Cunningham, Hunter Elected to Lead Scouting’s Honor Society

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.

Beauty of the Voyage Awaits

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 and work hard, paddling their way to scenic sunset, a river view, and a waterfall that a Scout has stopped to admire.

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.
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 chapler 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 Way-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 the 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.
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 at bnp@olemiss.edu.

The TOAP committee includes Rob Wong, Don McFarland, Justin Bussey, Lyle Lash, Tim Flintoff, Nick Johnson, Wesley Miller, Clee 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.

American Indian Village Expands at National Jamboree in 2001

by Devlin Cooper

The American Indian Village is returning to the National Scout 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.


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 slnitz@students.wisc.edu or your section chief. You may also visit the OA Service Corps web page at http://www.oaservicecorps.org/.


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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 task.
2. Decide what your responsibility should be for the team.
3. Brainstorm with your team to see who the team 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 have 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.

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.
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.

The House that Service Built

by Frank McMillan

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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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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.”

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.oa-bsa.org and selecting Operations Updates.

by Devlin Cooper