e-mail address: Wolfe1@POST.uwstout.edu

Northeast Region Chief
 Scott Schmidt hails from the Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee Lodge, Greater Niagara Frontier Council, in Buffalo, New York. This Vigil Honor member and Eagle Scout has also received the Founder's Award. He is a two-term lodge chief and has served as NE5A section chief. He attends Ithaca College, where he is an exploratory major. He knows that his term as Northeast Region chief is the chance of a lifetime, and he will use



Left to right: Jim Cheatham (S), Luke Wolfe (C), Cameron Mulder (W), Scott Schmidt (NE).

his dedication, enthusiasm and vision to ensure the greatest possible program available. Scott's e-mail address: Pookums100@aol.com

Southern Region Chief
 Jim Cheatham comes from Ittawamba Lodge, West Tennessee Area Council, in Jackson. He is a Vigil Honor member, an Eagle Scout, and a recipient of the Founder's Award. He served three terms as SR6N section chief, served on the 1998 national conference committee and 1999 National Leadership Summit committee, and at the 1999 Train-the-Trainer conference. Jim is a sophomore, majoring in civil engineering at the University of Tennessee Knoxville, host of NOAC

2000. His love of sports and outdoor activities, along with school and Scouting, keeps Jim very busy. Jim's e-mail address: jcheath1@utk.edu

Western Region Chief
 Cameron Mulder is a member of Tsisqan Lodge, Oregon Trail Council, in Eugene. He is a Vigil Honor member, Eagle Scout, and has received Venturing's Gold Award and the OA's Founder's Award. Cameron has served as WIA section chief. He attends Oregon State University, where he majors in psychology. He looks forward to becoming more involved in Scouting so that he can help more youth. Cameron's e-mail address: mulderc@ucs.orst.edu

Where Are They Now?

by Dave Petrush

Clint Takeshita, who served as the OA's 1991 national chief, is also a recipient of the OA Distinguished Service Award.



Clint Takeshita, 1991



Clint Takeshita, 2000

He graduated from Santa Clara University in June 1994 with a bachelor's degree in finance. Today, this Eagle Scout is a manager and software consultant at Andersen Consulting LLP, where he specializes in telecommunications.

Many of the skills Clint learned as a lodge and section officer have helped him in his professional career. As a software consultant, he works closely with fellow employees to deliver software packages and solutions to clients. He says: "It's amazing that the skills required to plan and execute a lodge event or section conclave are very similar to the skills that are required in consulting. Working with and managing people, planning, organizing, and executing are as applicable in the 'real world' as they are in Scouting and the OA."

Clint remains active in Scouting and the Order. He is a member of Ohlone Lodge, Pacific Skyline Council, San Mateo, California, and serves as a member of the council executive board. He is also the training coordinator for the Order in the Western Region.

Clint credits his experience as national chief with keeping him involved in the program. "I hope that I can contribute to the program and help younger Arrowmen have the same positive experiences in the OA that I enjoyed," he said.

OA Trail Crew 2000

by Whit Culver

The year 2000 promises to be unparalleled in excitement and adventure for the OA Trail Crew.

The OATC has taken on a brand-new project this summer in the Black Horse area of Philmont's north country. This portion of Philmont Scout Ranch has been virtually untouched since the mining operations of the late 1800s and early 1900s.

The OA Trail Crew has been asked to build an entire network of trails to access this virgin area, much of which is above 10,000 feet in elevation. The work environment will be like nothing many have ever experienced; conditions will be extreme and challenging due to the high

Session Dates for 2000 OA Trail Crew

- Session 1: June 8 to 22
- Session 2: June 15 to 29
- Session 3: June 22 to July 6
- Session 4: June 29 to July 13
- Session 5: July 6 to 20
- Session 6: July 13 to 27

elevation.

If you are interested in a truly "alpine" experience, one that will challenge you mentally, physically and spiritually, then OATC 2000 is for you.

