

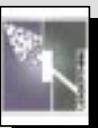



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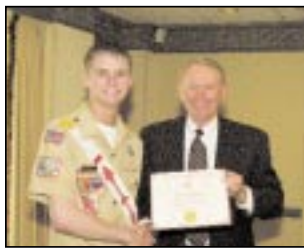
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Report to the Nation Inspires Servant Leadership

◆ Cunningham with Roy L. Williams, Chief Scout Executive.



by Andy Zahn

National Chief Don Cunningham was one of eight youth selected to travel with a 15-member delegation to deliver the BSA's 2000 Report to the Nation this past March. The delegation represented the Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing programs of the BSA.

Dating back 89 years to President William Howard Taft's administration, the Report to the Nation is an opportunity for leaders of the Scouting organization to report the successes of the program to the leaders of the



Report to the Nation delegates meet with Secretary of State, Colin Powell.

country. This year was certainly no exception for this rich historical event.

Witnessed by several government leaders, Cunningham presented the 2000 Report to the Nation to President George W. Bush in the Oval Office of the White House. The report highlighted the BSA's five million registered youth, the history of 100 million registered youth since 1910, the 1.7 million adult volunteers registered today

and—most importantly—the success of our Service to America program's 214 million hours of community service during the past three years.

The delegation toured the nation's capital, including NASA's Goddard Space Center, the Pentagon, the CIA headquarters, the Supreme Court building, the White House and the Capitol including rotunda.

The delegation also met with other leaders, including

◆ Cunningham and Speaker of the House, Dennis Hastert.



Secretary of State Colin Powell, Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert and CIA Director George J. Tenet, as well as the sergeant major of the Army and the clerk of the Supreme Court.

Reflecting on his visit to the capital, Cunningham said he "gained a new appreciation for democracy and public service. The opportunity to meet the nation's leading officials who epitomize servant leadership was truly enlightening and awe-inspiring. It is not every day, or even every lifetime, that a young man comes face-to-face with his personal heroes." ◆

Order to Invade Indiana in 2002

by Matt Prom

The 2002 National Order of the Arrow Conference is just around the corner. It is scheduled for July 27 through August 1, 2002, at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana.

NOAC is a national event for all Arrowmen. Each day, Arrowmen have the opportunity to receive some of the best training, encounter new adventures, attend Scouting extravaganzas and see amazing evening shows. It offers a great chance to meet other Arrowmen from around the country, attend and participate in American Indian events and see some memorable museum displays.

This is one of the best OA events imaginable! Pay attention to future issues of the *National Bulletin* and news from your lodge for more information on NOAC 2002. ◆

OA: Taking Scouts to the Next Level

by G. W. Zuban

The 2001 National Scout Jamboree this summer will feature a show that is unparalleled in the Scouting world—Scoutopia. As the sequel to the highly acclaimed *Odyssey of the Law* production of the 1997 National Scout Jamboree, this summer's *Scoutopia* will be a must-see.

Scoutopia is a place where every Scout wants to be. It embodies the true meaning of the Scout Oath and can be accessed only by those who believe in duty to self, to others and to God and country. There is no other place a Scout should want to be. There will be a long line for admittance

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CHIEFLY SPEAKING



National Vice Chief Scott Hunter.

Dearest brothers,

Words and actions can—and do—make a difference.

Though the majority of my Scouting memories have been positive, there still have been times when my beliefs were challenged. While these situations may have tested me at times, I later found in them the inspiration and motivation to forge ahead in Scouting and life. Having endured those challenges and having served you these first few months of my term, I can reflect on those moments and smile.

My brothers, I am certain that you, too, have had to deal with difficult things. You may have been challenged like I was, but I hope that you, too, saw the fire burning brightly ahead and took the next step.

In January, I had the opportunity to see the future of the Order at the first National Leadership Seminar of 2001, and I was able to work with established leaders of our organization. Witnessing these people in action filled me with hope. I realized that the power and strength of this organization will never cease; it will only grow stronger and brighter, as the council fire did when Kitchkinet led you closer to it.

With Jamboree, Northern Tier Voyage and Philmont Trail Crew adventures drawing near, I look forward to the summer and to continuing interaction with you. Until then, I will continue to cherish each moment that I can make the Order better, relish each opportunity to inspire a new member and value my time as a member of this fine organization.

Thank you for allowing me to be your Kitchkinet.

