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## OA Chief Presents Report to the President

by Nick Digirolamo

Since 1917, the Boy Scouts of America has sent a delegation of youth to Washington, D.C., to present Congress with its annual report. This year, I was one of eight youth who participated in the 2002 Report to the Nation.

The delegation visited the U.S. Naval Academy, Goddard Space Center, Arlington National Cemetery and numerous historical landmarks in Washington. We also had the unique opportunity to meet Speaker of the House **Dennis Hastert**, CIA Director **George Tenet**, Senate Majority Leader **Bill Frist**, Secretary of Defense **Donald Rumsfeld** and President **George W. Bush**.

We went on exclusive tours of government buildings and enjoyed the experience of seeing

many private offices. We even had a meal in the White House's executive dining room with Chief of Staff **Andy Card**. I must say that sinking a free throw on the "highest court in the land" (the basketball court directly above the Supreme Court chambers) was a major highlight for me on this trip.

The people we met were very friendly. I was pleased to see how supportive each of these officials is of the Boy Scouts of America.

I was honored to be a part of such a remarkable group of youth delegates on this trip: **Jesse Loomis, John Reese III, Zachary Gomez, Jonathan Nagata, Matthew Knight, Emily Petty** and **Sam Stocker**. Although we varied in age from 8 to 20, by the end of our experience we all had become good friends. ♣



Top: National Chief Nick Digirolamo presents President Bush with the BSA's Report to the Nation. Bottom Left: (L to R) Sam Stocker (National Venturing President), John Pyfer (Area NE4 President), Nick Digirolamo. Bottom Right: Nick Digirolamo at the helm of a Navy YP-692 with Eagle Scout and Naval Midshipman Jack Hathaway.

## Indian Summer

August 2-7, 2003

by Nick Williams

Indian Summer will have participants reflecting for years to come—it will allow youth and adult Arrowmen to experience something new and exciting.

Indian Summer will focus on the American Indian elements of the Order of the Arrow. Come and learn more about the various types of dance, make a new ceremony costume or dance outfit, and take part in a pow-wow. Between American Indian-focused events, participants will be able to relax by participating in recreational activities. Tuesday's Mountain Man Rendezvous will be a conference highlight. All the training and activities will culminate with a closing gathering on Wednesday.

The only way to experience these exciting events will be to participate in the Indian Summer conference, scheduled for August 2-7 at the Ridgecrest LifeWay Conference Center in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains near Asheville, North Carolina. ♣



Dancing of many styles will be featured at Indian Summer.

## Philbreak Success

by Mark Bicket

Philbreak, the Order's first high-adventure project to sell out in its first year, was a joint project created by the OA and the Philmont Staff Association for Scouters age 18-25. The project was a huge success and met the three unique objectives of program.

Almost half of the motivated participants have applied to serve on Philmont staff this summer. Participants provided 1,725 hours of service and 121.88 burnt acres were rehabilitated in the northern part of Philmont that was ravaged by devastating fires in June of 2002. Finally, an inspirational, servant leadership-focused alternative spring break was provided to 81 Scouters: 32 from the Central Region; 13 from the Northeast Region; 23 from the Southern Region; and 13 from the Western Region.

I attended the last session, eager to experience a week of service and fellowship. Upon arriving at the ranch, we were debriefed on the purpose of our service, divided into three workgroups, and introduced to the process of contour log felling to stop erosion and stimulate new plant growth.

Crews worked Monday through **See Philbreak, page 3.**



Philbreak: A servant leadership alternative for spring break.

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## CHIEFLY SPEAKING



National Vice Chief Rich Moore

Brothers,

As summer unfolds, we will begin to see the Order of the Arrow at its best. Arrowmen from across the nation will experience the challenge of the OA Wilderness Voyage and the OA Trail Crew, programs that have been designed to help Arrowmen understand the great outdoors and find their place and role in nature. Brothers, our role in the outdoors is to serve and therefore to improve the natural environment so that the Arrowmen who follow us may have the best experience possible.

In August, Arrowmen will come from across America to experience an unforgettable fellowship and exchange of ideas at the Indian Summer conference near Asheville, North Carolina. This event is a change from our normal schedule of summer programs. This weeklong training conference will help us strengthen our understanding of our American Indian heritage and our bond of brotherhood.

