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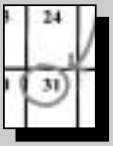

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# Needed: 150 Arrowmen to Provide Service at 2001 National Scout Jamboree

**by Don Cunningham**

The event often deemed a "once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Scouts" is rapidly approaching! The National Scout Jamboree will be held July 23 through August 1, 2001, at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia.

The Order of the Arrow will provide crucial support for this event, which hosts more than 30,000 Scouts and Scouters. Program features include an emphasis on Scouting skills, the nation's heritage, physical fitness, conservation and the spirit of brotherhood. About 150 Arrowmen will perform a variety of tasks as members of the OA Service Corps, Indian Village, TOAP, and Scoutopia.

A special program feature of the Jamboree will be Scoutopia, the "next generation show" for 2001. It is being planned to serve every youth at the Jamboree. The name was formed by merging the words "Scout" and "utopia." Perhaps it can best be explained as that place in a Scout's mind where character lives. In today's digital world, youth know that the objective in an action-adventure video game is to advance to the next level. We will define for a Scout that Scoutopia is the next level: It is where a boy becomes a man through understanding the meaning of character, ethics and responsibility taught by the Scout Oath and Law; it is where he applies that character to his life every day.

Other program features of the Jamboree include archery, orienteering, obstacle courses, shotgun shooting, boating, canoeing, hunting safety, a disabilities-awareness trail, competitive events, the Merit Badge Midway and an arts and sciences fair. The 2001 Jamboree will celebrate the 60th anniversary of Fort A.P. Hill and will be the first Jamboree held in the 21st century. Be prepared for the event of a lifetime as we fulfill Scouting's theme, "Strong Values, Strong Leaders" in 2001! For Jamboree Staff applications, contact your local council office

# Three Portage Trails Rebuilt at Northern Tier

**by Bobby Kunstman**

The Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage completed an awesome summer in the boundary waters of Minnesota and Canada. The summer season began in early June and ran for six sessions, finishing the week before NOAC.

**Back: Tim Beecher, Andy Akin, Aaron Kreager, and Tim Babb. Foreground: Jared Hernandez.**

Arrowmen joined forces to rebuild three portage trails that had been covered with mud, rocks, water and trees. The trails are located in one of the busiest parts of the boundary waters, so making them passable again benefited not only Scouts, but the public as well. Pleased with the results, U.S. Forest Service liaison Nicole Selmer said, "The trails that [the Scouts] worked on are some of the best in our system."

The Order has big plans for the Wilderness Voyage program in 2001. There will be nine full sessions, beginning on June 12 and ending on August 20. In addition to lengthening the season, the voyages also have been lengthened. During the past two years, the voyages included five and a half days of work and five days on a voyage. Now, the trips will be extended by two days to give more time to complete the trail work and explore the vast wilderness of northern Minnesota. An additional advantage to the 2001 program will be the availability of flights into the Minneapolis/St. Paul airport, which will decrease some Arrowmen's transportation costs.

Attending a Wilderness Voyage is an opportunity of a lifetime, and every Arrowman (age 16-20) should take advantage of it. Promote this program in your troops, chapters and lodges. Promotional resources are available, including the Voyage promotional video, which can be downloaded from the national Web site, *http://www.oa-bsa.org*, or retrieved from the NOAC Resource CD. If you have any other questions, contact Carey Miller at the national office at (972) 580-2455 or Bobby Kunstman at *bobbyfsu@hotmail.com*.

# Hawaii says Aloha to NLS

**by Carey Mignerey**

On September 8-10, the Western Region conducted a National Leadership Seminar (NLS) at the Waianae Army Recreation Center on the Hawaiian island of Oahu.

This was the first time an NLS was held in Hawaii, and more than 20 participants from the Hawaiian islands attended. Staff included veteran youth, advisers and the Region Key 3. Cameron Mulder, Western Region chief, coordinated the seminar.

The event was unique in its location and afternoon activities. Located immediately on the beach, the recreation center allowed for afternoon swimming and boarding. The participants took advantage of this training opportunity with great enthusiasm and interest.

**NLS Staff at Diamond Head in Hawaii. Back row (L to R): David Carr, Steve Beckett, Carey Mignerey, Clint Takeshita, Josh Souza, Cameron Mulder. Front Row (L to R): Kevin Stock, Brian Stock.**

If you are interested in attending an NLS, contact your lodge chief.


