Philbreak to Aid "High Country" Rebirth

This past summer, fires damaged thousands of woodland acres in Philmont's beautiful Ponil region. In answer to Philmont's greater need for service, the Order and the Philmont Staff Association have teamed up to offer Philbreak. The program has three major goals: to recruit more than 70 Scouters to provide service to the ranch; to provide a qualified pool of potential staff members; and to enhance and build the participants' leadership skills.

If you are a registered Scouter between the ages of 18 and 25, what better place to spend your spring break than in Cimarron, New Mexico? Three sessions will be offered: March 2-8, March 9-15 and March 16-22. The cost is $50 plus transportation. Participants must arrive by noon on Sunday. Shuttle service will be available from the Albuquerque airport to Philmont.

Some of the devastation from fire near the top of Horse Canyon.

Photo taken by Linda Anderson

Upon arrival at the ranch, participants will meet their trained staff and immediately begin project orientation. Arrowmen should anticipate a week of cheerful service, fellowship and fun. Work crews will perform meaningful service projects for the ranch and build their understanding of wilderness conservation and the outdoors. Participants also will have an opportunity to take a ski break at Angel Fire. By Saturday, they will be tired but satisfied that they have made a real difference.

Come to Philmont when the mountain peaks are still snow-capped and experience a side of Philmont that is not seen during the summer. More information will be available on the national OA Web site and in future issues of the National Bulletin.

Plant a seed; rekindle your spirit. As Philmont’s north country goes through a period of rebirth, do not miss this exciting opportunity to make a difference!
 Profiles In Service

by Thomas Eliopoulos

With the assistance of the National OA Service Grant program, the members of Tutelo Lodge have protected a beautiful grove of eastern hemlocks and established a unique Indian village for Camp Powhatan at the Blue Ridge Mountains Scout Reservation in Hiwasse, Virginia. The reservation consists of about 17,000 acres of mountainous woodlands, including an abundance of eastern hemlocks. This species is currently under attack by the hemlock woolly adelgid, a tiny insect that is putting them in danger of extinction within the next five to ten years. As the first phase of the project, the lodge hired a certified arborist to treat the hemlocks with a chemical proven to kill the insect.

With the hemlock grove secure, the lodge began constructing an Indian village modeled after those of the Tutelo Indians, the local Indian tribe. The village was designed and built entirely by lodge members. Greg Harman, a Vigil Honor member of the lodge, envisioned the project and also drew up the plans. More than 60 Arrowmen contributed to the project by demonstrating and integrating into the program. Various dances and pow-wow demonstrations were performed throughout the week. The Indian Lore merit badge was also taught at the village. A few brothers volunteered to help run the program and live in the village, trying to replicate the lifestyle of the Tutelo Indians as accurately as possible. These brothers were called interpreters, giving demonstrations and explaining about the Tutelo culture to many groups of Scouts.

The village consists of an area about the size of a football field and located about a mile from the nearest campsite. The clearing is surrounded on one side by a steep mountain and on the other by a small stream with an abundance of native brown trout. Lodge Adviser Kevin Bezy described the scene as “a very impressive reproduction of Native American life in our area.” For more information, Lodge Adviser Kevin Bezy can be contacted at kbezy@fesco.12.ve.us. Project designer Greg Harman can be reached at harmongs@adelphia.net.

The Hidden Diamond of OA High Adventure

by Andrew Huston

Nestled in the midst of rivers, pines and islands lies one of the Order’s most incredible experiences, the OA Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage. The voyage is an amazing experience of high-adventure Scout camping and cheerful service—two of the fundamental qualities of our Order—while canoeing through the wilderness of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area.

This high-adventure opportunity has two distinct elements: the redemption of Arrowmen to the spirit of cheerful service and the maintenance of portage trails and campsites within the boundary waters. One of the many rewards for your service is the immediate recognition from canoeists who pass along the portage trail you are repairing. The feeling of making a lasting contribution to the wilderness for years to come is undoubtedly satisfying. After a week of cheerful service, crew members spend the remainder of their time on a personally planned canoeing adventure on the boundary waters. In this setting, the wilderness defines your leadership skills while you forge many memories and strengthen the bonds of brotherhood. This also is an opportunity for personal reflection.

The wilderness has been an integral part of the Order since its founding. OA Voyage participant Dominic Kramer said, “You forget all of your worries, troubles, and concerns, because you are one with nature and your new brothers from across the country.”

