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AROUND THE NATION

by Brock Ostrander

Crazy Horse Lodge. The Crazy Horse Lodge of the Black Hills Area Council, Rapid City, South Dakota, completed a fund-raiser—sales of a special \$10 flap. The proceeds went to building a cabin at the local Medicine Mountain Scout Ranch near Custer, South Dakota. Web page: www.geocities.com/yosemite/rapid/4245/oa.htm

Ku-Ni-Eh Lodge. The Ku-Ni-Eh Lodge of the Dan Beard Council is celebrating 60 years of OA in the Cincinnati, Ohio, area. Web page: www.bsa.net/oh/L145

Sebooney Okasukca Lodge. The Sebooney Okasukca Lodge of the Andrew Jackson Council has established its sixth camper-ship fund. The funds generate over \$1,000 annually for campers to attend summer camp. The most recent fund honors Mike Holcombe, lodge adviser 1989-1997. Web page: www.ajcbsa.org/oa

Spe-Le-Yai Lodge. The Spe-Le-Yai Lodge of the Verdugo Hills Council in Glendale, California, is celebrating its 55th anniversary. Spe-Le-Yai is Shoshone for "song of the coyote." Section W-4A, of which Spe-Le-Yai is a part, is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

Tatanka-Anpetu-Wi Lodge. The Tatanka-Anpetu-Wi Lodge of the Overland Trails Council, Grand Island, Nebraska, will be buying mountain bike equipment for a new hiking/mountain biking trail being built at the council's summer camp. Several Arrowmen and the council Scout executive took pies in the face to raise the money. They also held a special auction which raised \$750 for camperships. Web page: gpvec.uni.edu/public/bsa/bsa.htm

Ti'ak Lodge. The Ti'ak Lodge of

see Nation, page 6.

Lasting Memories Result from Report to the Nation

by Mat Milleson

During the week of March 11 through 15, I had the esteemed pleasure of visiting Washington, D.C., with the Boy Scouts of America's 1997 Report to the Nation delegation. Every year the BSA sends representatives from each area of its Scouting program to present a report chronicling the successes within the BSA to the dignitaries of our government.

The seven youths who participated in the delegation are some of the BSA's finest. The Order of the Arrow was well represented since Sylvester Tan, the Southern Region Exploring president, is a member of the Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge.

During our five days in Washington, the delegation had the opportunity to visit many of the historic landmarks that characterize our nation's capital. Among these were our visits to the various monuments, tours of the U.S. Capitol,



National Chief Mat Milleson presents President Bill Clinton with the 1997 Report to the Nation.

Supreme Court, CIA headquarters and the Secret Service headquarters. Most of these tours were conducted privately and provided us the opportunity to see things not usually open to the public such as the basketball court in the Supreme

Court building and the workings of a forensics lab. One of the highlights of our trip was a tour of the Capitol led by Representative Ed Pease. As Sylvester Tan said, "We really got a chance to go behind the

see Report, page 6.

Service Takes to the Water

by Jason Accola

During the summers of 1999 and 2000, the Order of the Arrow will embark on a new program adventure at the Charles L. Sommers High Adventure Base in Ely, Minnesota. Like the OA Philmont Trail Crew, the Northern Tier project will focus on cheerful service and fellowship. Arrowmen from across the country will restore damaged campsites, reconstruct worn portages, and build new trails on islands within the U.S.-Canadian Boundary Waters. During the two years of operation, the program will be open to any OA member between the ages of 16 to 20. Participant applications for the summer of 1999 will be available

at the 1998 National Order of the Arrow Conference.

Before the Northern Tier project is kicked off in 1999, many details of the program have to be planned. To become familiar with the Boundary Waters, a team of experienced Arrowmen has been assembled to serve this summer on the Charles L. Sommers staff. These Scouts will design the essential program elements that will be used in the upcoming summers.

Arrowmen interested in further information regarding either participation or serving on the staff are encouraged to contact Jason Accola, 401 Montgomery Ave., East Dubuque, IL 61025; e-mail accola@uiuc.edu.

NOAC OR BUST!

Check out the special two page section on NOAC '98. See pages 4 and 5 for information on:

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- American Indian Activities
- Inductions and Ceremonial Events
- Trading Post
- Training

See you in Iowa!

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CHIEFLY SPEAKING

Profiles in Service

by Alex Rhodes



Standing from left to right: Tim Brown, Dave Petrush, Tobin McKnight, Robert Kunstman. Kneeling from left to right: Devang Desai, Chris Wade, Braim Lahman

Arrowmen,

What an awesome year it has been thus far! At the lodge fellowships, conclaves, and national leadership seminars that I have attended in 1998, I have found talented Arrowmen running quality OA programs. My term is more than a

quarter past, and my strongest memories are those relationships I have built while experiencing the OA in all parts of the country.

