Scouts Share Handshake at White House
Youth Deliver Scouting’s Report to the Nation to our Government Leaders

National Chief Clay Capp shares a handshake with President George W. Bush during Scouting’s Report to the Nation.

by Clay Capp

The Boy Scouts of America’s charter with the Congress of the United States provides that the organization make an annual report to the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Since 1917, a delegation of Scouts has traveled to Washington, D.C., to make the Report to the Nation. During the February 9-14 visit, our delegation had the amazing opportunity to do everything from meeting with President George W. Bush to laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. We also talked with the director of the Central Intelligence Agency, George Tenet, and the Speaker of the House, Dennis Hastert.

We presented the report to our representatives and senators, many officials at the Pentagon, Goddard Space Center, the Naval Academy, the Supreme Court of the United States, Executive Department, and others. It was an extraordinary experience for all the participants, who spent a lot of time preparing to represent the Boy Scouts of America to the federal government. The delegates came from across the nation, and by the end of our time together we were all good friends. The coolest part was the hospitality shown by all of our governmental officials. I expected them just to shake hands and get their pictures taken with us. But most of the people we met—from the president to the CIA director—asked us into their offices, sincerely talked with us about Scouting and answered whatever we asked them. It was heartwarming and encouraging to know that our government—those people we see on TV all the time—cared enough about Scouting to receive our delegation. It shows that Scouting is tremendously important to this country. All the community service we do in the Order contributes to that.

2001 Report to the Nation Highlights

- The Boy Scouts of America exceeded 5,000,000 youth members across all programs for the first time.
- Boy Scouting served 1,005,592 Scouts.
- 43,665 young men earned the rank of Eagle Scout.
- 60.9% of Boy Scouts experienced a long-term camping expedition.
- 40,000 participated in the 15th National Scout Jamboree with an estimated 275,000 visitors.

Conference to Storm Indiana University

Summer is rapidly approaching, and thus the National Order of the Arrow Conference is right around the corner! The OA is expecting 7,000 participants and staff members to attend the conference July 27 through August 1 on the campus of Indiana University in Bloomington.

Planning for this event has been underway for many months to ensure it will be one of the best conferences ever. Key youth leaders and advisers converged on the campus earlier this spring for a site visit to fine-tune the event. To see the campus online before arriving at NOAC, visit http://www.indiana.edu. Conference committees have been working diligently to make sure that every Arrowman will come away with a meaningful experience. The conference will

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National Vice Chief Riley Berg

Brothers,

They say time flies when you are having fun. I am inclined to agree. From lodge banquets and section conclaves to the highly acclaimed National Leadership Seminars taking place across the nation, the Order of the Arrow is answering the call to service at an amazing pace. It is hard to believe that nearly half of the year has gone by, yet so much more remains to be seen and experienced.

Summer is a busy time for Scouting and the Order. From coast to coast, Arrowmen will invade council camps, Northern Tier and Philmont Scout Ranch to learn, camp and share in Scouting’s brotherhood. In late July, the heat of summer will bring more than 7,000 Arrowmen to Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, for NOAC 2002.

With so much behind us and many incredible opportunities ahead, it is easy to lose sight of the here and now. My weekends have been filled with the fun and fellowship of OA events, where I have had the opportunity to see my fellow Arrowmen striving to give greater service to their units, councils, camps and communities. I have often heard about the great things that our Order is doing, but until now I have never fully grasped the power behind our program.

Now more than ever, I am discovering that within today’s Order are the leaders of tomorrow—Arrowmen my age and younger who exemplify the ideas and ideals upon which the Order was founded 87 years ago. The greatest resource we have as a brotherhood are the people who form our circle. A wise man once said, “In all things, at all times, seek out the opportunity to stand in a place where you will gain new perspective in the world.” Thus far, my time as national vice chief has been just such an opportunity. From where I stand, you are rising to the challenge—answering the call to service. So let us continue to make a difference and carry the spirit of today with us into the coming months.

Your brother,
Riley Berg
National Vice Chief

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include many interesting training sessions, exciting games, tough athletic competitions, awesome shows and much more. There will be more activities and events than you will have time to attend! Make sure to sign up for the conference’s great events and training.

Visit the national OA Web site at http://www.oa-bsa.org for updates about the conference. Arrowmen who are not able to attend the conference can keep up with the action by viewing the NOAC Live section on the national OA Web site, which will be updated several times each day throughout the conference.

2002 E. Urner Goodman Scholarship Recipients

E. Urner Goodman, founder of the Order of the Arrow, was a teacher before entering the professional service of the Boy Scouts of America in 1915. The E. Urner Goodman Scholarship program was established as a meaningful, living memorial to the founder of the Order of the Arrow. This scholarship provides financial assistance to service-minded individuals who are contemplating a career in professional Scouting.