Applications can be obtained by accessing the OA Web site, www.oa-bsa.org, or by contacting the OA national office, phone 972-580-2438.

The Second Voyage OA Northern Tier Program

by Bobby Kunstman

The Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness is located in a place that is quickly becoming a Boy Scout's dream. The million-plus acres of wilderness located within Minnesota's Superior National Forest includes the Charles L. Sommers High Adventure Base in Ely.

The 1999 OA Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage was the first opportunity for the Boy Scouts of America, Order of the Arrow and the U.S. Forest Service to work together on a long-term project. This program benefits Scouting and the 200,000 tourists who travel throughout the Boundary Waters area every year.

Arrowmen taking part in the voyage arrive on a Tuesday night and spend part of Wednesday in camp

preparing food and gear for their adventure. They then are separated into crews of seven participants and two foremen and work in designated areas for the next five and a half days.

When the trek portion of the voyage begins, they spend another five and a half days paddling through areas that feature birch and pine forests, thousands of sparkling lakes, rivers and streams, cliffs with American Indian pictographs on them, and tons of majestic waterfalls and rapids. Arrowmen also have the opportunity to observe local wildlife such as moose, otter, bald eagles and timber wolves, as well as experience some of the best fishing in North America.

As preparation continues for the Wilderness Voyage, the staff is getting excited about a superb summer. The staff includes

current and former national, regional, section and lodge officers with extensive OA and high-adventure experience.

If you are interested in the voyage program or need more information, send an e-mail to the director, Bobby Kunstman, at rjk5985@garnet.acns.fus.edu, or contact Carey Miller at the national office, phone 972-580-2438. A PowerPoint program for presentations is also available from Kunstman.

Attention!

These are the corrected dates for voyage sessions. The dates on many applications that have been distributed were incorrect.

- Session 1: June 7 to 19
- Session 2: June 14 to 26
- Session 3: June 21 to July 3
- Session 4: June 28 to July 10
- Session 5: July 5 to 17
- Session 6: July 12 to 24



by Lance McAlister

In honor of Scouting's 90th anniversary, the Coleman Company made a generous commitment to help fund the program fees for Scouts to participate in a high-adventure program or to attend a local Scout camp this year. To find out who the lucky recipients of the 90th Anniversary Outdoor Adventurships are, access the national OA Web site at www.oa-bsa.org.

Mitigwa Lodge, Mid-Iowa Council, Des Moines, Iowa, celebrates the 75th anniversary of its local council's Camp Mitigwa in 2000.

Web site: www.raccoon.com/%7ENOAC98/Index.htm

Section SR2 recently held a council of chiefs training event January 14-16 at Camp Wisdom in Dallas, Texas. Participants chose one of three groups in which to participate: council of chiefs, training and development, or ceremonies and Native American events.

More than 100 Arrowmen gathered for topics ranging from strategic planning for lodges, to dance instruction, to an explanation of the new role of the section.

Web site: www.sr2-oa.org

Shu-Shu-Gah Lodge, Brooklyn Council, New York, held its first Phone-A-Thon on February 2, 2000. The unit service committee directed the Phone-A-Thon. The lodge wants to increase the number of Scouts it reaches this year and hopes this event will strengthen its unit visitation program, where the lodges hold OA elections and camp promotions.

Web site: www.shushugah.org

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mental values to my life.

Jordan: My grandfather. He showed me how to live and led me by example.

National Bulletin: In years past, many of our national officers have had interesting Vigil Honor names. What are yours?

Carey: Lilchpin Awullsu Woaphokquawon, meaning "Diligent one who has pretty hair."

Jordan: Pommihilleu Tonkhaken Ptukhitean, which means "He who flies with basketball."

National Bulletin: On December 28, your role as national officers will come to an end. What would you like to pursue as a future career?

Carey: I would like to continue my college work, go to law school and become an attorney.