Always yours in WWW,

Scott Hunter
National Vice Chief

2000 E. Urner Goodman Camping Awards

by Lee Thackston

The E. Urner Goodman Camping Award was established as a tribute and testimonial to the Order's founder. Its purpose is to encourage and challenge OA members and lodges to increase their effectiveness in promoting and increasing Scout camping in their region. Awards are presented annually to two outstanding lodges in each region.

The lodges being recognized for their accomplishments in 2000 are the following:

Northeast Region

Amangamek Wipit Lodge
National Capital Area Council
Bethesda, Maryland

Paugussett Lodge

Housatonic Council
Derby, Connecticut

Southern Region

Nawakwa Lodge
Robert E. Lee Council
Richmond, Virginia

Colonneh Lodge

Sam Houston Area Council
Houston, Texas

Western Region

Awaxaawe' Awachia Lodge
Trapper Trails Council
Ogden, Utah

Lo La'Qam Geela Lodge

Crater Lake Council
Central Point, Oregon

Central Region

Kit-Ke-Hak-O-Kut Lodge
Mid-America Council
Omaha, Nebraska

Migisi Opawgan Lodge

Detroit Area Council
Detroit, Michigan

2000 National Service Award

by Jason Laney

The National Service Award was established in 1999 to recognize Order of the Arrow lodges that have performed outstanding service to their council. The award was proposed by former national Vice Chief Ryan Miske and developed by the OA Awards and Recognition Committee. Awards are presented to two outstanding lodges in each region annually.

The lodges being recognized for their accomplishments in 2000 are the following:

Northeast Region

Passaconaway Lodge
Daniel Webster Council
Manchester, New Hampshire

Gyantwachia Lodge

Chief Cornplanter Council
Warren, Pennsylvania

Central Region

Awase Lodge
Bay Lakes Council
Menasha, Wisconsin

Nischa Chuppecat Lodge

Hoosier Trails Council
Bloomington, Indiana

Southern Region

Akela Wahinapay Lodge
Caddo Area Council
Texarkana, Texas

Tipisa Lodge

Central Florida Council
Orlando, Florida

Western Region

Wipala Wiki Lodge
Grand Canyon Council
Phoenix, Arizona

Malibu Lodge

Western Los Angeles County Council
Van Nuys, California

Training Sun & Fun: Seabase Hosts NLS Trainers

by Brian Herren

The nation's top trainers came together for an all-out training weekend this past January at the BSA Florida National High Adventure Sea Base. National Leadership Seminar staff members arrived from all four regions to be trained to conduct the NLS in their region.

Some of the staff members for this train-the-trainer conference included past and present national officers and other national committee members. National Chief **Don Cunningham** and Vice Chief **Scott Hunter**, along with train-the-trainer lead adviser **Clint Takeshita**, coordinated this training weekend.

The training allowed participants to share and gather new and different ideas for the National Leadership Seminar. It also gave the

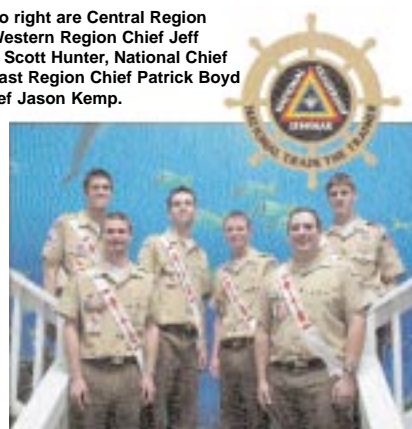
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participants a memorable time of fellowship with their brothers from across the nation.

During their free time, participants got to enjoy the weather of the Florida Keys and take part in some of the experiences the Florida Sea Base has to offer. Some of the participants went fishing, while others went snorkeling or took a boat tour of the Keys.

The National Leadership Seminar is open to all Arrowmen. If you are interested in attending an NLS in your region, contact your lodge chief for information. The NLS staffs are looking forward to a great year of training our brothers in the Order.

Below pictured from left to right are Central Region Chief **Dominique Baker**, Western Region Chief **Jeff Gana**, National Vice Chief **Scott Hunter**, National Chief **Don Cunningham**, Northeast Region Chief **Patrick Boyd** and Southern Region Chief **Jason Kemp**.

