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Scouting's National Honor Society

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Cunningham, Hunter Elected to Lead Scouting's Honor Society



Don Cunningham

by Jim Cheatham

Don Cunningham has been chosen to serve as the 2001 national chief. Don is from Dillsburg, Pennsylvania, where he serves as an assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 90, chartered by Shepardstown United Methodist Church, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. Don is an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor member and Founder's Award recipient of Susquehannock Lodge and the Keystone Area Council. He attends Northern Senior High School and is the past NE-4C Section Chief. While not handling the duties of national chief, Don enjoys writing editorials, traveling, hanging

out with friends, and meeting new people. Some of Don's favorites include music by the Beatles and movies such as *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, *The Thomas Crown Affair* and *Dead Poets Society*.

Don would like to travel to London and Milan to explore the classic ways of the British and to visit the most dominant center of fashion. Colin Powell, Dale Carnegie, his parents and his grandparents are heroes in Don's mind. The most memorable Scouting experience for Don was his call-out ceremony.

Don's goal for this year is to touch the lives of individual Arrowmen in our organization and to help them discover the infinite possibilities the OA has to offer.



Scott Hunter

Scott Hunter will serve as the 2001 national vice chief. Scott is from Casper, Wyoming, where he serves as an assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 121 of the Central Wyoming Council. He is a Vigil Honor member of Tatokainyanka Lodge, where he served as lodge chief before being elected chief of Section W-5C. Scott attends Natrona County High School and is an Eagle Scout. During his free time, Scott enjoys listening to the Cranberries and watching movies such as *Braveheart*, *Good Will Hunting* and *Gladiator*.

In the future, Scott would like to visit Europe to see all of the Renaissance art, architecture and sights. Individuals such as his parents, his grandfather and Abraham Lincoln are whom Scott views as heroes. Scott is heavily involved in OA ceremony teams. His most memorable moment in Scouting was that of his last Ordeal ceremony, when he saw "the look" in one particular Scout's eyes.

Scott's goal for this year is to inspire each and every one of our members and to present them with memories and experiences that will sculpt them as men. In addition, Scott plans continued expansion of the standard of excellence, making every experience in the Order a landmark all its own.

Beauty of the Voyage Awaits

by Bobby Kunstman

Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage Program (OAWV) is under way. This year, each session of the 2001 Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage has been extended by one day so Arrowmen will have the opportunity to travel the Boundary Waters of Minnesota and Canada and truly take in the beauty that surrounds them. During their two-week adventure, participants will be separated into their crews of seven Arrowmen and two foremen.

Each session will begin with a week of service in the million-acre wilderness. During week two, crew members will begin the voyage portion of their adventure, which they will plan themselves. In the past, some have taken it easy, enjoying some of the best fishing in North America, while other crews have worked hard, paddling their way to Lake Superior.

"I am glad that I had an opportunity to participate in the voyage program," said **Andrew Hyde** of Lo La'Qam Geela Lodge. "It truly was the most amazing and fun experience that I have ever had. I have not gone a day without thinking of my plans to go back for next summer."

If you are interested in the Voyage program and have questions, you can e-mail the director, **Bobby Kunstman**, at bobbyfsu@hotmail.com or contact **Carey Miller** at the national office at 972-580-2455.

The National OA Voyage dates for summer 2001 are as follows:

- #1 June 12-25
- #2 June 19-July 2
- #3 June 26-July 9
- #4 July 3-16
- #5 July 10-23
- #6 July 17-30
- #7 July 24-August 6
- #8 July 31-August 13
- #9 August 7-20



A river view, a scenic sunset, and a waterfall that a Scout has stopped to admire.



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National Chief Don Cunningham (left) and National Vice Chief Scott Hunter.

Fellow Arrowmen,

No words could express the humble spirit that has been kindled within our hearts, and no amount of appreciation would be enough to convey the honor and privilege we feel as the 2001 national officers of the Order of the Arrow.