Jordan: I would like to eventually pursue a career in medicine; however, I have to get through my first four years of college before medical school.

National Bulletin: When this year is over, you'll probably want a vacation. If you could take a trip anywhere, where would you go?

Carey: I think my dream vacation would be to Antarctica, because it is a place where few people go. I would like to experience this unique challenge for myself.

Jordan: I would tour Europe because I want to see all of those places that I have learned about in history.

National Bulletin: What has the OA taught you?

Carey: Teamwork. This skill comes into play a lot in our brotherhood of cheerful service. In a larger scope, I know that I will use this skill later in life, both in my career and personal life.

Jordan: The OA has taught me to appreciate my friends and to laugh. There are many lessons learned in the OA, yet the lessons that I am most fond of are the friends I have made through Scouting and the memories we have shared. ♪

Profiles in Service

Eleven Lodges Receive Grants

For the past several years, the national Order of the Arrow committee has provided matching service award grants for a limited number of projects submitted by lodges to the national office. A total of \$30,000 was made available for distribution in 2000.

The selection committee considered the innovative scope and design of each project, how the project affects a significant number of Scouts, and how the project enhances Cub Scouting or Boy Scouting in the council. The following 11 lodges are this year's service grant recipients.

Unami Lodge, Cradle of Liberty Council, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, received \$5,000 for a major renovation of the Unami Lodge House at Treasure Island, including making the building accessible to people with disabilities.

Haudenosaunee Lodge, Twin Rivers Council, Albany, New York, received \$1,250 for the creation of a discovery center outpost around the fossil area of the local council camp, to be used primarily by Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts.

Moswetuset Lodge, Boston Minuteman Council, Boston, Massachusetts, received \$2,000 to construct two Adirondack-style lean-tos to help support the council's Scoutreach initiative.

Wahissa Lodge, Old Hickory Council, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, received \$4,250 for the construction of a nature trail with identification markers of trees and other plant life, and areas for Scoutcraft demonstrations and a low-course Project COPE element.

Tsisqan Lodge, Oregon Trail Council, Eugene, Oregon, received \$4,000 to build a Project COPE course that meets standards of construction and supervision.

Comanche Lodge, Ouachita Valley Council, Monroe, Louisiana, received \$500 for the construction of a nature and hiking trail.

Topa Topa Lodge, Ventura County Council, Camarillo, California, received \$1,000 to build a barbecue grill for use by Scouts earning the Cooking merit badge, and for other outdoor camp cooking instructions and meals for campers.

Kotso Lodge, Chisholm Trail Council, Abilene, Texas, received \$2,000 for construction of a mountain bike trail to help keep older boys interested in Scouting.

Mitigwa Lodge, Mid-Iowa Council, Des Moines, Iowa, received \$1,000 for the construction of a lakefront trail.

Cho-Gun-Mun-A-Nock Lodge, Hawkeye Area Council, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, received \$4,000 for the restoration of the local council camp's Hanford dining hall, which had been vandalized.

Malibu Lodge, Western Los Angeles County Council, Van Nuys, California, received \$5,000 for the construction of a Project COPE

course that provides adventurous programming and will be used for older Scouts to help develop their leadership skills.

Echeconnee Lodge, Central Georgia Council in Macon, was a 1999 service grant recipient. In a final report sent to the national office, the Echeconnee Lodge Key 3 reported the construction of a new bridge over its council camp's lake for easier access to the north shore

lake activities from the main camp area. Lodge members provided many hours of service in the construction of the bridge. Arrowmen were intimately involved in the planning, supervision and coordination of the project. Service during the building of the bridge included clearing brush, and removing an old dock. ♪



From left: Section SR 4 Section Chief Devlin Cooper, 2000 Lodge Chief Jeremy Stinson, 1999 Lodge Chief Kevin Right, and Lodge Adviser Ross Cooper walk along the new bridge constructed by the Echeconnee Lodge.