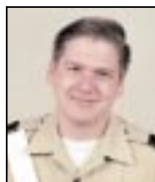


E. Urner Goodman Scholarship Recipients

by Nathan Finnin

The E. Urner Goodman Scholarship was established as a meaningful, living memorial to the founder of the Order of the Arrow. The financial resources it provides help perpetuate the succession of high-caliber, service-minded individuals who are dedicated to professional Scouting service. Named for E. Urner Goodman, who was a teacher before entering the professional service of the Boy Scouts of America in 1915, the scholarships are awarded to Arrowmen who are preparing for a career in professional Scouting.

The national Order of the Arrow Committee has agreed to fund \$7,000 in scholarships to this year's recipients:



Zahn

Andrew V. Zahn will receive a \$3,000 scholarship. He is a member of Cho-Gun-Mun-A-Nock Lodge of the Hawkeye Area Council, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Currently in his junior year at the University of Northern Iowa, Andy is majoring in public administration. He is an Eagle Scout and a past section chief.

Seth Hill will receive a \$2,000 scholarship. He is a member Coosa Lodge of the Greater Alabama Council, Birmingham, Alabama. He is a freshman business administration major at Gadsden State Community College. Seth is also an Eagle Scout and section chief.



Hill



Fernandez

Roberto Fernandez III will receive a \$2,000 scholarship. He is a member of O-Shot-Caw Lodge of the South Florida Council, Miami, Florida. He is a sophomore at Broward Community College, majoring in anthropology. Roberto is a Life Scout and a recipient of both the Venture Gold Award and the Ranger Award, and he attended the 2000 Philmont Order of the Arrow Trail Crew.

The national committee congratulates these fine youth representatives of the Boy Scouts of America and the Order of the Arrow. 🏹

Josh R. Sain Memorial Scholarship

by Brad Goodwin



Hitchens



Schmidt



Cheatham

The Josh R. Sain Memorial Scholarship was established in 1998 to honor the spirit and memory of Josh R. Sain, a former national vice chief of the Order of the Arrow. Former national and regional officers may apply for the scholarship upon successful completion of their terms of service.

The national Order of the Arrow Committee has agreed to fund \$8,000 in scholarships to this year's recipients:

Jordan A. Hitchens will receive a \$3,000 scholarship. He is registered with the Hawk Mountain Council, Reading, Pennsylvania, and is a member of Kittatinny Lodge. He is a freshman at Saint Joseph's University, majoring in management information systems. He is the immediate past national vice chief of the Order of the Arrow.

Scott A. Schmidt will receive a \$2,500 scholarship. He is registered with the Greater Niagara Frontier Council, Buffalo, New York, and is a member of Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee Lodge. He is a sophomore at Ithaca College. He is the immediate past chief of the Northeast Region.

James H. Cheatham will receive a \$2,500 scholarship. He is registered with the West Tennessee Area Council, Jackson, Tennessee, and is a member of Itawamba Lodge. He is a junior at the University of Tennessee, majoring in civil engineering. He is the immediate past chief of the Southern Region.

The national committee congratulates these outstanding Scouts and representatives of Scouting's national honor society. 🏹

Profiles in Service

Texas Lodge's Efforts Help Keep Older Boys Involved in Scouting

by Nick Hartman

In the spring of 2000, the national Order of the Arrow Committee authorized \$30,000 in service grants to be distributed to individual lodges to help fund worthwhile projects in their respective councils. A \$2,000 grant was awarded to **Kotso Lodge** of the Chisholm Trail Council, Abilene, Texas, for the construction of a mountain-bike trail at its summer camp, Camp Tonkawa, to help keep older youth involved in Scouting.

Upon receiving the service grant, the Arrowmen of Kotso Lodge immediately began developing plans to construct one of the area's finest mountain-biking trails. During the first phase, which lasted approximately one week, Arrowmen established the route and difficulty of the trail by walking its length and marking it with flags.

The second phase of the project was the physical construction of the 3.5-mile trail. Within 10 days, approximately 25 Arrowmen spent more than 200 hours clearing brush, building the trail, installing creek crossings and constructing two bridges.

The third and final phase included purchasing 10 new mountain bikes, as well as helmets, knee and elbow pads, tire tubes and repair tools. Additionally, lodge members remodeled an existing structure near the trail that will serve as both a bike repair shop and a storage facility.

Through their diligent efforts, lodge members completed the project in time for the 2000 summer camp season. During the three weeks of camp, 36 Scouts took advantage of the new bike course, completing many of the requirements for the Cycling merit badge. Given the initial success of the trail, plans are now under way to add an extension.