A great year of challenges lies ahead, and we both eagerly await opportunities to serve you. As Arrowmen, we must all recommit ourselves to the Obligation and the Scout Oath and Law, for these are the foundations of our vision. The unity, character and unselfish interest that have come to define us will continue to echo our legacy if we strive for them today.


Another successful year of quality programs will make 2001 truly spectacular. Fourteen National Leadership Seminars will be offered nationwide to provide direction for tomorrow's leaders. Another full season of high adventure will allow us to rejoice in the beauty and pleasures of the outdoors. Please seek to attend the Philmont Trail Crew Program and the Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage--personal growth at its best! Additionally, we strive to increase the visibility of the One Day of Service Program and emphasize the completion of the OA Strategic Plan.


Perhaps the most exciting of this year's endeavors is the 2001 National Scout Jamboree, July 23 through August 1 at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia. More than 32,000 participants will make this event unforgettable, and the Order plans to play a very significant role. By providing service through the OA Service Corps, the American Indian Village, The Outdoor Adventure Place and the sequel to the highly acclaimed Odyssey of the Law adventure, Scoutopia, we shall truly strive to fulfill the theme, "Strong Values, Strong Leaders, Character Counts."

We both challenge you to make a difference in the lives of others. Strengthen the ties of brotherhood, build upon the fire of cheerfulness and continue to ease the burdens from the shoulders of your fellow Scouts by taking advantage of the prevalent opportunities available to you. It is through these opportunities that our most valuable aims and purposes come to life.

Together we are capable of combining past successes with future dreams--allow us to unlock the door to the world of opportunities ahead.

Always yours in the Spirit of WWW,


Don Cunningham
National Chief


Scott Hunter
National Vice Chief

New Region Leadership Elected

by Andrew Zahn



Central Region Chief Dominique Baker hails from Winona, Minnesota, and is a Vigil Honor member and Founder's Award recipient of the Blue Ox Lodge of the

Gamehaven Council. Dominique is a math education major at Winona State University and was previously a two-term section chief of C-1B, lodge chief and two-term lodge vice chief. He also served as Vigil chairman for three years. 🏹



Southern Region Chief Jason Kemp is from Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and is a member of the Wahissa Lodge of the Old Hickory Council. Jason previously

served the Order of the Arrow as the S-7B section chief, section vice chief and lodge chief. He is a geography major at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. 🏹



Northeast Region Chief Patrick Boyd is from Plainfield, Connecticut, and is majoring in history/social science and secondary education at Eastern

Connecticut State University. Prior to his election as region chief, Patrick served as Section NE-1B chief and as lodge chief and chapter chief of Tschitani Lodge. Patrick is an Eagle Scout of the Connecticut Rivers Council, where he has served on the Council Executive Board. 🏹



Western Region Chief Josh Gana hails from Richland, Washington, and is a Vigil Honor member and Founder's Award recipient of the Wa-La-Moot-Kin Lodge. Josh

is an Eagle Scout of the Blue Mountain Council and previously served as section chief of W-1C, section vice chief, section secretary, lodge chief and Council Executive Board member. Majoring in business administration, Josh is a student at Gonzaga University. Josh has served on summer camp staff for five years. 🏹

Add to the Legacy of Order of the Arrow Trail Crew

by Cortland Bolles

You just arrived at Philmont to spend two weeks working on this thing called Order of the Arrow Trail Crew (OATC), and your first question is, "What am I doing here?"

During the next two weeks, you will work hard, crushing man-sized rocks into golf ball-sized chunks and tearing 50-

year-old trees out of the ground. You will make friends and tell stories about everything you can imagine with people from across the country. You will work under the shadow of Baldy Mountain, sleep under some of the brightest stars you will ever see, hike more of Philmont in one week than some do in one year, lead your crew through unknown Philmont backcountry, gain tremendous self-knowledge and, most importantly, have an awesome experience!