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ence, Founders' Day has been expanded to a full day of incredible fellowship and exchange. The day will open with a rededication ceremony, a giant NOAC parade and "Best of the Best," a show-and-do program. In the afternoon, Arrowfair will feature lodge booths showcasing lodge history, activities and highlights.

Also at the conference, the Key 3 of every lodge and section in the nation will gather to continue the implementation of the OA strategic plan. This gathering will give the leaders of the Order the tools they need to succeed and will be far more than a National Leadership Summit recap.

The conference newspaper, radio station and information booths will continue to set the standard in OA communications. Moreover, an expanded NOAC Web site will have its greatest impact yet.

The time to sign up for NOAC is passing quickly. If you are interested, hurry and contact your lodge leadership because space is extremely limited. For more details about the 2000 conference, be sure to check the OA Web site at www.oa-bsa.org. ♪

Implementing the Strategic Plan

1915-2000: 85 Years of Brotherhood,
Cheerfulness & Service

Professionally Speaking



David Larkin

by David Larkin

The excitement of being elected into the Order of the Arrow is now greater than ever. The new strategic plan of the OA offers an expanded opportunity of service and leadership for youth and adult members.

I have always viewed the OA as a great resource for the Scouting movement. It would have been

difficult to replace the efforts of my chapter when I was a district executive. Having a "service above self" attitude from so many Arrowmen helped me develop as an executive with the Boy Scouts of America. Working as a professional Scouter with such great Arrowmen as Howard Olson (SR6 area adviser) and Dr. Carl Marchetti helped me to better understand the significance of the Scouting movement and the positive effect it can have on Scouts.

It is the responsibility of the Scout executive to incorporate the lodge into the council plans for membership and program. Never has there been a greater need to use the energy and talents of the best Scouts in every troop

to help accomplish council plans. I encourage every local council to take advantage of the OA's new and enhanced vision of service.

The Order of the Arrow's new strategy could not come at a better time for the Atlanta Area Council. The executive board has just passed a business plan, which calls for a \$25 million capital effort that will invest \$17 million in the local council camps and provide for a new local council service center. At the Egwa Tawa Dee Lodge's annual banquet, I challenged our lodge to become involved in the council's growth and capital investment plan. It is imperative to have the total Scouting community involved with the council's plans, and the OA lodge is

perfectly suited to the task. It is my goal to have every troop in the Atlanta Area Council represented in our lodge and focused on meeting the challenge.

The Scouting movement is stronger than ever. Membership and program participation is at its highest level in the movement's history. Local councils need committed leadership resources to promote and serve growth. Under its new strategic plan, a strong Order of the Arrow program can help the local council meet many needs.

You might ask how the OA can make a positive, lasting impression on a Scout. Recently, I met with Terry Graham, executive vice president and chief operating officer of Lockheed Martin

Aeronautical Systems. I wanted him to be a part of the Atlanta Area Council Executive Board. During our lunch, Terry talked about being an Eagle Scout and how much attending a national jamboree and going to Philmont had meant to him. He also shared his thoughts about what an honor and privilege it was for him to serve as lodge chief in his council.

Yes, the Order of the Arrow develops leadership and—under its expanded vision—it is now more prepared than ever. ♣

David Larkin serves as Scout executive of the Atlanta Area Council in Georgia. He is a Vigil Honor member of the Order and a recipient of the Distinguished Service Award.

Four Focus Areas Set for 2000

by Luke Whited

Building on the foundation released at the National Leadership Summit last July, the national OA committee has chosen four areas of emphasis to continue fostering the implementation of the strategic plan.

The OA intends to strengthen its focus on leadership through a new **lodge adviser training course**, which will be developed over the coming year by section and area advisers. This program will be specifically designed for the lodge adviser or adviser-to-be.