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# CHIEFLY SPEAKING

**National Chief**
**Carey Mignerey**

Dear Brothers,

With the year quickly drawing to a close, the Order is stronger now than it has ever been before. Over the last twelve months, our brotherhood has continued to make great strides in our service to Scouting. Yet our commitment must remain strong in the following years; the need for leadership and honor within Scouting is greater now than ever, and as Scouting's National Honor Society, we must be prepared to meet that need.

At the national conference, I spoke of three goals that we must strive for as a brotherhood. First, we must continue our service to units directly. Units are where the rubber meets the road in Scouting and they must be our first priority. The troop/team representative offers a tremendous way to impact units, and we must fully utilize the program.

Secondly, we must utilize our greatest resource—people—to become more effective as an Order. By recognizing the talents and abilities of our fellow Scouts, we will be better able to sculpt a better Scouting movement.

Third, as individuals and groups, we must set challenging objectives for ourselves that will help us fulfill our purpose. With aggressive but achievable goals, we can reach more Scouts and be more successful.

As we work toward these goals, the Order will prosper and grow. Under the guidance of a tremendous national committee and staff, we are set to accomplish the task set before us—to become Scouting's National Honor Society.

In closing, I would like to thank you all. Over the course of this year, I had the opportunity to meet thousands of Arrowmen like you. There is no greater reward than seeing the potential that the Order holds. I am thankful for the opportunity to have learned from you and to have grown with you. May we always remember the spirit of the Order as it guides us into the future.

Yours sincerely,

Carey J. Mignerey
National Chief

# It's All About Knowing the Territory

# Excellent Presentations

**by Dan McDonough Jr.**

*This is the second in a series of articles designed to help Arrowmen become better public speakers. The first article detailed public speaking in general. This article is an in-depth look at why having knowledge of the subject will increase the speaker's chances for a successful presentation.*

"You gotta know the territory!"

National Leadership Seminar participants know the importance of that phrase. Try to make any presentation without knowing the territory, and you are all but guaranteed to fail.

It is no coincidence that the most important point to remember when giving a presentation is to be prepared. That sounds familiar, does it not?

Preparation and understanding of the material combine to make the cornerstone of any successful discussion or lecture. If you are not certain of and fluent in the material that you must present, how can you possibly expect your audience to catch on?

When standing in front of a group to inform and inspire, act the part. Be confident about your topic. Like man's best friend, your audience can sense if you are nervous. Don't be. Having a few jitters before a presentation is normal, but if you are prepared to dazzle the audience, there is no reason to worry.

Hundreds of researchers with more degrees than a thermometer have discovered that the way a speaker delivers a message to a group directly impacts how well the audience receives it. Make sure your delivery is as flawless as it can be.

How do you do this? Speak clearly. Use active sentences and words that are easy to understand. If the audience members need a dictionary to interpret your presentation, you're not doing your job. Use the tips on public speaking presented in the last *National Bulletin* to continue to improve your skills.

What is the most important key to excellent presentations? Connect with the audience. This does not mean you have to toss rubber chickens to those Arrowmen who are brave enough to speak up. It does not even mean that you must sing songs, yell cheers or bribe the group with candy. It means that you must interact with the individuals in the group.

Ask questions, solicit input and compel folks in the audience to give personal examples of what you are discussing. Make the abstract ideas concrete so that your audience can grasp the difficult concepts. Do not overdo this, though. If you ask too many questions, you may seem unprepared. Achieving interaction with the audience takes practice, and you can gauge your success by the audience's response.

Most importantly, have fun. Do not take public speaking too seriously, and you are bound to be relaxed enough to give the presentation of a lifetime.

*Dan McDonough Jr. was Northeast Region chief in 1995.*

# All I Ever Needed to Know, I Learned at Philmont

**by an anonymous staff member of Philmont Scout Ranch**

Most of what I really need to know about life and how to live I learned while working at Philmont. Wisdom was found atop a real mountain where the air is a bit thinner and your mind is clearer. These are the things I learned while hiking the mountain:

Different is good. Take pride in what you do. People talk too much. Map and compass skills are good to have. Live simply. Avoid redundancy. Be flexible. Know how to drive a stick and on a mountain road. Sometimes when you go camping in July, it snows. Appreciate nature. Share your water and food with strangers. You can cure most ills with a cup of cocoa and a star-filled night. All you need in this world is food, water and good friends to stop by and see you once in a while. Everything tastes better after you've been hiking for three days. To make a burro do as you please, you have to bribe him with something. You do not need electricity or running water or cable or computers or telephones to live an enjoyable life. Thoreau was right. Getting dirty is OK. Dirt in food won't kill you.

