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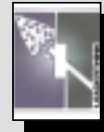
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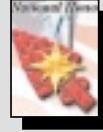
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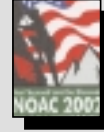
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**So, think about who your heroes are...** Share the sights of NOAC with this fold-out commemorative poster.  
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## Record Participation at Voyage!

by Andy Akin

Radiant streaks of light reflect off the clouds and dance on the water as the sun sets in a brilliant performance in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. For the occasional visitor to the boundary waters, this sunset could be the highlight of a trip; but for the participants and staff of the OA Wilderness Voyage program, it is simply the end of another day in service to the wilderness—a day filled with hard work, true wilderness adventure and the promise of more to come.

For the 76 participants during 2002, bald eagles became a common sight, and a glimpse of a deer or moose demonstrated the area's unspoiled nature. The 12 crews each worked six days rebuilding portage trails between the lakes of the boundary waters. Then they paddled for six more days to some of the most remote and pristine areas of the country, spending nearly two weeks on the water.

The OA Voyage foremen and participants rebuilt more than 3,000



The sun reflecting on the water is only part of the lasting memories from the OA Voyage.

feet of portage trails this summer, working on nine different trails in the Kawishiwi District of the boundary waters. Each day on the work site brought new challenges to the Arrowmen. Crews sometimes arrived at their trails to find two feet of mud waiting for them. But after a few days of draining, shoveling and graveling, what was once a mud pit became an inviting path through the woods. The transforma-

tion surprised many participants who quickly realized the impact their service would leave on the boundary waters for many years to come.

Applications for the nine sessions of the 2003 season are already being accepted, and they can be obtained from the national OA Web site at <http://www.oa-bsa.org> or by contacting the national office. 🐾

## Be a Part of Indian Summer!

Mark your calendar for  
by Jonathan Hardin

August 2-7, 2003 to join 1,000 OA members for the National Order of the Arrow Ceremony and Native American Indian Conference, better known as the Indian Summer. This great event will be held at Ridgecrest Conference Center near Asheville, North Carolina.

The event will feature in-depth instruction of American Indian crafts, customs, dancing, games, singing, traditions and a pow-wow.

Ceremonialist will study the ten induction principles, costume construction, the effective use of props and settings and delivering a meaningful ceremony to our participants.

Lodge Reservations for Indian Summer will be mailed to all Scout councils in November.

Look for more information in future issues of the *National Bulletin* and online at <http://www.oa-bsa.org>. 🐾

## Reflections of the OA Trail Crew Experience

by Brian Herren

It has been said that a picture is worth a thousand words, but it sometimes seems that a memory is worth thousands more. Each summer, a novel of memories is written in the hearts and minds of those Arrowmen who experience OA Trail Crew. This is much more than a two-week high-adventure camping trip. It might be called a fellowship of the spirit, or an adventure where Arrowmen learn more about themselves.

It is a place where a handshake and smile are all



The Tooth of Time is a recognizable landmark for nearly every Arrowman participating in the OA Trail Crew.

it takes to make a lifelong friend. Participants will not think twice about all

the hard work and sweat they put into a trail that thousands will walk over

and never notice. All that matters is whether they can remember all the great stories and jokes long enough to write them down, and whether the pictures they took of sunsets from atop mountains will turn out all right. After these two weeks, they will not remember the rainstorm that soaked everything, but the camp songs they sang while trying to keep up the tarp even if no one could carry a tune.

In time, crew pictures may become faded and journals may be lost, but the Arrowmen always will

remember their time on OA Trail Crew. They will recall memories of mole-skin, hard hats and laughing with friends at night as stories and jokes were told. They might recall their spirit, and how they felt when their brothers helped push them to their limits.

Applications for the 2003 sessions of the Philmont Trail Crew are already being accepted. For additional information, and for downloadable applications, check the national OA Web site at <http://www.oa-bsa.org> or contact the national office. 🐾

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## CHIEFLY SPEAKING



**National Chief Clay Capp (left) and National Vice Chief Riley Berg**

Fellow Arrowmen,

It was not long ago that over 7,100 Arrowmen, linked by each other's hands, filled Indiana University's Assembly Hall with the song of our Order as we closed the grandest National Order of the Arrow Conference in our history.

Some would argue that the OA's spirit is the strongest, the most intense, at NOAC. Yet, while the spirit may sweep you up, while you may have learned more than you thought you would, made more friends than you imagined possible, or saw things you never dreamed existed, the key ingredient at NOAC, and anywhere in the Order, is the Arrowmen. The people that made NOAC so amazing are not found only at our national gathering every two years, but every month in your own lodge, every week in your own troop, every day in your mirror.

For those of you returning home from NOAC, one of your greatest challenges you'll face is sharing the knowledge you gained with those who were not able to be there with us. The ideas you have, and the things you learned can make a much greater impact if they are taught to your fellow brothers. Allow what you experienced in Indiana to empower your ability to make a difference in your lodge's program, and the success of Scouting in your council.