The national committee has agreed to fund $10,000 in scholarships, and the recipients and the amount they will receive include:

Christopher Cairns will receive $2,500. He is registered with the Adirondack Council, Plattsburgh, New York, and the Loon Lodge. He is a freshman majoring in History at Plattsburgh State University. He is an Eagle Scout and has been a section vice chief and section chief.

Phillip Seth Hill will receive $2,500. He is registered with the Great Eastern Council, Birmingham, Alabama, and the Coosa Lodge. He is a sophomore majoring in Business Administration at Jacksonville State University. He is a former section chief.

Brock Ostrander will receive $2,500. He is registered with the Great Southwest Council, Albuquerque, New Mexico, and the Yah-Tah-Hey-Si-Kess Lodge. He is a senior majoring in Public Relations at Eastern New Mexico University. He is an Eagle Scout and is a former section chief.

Homer Dearmin will receive $2,500. He is registered with the Old Hickory Council, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and the Wahissa Lodge. He is a senior majoring in Public Management at Appalachian State University. He has recently completed a term as lodge chief.

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

2002 Josh Sain Memorial Scholarship Recipients

The Josh Sain Memorial Scholarship was established in 1998 to honor the spirit and the memory of Josh R. Sain, a former national vice chief of the Order of the Arrow. Former national officers may apply for the scholarship upon successful completion of their terms of service. The national OA committee has agreed to fund $10,000 in scholarships to this year’s recipients.

Patrick S. Boyd will receive $2,000. He is registered with the Connecticut River Council, East Hartford, Connecticut, and the Tschitani Lodge. He is a junior majoring in History and Social Sciences at Eastern Connecticut State University. He is the immediate past northeast region chief.

Donald J. Cunningham will receive $2,000. He is registered with the Keystone Area Council, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, and the Susquehannock Lodge. He is a freshman majoring in Finance at Westchester University. He is the immediate past national chief.

Jason W. Kemp will receive $2,000. He is registered with the Old Hickory Council, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and the Wahissa Lodge. He is a junior majoring in Geography and Environmental Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is the immediate past southern region chief.

Dominique F. Baker will receive $2,000. He is registered with the Gamehaven Council, Rochester, Minnesota, and the Blue Ox Lodge. He is a junior majoring in Math Education at Winona State University. He is the immediate past central region chief.

Joshua G. Gana will receive $2,000. He is registered with the Blue Mountain Council, Kennewick, Washington, and the Walamootkin Lodge. He is a junior majoring in Business Administration at Gonzaga University. He is the immediate past western region chief.

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Building a NOAC...
Completions & Recreation: Fun and Games

The goal of the Competitions and Recreation Committee is to provide each Arrowman something enjoyable to do at the conference.

Old favorites such as the OA Star Search talent show, basketball, volleyball and movies will return. Some of the new events in 2002 include OA Battlestars (an intense OA trivia game show); the Goodman 500 (a conference-wide pinewood derby), ultimate flying disc competitions, Goodnomopoly, a conference golf tournament, the “Most” competition, and a major evening event called the Grand Hodag.

Camping & High Adventure: Keeping the Outdoor in OA

The Camping and High Adventure Committee will feature the return of the Total Outdoor Adventure Place. The Xtreme High Adventures area will allow Arrowmen to try SCUBA, kayaking, climbing walls and air rifles. Outdoor-oriented training cells covering camping equipment, Leave No Trace, high-adventure opportunities and wilderness medicine will be offered. The Camping and High Adventure Expo will feature equipment by outdoor-oriented vendors. Do not forget about the great giveaways!

The Camping Promotion Extravaganza and Visit Competition will give lodges the chance to showcase their best camp promotional materials.

Inductions & Ceremonial Events: Setting the Standard

The Inductions and Ceremonial Events Committee (ICE) program includes the unveiling of the new national publication, Guide to Inductions, and ceremonial team and regalia evaluations. The committee also will provide detailed inductions training, including the Complete Inductions Training program.

This should prove to be an awesome NOAC with the programs ICE will provide, and the committee invites you to come attend the conference this summer.

OA Shows to Leave Lasting Impressions

During the conference, the shows staff will present four major productions while delivering the message of Scouting and the Order to Scouts from across the nation.

The Conference begins with the opening show on Saturday night. Sunday night’s history and recognition show highlights the Order’s rich history and honors the recipients of the Distinguished Service and Red Arrow Awards. Monday night will be an evening of American Indian song, dance and history. Wednesday night will be the highly acclaimed and memorable theme show to close the conference with drama and meaning.

Founder’s Day Celebrates Order's Heritage

Founder’s Day begins with a morning program that will inspire you to renew your commitment to the Order, and the popular Goodman Games will be followed by a parade.