In addition to providing a new high-adventure option for older Scouts attending Camp Tonkawa, the trail has generated positive exposure in the community. "Many of the local participants in a recent bike race at the camp just fell in love with trail," said **Marvin McFadden**, camp ranger and lodge professional adviser who oversaw much of the trail construction. "It really is a great addition to our camp." 🏹



by Troy Young

Has your lodge or chapter ever had to reinvent the wheel as new officers take over? **Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge**, Nashville, Tennessee, solved this problem by creating *The Wheel: An Arrowman's Guide to Lodge Fundamentals*, an administrative guide that outlines lodge activities, officer responsibilities and lodge organization.

The Wheel provides descriptions for committees such as publications, American Indian events, trading post and training. It provides Arrowmen with a detailed description of what the committees and the officers of the lodge have to do to make their events and terms a success. The *Wheel* can be viewed and downloaded by visiting the Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge Web site: <http://www.wa-hi-nasa.org/web/newsandpubl/wheel.htm>.

So, if your lodge or chapter reinvents the wheel every year, try creating a *Wheel* for your lodge that can be used year after year! 🏹

This idea and more can be found in the 2001 Lodge Program Resource Book. If you have a tip or an idea that may help other lodges or chapters, please send it to Troy Young at tyoung@bsaemail.org.



by Clay Capp

If you are planning a trip, **Enda Lechauhanne Lodge**, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, has created a useful Web site at: <http://www.enda57.org/Nav2002/NavFrameset.htm>. It has a feature that helps users find out what the weather is like anywhere in the country.

The **Lodge Assistance Team of NE-2A** recently visited Yokahu Lodge in Puerto Rico. Those in attendance were Brian Favat, section vice chief/assistance team coordinator; Ryan Bell, section secretary; Chuck Delcamp; Bryson Palmer; Jim Palmer, section adviser; and Jeff Goldsmith, section associate adviser. In exchange, Yokahu Lodge will be sending a contingent of approximately 30 Arrowmen to the 2001 Section NE-2A conclave.

For its annual service project, **Nisqually Lodge**, Tacoma, Washington, is rebuilding the waterfront docks at Camp Hahobas. Arrowmen who work on the docks for 10 hours will receive a limited-edition flap.

Visit the **Ta Tanka Lodge**, Pasadena, California, online at <http://www.tatanka141.org> and listen to the interesting sound-track. The site has a digital version of the Order of the Arrow's song that can be enjoyed as you browse.

Walamootkin Lodge, Kennewick, Washington, recently finished serving as service lodge for the Section W-1C conclave. The challenges created by changing the conclave site to a middle school were successfully overcome, and the section plans to return to a similar venue next year!

Wauna La-Mon'Tay Lodge, Portland, Oregon, is rebuilding a campfire bowl at a local Cub Scout camp. To raise funds for the project, lodge members have created the Buy-a-Bench program. Each purchaser will have his or her name engraved on a plaque and that will be placed on a bench.

Wipala Wiki Lodge, Grand Canyon Council, was featured in the March 2001 edition of Scouting Magazine for their integrated approach to council service.

If your lodge or section is doing something interesting or exciting and you would like it to be featured in the National Bulletin, send a couple of sentences explaining the event or program to Clay Capp, 9 Warwick Lane, Nashville, TN 37205. 🏹

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into the realm of Scoutopia, so don't be left behind!

A fully air-conditioned, 600-seat theater is the chosen venue for the production, housing up to eight shows a day for the 32,000 Scouts at the jamboree. The show is a festival of lights, action and sound that will fill every Scout's imagination long after leaving the theater.

This summer's jamboree will be an awesome experience, and seeing Scoutopia will greatly enhance it. Come see if you can make it to the next level. Scoutopia is ready for you; are you ready for it? 🏹



Pictured are members of the Scoutopia Committee. Front row (L to R): Tom Andrika, Josh Gagnon, G.W. Zuban, Darrin Sorrels, John Biggan. Back row (L to R): Ben Janke, Creig Tuddle, Zeke Baker, Jim Duvernay, Ian Pinnavaia, Joe Shaw.

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Team Building in Times of Transition

by Brian Favat



In any mission, the execution of a successful team effort is critical to reaching a goal. Unfortunately, situations may arise where the autonomy of the team is compromised and steps must be taken quickly to prepare for the unforeseen.

When a new member joins the team (or another drops out), communication and direction are the most important points to consider. A good leader should communicate the addition of a new member to the rest of the team. Call a group meeting to introduce the new member to the rest of the group and to make the new member feel welcome. Encourage new members to ask questions, provide input and truly understand the tasks presented. Provide time for refocusing and reevaluating what the goals are, what progress has been made, and the anticipated tasks left to accomplish.