By attending OATC for just two weeks this summer, you will be adding to the great legacy this program has established over the past six years. For your service to Philmont, each crew gets to plan a weeklong trek through the beautiful backcountry of Philmont. Crews may hike all the peaks, do some fishing, have a root beer drinking contest or hike 20 miles one day. The choice is up to you!

Under the guidance of two foremen, filled with OA and Philmont knowledge, you can expect an exciting and memorable experience.

This summer, we are looking for those Arrowmen willing to meet the challenges of "personal growth" and "service to others."

For further information or an application, contact Director **Cortland Bolles** at corty1000@hotmail.com or **Carey Miller** in the national office at 972-580-2455. 🏹



The nine 2001 OA Trail Crew Session dates are as follows:

- #1 June 10-24
- #2 June 17-July 1
- #3 June 24-July 8
- #4 July 1-15
- #5 July 8-22
- #6 July 15-29
- #7 July 22-August 5
- #8 July 29-August 12
- #9 August 5-19

TOAP Returns to Fort AP Hill

by Ben Pharr

The Outdoor Adventure Place (TOAP) Committee has been given the task of creating the program, plus building and staffing The Outdoor Adventure Place at the 2001 National Scout Jamboree. The TOAP area will include a working campsite, cooking demonstrations, climbing walls, pioneering areas, Scoutcraft skills, Leave No Trace and challenge events. Displays on activities such as backpacking and winter camping also will be featured.

The TOAP area is the place for Scouts and Scouters who love the outdoors. For those who really love the outdoors and want to share that love with others, there are still some staff positions open for TOAP. Staff applications can be obtained from your local council service center. For further information on TOAP, contact Jamboree Vice Chief **Ben Pharr**



TOAP Committee. Front row (L to R): Tim Flintoff, Ross Yost, Rob Wong, Justin Bussey. Back row (L to R): Ben Pharr, Lyle Lash III, Cleo Brun, Nick Johnson, Wesley Miller, Don McFarland.

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The TOAP committee includes **Rob Wong, Don McFarland, Justin Bussey, Lyle Lash, Tim Flintoff, Nick Johnson, Wesley Miller, Cleo Brun and Ross Yost.** The lead adviser is **Dan Segersin**. Ben is the section chief of SR-8A and a member of Chicksa Lodge. 🦋

OA Scoutreach Mentoring

OA Provides Service to Units

by Andrew Zahn

A joint effort between the Scoutreach Division of the BSA and the OA, the Order of the Arrow Scoutreach Mentoring Program challenges Arrowmen to serve as mentors to selected troops to help strengthen the troops camping and advancement programs.

Lodges, with support from the council and district, will recruit Arrowmen to serve in this vital mentoring role. The goal of the program is to increase camping and advancement opportunities for Scouts, provide positive role models to units, and to increase urban and rural OA membership eligibility within troops. A patch and certificate will be awarded to each participating Arrowman.



Individual mentor applications are available from your lodge and can also be downloaded from the national Web site at <http://www.oa-bsa.org>. Please direct any questions to your lodge chief, lodge adviser, district/council office or the national Scoutreach Division office at 972-580-2061. 🦋

OA Service Corps

Looking for a Few Good Arrowmen

by Samuel Nitz

From July 21 to August 1, the Service Corps will become the "go-to" group for the entire Jamboree. From lifeguarding to teaching Scout skills to possibly assisting the Chief Scout Executive, the OA Service Corps will be there and we hope you can join us.

The Service Corps will be divided into five chapters, each with its own elected chapter chief.

Every day during the Jamboree, four chapters will be given specific duties to perform. Once a task is completed, Arrowmen will have the remainder of the day to explore the Jamboree. Every day, one chapter will explore and experience the Jamboree together while forming friendships that will last a lifetime.