The brotherhood molded in the setting of northern Minnesota is second to none. The OA Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage is ultimately a journey that challenges Scouts mentally, physically and spiritually. For more information on this program, go to http://www.oa-bsa.org/programs/ntvoy.
New York Lodges Partner to Build the Shawn E. Bowman, Jr. Amphitheater

Soon after the devastating events of September 11, 2001, Arrowmen in New York City were saddened to learn that Shawn E. Bowman Jr. was among those who lost their lives that day. Shawn was an extraordinary Scouter. He was an Eagle Scout, assistant Scoutmaster, Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow, and a five-year member of the Camp Aquehonga staff. In 1992, his fellow staff members voted Shawn as “Super Staffman” for his dedicated leadership and exemplary service to Camp Aquehonga.

Upon learning the news of Shawn’s death, several of his friends decided to do some minor refurbishment of Camp Aquehonga’s campfire area in his memory. Arrowmen from New York City learned of the project and immediately offered to contribute their time and skills.

E. Bowman Jr. was among those who learned of the project and from New York City in his memory. Arrowmen of Aquehonga’s campfire area decided to do some minor refurbishment of Camp Aquehonga in July.

In addition to organizing the project, the lodges held several service and ordeal weekends that focused on the amphitheater project. Many of the Ordeal candidates provided service to the project and did not realize the significance of their service until they returned for summer camp and viewed the final product. Suwanhucky Lodge Chief Rich Wenzel recalled the amazement on the face of one Arrowman who had assisted with the project. When he first saw the amphitheater upon his return to camp that summer, he asked, “Is this what we were working on when I took my Ordeal?” Wenzel said, “I simply smiled and just remember thinking that we truly are doing a good thing.”

The new amphitheater includes a full light and sound system, which will allow it to be used as an outdoor movie theater for years to come.

Through their unselfish service, these Arrowmen transformed 65 tons of stone into a lasting tribute to a lost brother. Hopefully, by being leaders in service, the example set by all involved in the Shawn E. Bowman Amphitheater project will help to ignite the spirit of service inside the hearts and minds of Arrowmen across the nation.

To see photos of the project and the final results, visit the camp’s website at http://aquehonga.tennielive.org/whowman/photos/index.html.

Upper left is the gateway. Lower right is the newly constructed amphitheater.

Goal Setting Leads Lodge to National Service Award

This summer, 126 Scouts participated in the OA Trail Crew program at the Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico. They all selflessly gave their time and service in the spirit of our Order, and the experience left an impression on all of them.

“Building a trail at Philmont is incredible because you’re not just creating a path through one of the most beautiful places imaginable,” 2002 National Vice Chief Riley Berg said. “Your crew’s service is making the future experiences of Scouts possible while broadening our Order’s legacy of servant leadership at the same time.”

Servant leadership is a topic that is discussed often, but at Philmont this leadership style is put into practice. Section NE-1B chief Gil Rogers said, “The service performed by the OA will stand the test of time, and really make a difference.” Just as the service lasts, so does the experience of the participant.

David Yoder served with Trail Crew in 1996, and the experience is still etched in his mind. He says, “Nothing on the trail says that I put in hours of hard labor to build it, and I’m happy with that. I know I did it, and the reason I did it is to help others who pass that way after I do.”

The OA Trail Crew program will have nine sessions in the summer of 2003. Participants will spend the first week of their two-week adventure providing service to the trails of Philmont. The second week is reserved for a crew-customized trek, enabling Arrowmen to see the beauty of Philmont firsthand.

For more information, visit the national OA Web site at http://www oa-bsa.org/programs/tcrew or contact the national office at 972-580-2438.

The 1,300-member Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge, headquartered in Greensboro, North Carolina, worked more than 6,990 service hours and provided $7,810 in financial support for its council. The most meaningful project for the year was at the Cub World Camp at the Woodfield Scout Reservation. This marked the first time Tsoiotsi Tsogalii lodge had ever conducted an event at the facility. One of the lodge’s goals for the year was to provide more service and support to Cub Scouting in the council.

Established in 1999, the National Service Award recognizes lodges that have performed outstanding service to their councils. Each year, two lodges per region are honored. These lodges must be certified National Quality Lodges the same year they apply for the National Service Award.

To apply for the National Service Award, a national petition must be submitted with the lodge recharter application.

Because lodge size is a factor when evaluating the service provided, lodge membership totals must be included on the petition. Also required are a detailed description of the major service projects the lodge completed for the council plus a record of all service performed since the last charter was submitted.

Service for this award is defined as any project that directly benefits the Scouting program in the council.

More information about the National Service Award can be obtained from the national OA Web site at http://www oa-bsa.org, or by contacting the national office at 972-580-2438.
Surf the Web!