I already have been experiencing brotherhood at its best. Since the beginning of the year, I have witnessed what makes our Order so great and unique. As I travel from coast to coast, meeting new Arrowmen every week, I realize how fortunate I am to be in the company of the best Scouts in the nation.

I believe we are on the right track. We have had a fabulous beginning to 2003. I can hardly wait to see what is in store for the second half. If we preserve the traditions of the Order, the remainder of this year will be more amazing than we ever imagined.

As we proceed through 2003, I challenge each of you to dream. With enough hard work and initiative, all dreams are possible.

Hope to see you this summer!

In Wimachtendienk,

Rich Moore  
National Vice Chief

## 2003 E. Urner Goodman Scholarship Recipients

The Order of the Arrow founder E. Urner Goodman was a teacher before entering the professional service of the Boy Scouts of America in 1915. The purpose of this scholarship fund program is to assist Arrowmen preparing for a professional Scouting career by helping to fulfill the financial obligations of their college education. The national committee has agreed to fund \$7,500 in scholarships for 2003. The recipients and their scholarships are as follows.



Rogers

**Gilbert R. Rogers**, a sophomore marketing major at the University of Hartford, will receive \$2,500. Eagle Scout Rogers is a member of the Tschitani Lodge, Connecticut Rivers Council, East Hartford, Connecticut, and has been lodge vice chief, section vice chief and section chief.

**Tristan J. Blease**, a freshman visual communication major at Northwest State Community College, Archbold, Ohio, will receive \$2,500. Eagle Scout Blease is a member of Mawat Woakus Lodge, Black Swamp Area Council, Findlay, Ohio, and is a former lodge chief and section historian.



Heuchert

**Christopher A. Heuchert**, a freshman at Clackamas Community College, Oregon City, Oregon, will receive \$2,500. Eagle Scout Heuchert is a member of Wauna La-Mont'ay Lodge, Cascade Pacific Council, Portland, Oregon, and is a former chapter chief, lodge vice chief, and section secretary. ♣



Blease

## 2003 Josh R. Sain Memorial Scholarship Recipients

The Josh R. Sain Memorial Scholarship was established in 1998 to honor the spirit and memory of Josh Sain, a former OA national vice chief. The scholarships are provided to former national or regional officers upon completion of their terms.

The national committee has agreed to fund \$12,500 in scholarships as follows.



Berg

**Clay T. Capp** will receive \$2,500. A freshman at Harvard College, he is a member of Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge, Middle Tennessee Council, Nashville, Tennessee. He is the immediate past national chief.

**Riley C. Berg** will receive \$2,500. A sophomore at Fresno City College, Fresno, California, he is a member of the Tah-Heetch Lodge, Sequoia Council, Fresno. He is the immediate past national vice chief.

**Brian J. Favat** will receive \$2,500. A junior management major at Boston College, he is a member of Te'Kening Lodge, Southern New Jersey Council, Millville, New Jersey. He is the immediate past chief of the Northeast Region.



Finnin

**Nathan M. Finnin** will receive \$2,500. A junior political science/philosophy major at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, he is a member of Klahican Lodge, Cape Fear Council, Wilmington, North Carolina. He is the immediate past chief of the Southern Region.



Capp



Favat



Herren

**Brian H. Herren** will receive \$2,500. A junior finance and management major at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, he is a member of Cho-Gun-Mun-A-Nock Lodge, Hawkeye Area Council, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He is the immediate past chief of the Central Region. ♣

## A Legacy of Servant Leadership

by Lee Thackston

**Thomas McBride's** 60-plus years of service to the Order were recognized at the 2002 National Order of the Arrow Conference when he was presented with the first Lifetime Achievement Award.

McBride's servant leadership in the Order began in 1939, when he was inducted into the **Anicus Lodge** in Wilkinsburg,

Pennsylvania. He served as the bugler at the Order's 1940 national meeting. He later became an Eagle Scout and served the Order as an area chief.

At the 1950 National Scout Jamboree, Tom led 36 Arrowmen to form the first OA Service Corps. In recognition of his service to the Order, Tom received the Distinguished Service Award at the 1952 NOAC.