"He who follows such a pathway in unwavering cheerful service will be seen by many others and, by inspiration, lead them"
—Allowat Sakima

My challenge for you is actually a question: What is the spirit of the OA? Is it a service project you worked on at summer camp? Is it the feeling you got as a lodge officer when the fellowship you helped coordinate ran smoothly? For others it was the excitement and awe on the face of a new Arrowman in the Ordeal ceremony.

Ultimately you must discover the answer for yourself. Perhaps by experiencing NOAC, or serving on OA Trail Crew, or by leading younger Scouts in our units, together we can discover the clues that will solve this riddle.

I am proud to serve as your national vice chief. I was also proud to serve as a section chief and also just as proud to serve as a patrol leader in Troop 221 Vestal, New York. Only through friendship and service to others have I found the great meaning of what Scouting has to offer.

For me, the spirit of the OA has been learning about leadership through my successes and failures. Brothers, leadership is an action, not a position. Each brother who takes the initiative to serve others is a great leader.

It was once said "A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds." I invite you to give service as a leader in national programs, in your lodge programs and, most importantly, in your troop. Together we will find the spirit of the Order of the Arrow.

Yours in the spirit,

Dave Petrush

Dave Petrush
1998 National Vice Chief

In keeping with the tradition of past issues of the *National Bulletin*, we are once again profiling those lodges that have recognized the need for service and made significant efforts to better their council Scout camps by taking advantage of the OA's matching grant program. The *National Bulletin* is proud to showcase three more lodges that received grants as part of the 1997 program.



The Wunita Gokhos Lodge of the Pennsylvania Dutch Council in Lancaster and Lebanon counties in Pennsylvania, received a grant of \$2,500 for the construction of tent platforms. The platforms were designed and constructed for use at Camp Bashore. Existing platforms had become unusable after many years of exposure to the elements and repeated use.

The idea to apply for the matching grant program came from a youth member of the lodge. The youth wrote "This project will benefit the camp because it will make the platforms safer, but also improve the overall appearance of Camp Bashore that may help improve camp attendance." The lodge initially filled out the matching grant application requesting funds to build 20 platforms with an estimated cost of more than \$5,000. When the lodge received the grant and solicited bids for the materials, it discovered it could afford to build more platforms than originally estimated. Enough lumber was purchased to

build 30 platforms.

An intense work weekend in April 1997 totaling more than 350 volunteer hours was all it took to finish the project. The members of Wunita Gokhos were pleased with the results and happy that they could help the camp by replacing the tent platforms. Congratulations to these lodge members for seeing the need and responding in service to their camps.



The Santee Lodge of the Pee Dee Area Council in Florence, South Carolina, received a grant of \$5,000 for the construction of a new bathhouse at its local council camp. The new bathhouse will serve the council ring and the dining hall and is composed of six individual unisex restrooms that comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. After taking nearly three months to complete, the bathhouse is fully operational for the 1998 summer camping season.

The time contributed to this project exceeded 300 volunteer hours. The hours were donated by youth members, adult members, community volunteers, professional Scouters, and council employees. All of these people worked in concert to construct a facility valued at more than \$20,000 that will enhance the council camping program.

Even more beneficial than the project was the lasting effect it has had on the youth of the lodge. The lodge adviser report-

ed that not only did the grant help make a much needed facility a reality, but it also kindled a spirit of action in the lodge's youth leadership. They have since embraced other projects and are now focusing on their true mission.



The Tsisqan Lodge of the Oregon Trail Council in Eugene, Oregon, received a grant of \$5,000 to install new water distribution mainlines throughout Camp Alton Baker. The Arrowmen, working with professionals from Siuslaw Water Systems, dug approximately 1,800 feet of trench for the new waterlines. The project involved more than 250 adults and youths working two consecutive weekends to accomplish this monumental task. Tsisqan Lodge provided more than 2,000 volunteer hours of cheerful service to this project, and would like to thank the national Order of the Arrow Committee for making these funds available to support local council projects.

Once again, three more lodges show their commitment to the Scouting movement and to our Order through their work in council camps. As the next camping season begins, is your lodge ready to find a project that would help your council? Look to future issues of the *National Bulletin* for continued profiles of lodges serving their councils. ♪

Goodman Scholarship Recipients

by Billy Walley

The Recognitions and Awards Subcommittee of the Order of the Arrow National Committee, is pleased to announce the selection of six recipients of the E. Urner Goodman Scholarship. The purpose of the E. Urner Goodman Scholarship fund program is to assist Arrowmen preparing for a professional Scouting career by helping to fulfill the financial obligations of their college education.

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. This program was established as a living memorial to the founder of the OA by helping provide needed financial resources that will perpetuate continued high-caliber, service-minded individuals dedicated to professional Scouting service.