Members of the Service Corps will experience awesome nighttime activities including: Luau Night, Karaoke

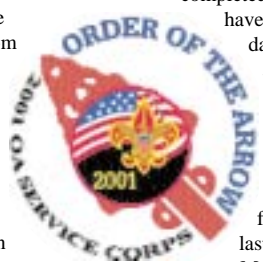
Night, X-treme Sports Night and even a Rededication Ceremony. The Service Corps' camp will feature its own gateway and each member will receive two highly tradable patches, and a t-shirt.

If you have any questions, please contact OA Service Corps Jamboree Vice Chief **Sam Nitz** at snitz@students.wisc.edu or your section



OA Service Corps Committee. Front row (L to R): Jason Laney, Will Empey, Drew Desilet, Sam Nitz, Darrin Winchester. Back row (L to R): Brett Harris, Seth Hill, Kevin Stock, Bob Crume, Kevin Williams, Jacy Krogh, John Krempecki, Robert Brock, Keith Brodock

chief. You may also visit the OA Service Corps web page at <http://www.oaservicecorps.org/>. 🦋



American Indian Village Expands at National Jamboree in 2001

by Devlin Cooper

The American Indian Village is returning to the National Scout



American Indian Village Committee. Left to Right: Trevor Pfeiffer, Ben Rogers, Josh Cummings, Devlin Cooper, Cody Bann, David Leckie.

Jamboree for the fourth time, and approval has been granted for much-needed expansion.

The village will debut on the Merit Badge Midway. The village staff will be certified to teach the Indian Lore merit badge at the Jamboree for the first time. Additionally, this year's village will feature the largest dance arena ever

constructed at a National Jamboree.

The village's program will feature morning dance performances. Each afternoon, the staff will present dance and outfit training sessions plus craft workshops featuring projects that participants can take home. Plans are also under way for the village to feature a "daily living" area each afternoon, where Jamboree participants can learn more about American Indian cultures.

Indian Lore merit badge classes will be taught throughout

the mornings and afternoons of the Jamboree. An evening powwow is also being planned. Jamboree staff members and participants are welcome to bring their own dance outfits and participate in the powwow. We look forward to seeing you in July!

Jamboree vice chief for American Indian Village is **Devlin Cooper**. Devlin is a Vigil Honor member and Founder's Award recipient of the Echeconnee Lodge and is serving as section chief for S-4. 🦋





by Clay Capp

The newsletter of **Tatanka Lodge** of Midland, Texas, *The Whispering Drum*, finished in the second tier in the lodge newsletter category of the NOAC publications judging. The newsletter is available at the lodge's Web site: <http://tatanka141.freeyellow.com/index.html>.

Kansa Lodge of Wichita, Kansas, holds an annual Sunshine Fishing Derby at which local children with visual, physical and hearing impairments spend a day fishing with a Scout buddy at a local Scout camp. The day ends with a fish fry. Visit the lodge's Web site at <http://www.quivira.org/oa>.

Concerning the upcoming section conclave, **Tsisquan Lodge's** Web site (<http://www.tsisquan.org/index.htm>) advises: "If you feel that money is a problem, talk to your lodge chief. No one is turned away due to financial problems."

Awase Lodge preformed beautifully at its last conclave, garnering first-place awards for its ultimate Frisbee, volleyball and OA Jeopardy teams. Second-place awards were earned for tug-of-war and "super spirit". For more information, visit the lodge's Web site: <http://www.gwd.org/awase/awase.htm>.

Wa-La-Moot-Kin Lodge served its council's annual Scout Show in many areas. The lodge provided security, parking guides and "go-to" men for all assignments that arose. With the assistance of these Arrowmen, the event ran smoothly.

Does your lodge or section have a new and innovative program or event? If you would like to share your ideas, please send the information to Clay Capp at claycapp@aol.com.

