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 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 transformation 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. In time, crew pictures and 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 tarp.

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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 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 tarp.

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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.

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 Ridgecrest 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.

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 lodge functions, serving as a chapter or lodge officer or as the chairman of a lodge operating committee, attending a Section Conclave, National Leadership Seminar, or National Conference, and serving as a trainer at an OA training event.

To complete the service requirements, a member must also participate in council, chapter, or lodge service project or serve as an Elangomat at an Odeal. Arrowmen who received the 2001 award may earn the Silver Primrose Compass Device that is worn on the ribbon of the original award. The 2002 order form and award cost are posted on the OA Web page.
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 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 Occoneechee Council, Raleigh, North Carolina, where he has served as an executive board member, assistant Scoutmaster and member of the Occoneechee 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 manufacturer's 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 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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The Blue Ox Lodge of the Gamehaven Council, Rochester, Minnesota, celebrates its 75th anniversary this year. Brian Herron, 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/oarrows.htm. Shu-Shu-Gah 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/soa. 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/soa. 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.sections2a.com/.
# 2002 Planning Calendar

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### National Notes

**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.


### 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?**

**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 about 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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**by Brian Stock**  

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