The national committee has agreed to fund \$20,000 in scholarships. Here are the recipients and the amounts they will receive.



Haynes

Corey L. Haynes will receive \$4,000. He is registered with the Adirondack Council, Plattsburgh, New York, and is a member of the Loon Lodge. He is a sophomore at Saint Lawrence University,

majoring in history and Canadian studies. He is an Eagle Scout with seven Palms and has served as lodge chief, lodge vice chief, and as section vice chief in two sections.



Hogan

Mark F. Hogan will receive \$3,000. He is registered with the Old Colony Council, Canton, Massachusetts, and is a member of the Tisquantum Lodge. He is a freshman at Curry

College, majoring in communication. He is an Eagle Scout, has served as lodge secretary, and is presently serving as lodge chief.



Kremer

Theodore J. Kremer will receive \$3,000. He is registered with the Lake Huron Area Council, Auburn, Michigan, and is a member of the Mischigonong Lodge. He is a sophomore at Michigan Technological

University, majoring in environmental engineering. He is an Eagle Scout with three Palms, and has served as lodge chief and other positions in his lodge and chapter.



Tan

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

While most of us watched the 18th Winter Olympic Games on television, three lucky individuals were selected to represent the Boy Scouts of America and the United States as part of a ten-member delegation to the first official Winter Olympic International Youth Camp. Representing the Boy Scouts of America was Sylvester Tan, Southern Region Exploring representative and a Brotherhood member of the Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge; Ryan Kelly, Central Region Exploring representative; and Tanya Karsch, Northeast Region Exploring representative.

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Haney

Christopher L. Haney will receive \$2,000. He is registered in the Blue Ridge Mountains Council, Roanoke, Virginia, and is a member of the Tutelo Lodge. He is a sophomore at

Virginia Military Institute, majoring in mechanical engineering. He is an Eagle Scout and has served as lodge vice chief, chapter chief, and section chief.



Kostic

Michael Kostic will receive \$4,000. He is registered with the Bucktail Council, DuBois, Pennsylvania, and is a member of the Ah'Tic Lodge. He is a junior at Pennsylvania State

University, majoring in media studies. He is an Eagle Scout and has served as the lodge secretary and vice chief, and as section chief and vice chief.



Rogers

Christopher T. Rogers will receive \$4,000. He is registered with the Simmissippi Council, Janesville, Wisconsin, and is a member of the Chemokemon Lodge. He is a junior at the University

of Wisconsin Center-Rock County, majoring in elementary education. He is an Eagle Scout and recently completed a term as the national chief of the Order of the Arrow.

Lodges Receive Goodman Camping Award

by Billy Walley

The Recognition and Awards Subcommittee of the Order of the Arrow National Committee is pleased to announce the selection of eight lodges for the E. Urner Goodman Camping Award. The award was established as a tribute and testimonial to the Order's founder, E. Urner Goodman. Its purpose is to encourage and challenge OA members and lodges to increase their effectiveness in promoting and increasing Scout camping throughout the country. The award is presented annually to two outstanding lodges in each region. The lodges being recognized for their 1997 accomplishments are:

Northeast Region

Yokahu Lodge
Puerto Rico Council
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Enda Lechallhane Lodge
Greater Pittsburgh Council
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Central Region

Wulakamike Lodge
Crossroads of America Council
Indianapolis, Indiana

Tom Kita Chara Lodge
Samoset Council
Wausau, Wisconsin

Southern Region

Karankawa Lodge
Gulf Coast Council
Corpus Christi, Texas

Atchafalaya Lodge
Evangeline Area Council
Lafayette, Louisiana

Western Region

Wauna La Mon'Tay Lodge
Cascade Pacific Council
Portland, Oregon

Wipala Wiki Lodge
Grand Canyon Council
Phoenix, Arizona

Arrowman attends youth forum at Nagano

by Chad Heflin

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sports, and discussed global community in an international youth forum. The camp illustrated the emphasis the Nagano Organizing Committee placed on youth participation in the Olympics.

The "Nagano Youth Declaration on Global Community," was written by the campers in the youth forum, and was presented to the International Olympic Committee at the camp's closing ceremonies on February 17. The declaration, presented by Arrowman Tan, identifies apathy, discrimination, miscommunication and outmoded educational systems as major hurdles the world community must face. Representatives of the IOC announced that the declaration will be sent to every national Olympic committee and to U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

When asked about his experience at the youth camp, Tan said "It made me realize how similar people really are. Although the participants were from many different countries and spoke many different languages, we realized that we had a lot in common. For the two short weeks that we were there, all of us were able to bond and form a true global community."

NOAC PLANS UNDERWAY--ONLY

Who's Running this Show?