Profiles in Service

Chapter celebrates quarter century of service

by Trevor Kincaid

Over the past 25 years, the Francis Scott Key Chapter of **Amangamek Wipit Lodge** has provided approximately 17,500 hours of service to Catoctin Mountain Park, the home of the presidential retreat, Camp David. As part of a cost-share partnership with the National Park Service, the local OA chapter provides the manpower for each project while the National Park Service provides the supplies and funding.

Since the beginning of the partnership in 1976, Arrowmen have completed at least one significant project each year, saving taxpayers an estimated \$100,000 over the course of the partnership. The average project takes a year and a half to complete and requires the services of 150 to 300 Arrowmen.

Recent projects have included the construction of a 60-foot accessibility ramp, an outdoor amphitheatre and a picnic pavilion, as well as a 400-foot accessibility walkway and bridge. In 2000, two 1930s-era dormitory log cabins were restored, complete with 25-foot accessibility ramps.

If your lodge is interested in starting a partnership, you may contact the National Park Service office in your area or visit the National Park Service Web site at <http://www.nps.gov>.



Team Building

by Justin P. Boren

In the OA, as in our daily lives, it is important for us to build an effective and cohesive team. Team building is primarily the responsibility of the team leader, as it is the team leader who knows the team's goals. Here are a few steps that you, as a leader, can use to build team morale and get tasks accomplished more quickly and efficiently.

Before the team meets, you should:

1. Determine a dedicated set of guidelines and goals to keep the team on course.
2. Decide what your responsibility should be to the team.

When your team finally gathers, the members should:

1. Get to know each other. A good resource for this is low COPE exercises (found in the Project COPE Manual). The best way to get to know people is to use some sort of icebreaker.
2. Discuss the guidelines and goals you established prior to meeting with your team. Decide whether you can redefine these goals with your team present.
3. Brainstorm with your team to see who has the resources to accomplish your tasks. Some people on the team may be better at knot tying than at public speaking, for example.
4. Discuss the task at hand and assign roles for each team member. Every person on the team ought to have a specific job.

5. Plan a course of action for the team to ensure that the task will be accomplished in the time limit required, if any.
6. Start working! Remember the cliché: "There is no 'I' in 'TEAM.'"

Once the work is completed, you should:

1. Sit down with the team and review its progress. Make sure that you have accomplished what you set out to do.
2. Review your tasks and see if there are any ways to improve what you have done for future team members.
3. Encourage your team. Make sure they feel good about the work they have accomplished.
4. Encourage yourself. Feel good about the work you have accomplished!

Your team is vital to your success as a leader. Remember that what you do with your team will eventually reflect upon you as a leader. Your team should feel good about the jobs they are assigned to. Your ultimate goal as a leader is to convince your team to work with you in the future. Just remember that your team is your success -- treat them with respect.

Justin Boren is a communications studies major at California State University, Long Beach. He served two terms as Section W-4A chief, as the 2000 CVC of Training and as the 1999 SVC for the Lodge Leadership Development Course. For further questions or comments, Justin can be reached at justin@clis.net.



Lodge Adviser Training

Calling All Advisers: New Training Opportunity Introduced

by Keith Brodock

The Lodge Adviser Training Seminar (LATS), which will be held August 12-18 at the National Training Center at Philmont, provides exceptional training for lodge advisers, chapter advisers and future lodge advisers. Consisting of more than 20 sessions, the program is designed to inspire, educate and empower each adviser to serve as an effective leader and supporter. During the week long course, participants will be under the guidance of national OA committee member **Jack Butler** and Associate OA Director **Carey Miller**.

The pilot of this new program was held at ArrowTech, Section SR-5's highly successful lodge leader training conference. Approximately 35 advisers participated in this trial run of the new LATS. Their feedback and suggestions were used to make modifications to the seminar before its national unveiling.

The seminar utilizes audio and video clips and group interaction to make it a great learning opportunity. It is designed to complement the training received at NLS. This innovative training seminar will be offered as a weekend course in each region beginning in the Fall. Information will be sent to each lodge once the dates and locations have been set. All lodge advisers are encouraged to take part in this fantastic training experience because every lodge will benefit from having well-trained advisers.