It may also be necessary to redistribute various tasks throughout the team to compensate for the additional member. Make an effort to motivate those team

members, old and new, to complete their individual and group tasks. Provide specific instructions to the new members, while delegating and supporting the task accomplishments of the other group members.

Throughout the process, be sure to supervise all group members. In addition, ask more experienced group members to supervise and motivate the newer members and be available to prop them up if they accidentally drop the ball.

New team members can be a tremendous asset to group task accomplishment, as they bring a revitalized spirit and enthusiasm to any effort. Be sure to communicate, welcome and direct their efforts to maximize their potential. 🏹

Brian Favat is a finance major at Boston College. He is a member of Te'kening Lodge of southern New Jersey and serves as Section NE-2A vice chief and webmaster of the Northeast Region OA Web site. Brian can be reached via e-mail at favat@bc.edu.

Arrowman Service Award

by Dave Petrush



The Arrowman Service Award recognizes members of the Order of the Arrow who go beyond their immediate responsibilities to help others achieve new heights. The award focuses on three areas of service: personal, chapter/lodge activities and general service to the community.

From January 1, 2001, through December 31, 2003, Arrowmen can earn the Arrowman Service Award on a yearly basis. All first-time recipients may purchase the original award, which is a red arrowhead and gold compass rose suspended from a white ribbon.

Arrowmen who earn the award more than once during the three-year period may purchase the silver attachment for having completed this award a second time (in 2002 or 2003 only) and the bronze attachment for having completed this award a third time (in 2003 only). The attachment will be worn on the award's white ribbon. A wallet-size cer-

tificate is issued with each award.

To qualify for the award, Arrowmen must complete the requirements outlined in the Arrowman Service Award criteria. Once signatures of approval have been obtained for each requirement, Arrowmen can order the award through their lodges. Lodges may submit the Arrowman Service Award Order Form to: OA Service Award, S214, Attn: Carey Miller, Boy Scouts of America, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-2079.

Copies of the criteria sheet and award order form were included in the 2001 Lodge Program Support Pak. Lodges are encouraged to make copies of the criteria available to their lodge membership. Additional copies of the criteria sheet may be obtained from the national OA Web site or by contacting the national office.

For more information about the Arrowman Service Award, visit the OA's Web site: <http://www.ou-bsa.org/misc/anr/asa/>. 🏹



O-Shot-Caw's First-Year Arrowman Program

by Josh Levenson

In 1998, **O-Shot-Caw Lodge** of the South Florida Council, Miami, Florida, introduced its First-Year Arrowman program to boost membership retention. The program was born after Lodge Chief Ivan Lopez noted an awesome first impression of the OA could inspire candidates immediately after their Ordeal.

"The First-Year Arrowman program is a great way to get the new members active immediately in the lodge and chapter," said O-Shot-Caw Lodge staff adviser Jeff Berger. "The concept is similar to getting a new Scout to summer camp and on his way to First Class rank during his first months in the program. The First-Year Arrowman program has helped in membership retention and brotherhood conversion."

The three main principles of the program are invite, inspire and incentive.

By inviting new Arrowmen to

lodge events, they get to see all the great opportunities the lodge has to offer. Once new brothers are attending, the program helps inspire them to get involved in lodge committees. Their incentives to stay active include developing leadership skills and providing cheerful service.

In the program's first year, eight brothers earned the lodge's Exceptional First-Year Arrowman Award, which was developed by the lodge to honor those first-year Arrowmen who exemplified the values of the Order. Some of those recipients later joined the drum team, ceremonies team, and the lodge trading post committee and went on to serve in various leadership positions. One recipient commented, "The program gave me something to shoot for, and I saw



how much fun I could really have."

In 2000, 19 brothers earned the award. Of the 19 recipients, one has since been elected chapter chief, four others have joined the dance team, and three others have

become active Elangomats.

After seeing the program in action, lodge adviser Ron Bell said, "It is amazing to see that the youth of this lodge can think of a program that continues to bring everyone together in brotherhood—in less than one year."

This program truly is effective and the key to membership retention. It helps remind us that the Order is a thing of the individual, rather than that of the masses.

For more information on how



the First-Year Arrowman program works, consult the 2001 Lodge Program Resource Book, which was included in every lodge's charter renewal packet.