Meet the NOAC Conference Vice Chiefs



Rowe

American Indian Activities

Conference Vice Chief of American Indian Activities Brian Rowe is a Vigil Honor member, past lodge chief of the Es Kaielgu Lodge, and the immediate past chief of Western Region Section 1C. In addition, Brian is an Eagle Scout and currently serves as an assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 342 in the Inland Northwest Council in Spokane, Washington.

Brian can be reached via e-mail at drowe@whitworth.edu.



McAlister

Communications and Public Relations

Conference Vice Chief of Communications and Public Relations Lance McAlister is an Eagle Scout and assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 259 in the East Texas Area Council in Tyler. He is also a Vigil Honor member, Founder's Award recipient, past lodge chief of the Tejas Lodge, and the immediate past chief of Southern Region Section 2. In addition, Lance is a sophomore at Kilgore College and is majoring in computer information systems.

Lance can be reached via e-mail at Lance259@hotmail.com.



Garner

The Outdoor Adventure Place (TOAP)

Conference Vice Chief of The Outdoor Adventure Place (TOAP) Allen Garner is an Eagle Scout and assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 3 of the Caddo Area Council in Texarkana, Texas. He is a Vigil Honor member, Founder's Award recipient, and past chief of the Akela Wahinipay Lodge. Currently, Allen is the chief of Southern Region Section 3B and is a freshman at Texarkana College.



Alexander

Publications

Conference Vice Chief of Publications Nashua Alexander is a Vigil Honor member, Founder's Award recipient, and past lodge chief of Wakpominnee Lodge. He is an Eagle Scout and currently serves as assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 61, chartered to Salem United Presbyterian Church. In addition, Nashua is a two-term chief of Northeast Region Section 3B and is a freshman at Hudson Valley College, majoring in emergency medicine.

AIA = Education and Inspiration

by Stathi Pappas

The NOAC is fast approaching, and your American Indian Activities (AIA) staff has a variety of fun and educational opportunities for you to learn more about the American Indian aspects of our Order. Our mission this year is to provide you education and training, inspiration, and improvement through friendly competition.

This year's NOAC will have a full calendar of American Indian activities that will include more than 120 different training topics covering everything from feather work to focus groups on specific tribes. Training sessions begin on Sunday afternoon and continue throughout the week. There will be various workshops and hands-on

opportunities as well.

The AIA also will feature our famous competitions in which Arrowmen from throughout the country can compete in the spirit of brotherhood. These competitions are an excellent opportunity for fellowship and are a great way to learn and improve your skills through friendly competition. Be sure to attend the individual dance competitions on Monday, where you will see some of the finest dancers in the Order. The team dance, singing, and craft fair will be held on Tuesday.

So come on out to the American Indian Activities area at NOAC. A good time is sure to be had by all. See you in Iowa!

Buy! Buy! Buy!

by Glenn Ault

Want to get the latest in cool OA gear? Check out the NOAC trading post, new and improved with more great stuff and shorter lines. We will be on the first floor of the Memorial Union building in the Great Hall. Check us out throughout the conference! Make sure you are the first back home to sport the cool NOAC gear you can pick up in the trading post.

If you are going to NOAC, see your contingent leader for the official NOAC trading post reserved order form. With this form, you can place a reserved order that will be packed before your arrival and be waiting for

you to pick up.

So you are not going to NOAC? That's too bad, but you can still get some NOAC items, including the patch, hat pin, and T-shirt! The 1998 NOAC trading post mail order form was created just for you. Copies were distributed with the March-May issue of the *National Bulletin*. You can also download the form from the official Web page at www.oa-bsa.org. Point your browser on our NOAC Forms page, print it out, and send it in.

The NOAC trading post is your headquarters for awesome OA stuff and outrageously cool NOAC items. Don't miss out!

Pack Your Running Shoes!

by Ken Jenkins

At this summer's national Order of the Arrow conference, August 2-6, 1998, the activities committee plans to live up to its name by keeping everyone active. The 100-plus-member staff is preparing a wide range of programs that will give everyone plenty of choices for something to do at NOAC. Athletic competitions, NOAC Radio, OA Jeopardy, and the Brotherhood Band and Chorus are some of the many options available to participants while they enjoy their stay at Iowa State University.

Throughout the conference, NOAC Radio will be blaring your favorite music, as well as running contests and giving away great prizes. Tune in on Sunday from noon to midnight, and Monday through Wednesday from 6 A.M. to midnight. Remember to pack your radio!

The wide range of athletic competitions should offer something for everyone. Beyond the traditional basketball and volleyball tournaments, there will also be a swim meet on Tuesday afternoon. Wednesday at 7 A.M., lace up your running shoes and join in the NOAC 5k run.

Start studying OA history because OA Jeopardy is back! Teams of four to five can participate in the OA's favorite game show. Also, check out the OA's newest game show, the Match Game, in a special exhibition on Tuesday. Then embarrass yourself and participate in the always popular lip synch competition. Or, stop by the challenge course and work on your team-building skills.