The Founder’s Fair will showcase booths, displays and novelties. Make sure that your lodge is represented with something unusual from your hometown. Interspersed will be games, inflatable rides, carnival activities, stages, presentations and a host of other activities. By the end of the day, you will know that you have seen the best of the Order.
Profiles in Service
Service Grant Helps Dining Hall Restoration

by Andrew Phillips

With the help of the national OA Service Grant program, the members of Cho-Gun-Mu-N-A-Nock Lodge have made a lasting contribution to Camp Waubeek at the Howard H. Cherry Scout Reservation.

In recent years, the flat roof of the camp's dining hall, Hanford Lodge, had fallen into disrepair. Leaks in the roof allowed water to seep into the kitchen, destroying both the roof and the interior. As part of a series of major camp improvement projects, the lodge replaced the old roof with a new one that would last longer. The project was a complete aesthetic makeover for the dining hall. Work began by installing new trusses, applying new 2-inch insulation, and sheathing the entire roof. New copper shingles and felt were applied, and ice dam preventives were installed at the drip edges. Metal flashing and siding were placed on the new gable.

"The lodge's dedication to restoring such a historic building is noteworthy," said former Lodge Chief John Myers.

Contractor Tom Podzimek was selected to repair the structure, assisted by members of the lodge. The new roof cost approximately $20,865. By volunteering 150 man-hours of work, the lodge contributed about $3,500 in labor to the project. Funding for the project included $4,000 from the OA Service Grant program, $4,000 in matching funds from the lodge, plus money from the council’s capital campaign and other donations.

The roof project was only one phase of the lodge's overall renovation plan for the camp. The lodge plans to construct a zero-depth splash pool for Cub Scouts and a veterans memorial campfire ring. Additional renovations are planned for the Hanford Lodge to prepare it for the growing number of Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts it will serve in the future.

Backdating:
A Key to Success

by Drew Desilet

The key to looking forward at our goals is to look backward. Backdating is a technique used to determine the deadlines for smaller goals along the pathway to a larger goal.

After determining the smaller goals or steps, place them in a specific order on a calendar starting with the end in mind and concluding with the beginning.

Wauna La-Mon'tay Lodge in Portland, Oregon, recently did some successful backdating to complete the OA Service Grant application. The deadline for submitting the application to the national office was November 30. With a November 23 deadline to submit the application to the national office, the lodge leadership set their backdating deadline for one week prior, November 23, to be certain that all paperwork would be received on time.

Planning for each step involved in the application process was important to the lodge leadership when beginning the backdating. To assure the application was mailed on time, they had to obtain all required signatures by November 16. Before that could be done, the application had to be completed by November 11. And before work could begin on the application, the lodge had to obtain permission from the Council Properties committee and the Lodge Executive Council by November 4. And before October 15, the lodge had to determine which project to complete.

This planning allowed ample time to receive both committees’ approvals. Before determining a camp and project to work on, the lodge leadership met the first week of October to review the Service Grant application. This step was the beginning of the application process, which is the end of our backdating example.

When backdating is used to achieve a goal, worries of forgetting an important step are eliminated. Backdating provides comfort and confidence that the goals will be achieved on time.

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Surf the Web!

National OA Web Site Explores NOAC

by Brian Cutino

The national OA Web site has come a long way since its inception in 1997. With more than 1.8 million hits in 2001, the site continues to bridge the communication gap at the speed of your modem.

A large section of the site is devoted to the NOAC 2002. You can download all the important NOAC forms, including valuable scoring and registration forms. You can get directions to make a giant lodge flap for the opening show or discover what is hot this year at the OA museum. You can also find out what training courses will be offered by the leadership development committee.


If your lodge conducts a service project, celebrates an anniversary, starts a new program or does anything else noteworthy and would like to be featured in the next 'Around the Nation' column, e-mail Dominique Baker at dbaker@hotmail.com.

Visit Yah-Tah-Hey-Si-Kess Lodge, Albuquerque, New Mexico, online at http://www.lodge66.org/ to learn more about the lodge’s Trails program, which promotes backpacking and hiking for the Great Southwest Council.

The Oryokwa Lodge, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, recently supported a Webelos Scouts transition night lock-in where they promoted the Boy Scout program through rock climbing, sports and a crossover ceremony. The event was open to all Webelos Scouts in the Chippewa Valley Council.

Colonneh Lodge, Houston, Texas, sponsored its third annual Native American Weekend April 12-14 at Bovay Scout Ranch. Sessions were conducted on dancing, singing, ceremonies, etiquette, outfitting, crafts and the Indian Lore merit badge. Visit the lodge’s Web site at http://www.colonneh.org/ow.html.

Visit the BlackNik Chapter of Tah-Heetch Lodge, Fresno, California, online at http://blacknik.homestead.com/cubs. The chapter recently performed a district-wide Arrow of Light ceremony for Cub Scout packs.