Yet, NOAC has the strength to impact more than just the lodges of our nation, but also each of our lives. The spirit, made up of the tenants of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service are so vital to us because they help Arrowmen to be better people in a troubled world, and make our Order's vision of servant leadership a reality.

So remember your friends, the things you learned, and that each of us, like a puzzle, is needed in order to make our picture complete. Realize that, and the power you have to make a difference, and the discoveries you'll encounter will be more than worth it.

We hope to see you in Iowa for the 2004 NOAC, if not before.

Until then,

Clay Capp  
National Chief

Riley Berg  
National Vice Chief

## Earn Your 2002 Arrowman Service Award Now!

by Frank McMillan

The Arrowman Service Award is an individual recognition that any youth or adult Arrowman can earn. Its purpose is to increase service to Scouting and to communities by Arrowmen.

A member must attain the following personal goals: remain active in their Scout

unit, help a member attain Brotherhood, mentor a member of your unit and have a discussion with a lodge officer or adviser.

A member must also complete three of five lodge/chapter goals including participating in a lodge camping promotion or unit elections team, serving in a leadership capacity at two

# Profiles in Service

## Mawat Woakus Lodge's Day at the Park

by Lyle Lash III

It was just another day at the park last fall for 75 Arrowmen of Mawat Woakus Lodge when they and 140 community members of Paulding, Ohio, contributed 750 service hours toward the construction of a playground at a local park.

As part of the Central Region One Day of Service program, the Arrowmen of Mawat Woakus Lodge, along with former Central Region Chief **Dominique Baker**, took the morning off from their Fall Fellowship to travel 20 miles

to the project site, providing more than one-third of the volunteer force that morning. Their contributions to the project included hauling mulch and stone, painting, cleaning up scrap lumber and helping out with the woodworking activities.

"It was a good project because it provided jobs for both youth and adult Arrowmen that were challenging and fulfilling," said Sean Jones, lodge coordinator for the service project and a resident of Paulding.

The group coordinating the project, Friends of the Playground, expressed great appreciation for the assistance of the Arrowmen. "The Scouts were very enthusiastic, helpful, hard-working and polite, which are impressive qualities we don't always see in teenagers today," said Karen Moore, project coordinator for Friends of the Playground.

The playground structure was completed the next day and stands as a collective effort of the Arrowmen of Mawat Woakus Lodge and the community members of Paulding. ♣



**Members of Mawat Woakus Lodge cheerfully serve at a local park.**

## Arrowmen Honored and Programs Announced at National BSA Meeting

by Andy Zahn

As part of the BSA's 2002 National Annual Meeting in New Orleans, the national OA committee celebrated the awarding of the Silver Antelope award to national OA committee members **Bill Loeble** of the Southern Region and **Randy Cline** of the Northeast Region. The Silver Antelope is an award reserved for those volunteer Scouters who demonstrate outstanding service to youth on the regional level of the Boy Scouts of America.

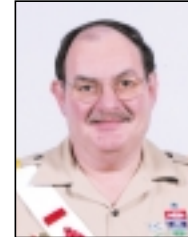
The 2003 program of emphasis was also announced at the national meeting. Next summer, the Order will celebrate its historic roots by conducting an American Indian seminar at Ridgcrest Conference Center near Asheville, North Carolina. The Indian Summer Conference is expected to draw about 1,000 Arrowmen from around the country to learn more about OA ceremonies and American Indian lore.

The national committee also announced that the next national OA conference will be held July 31 through August 5, 2004, on the campus of Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa.

More information on the Indian Summer Conference and the 2004 national conference can be found on the national OA Web site at <http://www.oa-bsa.org> or obtained from the national office. ♣



**Randy Cline**



**Bill Loeble**





by Dominique Baker

The **Blue Ox Lodge** of the Gamehaven Council, Rochester, Minnesota, celebrates its 75th anniversary this year. **Brian Herren**, the 2002 Central Region chief, was the keynote speaker at the lodge's annual banquet. Visit the lodge Web site at <http://www.gamehavencouncil.org/oa/oarrow.htm>.

**Shu-Shu-Gah Lodge** of the Brooklyn Council, Brooklyn, New York, has an online photo gallery from many of their past events. The photo album can be viewed online at <http://www.shushugah.org/>.

**Sequoyah Lodge** of the Sequoyah Council, Johnson City, Tennessee, has an online "Where to Go Camping" guide. This guide is a resource for units to find great campsites and outings. This guide can be found at <http://www.sequoyah184.org/>.

**Section C-2A** has a campership fund to help Arrowmen attend the Philmont Trail Crew, Northern Tier Voyage, and National Leadership Seminars. Proceeds for the fund are raised through a patch auction and the sale of section logo patches. For more information, visit <http://www.sectionc2a.com/>.

**Wipala Wiki Lodge** of the Grand Canyon Council, Phoenix, Arizona, held a Trail to Eagle event at its council camp to provide area Scouts with the required merit badges to attain Scouting's highest rank. To learn more, visit the lodge Web site at <http://www.grand-canyonbsa.org/oa>.