The programs have been prepared, the staff is set, and the activities committee is ready to go for this summer's NOAC. We'll see you there.

-ONLY THING MISSING IS

Important OA History Can Be Yours

by Allen Mossman

The year 1948 is an important milestone in the history of the Order of the Arrow. It was May 1948 when the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America convened in Seattle, Washington, and adopted the Order of the Arrow as an official program of Scouting. This was a significant time in the history of the Order.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of that major event. In celebration of the rich heritage of the Order, a special collection of significant historical items related to the founder of the Order, Dr. E. Urner Goodman, have been gathered and produced.

The Goodman portfolio will give every Arrowman an insight of the historical events of the Order and its founder in a way never before presented. It will make a great resource for any lodge or personal library, provide tremendous resource material, and it will make a wonderful gift for special presentations.



E. Urner Goodman

Every specially packaged Goodman portfolio will contain the following items:

- * A unique and beautifully bound *History of the Order of the Arrow* by Kenneth P. Davis, Ph.D.
- * A frame containing a photograph of Dr. Goodman and a special commemorative medallion
- * A new printing of *The Building of a Life*, by E. Urner Goodman
- * A biography on Goodman written by Nelson Block
- * A videotape of Dr. Goodman
- * An audio cassette of Dr. Goodman's remarks and comments on the Order
- * A personalized Certificate of Authenticity for each numbered portfolio
- * A specially imprinted case for the portfolio collection

This once-in-a-lifetime portfolio can be yours for only \$95 each, and will be released at the 1998 National Order of the Arrow Conference in August.

Dynamic Training!

by Michael McCrea

There will be a wide variety of training opportunities at this year's national Order of the Arrow conference. The training committee is offering 28 cells and 14 workshops that will help Arrowmen in all levels of our organization. Topics include Service to America, the Arrowman's role in the troop, OA administration, patch creation, OA and the Internet, and OA showmanship. A full list is in the program and training guide for participants that has already been sent to lodges.

One event hosted by the training committee is the National Council of Lodge Chiefs and Advisers. Every lodge chief, adviser, and staff adviser at NOAC will meet to discuss everything from national programs and the strategic plan to daily lodge functions. On Tuesday afternoon, there will be a camp promotion extravaganza. We hope to have more than 50 lodges contribute to this event, which gives participants a chance to see the different ways lodges pro-

mote camping in their councils.

To earn the participation award at NOAC, now known as the Vision Award, a participant must attend three days of training. It does not matter what sessions or which committees the classes fall under, but you must attend three classes. At the end of the conference, the lodge adviser will receive a list of everyone in the lodge who earned the Vision Award and which training sessions they attended. The lodge will then be able to see who was trained in certain topics, and will be able to use these members as resources.

The training at this year's conference is going to be very intense, informative and innovative. Attend sessions that will help you improve your lodge, troop or section. The best trainers in the nation will be teaching you the most up-to-date methods and ideas on a wide variety of topics. This is your chance to become an expert in three aspects of our Order. Hope to see you there.

Performance Evaluations and Training at ICE

by David Strebler

The Inductions and Ceremonial Events staff is hard at work preparing for the 1998 National Order of the Arrow Conference, and we look forward to seeing you there! The upcoming NOAC will present many opportunities to learn about OA ceremonies. The ICE will be hosting three different areas of training: cell training, intensive inductions training, and performance evaluations.

This year, ICE cell training will be offered Monday through Wednesday mornings and will feature a different format. Each morning training session will provide a two-hour seminar on the training topics listed in the participant guide. The last 45 minutes of each cell will feature a

miniseminar on a wide variety of ceremonies and inductions topics. Participants will thus be able to explore a wider variety of interests and learn more about the Order.

The intensive inductions training program is designed for serious ceremonialist looking for a new challenge. This group meets daily from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. and prepares brothers to serve their lodges and sections as inductions and ceremonies trainers and evaluators. Participants will be submerged in ceremonies for the entire NOAC. This program is not recommended for first-time NOAC participants.

The performance evaluations at NOAC are designed to improve ceremonial skills and standards in participating

lodges. We encourage every lodge to enter teams into ceremonial performance evaluations. Teams are not competing against each other, but rather sharing their experience and receiving helpful critiques by trained NOAC evaluators and fellow ceremonialists.

Teams need not be "super skilled" to be evaluated. The evaluations are a learning experience for everyone involved—from the newest principal to the most experienced. Please be sure to preregister using the information included in your lodge registration packet, which has already been sent to your lodge.

For more information on ICE and performance evaluations at the 1998 NOAC, please visit us on the official NOAC Web site at www.oa-bsa.org.

Don't Leave Home Without It!