God is everywhere. It doesn't matter where you're from or what you do for a living. You're only lost when you don't know where you're from and you don't know where you're going. Sleeping under the stars is more meaningful if you have a warm sleeping bag. Campfire entertainment is better than concerts you pay for. All you need on your days off is a shower. You can carry everything you need to survive on your back. Take pictures. Hike slowly and quietly or you'll never see anything. Try not to hike in cowboy boots. Always have dry boots, comfortable shoes to change into and clean socks.

Be prepared. E-mail and reunions are no substitute for the real thing. Dream big. If each person does just a little bit more than expected, everyone has less to do. While it may be a lot of work, the view is best from the summit. A good view is more important than privacy. Never take mornings for granted. Every person has something to share. The more often you quit something, the longer it takes to get done. It's worth hiking over the next ridge to see friends. There's no better feeling than knowing that almost anywhere you can go in the world, you have a friend who will want you to stay with them. Drink lots of water. Always have TP. And always take a buddy.

# Record Indian Camperships awarded in 2000

**by Mike George**

Over the past few years, use of the Maury Clancy American Indian Campership Fund has grown tremendously. This year alone, the national office predicts, we will award more than twice the number of camperships that were given last year. This is both exciting and alarming news.

The Maury Clancy American Indian Campership Fund was created to pay for summer camp for American Indian Scouts who would not otherwise be able to afford the experience. In 1999, the Order of the Arrow gave $14,864 in camperships to 205 American Indian Scouts, and the number of recipients in 2000 will be even higher. The cause for concern is the amount of money remaining in the campership fund. In recent years, the demand for camperships has outpaced donations to the fund, and the fund is now nearly depleted.

In the past, the Maury Clancy American Indian Campership Fund has relied on contributions from worship services and other Order of theArrow activities

# Where Are They Now?

**by Chad Heflin**

Paul Pruitt, 1971

Paul Pruitt, 2000

Paul Pruitt, who served as the first national chief of Order of the Arrow from 1971-72, has been involved with the Scouting program for more than 30 years. He has served as lodge adviser of Pomponio Lodge—now Ohlone Lodge—in the San Mateo Council, as a section adviser and as a regional OA committee member. His many Scouting awards include the OA Distinguished Service Award, Founder's Award, Silver Beaver Award and District Award of Merit.

"The ability to meet and work with some of the greatest leaders in Scouting and the business world gave me the role models that have guided me for the past 30 years," Pruitt said. "Dr. Goodman taught me that you risk popularity to stand for what you know to be right. L.George Feil instilled that organizations (companies, schools, and the Scouts) must first be human—it is people, not policies, that have value. Dave Boshea demonstrated that compromise is a virtue as long as you hold true to your goal and, lastly, the writings of Lord Baden-Powell and Daniel Carter Beard defined the purposes of Scouting and of my life."

Paul, his wife, Cynthia, and twin daughters Rachel and Paige live in Half Moon Bay, California. After a 21-year career as an industrial chemist, he now teaches chemistry at a college preparatory school, Crystal Springs Uplands School in Hillsborough, California.

# Profiles in Service

**Camp Wakpominee's new pavilion.**

**by Steve Kyne**

Brotherhood, cheerfulness and service. Each of these elements led to the successful completion of a major service project at Camp Wakpominee of the Twin Rivers Council, Albany, New York.

In January 1999, the members of the Wakpominee and Ganienka lodges merged to become Haudenosaunee Lodge. At one of the new lodge's first Executive Committee meetings, a proposal was made to build a pavilion at the Scoutcraft area of Camp Wakpominee, one of the five properties of the new council. The permanent structure would replace the existing network of temporary tarps and provide shelter for Scoutcraft demonstrations in inclement weather. It would also provide ample storage space for supplies.

The Executive Committee gave its formal approval, and work on the project began later that spring. The initial phase of the project required a backhoe to excavate six footing holes. After that, youth Arrowmen of the Wakpominee chapter helped mix more than 4,800 pounds of concrete that was used to fill in the holes. The second phase of the project included positioning the uprights, putting the trusses in place and installing the metal roof. The final phase of the project included the construction of a rock wall around the perimeter of the pavilion, filling in the floor of the pavilion with crushed limestone and making a wheelchair-accessible ramp for the structure.