The Unami Lodge, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, recently began constructing benches for the ceremonial grounds at Treasure Island Scout Camp. For more information on the restoration of the original ceremony grounds, visit the lodge’s Web site at http://www.unamilodge.org/.

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Road to the Arrowman Service Award

by Andy Adamson

Introduced in 1998 as part of the Order of the Arrow’s Strategic Plan, the Arrowman Service Award is an individual recognition that any youth or adult Arrowman can earn. It is aimed at increasing the service to Scouting and to communities provided by Scouts and Arrowmen across the nation.

The award is offered over a three-year period from 2001-2003. It encourages not only additional service but also greater participation at the chapter and lodge levels. The criteria for the award—available at http://www.oa-bsa.org—focus on three aspects of a member’s solemn commitment: personal goals, chapter and lodge involvement and service.

It is up to leaders of the lodge and chapters to motivate Arrowmen to earn this award. To do this, they must constantly encourage their members to commit themselves to service to others.

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Where Are They Now?

by Chad Hefflin

Dr. Robert “Bob” Szczys served as national conference chief of the Order of the Arrow from 1967 to 1968. He has a long history of involvement in the Scouting program. As a youth he earned the rank of Eagle Scout and served as lodge chief of Pa-Hin Lodge, Fargo, North Dakota, Area 10A secretary and Area 10A chief.

As an adult, Dr. Szczys has been involved in Scouting at the local and national levels. He currently serves as a district committee member in the Longs Peak Council, Greeley, Colorado, as a member of the national OA committee and as the communications lead adviser for the 2002 National OA Conference. Dr. Szczys has received numerous recognitions for his dedication to Scouting, including the Vigil Honor, OA Distinguished Service Award, Silver Beaver Award and Silver Antelope Award.

Professionally, Dr. Szczys has had a distinguished career in general and vascular surgery. After receiving his medical degree from Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago, he was a clinical professor of surgery at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks. Currently, he is medical director for Noridian Government Services. His numerous professional affiliations include the American College of Surgeons, Southwest Surgical Congress, Western Surgical Association, Colorado Medical Society and Denver Medical Society.

Dr. Szczys and his wife, Liz, currently reside in Longmont, Colorado. They are the proud parents of daughter Patty and son Mike, an Eagle Scout.

NLS Reaches Sunny Puerto Rico

by Peter Keays

As Northeast Region Chief Brian Favat and other staff members stepped off the plane into the 80-degree air, they grinned, remembering the 25-degree conditions they left in the Northeast. Yokahu Lodge, which serves Puerto Rico, and Arawak Lodge, which serves the Virgin Islands, have never sent delegates to a National Leadership Seminar. The region, recognizing NLS as an invaluable tool in building stronger lodges and stronger leaders, decided to make history and take NLS to Camp Guajataka, Puerto Rico.

The 12-man staff, including National Chief Clay Capp, arrived in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on March 7. After a tour of historic San Juan and a taste of traditional Puerto Rican cuisine, the weary staff was whisked away to camp.

The following day, the open-air dining hall was transformed into a top-notch training facility, and 92 participants were seated and ready to experience NLS.

On Sunday morning, participants reflected and set goals for themselves based upon the skills they had learned. After several rounds of heartfelt goodbyes and a few final laughs, Arrowmen headed home from a once-in-a-lifetime experience energized and armed with a variety of new ideas and knowledge.
Creative New Handbook Cover Released!

A new printing of the OA Handbook will be released at the National OA Conference in July. Most notably, the 2002 printing includes a dramatically redesigned cover. The cover appears to be a worn and battered handbook, complete with duct tape and folds. The concept behind the cover is that Arrowmen should use their OA Handbook, carrying it with them on camping trips, to lodge events and to unit meetings.

Instead of keeping the book on a shelf, all brothers are encouraged to incorporate the book into their daily lives. You can write the OA Director with your suggestions.

The 2002 conference will be held at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, and the 2004 conference will be held at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. For the 2006 conference, the committee has visited four possible locations and has chosen the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, however no decision was made.

If you know of a location that the national OA committee could consider, you can write the OA Director with your suggestions.

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If you are unable to attend NOAC and would like more information, contact the executive recruiter, Carolyn C. Altemus, by e-mail at caltemus@netbsa.org or by fax at 972-580-2549.

2001 Arrowman Service Award ends. All back-ordered 2001 Arrowman Service Awards have been mailed. The deadline for applying for the 2001 award was March 1, 2002. Focus now should be on the 2002 award, the Silver Compass Rose Device. The 2002 order form and award cost will be posted on the OA Web page beginning in July. First-time recipients may earn the original award in 2002, but not both awards.