National Tour Permit

The national Health and Safety Service and Insurance/Risk Management Service of the Boy Scouts of America have advised the four regions that they may no longer accept National Tour Permit Application forms that have a printing date prior to 1995. Forms printed before 1995 do not provide the information and/or commitments now required in regard to vehicle insurance coverage, BSA Youth Protection, Safety Afloat, Safe Swim Defense, and the Guide to Safe Scouting.

Please examine all tour permit applications to be sure you have the current form (dated 1995 or later). Destroy all old forms in your possession and request new applications from your local council service center.

The Training Corner

by Michael McCrea

Whether you are a session leader for a training course or are presenting a report to a group of people, there are a few important things you must do to ensure your audience will learn what you want them to.

- * Know the Material. Do not read off your syllabus or notes unless you absolutely have to, e.g., if you need to state a long list of facts or numbers. Know what you are going to say for each point you want to make, and how you will make transitions between topics. In addition, if someone asks you a question that you do not have an answer for, do not try to dance around it but tell where the information might be found.
- * Be Comfortable. Stand in a natural posture, do not move around a lot, wring your hands, or do other repetitive ner-

vous acts. You will only distract your listeners and they will focus on your movements instead of what you are telling them. If you get nervous, take a deep breath. If you know the material, it will be easy to get back on track.

- * Relate to Your Audience. Consider whom you are speaking to and how much they know about the subject. Do not be overly technical or spend too much time on the basics. Use examples and anecdotes that your listeners will understand.
- * Speak So You Can Be Heard. Talk louder than you think you have to. Use voice inflections and do not rush. If you have to, pretend that someone asked you a question and that you are answering. Look up at your audience when you are talking, not down at your notes. Eye contact is very important; be sure to

scan back and forth across the group to make everyone feel involved.

- * Practice, Practice, and Practice Some More. The only way you will be able to follow these steps is if you prepare. Practice in your head, in front of a mirror, or even a group of friends. Continue to practice until your delivery is as smooth as possible. Public speaking can be a very intimidating task. For some, it is very natural and they speak with ease. Others try to avoid it like the plague. Public speaking skills are definitely something that you can pick up as a member of the OA. This can be done through election speeches, training sessions, and other opportunities. It is one of those skills you gain without realizing it. Just relax and go for it. ♪

Michael McCrea will be serving as conference vice chief of training at the 1998 National Order of the Arrow Conference.



The Boy Scouts of America has committed 200 million hours of service to our nation by the end of the year 2000.

The Order of the Arrow is promoting this BSA project to all troops, packs, and teams.

Recognition items for participants are now in your local Scout Shop.

Ideas from the Mountains of Philmont

by Mark Angeli

Arrowmen may find these ideas, which came from discussions at the Order of the Arrow's 1997 Philmont Trail Crew program, worth implementing in their home sections and lodges.

Section Training Seminar

The section officers conduct a training seminar for all lodge leaders. This seminar would focus on basic OA procedures and operations that are not covered during the national leadership seminar. This would be an annual activity and would incorporate region leadership and leadership from surrounding sections.

Section Camp Promotions Contest

Conduct a competition where each lodge or chapter in the section performs a mock camp promotion. Ensure that the competition is also educational and that the lodges and chapters get positive feedback for their efforts.

Section Totem Pole Carving

A portion of a totem pole is reserved for each lodge of the section to carve at the annual section conclave. The totem pole is given to the service lodge to permanently reside at its council camp. ♪

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Mat Milleson with George Tenet, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

scenes and see the places where people make decisions that affect the rest of the world."

To me, the highlight of the trip was our visit with President Clinton. After making our way through the maze of security, we were shown into the Oval Office. Each of the delegates had the opportunity to shake the president's hand and to say a few words. The president encouraged youths and adults to remain a part of the Scouting

movement.

Not often does an individual have the opportunity to visit the place where many of the decisions in our country are made. One of the most valuable things I acquired while in Washington is the understanding that we are all part of what makes our nation "America the Beautiful." It is necessary for us to do our part in aiding the decision-making process of our country. ♪

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the Pine Burr Area Council in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 1998. Web page: www.geocities.com/yosemite/rapids/1166

Wulapeju Lodge. The Wulapeju Lodge of the Blackhawk Area Council, Rockford, Illinois, is donating approximately \$750 to each of its two council camps: Canyon Camp in Stockton, Illinois, and Camp Lowden in Oregon, Illinois. Web page: www.bacscouts.org. (The lodge information is found under Order of the Arrow on the Blackhawk Area Council Page.)

Yustaga Lodge. The Yustaga Lodge of the Gulf Coast Council, Pensacola, Florida, in celebration of its anniversary in 1998, has released a 50th anniversary flap. All money raised from sales of the patch will go toward improvements at the council's summer camp, Spanish Trail Scout Reservation. Web page: www.scoutsusa.org/yustaga ♪



Scouts enjoy the majestic view at Philmont.