He was named to the

national OA committee in 1953. In 1957, Tom recommended that no one over the age of 21 be allowed to vote on lodge issues or hold a lodge office.

In 1974, National OA Committee Chairman George Feil appointed Tom and Dr. Carl Marchetti as vice chairmen of the committee. Tom was appointed chairman four years later and served in that position until September 1984. In

1994, Tom received the Silver Antelope Award.

Tom continues to serve as a member of the Founders' Advisory Council. Professionally, Tom worked his way up the ladder at Westinghouse Electric Supply Company and retired as its vice president for marketing. Tom McBride has one son, Jim, who is a lawyer located in Pittsburgh. ♣



Thomas McBride

# The Voyage Is Calling

Quiet! What is that sound? Loons singing just ahead as your paddle splashes through the sparkling water. Look, up

## OA Voyage Dates

Summer 2003 dates are:  
 Session 1: June 10-23  
 Session 2: June 17-30  
 Session 3: June 24-July 7  
 Session 4: July 1-14  
 Session 5: July 8-21  
 Session 6: July 15-28  
 Session 7: July 22-Aug. 4  
 Session 8: July 29-Aug. 11  
 Session 9: Aug. 15-18

in the sky! A bald eagle flies overhead.

True wilderness is hard to find in an age when paved interstate highways and the information super-highway can take you where you desire. However, they cannot take you here—on an OA Wilderness Voyage.

Interconnected lakes, rivers and portage trails become the highways of the Wilderness Voyage. They will lead you anywhere in northern Minnesota's Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

Voyage participants will provide meaningful service for the U.S. Forest Service and thousands of people who navigate the waters each year by repairing portage trails created by voyageurs some 300 years ago. Then, for another six days, you will navigate the pristine wilderness of the boundary waters on a voyage of your design.

This summer, experience the OA Wilderness Voyage. For applications and additional information, check out the national OA Web site at <http://www.oa-bsa.org>.

# Experience Trail Crew

by Chris Knudsen

Last summer I had the amazing opportunity to be a member of an Order of the Arrow Trail Crew. It

## OA Trail Crew Dates

Summer 2003 dates are:  
 Session 1: June 8-22  
 Session 2: June 15-29  
 Session 3: June 22-July 6  
 Session 4: June 29-July 13  
 Session 5: July 6-20  
 Session 6: July 13-27  
 Session 7: July 20-Aug. 3  
 Session 8: July 27-Aug. 10  
 Session 9: Aug. 3-17

was an experience full of memories that will last a lifetime. The OATC, as it is known, is a 14-day experience. The first week focuses on trail construction and maintenance under the guidance of your Philmont Trail Crew foreman. The second week is spent on a backpacking trek that your crew members design to explore the vast Philmont Scout Ranch. The program is not simply building trails and hiking. The OA Trail Crew is ultimately a journey that challenges Arrowmen mentally, physically and spiri-

tually.

If you have always wanted to go to Philmont, or if you have been looking for a way to get back, the OATC could be your ticket. It is not only a great experience—it is also very affordable. For just \$100, plus transportation, you could find yourself on the trails of Philmont in the Rocky Mountains of New Mexico.

For more information including applications and participant requirements, check the national OA Web site at <http://www.oa-bsa.org>.

# Chairman Receives Distinguished Eagle Scout Award

by Clay Capp

**Brad Haddock**, chairman of the national Order of the Arrow committee and a former national chief, recently received the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award.

"I was especially glad to have my mother and father (at the award ceremony)," Brad said. "My mother is the one who made it clear to me that I was going to turn 18 soon." That revelation gave him the encouragement he needed to achieve the Eagle Scout rank in 1972.

Brad received a BSA Young American Award in 1976 and the Order's Distinguished Service Award in 1977. A member of the Quivira Council, he has continued his service to Scouting through troop, [www.oa-bsa.org](http://www.oa-bsa.org)



**Brad Haddock (Left), Bob Gates, and George Jordan at the presentation of the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award.**

council and national involvement.

Brad was also pleased to have Bob Gates and George Jordan in attendance. Mr. Jordan was presented with his Eagle Scout rank in a special ceremony by Lord Baden Powell. Receiving his Eagle Scout rank in 1926, Mr. Jordan is the old-

est living Eagle Scout of Quivira Council.