With a renewed commitment at the troop level, the Order will continue to emphasize the **Order of the Arrow troop representative** as a crucial link between the troop and the lodge. The focus will encompass informing troops about the program and training new troop

representatives.

The final phase of the **new role of the section** will be rolled out over the coming year. The Field Officer Guide will be updated with information on this fully implemented mentoring relationship between the section and lodges.

A promised broader range of **service to the community**, outside the local lodge and council, will be a major point of focus as well. The local lodges will be asked to plan and staff, with council support, major service projects to the community and beyond. ♣

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Dear Readers:

We have received numerous articles and photographs for publication, and will continue to welcome them. However, in the case of some photographs we have received inadequate information or quality. If you are submitting pictures for publication, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- (1) Provide names and lodges of all individuals in photographs. Identify the people from left to right, starting with the front row if there are multiple rows.
- (2) Those in the photograph should be in complete uniform, unless the activity captured does not require the complete uniform (such as the Philmont backcountry).
- (3) If an action photograph, provide a description of the activity and possible caption.
- (4) The photographs must be useable. They cannot be over/under exposed or too light/too dark to see.

2000 Planning Calendar

March 17-19	Western Region NLS, Logan, UT
March 31-April 2	Northeast Region NLS, Alpine, NJ
April 7-9	Central Region NLS, Winona, MN
May 5-7	Northeast Region NLS, Alpine, NJ
May 24-26	BSA National Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN
June 7	Northern Tier OA Voyage begins
June 8	Philmont OA Trail Crew begins
June 11-17	Philmonth OA Adviser Training and Southern Region NLS, Philmont
July 24	Northern Tier OA Voyage ends
July 27	Philmont OA Trail Crew ends
July 29-August 3	National Order of the Arrow Conference, Knoxville, TN
September 8-10	Western Region NLS, Hawaii
September 15-17	Northeast Region NLS, Schuylkill, PA
September 15-17	Southern Region NLS, Canton, MS
September 22-24	Southern Region NLS, Wirtz, VA
September 29	Central Region NLS, London, OH
-October 1	
October 6-8	Western Region NLS, Casper, WY
October 27-29	Central Region NLS, Parkville, MO
November 3-5	Southern Region NLS, Covington, GA
November 10-12	Southern Region NLS, Fort Worth, TX
November 17-19	Western Region NLS, Pleasanton, CA
December 29-31	OA National Planning Meeting, Dallas, TX

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Jamboree Staff Applications

by Matt Walker

The Order of the Arrow will again provide several great programs at the 2001 National Scout Jamboree. We are looking for the best staff members possible to serve.

If you are interested in serving on the staff of the 2001 National Scout Jamboree, obtain an application from your local council service center, or call the BSA national office at 972-580-2000. You must complete the application and get your Scout executive's approval. Your local council will send the completed form to the national office.

To indicate that you want to work with the OA staff, mark "OA" in bold letters, or you may be assigned elsewhere. After "OA," mark the area where you would like to serve: OA-Indian Village, OA-Outdoor Adventure Place, OA-Scoutopia, OA-Service Corp, or OA-Arena Show.

Come join the fun at the jamboree with the OA staff! ♣

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Burning Issues with Bob Crume

Burning issue recently asked Tom Reddin, a member of the national Order of the Arrow committee, to clarify who can wear adviser patches.

Question: According to national policy, who can wear an adviser position patch on the uniform? Also, does national have a policy about appointing co-advisers?

Answer: Around the country, a number of sections, lodges and chapters have appointed associate advisers to assist the primary adviser. Associate section advisers, associate lodge advisers,

and associate chapter advisers are helpers; they are not authorized to wear the position patch for section, lodge, or chapter adviser. Only the primary adviser is allowed to wear the patch. If more than one adviser wears the patch, it creates confusion, diffuses responsibility, and creates problems throughout the organization

For these same reasons, co-advisers are not condoned at any OA level. Co-advisers create an even larger leadership problem, with or without wearing a patch.

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