National Web Site has gone NOAC

by Brian Cutino

The national OA Web site has done it again, covering the National OA Conference with rave reviews. The site was updated at least twice a day during the conference and this year unveiled the new technology of 360-degree panoramic photos. With NOAC now behind us, the Web site is growing quickly, and its staff is expanding. Former National Chief Carey Mignerey will be the Web site youth coordinator for 2003, joined by former Central Region Chief Dominique Baker, who will be assistant youth coordinator, and Ray Capp, national OA committee Web site lead adviser.

On January 1, 2003, the OA Web site will present Jumpstart, a new interactive program for new members. Former Northeast Region Chief Brian Favat is heading up this operation.

Numerous projects already are on the table for the Web site. From September to November, the theme was “Memories of Brotherhood”. You will soon see feature stories on “Brotherhood on the Trail” and “A Focus on Sections”. As usual, you will be able to review recharting information. Find the OA online at http://www.oa-bsa.org.

Consensus Building: The Key to Solving It All

by Andy Newberry

Youth leaders in the Order often face difficult decisions and complex situations. One effective but often overlooked way of dealing with these challenges is to use a process called consensus building.

Some people might think that consensus building means “agreeing to disagree.” But true consensus building is finding a solution that all members of the group agree upon.

Try these three guidelines for consensus building. First, build a strong group for your discussion by bringing together many people with a variety of views, backgrounds and ideas. A diverse group will help to spawn new and different ideas.

Second, make sure that you build a team environment within your group. Once people feel that they are part of a team, they have a greater sense of responsibility for the outcome of the team’s work. They feel less like individuals striving to fulfill their own cause.

Third, use effective communication skills. Reliable communication ensures that even though your group members may come to the table with individual ideas, they will all understand and respect solutions that may be new to them.

Whenever brainstorming and discussion are used, quality communication is a necessity.

By following these guidelines, you can add consensus building to your leadership toolbox. While getting complete agreement on an issue by everyone in the group may sound difficult, consensus building will feel incredibly fulfilling for everyone involved once the solution is reached.

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Where Are They Now?

by Ben Janke

Cliff Harmon served as National OA Conference chief from 1972 to 1974, a time when the Order experienced major changes in its leadership structure. He was the last of the area chiefs from 1970 to 1971, when he served as chief of area 4-D. He then served as section chief of SE2A, from 1972 to 1973. As National OA Conference chief, Cliff worked with the national OA committee in 1973 to create the region chief position.

Cliff joined Scouting in 1961 as a Cub Scout. He earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 1966 and was inducted into the Order the same year by Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge of Middle Tennessee Council, Nashville, Tennessee. When elected national chief, he was a member of Pellissippi Lodge of the Great Smoky Mountain Council in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Since receiving the Distinguished Service Award in 1975, Cliff worked closely with international Scouting in various positions, including director of the International Scouting course at Philmont Scout Ranch, a member of the InterAmerican Scout committee, vice president of the InterAmerican Scout region, and president and vice president of the InterAmerican Scout Foundation.

Cliff resides in Dallas, Texas, where he volunteers with Circle Ten Council in Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting and international Scouting. His son, Taylor Harmon, is a Star Scout. Professionally, Cliff is the owner of Harmon Law Firm, P.C., a managing partner of Harmon & Gharib, and a founding shareholder of HomeVestors of America Inc. Cliff has a degree from Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, as well as business and law degrees from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee.

Through Cliff’s many experiences in and out of Scouting, he would like to leave Arrowmen with a reminder: “Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity. So be prepared: Take advantage of every chance you have to learn, to increase your skills, to experience new and different challenges, and to meet and know people from all cultures and walks of life. Constantly push yourself beyond what is comfortable and easy. Then when the opportunity you have been waiting for comes along, you will be ready.”

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Central Region

by Brian Herren

This year more than 270 Arrowmen attended NLS’s held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Rochester, Minnesota; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Toledo, Ohio. These Arrowmen took home a lot of information, but they also left with a stronger spirit of our Order, all from just one weekend.

Thousands of Arrowmen participated in friendship, fellowship, and fun to make the region’s 12 section conclaves a success. At each conclave, there was great training, good food, cowboys, fireworks, helicopters and pies in the face. Dunk tanks were not uncommon sights.

The Central Region also hosts its Section Officer Seminar December 6-8 at the Geneva Center in Rochester, Indiana. The region’s section officers and advisers gather to exchange ideas on how to better serve the lodges in their sections.