Brad is vice president, general counsel and secretary for Koch Chemical Technology Group, LLC, and is active in the East Evangelical Free Church in Wichita, Kansas. He and his wife, Terri, have two children, Austin and Sarah.

# Support Services

2003 Indian Summer

by Brian Love

The Support Services Committee will provide participants with inspiration, information and a variety of trading post items.

We will keep Arrowmen at Indian Summer updated with a

daily newsletter. Arrowmen and families back home can get a glimpse of the action via the national OA Web site. Coverage will include pictures from around the conference, video clips from the gatherings, interviews with Arrowmen in attendance and more.

In conjunction with trading post sales, our team will also handle preorder pickups. We are responsible for opening and closing gatherings, which will feature original performances, great music and freebies. Our committee is excited about Indian Summer. Do not miss this opportunity!



**Support Services Committee. Front Row (L to R): Linley Collins, Matt Dodson, and Tyson Ford. Back Row (L to R) Brian Love and Jonathan Hardin.**

# Revamping the LLD

by Rob Rosamond

The Lodge Leadership Development program was launched in 1999 and has received positive feedback since then. Last year, the National Council of Chiefs conducted a survey of the LLD.

The results of the survey were reviewed at the December 2002 national planning meeting in Dallas, where a committee of key youth and adults were appointed to an LLD task force.

The new program will be Web-based, which will allow immediate updating. It will encompass all aspects of the LLD for lodges—from the questionnaire assessment and initial invitation letter to the final thank-you letters for attendance and service.



**LLD Revamp Committee. Standing (L to R): Gil Rogers, Chris Hunt, Michael Long, Rob Rosemond. Seated (L to R): Westin Hatch, Jason Adams, and Ed Clifford.**

The sessions will include all aspects of lodge programming. Additional resources will accompany each syllabus, including handouts, video clips, references to printed material and PowerPoint slideshows, which will enable lodges to plan and implement an effective LLD conference—even on short notice.

The new LLD will be introduced and marketed as an event that everyone in the lodge can attend. The scheduled rollout of the new LLD will be at the 2003 national planning meeting in December. The final version will be available for lodge leadership in early 2004.

# Philbreak, continued from page 1.

Wednesday and then headed to Angel Fire for a day of skiing on Thursday. We returned to our work on Friday. Throughout the week, presentations and programs filled the evenings. On Wednesday evening, we were treated to an exceptional campfire, complete with music, stories, magic and poetry.

Even in the midst of the service, being surrounded by the beauty of Philmont helped me to enjoy spring break. Away from the busy world, we rekindled our spirits while helping Philmont do the same.

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by Dominique Baker

The **Tom Kita Chara Lodge** of Weston, Wisconsin, has created a first-year Arrowman award to improve membership retention. To read more about this award, visit the lodge online at <http://www.samosetcouncil.org/tkc/>.

Visit the **TKaen DoD Lodge** of Elmira, New York, online at <http://www.tkaendod.org/> to see cutting-edge Web site technology at work. If you have a slower connection, a non-Flash version is available.

The **Muscogee Lodge** of Columbia, South Carolina, has an extensive online resource page for Arrowmen. The lodge's Web site can be found at <http://www.muscogeelodge.org/>.

The **Es-Kaielgu Lodge** of Spokane, Washington, has created a high-adventure scholarship to support the Inland Northwest Council's goal of improving local high-adventure participation. The scholarship will allow outstanding Scouts to have a high-adventure experience.

The **Ajapeu Lodge** of Doylestown, Pennsylvania, has a special patch for Arrowmen who recruit new youth into Scouting. To read more about this program, visit the lodge online at <http://www.ajapeu33.org/>.

Visit the **Agaming Lodge** of St. Paul, Minnesota, online at <http://www.indianhead.org/oa/info/projects/jlc>. The lodge is hosting a Junior Leader College to help the troops in the council train their youth leadership.