Visit www.oa-bsa.org!

by Sage Lichtenwalner

In today's technology-enriched culture, Arrowmen have come to depend on new forms of communication for the information they need. The national OA Web site has quickly become one of the premier resources available to Arrowmen. In 2000, the Web site received more than 1.5 million hits from Internet users seeking accurate information on OA programs and policies. The site also established itself as a vital part of the NOAC program, helping Arrowmen back home share their stories and memories.

The national OA Web team is expanding the site's role. Over the next year the site will provide regular feature stories on the programs of the Order, including the OA Wilderness Voyage, the OA Trail Crew and OA's involvement with the Jamboree.

As the year progresses, visitors will notice changing themes around the site. The national chief and national vice chief will be featured regularly, sharing stories from their travels. All of the information will be aimed toward assisting lodges in serving their councils.

Whether you are a leader in your section, lodge or chapter, the national OA Web site is a place for all Arrowmen. It is dedicated to providing the information you need to serve your brothers.

Visit the Order of the Arrow online at <http://www.oa-bsa.org>.

The House that Service Built

Atlanta Lodge's One Day Project

by Frank McMillan

For the last eight years, the Southern Region has developed and promoted the One Day of Service Program. In that program, lodges give service to their local community on one day of the year.

For their 2000 One Day project, the Egwa Tawa Dee Lodge of the Atlanta Area Council took on a much larger project. In cooperation with the Home Depot and Habitat for Humanity, the lodge constructed a home for an Atlanta family in need.

The project took over one year to complete, but was a major focus for the lodge. The large size of the project was a challenge, but in the end, the lodge was able to complete all aspects of construction—from gathering supplies to applying the final coat of paint. In all, the lodge contributed more than 1300 service hours (more than 54 days).

Under the guidance of Service Chairman **Andre Pennington**, the project was organized from start to finish. His leadership allowed for the project to be completed and the family to move in on



Egwa Tawa Dee lodge members, volunteers and the new home owner stop work for a few moments to take a picture.

schedule.

Lodge Staff Adviser **Johnny Day** commented, "It was inspiring to watch the impact that our youth had on the lives of other people."

The new homeowner was a special guest at the lodge's Winter Banquet. As she and lodge members watched a slide show of the lodge's efforts, pride filled the hearts of all Arrowmen in attendance. As one lodge member noted, "We discovered our capacity for giving was much bigger than we thought."

Where Are They Now?

by Chad Heflin

Following his term as the 1994 National Chief, **Scott Beckett** left the desert of Arizona and transferred to the University of Denver. At DU, Scott was appointed Director of Homecoming, was elected to the Student Senate, and pledged Sigma Chi fraternity. Following his graduation with a degree in English, Scott continued at DU earning a Master's Degree in Education and his teaching credential.

Scott began his working career as a high school and then middle school English and drama teacher in Littleton, Colorado. During his summers, Scott worked at Philmont as a foreman and then director of the OA Trail Crew program. After a successful stint as a teacher, Scott moved to his current hometown of Laguna Niguel, California, after having accepted a position with The Rosenberg Group, a leading management consulting firm owned by Nathan Rosenberg, a member of the national OA committee. The Rosenberg Group's practice is in organizational transformation, corporate effectiveness, and breakthrough projects and results.

Scott is quite involved in his church, serving as a member of the board of directors, singing in two choirs, and volunteering with the youth program. Scott is active in his fraternity's alumni program, is a basketball coach at the local high school, is chairman for his ten-year high school reunion, and serves as the Western Region training coordinator accountable for delivering the NLS. When not traveling, Scott loves to cook, golf, run, play the guitar, and nothing else.