Is your Lodge a Quality Lodge?

C-1A	Mitigwa	Des Moines, IA	NE-3A	Man-A-Hattin	Manhattan, NY	S-5	Santee	Florence, SC
C-1A	Sac-N-Fox	Waterloo, IA	NE-3A	Shu-Shu-Gah	Brooklyn, NY	S-5	Skyuka	Spartanburg, SC
C-1A	Tetonwana	Sioux Falls, SD	NE-3A	Suanhacky	Queens, NY	S-5	Tsali	Asheville, NC
C-1A	Tonkawampus	Minneapolis, MN	NE-3A	Tschitani	East Hartford, CT	S-5	Unali'Yi	Charleston, SC
C-1A	Wahpekute	Mankato, MN	NE-4A	Kittatiny	Reading, PA	S-6N	Ahoalan-Nachpikin	Memphis, TN
C-1B	Ka'Niss Ma'Ingan	Hermantown, MN	NE-4A	Lowwapaneu	Avoca, PA	S-6N	Itawamba	Jackson, TN
C-1B	Tom Kita Chara	Wausau, WI	NE-4A	Woapeu Sisilija	Williamsport, PA	S-6N	Kawida	Lexington, KY
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C-2A	Manitous	Ann Arbor, MI	NE-4B	Ah'Tic	DuBois, PA	S-6N	Sequoyah	Johnson City, TN
C-2A	Mawat Woakus	Findlay, OH	NE-4B	Enda Lechauhanne	Pittsburgh, PA	S-6N	Talligewi	Louisville, KY
C-2B	Indian Drum	Traverse City, MI	NE-4B	Kuskitannee	Butler, PA	S-6N	Wa-Hi-Nasa	Nashville, TN
C-2B	Nacha Tindey	Grand Rapids, MI	NE-4C	Amangamek-Wipit	Bethesda, MD	S-6S	Ini-To	Griffin, GA
C-3	Awase	Menasha, WI	NE-4C	Susquehannock	Mechanicsburg, PA	S-6S	Mowogo	Jefferson, GA
C-3	Chemokemon	Janesville, WI	NE-5A	Gyantwachia	Warren, PA	S-6S	Waguli	Rome, GA
C-3	Cho-Gun-Mun-A-Nock	Cedar Rapids, IA	NE-5A	Tkaen Dod	Horseheads, NY	S-7A	Blue Heron	Virginia Beach, VA
C-3	Michigamea	Munster, IN	NE-5B	Gajuka	Binghamton, NY	S-7A	Nawakwa	Richmond, VA
C-3	Timmeu	Dubuque, IA	NE-5B	Ganeodiyo	Geneva, NY	S-7A	Shenandoah	Waynesboro, VA
C-3	Waupecan	Morris, IL	NE-5B	Nischa Nitis	Syracuse, NY	S-7A	Shenshawpotoo	Winchester, VA
C-3	Wulapeju	Rockford, IL	NE-5B	Otahnagon	Binghamton, NY	S-7A	Tutelo	Roanoke, VA
C-4A	Nischa Chuppecat	Bloomington, IN	S-1	Atchafalaya	Lafayette, LA	S-7A	Wahunsenakah	Newport News, VA
C-4A	Takachsin	Kokomo, IN	S-1	Chilantakoba	Metairie, LA	S-7B	Croatan	Kinston, NC
C-4A	Wulakamike	Indianapolis, IN	S-1	Hasinai	Beaumont, TX	S-7B	Klahican	Wilmington, NC
C-4B	Anpetu-We	St. Louis, MO	S-1	Karankawa	Corpus Christi, TX	S-7B	Oconechee	Raleigh, NC
C-4B	Wenasa Quenhotan	Peoria, IL	S-1	Ouxouiga	Alexandria, LA	S-7B	Tsoiotsi Tsogalii	Greensboro, NC
C-5A	Netawatwees	Zanesville, OH	S-1	Quinipissa	Baton Rouge, LA	S-8A	Watonala	Columbus, MS
C-5B	Chi-Hoota-Wei	Charleston, WV	S-1	Tonkawa	Austin, TX	S-8B	Aracoma	Tuscaloosa, AL
C-5B	Nendawen	Parkersburg, WV	S-1	Wahinkto	San Angelo, TX	S-8B	Kaskanampo	Birmingham, AL
C-5B	Tecumseh	Columbus, OH	S-1	Wihinipa Hinsa	Galveston, TX	S-8B	Woa Cholena	Mobile, AL
C-5B	Thal-Coo-Zyo	Huntington, WV	S-2	Caddo	Shreveport, LA	W-1A	Lo La'Qam Geela	Central Point, OR
C-6	Kidi Kidish	Salina, KS	S-2	Huaco	Waco, TX	W-1A	Tsisqan	Eugene, OR
C-6	Kit-Ke-Hak-O-Kut	Omaha, NE	S-2	Kotso	Abilene, TX	W-1A	Wauna La-Mon'Tay	Portland, OR
C-6	Nampa-Tsi	Columbia, MO	S-2	Mikanakawa	Dallas, TX	W-2B	Shunkah Maneetu	Idaho Falls, ID
C-6	Tamegonit	Kansas City, MO	S-2	Tatanka	Midland, TX	W-2B	Tukarica	Boise, ID
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NE-1A	Madockawanda	Portland, ME	S-3A	Wisawanik	Ardmore, OK	W-3A	Kaweah	Alameda, CA
NE-1A	Pamola	Orono, ME	S-3B	Akela Wahinapay	Texarkana, TX	W-3B	Amangi Nacha	Sacramento, CA
NE-1B	Grand Monadnock	Lancaster, MA	S-3B	Quapaw	Little Rock, AR	W-3B	Orca	Santa Rosa, CA
NE-1B	Tisquantum	Canton, MA	S-3B	Wachtschu	Ft. Smith, AR	W-3B	Yo-Se-Mite	Modesto, CA
NE-2A	Apatukwe	Millville, NJ		Mawachpo		W-4B	Cahuilla	Redlands, CA
NE-2A	Hunnickick	Rancocas, NJ	S-4	Aal-Pa-Tah	Palm Beach Gardens, FL	W-4B	Tiwahe	San Diego, CA
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NE-2A	Unami	Philadelphia, PA	S-4	Echocotee	Jacksonville, FL	W-4C	Nebagamon	Las Vegas, NV
NE-2B	Allemakewink	Denville, NJ	S-4	Immokalee	Albany, GA	W-4C	Papago	Tucson, AZ
NE-2B	Aquaninoncke	Wayne, NJ	S-4	O-Shot-Caw	Miami Lakes, FL	W-4C	Wipala Wiki	Phoenix, AZ
NE-2B	Black Eagle	Heidelberg, GE	S-4	Timuquan	Seminole, FL	W-5A	Gila	El Paso, TX
NE-2B	Buckskin	Roslyn, NY	S-4	Tipisa	Orlando, FL	W-5B	Ha-Kin-Skay-A-Ki	Colorado Spring, CO
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NE-2B	Yokahu	San Juan, PR	S-5	Bob White	Augusta, GA	W-5B	Tahosa	Denver, CO
NE-3A	Achewon Netopolis	Greenwich, CT	S-5	Muscogee	Columbia, SC	W-5C	Tatokainyanka	Casper, WY
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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.