O-Shot-Caw lodge chief Josh Levenson can be reached via e-mail at JRLeven316@aol.com.

Where Are They Now?

by Chad Heflin

Dr. Ronald J. Temple, who served as 1961-62 national conference chief of the Order of the Arrow, has a long history of involvement in the Scouting movement. As a youth, he earned the Explorer Silver Award and served terms as lodge chief of Owassippe Lodge, Chicago, Illinois, and as an area chief (now called section chief).

As an adult, Dr. Temple has been extremely involved in Scouting both in his local council and at the national level. He is an executive board member of the San Francisco Bay Area Council, a member of the Philmont Ranch Committee and the national Venturing Committee and a National Executive Board member of the Boy Scouts of America. Dr. Temple has also received numerous recognitions for his dedication to the Scouting program, including the Vigil Honor, the Distinguished Service Award, the Silver Beaver Award and the Silver Buffalo Award.

In his professional life, Dr. Temple has had a distinguished career in educational leadership. Renowned nationally in community college administration, Dr. Temple was selected in March 1999 to serve as chancellor of the Peralta Community College District. Prior to this appointment, Dr. Temple was chancellor of City Colleges of Chicago, the second-largest community college system in the country. Dr. Temple also has served as president of Community College of Philadelphia and president of Wayne County Community College in Detroit, Michigan.

Dr. Temple is married to Juanita S. Temple, who is an assistant U.S. attorney in Chicago. They have three children.



Then



Now

Service to America Breaks Goal by 14 Million Hours

by Andrew Zahn

After three years and 214 million hours of community service, the Boy Scouts of America successfully completed its commitment to the Service to America campaign at the end of 2000.

In April 1997 at the President's Summit for America's Future, the Boy Scouts of America pledged a commitment of 200 million hours of community-based service over a three-year span. That meant that every Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturer in the BSA had to commit to put in 12 hours of community service during each of the campaign's three years.

The Order of the Arrow supported the program by forming community service promotion teams that visited district roundtables during the first quarters of 1998, 1999 and 2000. The teams explained the program and its benefits to help spark interest in community service outside the council setting.

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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

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
August 12-18	Philmont OA Adviser Training, Philmont, NM
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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New OA High-Adventure Patch Available

by West Gregory

A new limited-edition patch is now available for Arrowmen who attend both the OA Wilderness Voyage at Northern Tier in Ely, Minnesota, and the OA Trail Crew at Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico. Eligible members may apply to receive one free patch and may order one additional patch for \$5.



Online applications for the patch as well as OA Trail Crew and the OA Wilderness Voyage applications are already online at the national OA Web site at <http://www.ou-bsa.org>.

OA High-Adventure Patch Application

Name _____ Lodge # _____
 Address _____
 Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____
 Attended: OATC Trek No. _____ Year _____
 Voyage Trek No. _____ Year _____
 ___ 1st Patch - No charge
 ___ 2nd Patch - Enclose \$5 - Check or money order made payable
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 mail to: OA High-Adventure Patch S214, P.O. Box 152079, Irving,
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by John Krempecki



Question: What is the national policy on Scouts or Scouters with disabilities completing the Ordeal?

Answer: According to the Guide for Officers and Advisers: "When inducting a Scout with a disability, as with any candidate, lodges should make the activities challenging within the individual's limitations and plan accordingly." Since every condition varies with the individual, the Ordeal must be customized to suit the candidate's abilities.

To ensure that the Ordeal is a meaningful experience, the lodge must consider the candidate's condition, restrictions and medical or dietary needs, as well as the accessibility to ceremonial, sleeping and work sites. Some lodges recruit Arrowmen who are familiar with the candidate's condition to serve as Elangomats during the Ordeal if assistance is needed.

Any Arrowman with a disability who is classified as a youth member of a troop or team is considered a voting member of the Order of the Arrow, regardless of age. Scouts with disabilities must meet all other membership requirements.

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National Notes

➔ **Field Operation Guide now Available.** A revised Field Operation Guide has just been made available to keysection and region leaders.

➔ **Associate Adviser Position Approved.** The latest Operations Update #01-4 (April) states that associate section, lodge and chapter positions have now been approved by the Order and patches are available.

➔ **OA Trail Crew and OA Wilderness Voyage.** Positions are still available. If you are interested in attending, please contact Carey Miller in the National Office at 972-580-2455.

➔ **Updated Troop/Team Representative Support Pak.** A newly updated version is now available which includes job descriptions, program information and other resources.

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