Scott Beckett 2001

Southern Region Realigned

by Ben Janke



The Southern Region recently announced a realignment of its areas across the region, thus changing the makeup of the Order of the Arrow sections. Order of the Arrow sections typically follow the same boundaries as the areas, with the inclusion of the local metropolitan councils. While areas usually contain only one section, some areas will subdivide to accommodate difficult geographic and travel-time situations. The Boy Scout area director oversees the daily operation of the area and is responsible for appointing a professional staff adviser for each section. Changes in sections are made to enable the region to provide better service to the councils in each area.

This realignment of areas began on January 1, but OA sections will implement this realignment following their 2001 section conclaves. Almost all sections will change their makeup in some form. Brotherhood, cheerfulness and service will greet each brother, as the Southern Region continues to serve the Scouts of its councils.



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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.

2001 Planning Calendar

March 30-April 1	Northeast Region NLS, Alpine, NJ
March 30-April 1	Central Region NLS, Rochester, IN
April 20-22	Western Region NLS, Commerce, CA
May 4-6	Northeast Region NLS, Plymouth, MA
May 30-June 1	National BSA Meeting, Boston, MA
June 10-August 19	Philmont OA Trail Crew
June 12-August 20	Northern Tier OA Voyage
July 23-August 1	National BSA Jamboree, Fort A.P. Hill, VA
September 7-9	Southern Region NLS, Conroe, TX
September 14-16	Northeast Region NLS, Alpine, NJ
September 14-16	Central Region OA Adviser Seminar, London, OH
September 21-23	Western Region NLS, Phoenix, AZ
October 1	OA Charter Renewal Kits Available
October 19-21	Southern Region NLS, Haines City, FL
November 2-4	Southern Region NLS, Leesville, SC
November 2-4	Central Region NLS, Ashland, NE
November 15	OA Lodge Support Pak Available
November 16-18	Western Region NLS, Portland, OR
November 30	OA Service Grants Requests Due
December 27-30	OA National Planning Meeting, Dallas, TX
December 31	Lodge Charter Renewal Deadline

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Idea Corner

Is your lodge having problems getting members to pay their dues for the coming or past years? Amangamek-Wipit Lodge tried something new with great success: a "dues mailing."

The usual attempts of reminders in the newsletter and asking people at events just were not working. So, the lodge sent out a dues billing to each of its members--a total of 5,348 letters (it is a BIG lodge)--and almost 40 percent of them were returned within the first two weeks.

So, the next time you are having trouble collecting dues, give "dues mailing" a try and see what happens!

This idea and more can be found in the 2001 Lodge Program Resource Book.

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by Devlin Cooper

Question: What is the policy on using face paint in Order of the Arrow activities? Does this policy apply to ceremonies, dance competitions or both?

Answer: The use of face paint is not permitted at the National Order of the Arrow Conference in any of the events, competitions or evaluations for American Indian Activities or Ceremonies. The use of face paint in any dance or ceremony competition at NOAC would result in disqualification.

The use of face paint also is not permitted at any of the other events beyond the individual lodge, including section conclaves.

We must remember that a Scout is courteous and reverent. As such, we must consider the effects of our actions on others. As stated on page 28 in the *Guide for Officers and Advisers*, "The use of face paint, body paint and wigs by non-American Indians could be offensive to some groups of American Indian people. Where lodge activities related to ceremony and dance are offensive to local American Indians, they must be discontinued by Order of the Arrow members."

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National Notes

➔ **Driving Vigil Ceremony Participants.** A February Operations Update, available in full on the OA Web Page, asks that lodge executive committees implement procedures to provide rides home for Vigil Honor ceremony participants after the ceremony.

➔ **Selection of Adult Leaders in Units.** Effective February 1, 2001, the OA has adopted new selection procedures for adult leaders in troops. All lodge unit election teams are encouraged to review the new policy found on the OA Web Page, in the January Operations Update

More information can be found on the OA web page at www.0a-bsa.org and selecting Operations Updates.