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(4) The photographs must be useable. They cannot be over/under exposed or too light/too dark to see.

1998 Planning Calendar

- May 27** National OA Committee Meeting - San Antonio, TX
- May 27-29** National Annual Boy Scout Meeting - San Antonio, TX
- June 5-7** Western Region NLS - Anchorage, AK
- June 12** Philmont OA Trail Crew Begins
- June 28-July 3** Philmont OA Adviser Training
- June 30** All NOAC Fees Due
- July 31** Philmont OA Trail Crew Ends
- August 2-6** National OA Conference - Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa
- August 14** OA Service Grant Applications Available
- September 11-13** Southern Region NLS - Reidsville, NC
- September 18-20** Northeast Region NLS - Alpine, NJ
- October 1** OA Charter Renewal Kits Mailed
- October 2-4** Western Region NLS - Cheyenne, WY
- October 5** National OA Steering Committee Meeting - Dallas, TX
- October 9-11** Southern Region NLS - Marianna, FL
- October 16-18** Central Region NLS - Parkville, MO
- November 6-8** Southern Region NLS - Memphis, TN
- November 20-22** Western Region NLS - Stockton, CA
- November 30** OA Service Grant Applications Due
- December 1** Lodge Program Support PAK Available
- December 26-29** National OA Planning Meeting - West Lake, TX
- December 31** Lodge Recharter Deadline



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Burning Issues with Alex Rhodes

Question: I heard that the Exploring program is being dissolved, is it true?

Answer: That is partially correct. On August 1, 1998, the high-adventure component of Exploring will be

made into a new program called Venturing. The career awareness component of Exploring will still exist but will become part of the current Learning for Life program.

Philmont Memories Captured on Videotape

Do you long for the breathtaking views of Philmont? Would you like to bring back to life your treasured OA Trail Crew memories? Or maybe you were never fortunate enough to have an OA Trail Crew experience, but would like to learn more about this extremely successful program and its history. You can do any of the above by purchasing a copy of the soon-to-be-released OA Trail Crew commemorative video.



Three participants take a break to smile for the camera at the 1997 OA Trail Crew.

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