If your lodge conducts a service project, celebrates an anniversary or starts a new program that is noteworthy, e-mail Dominique Baker at [dfbaker@hotmail.com](mailto:dfbaker@hotmail.com) and we will feature your article in the "Around the Nation" column. ♣

## Profiles in Service

by Andy Chapman

With the help of an Order of the Arrow Matching Service Grant, **Otena Lodge** of Brownwood, Texas, made a permanent contribution to Comanche Trail Council's wilderness Scout camp by building a new health lodge at Camp Billy Gibbons. "Receiving the grant gave Otena Lodge the kick-start for the project. From that point it just took off," said Scout Executive **David Foil**.

More than 100 volunteers contributed 1,000 service hours to complete the 720-square-foot health lodge. It has quarters for the health officer, a ward room, an examination area, an isolation room and a bathroom. The building has central heating and air-conditioning and is well-insulated. It is covered with a standing seam metal roof—the first of its kind in the area. The health lodge was constructed completely by volunteer labor and adult supporters who had no prior relationship to Scouting.

Funding for the project came from numerous sources. The council received a \$4,000 matching grant from the OA and financial gifts and in-kind donations from local businesses.

Many Arrowmen enjoyed donating their cheerful service because of the hands-on construction skills that they learned. "To the Arrowmen, it was a labor of love. Without the help of the service grant, our dreams could never have become reality," said Lodge Chief **Joey Ellis**. ♣



Health lodge built at Camp Billy Gibbons by Otena Lodge.

# Where Are They Now?

by Ryan Miske

In 1973, **Dan Segersin** served as the deputy National Order of the Arrow Conference chief of training. Before being elected to this post, Dan was chief of **Chequah Lodge** (now part of **Awase Lodge**) in Green Bay, Wisconsin, and Section EC-1A chief. He received the Distinguished Service Award at the 1975 NOAC.

Dan received an undergraduate degree in managerial systems, with a minor in environmental science, from the University of Wisconsin in Green Bay in 1976, and completed a master's degree in business administration at the Carlson School of Management in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1978. He is a certified pub-

lic accountant and vice president of institutional lending at Wells Fargo Home Mortgage.

Dan served as a major in the U.S. Army Reserve's Quartermaster Corps for 12 years.

Dan and his wife, Carol, have three children, Sean, Leanne and Tom. Sean and Tom are both members of the Order and his wife, Carol, is an active Scout leader.

Dan serves as the national OA committee's vice chairman of outdoor program. Part of his role includes oversight of popular high-adventure programs like the OA Trail Crew, the Northern Tier Voyage program and the recently launched Philbreak



Then



Now

project.

Dan is a member of the Central Region board and serves as commissioner of the Viking Council in Minneapolis, where he received the Silver Beaver Award. He also has been recognized with the Silver Antelope Award from the Central Region.

Dan said that election into the Order was a life-changing experience that taught him the importance of leadership, serving others and putting together a good team. ♣

## Three Essential Needs of People



by Matt Harris

Why do Arrowmen return to Order of the Arrow events after their Ordeal? What brings them back? How do leaders create an environment that group members choose to revisit?

The answer is that there are three essential needs of all people in groups.

The first need is to be heard. How do you feel when your ideas are not heard? If people's ideas and comments are not heard, they are unable to build trust or form relationships. In a group, relationships are vital to success.

If a member of your lodge executive committee proposes an idea, be open to it. Accept it, even if it is new or different. Respond with an acknowledgment so that the person knows that his idea has been heard.

The second essential need of people is to contribute. Human beings have a natural desire to contribute to something larger than themselves. At the same time, a group has an inherent need to bring in

things from outside the group.

When people feel that they have made a difference or that they are needed, they return to the group. Think about how it feels to see the smiles of the people who receive the benefits of your service. This feeling compels you to provide service again.

As leaders, Arrowmen should seek opportunities for people to contribute. Ask a Scout to help you set up chairs at a lodge event. Ask an Ordeal member to run for chapter chief. These opportunities will help those Scouts to realize that they are making a difference, and they will experience the joy of contribution.

The third essential need of people is to belong. Simply put, we go where our friends go because they provide us a sense of belonging. Without feeling that they belong, humans have no desire to contribute to the group and likely will not return to it.

Brotherhood and fellowship are the essence of the Order. To be effective, we need to develop pro-

gram elements that use these principles to build friendships.

People only take initiative on behalf of others when these three factors are high. As leaders, we must create conditions that nurture these three fundamentals.