To find out more about what is new in the Central Region, check out the region’s Web site at http://www.central.oa-bsa.org.

Western Region

by Dominic Pascucci

By year’s end the Western Region will have held five NLS’s, including our trip to Alaska. Each NLS featured some of the best trainers our region has to offer. During the summer, the West had record-breaking numbers attend both Philmont OA Trail Crew and Northern Tier OA Voyage. We ended the summer with one of the best NOACs ever, and the West was louder and more spirited than ever.

In the fall, the region was still active, finishing up the last two NLS’s, two conclaves and our region gathering for all section chiefs and advisers.

We are redesigning our Web site, http://www.oawest.org. One of the new features will be a “camp of the month” section that we hope will draw viewers to the site and show why camp promotions are important.

Northeast Region

by Brian Favat

The Northeast Region held its annual Section Officers Seminar Nov. 1-3 at Alpine Scout Camp in Alpine, New Jersey. Nearly 90 section officers, conclave coordinators and advisers from across the region descended upon the camp for a weekend of training and fellowship.

Training sessions ranged from conclude planning and programming to the Lodge Assistance Program. Various breakout sessions emphasized the importance of the Order’s new strategic plan, conclave spirit and working with troubled/inactive lodges.

Saturday afternoon, Arrowmen enjoyed a fantastic snorkeling trip to Alligator Reef. They managed to see a shark, and some participants got to see unique fish. That evening, participants divided into breakout discussion groups based on their job positions. Attendees also received an update on the Scoutreach program from Region Chairman Bill Loeble.

For more information about the Southern Region, visit our Web site at http://www.southern.oa-bsa.org.

Southern Region

by Nathan Finnin

With 11 section conclaves behind us and the completion of an outstanding NOAC, 50 Arrowmen gathered September 6-8 at the Florida Sea Base for our annual Section Officers Seminar. Participants enjoyed a weekend of great fellowship, top-quality training and beautiful weather.

Training topics included promoting high-adventure programs, the section assistance team program, improving Brotherhood conversion, conclude planning and running effective meetings.

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2003 Planning Calendar

February 7-9 Central Region NLS, Rochester, IN
March 2 Philbreak Begins
March 7-9 Southern Region NLS / NLATS, Damascus, AR
March 7-9 Western Region NLS, Whittier, CA
March 22 Philbreak Ends
March 28-30 Northeast Region NLS / NLATS, Alpine, NJ
March 28-30 Central Region NLS, St. Louis, MO
May 2-5 Northeast Region NLS, Constantia, NY
May 16-18 Central Region NLATS, Milwaukee, WI
May 28-30 National BSA Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
June 1-7 Philmont NLATS
June 8 Philmont OA Trail Crew Begins
June 10 Northern Tier OA Voyage Begins
August 3-7 Indian Summer, Ridgecrest, NC
August 17 Philmont OA Trail Crew Ends
August 18 Northern Tier OA Voyage Ends
September 5-7 Southern Region SOS, Location TBA
September 19-21 Northeast Region NLS, Alpine, NJ
September 19-21 Western Region NLS, Logan, UT
September 26-28 Central Region NLS, Loveland, OH
October 1 OA Charter Renewal Kits Available
October 3-5 Western Region NLS, Hawaii
October 17-19 Western Region SOS, Phoenix, AZ
November 7-9 Northeast Region SOS, Alpine, NJ
November 7-9 Southern Region NLS / NLATS, Leesville, SC
November 14-16 Central Region NLS, Parkville, MO
November 14-16 Western Region NLS / NLATS, Portland, OR
December 5-7 Central Region SOS, Parkville, MO
December 27-30 OA National Planning Meeting, Dallas, TX
December 31 Lodge Charter Renewal Deadline

July 31 - August 5, 2004 National Order of the Arrow Conference, Iowa State University, IA

Question: What is the OA Jumpstart resource, and how can it help my lodge?

Answer: Jumpstart is a guide to orienting new members at the Ordeal and beyond in an effort to retain new Arrowmen. Starting January 1, a new Jumpstart resource will be available through the national OA Web site to help new Arrowmen get a “jump-start” in their knowledge of our Order. Lodges that implement Jumpstart will see an increase in Brotherhood conversion and membership retention, and will notice a renewed excitement in all Arrowmen.

The Jumpstart Resource Lodge Administration Guide, which explains the Jumpstart philosophy and provides a script for new-member orientations, was introduced at NOAC 2002. Also, it is available on the Arrowman’s Resource disk. After January 1, more information will be available on the national OA Website site, http://www.oa-bsa.org. Be sure to log on for further details.

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