Upon completion of the pavilion, the Arrowmen of Haudenosaunee Lodge had provided more than 400 hours of service to the Twin Rivers Council. The lodge received praise from the council and the camp director for a job well done. As Wakpominee Chapter Adviser Harold Nicholson aptly noted, "This pavilion is a lot more than concrete, wood and metal. It's something that lodge members can look at in the future with pride. The pavilion project was truly a project created, planned and executed by and for the youth of Scouting and competed with the spirit of brotherhood, cheerfulness and service."

The *National Bulletin* is always looking for stories about noteworthy service projects. Please let us know about your lodge's or chapter's service efforts both to the council and to the community; your lodge or chapter may be featured in the next issue of the *National Bulletin*.


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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.*

*(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.*

# 2000-2001 Planning Calendar

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| December 28-31 | OA National Planning Meeting, Dallas, TX |
| December 31 | Lodge Charter Renewal Deadline |
| January 15 | E. Urner Goodman Scholarship Nominations Due |
| January 19-21 | Central Region NLS, Rochester, IN |
| January 26-28 | NLS Train-the-Trainer, Sea Base, FL |
| March 2-4 | Southern Region NLS, Damascus, AR |
| March 23-25 | Western Region NLS, Whittier, CA |
| March 30-April 1 | Northeast Region NLS, Alpine, NJ |
| March 30-April 1 | Central Region NLS, Rochester, IN |
| April 20-22 | Southern Region NLS, Conroe, TX |
| May 4-6 | Northeast Region NLS, Alpine, NJ |
| May 30-June 1 | National BSA Meeting, Boston, MA |
| June 10-August 19 | Philmont OA Trail Crew |
| June 12-August 20 | Northern Tier OA Voyage |
| July 23-August 1 | National BSA Jamboree, Fort A.P. Hill, VA |
| August 12-18 | Philmont OA LOdge Advisers Training |
| September 14-16 | Northeast Region NLS, Alpine, NJ |
| September 14-16 | Central Region NLS, London, OH |
| September 21-23 | Western Region NLS, Phoenix, AZ |
| October 1 | OA Charter Renewal Kits Available |
| October 19-21 | Southern Region NLS, Haines City, FL |
| November 2-4 | Southern Region NLS, Leesville, SC |
| November 2-4 | Central Region NLS, Ashland, NE |
| November 15 | OA Lodge Support Pak Available |
| November 16-18 | Western Region NLS, Portland, OR |
| November 30 | OA Service Grants Requests Due |
| December 27-30 | OA National Planning Meeting, Dallas, TX |
| December 31 | Lodge Charter Renewal Deadline |

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## *Burning Issues* with Jason Kemp

Question: What is the Arrowman Service Award?
Answer: The Arrowman Service Award recognizes members of Order of the Arrow who go beyond their immediate responsibilities to help others achieve new heights. The award is focused on three areas of service: personal, chapter/lodge activities and community service. Specific requirements for each of the three categories will be determined soon and included in the Lodge Program Support Paks.

Arrowmen will have from January 1, 2001, through December 31, 2003, to qualify for the award. The Arrowman Service Award is a red OA arrowhead suspended on a solid white ribbon, and it can be worn in place of the universal arrow ribbon. A compass rose will be superimposed on the arrowhead, signifying the direction provided by the OA through its strategic plan.

Please check upcoming issues of the *National Bulletin* for more information regarding the Arrowman Service Award. You may also check our official Web site: *http://www.oa-bsa.org*.

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## *National Notes*

- ***Charter Renewal Reminder.*** Lodge charter renewal kits were distributed the first week of October. Charter renewals are due in the national Order of the Arrow office by Dec. 31. The annual registration fee is still $2 per Arrowman. Remember, the annual Lodge Program Support Pak will not be sent until your lodge charter renewal form has been received.
- ***NOAC Posters Available.*** Capture the excitement and energy of the 2000 NOAC with a commemorative poster reprinted from Issue 3 of the *National Bulletin*!

  Lodges (only) may order the posters for $3 to resell at a price of $5. There is a minimum order of 25 posters and they are available first come first served. Make checks payable to Order of the Arrow, BSA and send them to Order of the Arrow, S214, Attn: Carey Miller, Boy Scouts of America, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-2079.