The next time you are leading your group, consider asking your team members these three questions:

- Have I created room for your ideas to be heard?
- Do you feel that you are making a difference?
- Are you having fun with friends here?

If the answers to these questions can always be "yes," then you are doing a great job of nurturing an environment that will provide a great experience in the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. ♣

*Matt Harris is lodge chief of Wauna La-Mon'Jay Lodge, Portland, Oregon. He has served as senior patrol leader for Cascade Pacific Council's junior leader training conference, Sogus. Matt can be reached at [matt@oa-442.org](mailto:matt@oa-442.org).*

# 2003 National Service Award Recipients

The national Order of the Arrow committee's awards and recognitions subcommittee is pleased to announce the selection of eight lodges for the National Service Award, established in 1999 to recognize annually two lodges in each region that have performed outstanding qualitative and quantitative service to their council. The award was developed by past National Vice Chief Ryan Miske. The following lodges are being recognized for their 2002 accomplishments.

## Central Region

**Sac-N-Fox Lodge**  
Winnebago Council  
Waterloo, Iowa

## Awase Lodge

Bay Lakes Council  
Appleton, Wisconsin

## Northeast Region

**Loon Lodge**  
Adirondack Council  
Plattsburg, New York

## Lowwapaneu Lodge

Northeastern Pennsylvania Council  
Avoca, Pennsylvania

## Southern Region

**O-Shot-Caw Lodge**  
South Florida Council  
Miami Lakes, Florida

## Mikanakawa Lodge

Circle Ten Council  
Dallas, Texas

## Western Region

**Wiatava Lodge**  
Orange County Council  
Costa Mesa, California

## Tukarica Lodge

Ore-Ida Council  
Boise, Idaho

# E. Urner Goodman Camping Award

The national Order of the Arrow committee's awards and recognitions subcommittee is pleased to announce the selection of eight lodges for the E. Urner Goodman Camping Award, 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 each region. Awards are presented to two outstanding lodges in each region annually. The following lodges are being recognized for their 2002 accomplishments.

## Central Region

**Cho-Gun-Mun-A-Nock Lodge**  
Hawkeye Area Council  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

## Tecumseh Lodge

Simon Kenton Area Council  
Columbus, Ohio

## Northeast Region

**Woapalanne Lodge**  
Patriots Path Council  
Mountainside, New Jersey

## Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee Lodge

Greater Niagara Frontier Council  
Buffalo, New York

## Southern Region

**Tsoitsi Tsogalii Lodge**  
Old North State Council  
Greensboro, North Carolina

## Timuquan Lodge

West Central Florida Council  
Seminole, Florida

## Western Region

**Cahuilla Lodge**  
California Inland Council  
Redlands, California

## Wiatava Lodge

Orange County Council  
Costa Mesa, California

# Climbing Kilimanjaro

by David Yoder



Atop Mount Kilimanjaro are Jack Butler, Jeff Jonasen, David Yoder, John Horton, Bruce Walcutt, Kirt Kiestler, Norm Gregory, Bill Nalle, and their four guides.

Few Americans get to visit Africa, and even fewer have the opportunity to climb Mount Kilimanjaro, the tallest free-standing mountain in the world. For eight Arrowmen, the dream of climbing to the snow-capped summit of

Kilimanjaro became a reality this past February.

On February 15, eight Arrowmen traveled to Tanzania in East Africa for the trip of a lifetime. National OA committee members **Jack Butler** and **Bruce Walcutt**, Section S4S Adviser **Jeff Jonasen**, Section C4A Associate Adviser **David Yoder**, Echockotee Lodge Adviser **Norm Gregory**, **Bill Nalle**, **Kirt Kiestler**, and **John Horton** participated in the climb. Jack Butler expressed everyone's sentiments with his description of the trip as "absolutely incredible."

The backpacking expedition started at 6,000 feet in the beau-

tiful rain forests of equatorial Tanzania and continued upward, climbing about 2,000 feet in elevation every day for the next seven days.

Reaching the summit, Uhuru Peak, on the morning of February 23, the sense of accomplishment and brotherhood was overwhelming.

Most of the group also enjoyed a four-day safari through the spectacular Serengeti plain and Ngorongoro Crater. They saw lions, giraffes, cheetahs, elephants and rhinos, as well as a magnificent tour of the pristine environment in Tanzania.