*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 [dfbaker@hotmail.com](mailto:dfbaker@hotmail.com).*

## Understanding Ourselves So We Can Lead Others

by Brian Love

As leaders in the Boy Scouts and the Order, we serve those we lead--whether it is a group of Scouts on a weekend hike or an entire lodge. To be true leaders, however, we must understand those we serve.

The first step in understanding others is to understand yourself. As founder E. Urner Goodman said, "Infinity, dear brothers, extends not only outwards ... but inwards to the heart of each human being." Understanding yourself involves internal reflection on:

- **Commitment.** We should be committed not only to those we serve, but also to the mission and purpose of the lodge and the Order. A leader must be committed to developing himself and his team to their full potential.
- **Morals.** Understand what you believe, why you believe it and how it affects the way you lead.
- **Listening.** Listening to others is a vital skill that leaders must use at all times. To truly understand people, we must listen when they express their thoughts



and feelings. It is important to recognize, accept and value our differences. Everyone you meet will be different. Use each person's talents to stride toward the group's goal.

- **Service.** This is the foundation and crucial element of our Order. "For, said he, who serves his fellows is of all his fellows, greatest."

The key to understanding those we serve can be summed up by the Admonition. The Order's founders wanted to give heed to all Arrowmen that only through love for one another can we influence the leaders of tomorrow. Leadership is not about doing things alone. It is about unleashing the potential of other people.

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## Where Are They Now?

by Chad Heflin

Brad Starr, who served as national chief of the Order from 1981 to 1982, earned the rank of Eagle Scout and served terms as chief of Klahican Lodge of the Cape Fear Council, Wilmington, North Carolina, and as chief and vice chief of section 3A of the Southeast Region.

As an adult, Starr has remained

active in Scouting as a member of the Oconeechee Council, Raleigh, North Carolina, where he has served as an executive board member, assistant Scoutmaster and member of the Oconeechee Lodge. His Scouting recognitions include the Vigil Honor and the OA Distinguished Service Award.

In his professional life, Starr is the owner of Performance Technical Sales LLC, a manufac-

urers' representative firm for electronic components. He also serves as a National Executive Board member and the 2002 national conference chairman of the Electronic Representatives Association.

Starr notes that his most memorable experience in the Order was joining hands with OA founders E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson for the closing OA Song at



Then



Now

the 1977 National Order of the Arrow Conference.

Starr and his wife, Carla, are the proud parents of two future Eagle Scouts, Ben, 13, and Hunter, 11.



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(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.

# 2002 Planning Calendar

October 1	OA Charter Renewal Kits Available
October 4-6	Western Region NLS, Denver, CO
October 11-13	Southern Region NLS, Bridgeport, TX
October 18-20	Western Region SOS, Phoenix, AZ
November 1-3	Northeast Region SOS, Alpine, NJ
November 8-10	Southern Region NLS, Covington, GA
November 15	OA Lodge Support Pak Available
November 15-17	Western Region NLS / NLATS, Stockton, CA
November 30	OA Service Grant Applications Due
December 6-8	Central Region SOS, Rochester IN
December 27-30	OA National Planning Meeting, Dallas, TX
December 31	Lodge Charter Renewal Deadline

## 2003 Trail Crew Sessions

1. June 8 - 22
2. June 15 - 29
3. June 22 - July 6
4. June 29 - July 13
5. July 6 - 20
6. July 13 - 27
7. July 20 - August 3
8. July 27 - August 10
9. August 3 - 17

## 2003 Voyage Sessions

1. June 10 - 23
2. June 17 - 30
3. June 24 - July 7
4. July 1 - 14
5. July 8 - 21
6. July 15 - 28
7. July 22 - August 4
8. July 28 - August 11
9. August 5 - 18

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**Question:** While at NOAC, I heard that the Order is building a museum in Texas. Is this true, and if so, what can you tell me about the museum?

by Brian Stock

**Answer:** The Order is not building its own museum, but it is contributing to the completion of the new National Scouting Museum in Irving, Texas. The national OA committee committed \$300,000 over the next three to four years to the construction of the museum, which will have its grand opening in October.

The National Scouting Museum will feature exhibits that represent all facets of the Scouting program, including Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Venturing, the National Eagle Scout Association and the Order of the Arrow. The

national Order of the Arrow collection will include a walk-through history of the organization, information and visual presentations on founders E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson and other historical information and items on the Order. National OA committee member **Ray Capp** will serve as OA archives and museum liaison and will oversee the completion of the OA exhibit.

Be sure to stop in and visit the new Scouting museum for a greater knowledge and appreciation of both the Order and the entire Scouting program. 🐾

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➔ **Lodge Charter Renewal.**  
 2003 Lodge Charter Renewal Applications are due December 31, 2002.

➔ **OA Service Grants.**  
 Applications for OA Service Grants are due by November 30, 2002.

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