# Even Trainers Need Training

by Jonathan Hardin

In January, about 50 Arrowmen representing each of the four regions traveled to the Florida Sea Base for the National Leadership Seminar's Train-the-Trainer seminar. This seminar is held every two years to teach how to plan and execute National Leadership Seminars.

This year's seminar focused on recent changes to the NLS syllabus. The primary content of the NLS did not change, but the sessions have been updated and the syllabus has been reformatted to continually improve NLS. Adult

advisers also met to discuss ways to improve the National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar.

The youth Arrowmen took advantage of the exciting opportunities available at the Sea Base. Many of them braved the 60-degree temperatures to go snorkeling and boating off the Florida Keys.

As the weekend ended, participants returned to their regions, excited and energized about staffing an NLS. If you have never attended an NLS and would like to, contact your regional office to learn more about the next NLS near you.



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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.

# 2003 Planning Calendar

May 28-30	National BSA Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
June 1-7	Philmont NLATS
June 8	Philmont OA Trail Crew Begins
June 10	Northern Tier OA Voyage Begins
August 2-7	Indian Summer, Ridgecrest, NC
August 17	Philmont OA Trail Crew Ends
August 18	Northern Tier OA Voyage Ends
September 19-21	Northeast Region NLS, Alpine, NJ
September 19-21	Western Region NLS, Logan, UT
September 26-28	Central Region NLS, Loveland, OH
October 1	OA Charter Renewal Kits Available
October 3-5	Western Region NLS, Hawaii
October 10-12	Southern Region SOS, New Orleans, LA
October 17-19	Western Region SOS, Phoenix, AZ
October 17-19	Southern Region NLS, Haines City, FL
November 7-9	Northeast Region SOS, Alpine, NJ
November 7-9	Southern Region NLS / NLATS, Leesville, SC
November 14-16	Central Region NLS, Parkville, MO
November 14-16	Western Region NLS / NLATS, Portland, OR
December 5-7	Central Region SOS, Parkville, MO
December 27-30	OA National Planning Meeting, Dallas, TX
December 31	Lodge Charter Renewal Deadline
July 31 - August 5, 2004	National Order of the Arrow Conference, Iowa State University, IA

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## Web Update

by Dominique Baker

The national Order of the Arrow Web site is continually updated. Some recent additions to the site include promotional presentations for Wilderness Voyage and Trail Crew, the new Jumpstart program and an online version of the 2003 Lodge Program Resource Book.

Indian Summer is approaching quickly, and the Web site will keep everyone up-to-date on the Order's big summer program for 2003. The daily coverage will include each day's main events and a small photo gallery.

Some of the upcoming Web site additions will focus on awards presented by our Order, including past recipients of the Distinguished Service Award, Red Arrow Award and E. Urner Goodman Camping Award. To keep up with developments in the Order, visit the national OA Web site at <http://www.aa-bsa.org>.

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by Jason Laney

**Question:** What is the Arrowman Service Award, and can I still earn it?

**Answer:** Introduced in 2001, the Arrowman Service Award is an individual recognition that can be earned by youth and adult members. The award allows Arrowmen to rededicate themselves in three areas: personal, chapter/lodge activities and general service to the community.

All first-time recipients are presented the original award (the white ribbon with the gold compass). Arrowmen who earn the award more than once may purchase

the silver attachment and the bronze attachment for having earned it a third time. More than 6,250 Arrowmen have earned the award, and 1,015 earned it a second time.

If you have not yet earned the award, you have through 2003 to complete the requirements. Contact a member of your lodge Key 3 for further information and to obtain the requirements and award application. You also can find more detailed information on the national OA Web site at <http://aa-bsa.org/misc/anr/asa/>.

## National Notes

➔ **Philbreak Commemorative Patches Available.** The Order of the Arrow is selling a 2003 Philbreak commemorative patch on the enclosed Indian Summer Mail Order form. This form and information about the Philbreak project (March – May 2003 issue of the *National Bulletin*) can be found on the Order's Web site: <http://www.aa-bsa.org>.

More information can be found on the OA Web page at <http://www.aa-bsa.org>. Select "Operations Updates."

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