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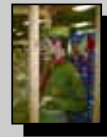
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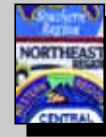
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## 2004 NOAC to Rekindle the Spirit

by John Myers

Ames, Iowa, soon will see more than 7,000 Arrowmen from across the nation invade the streets, dorms, cafeterias and, most of all, the campus of Iowa State University. From July 31 through August 5, 2004, the 28th National Order of the Arrow Conference will open the hearts and minds of the Arrowmen attending. Planning for this biennial event has already begun to ensure the best NOAC yet.

Lodge members who attend will enjoy the highest quality training and events. Activities will include ceremonial competitions, athletic events, outdoor camping and high-adventure displays, American Indian events, special events, recreational activities and four inspirational shows.

Conference planning will commence with the section chiefs at the National



Arrowmen gathered for one of the amazing shows at NOAC 2002.

Planning Meeting in December. Many opportunities are available to serve on the conference staff. Lodge contingent reservation forms were mailed to all councils in November. For more information on how to attend with your lodge or serve as a staff member, contact your lodge adviser or visit the national OA Web site at <http://www.oa-bsa.org>.

## The Voyage Begins



Arrowmen test canoeing skills at the Voyage.

by Dominic Kramer

The Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage is the adventure of a lifetime. Imagine challenging yourself daily with the sole comfort of nature and your brothers in the Order. The Voyage allows you to rekindle that passion for brotherhood, cheerfulness and service in a manner never imagined.

The Voyage program consists of a 13-day exposure to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in northern Minnesota. Here you will be entrusted to service this pristine wilderness with your own hands. Your bonus is a self-planned voyage, on which you will canoe, swim, boulder and portage. Through these endeavors you will push yourself to new limits of which you never dreamed.

The accomplishments of past years' voyagers are the only true testament. This year Arrowmen from across the country repaired hundreds of rods of portage trail where thousands of people will visit this year. I challenge you to participate in one of the Order's best programs. Submit your application soon and be part of the 2004 Voyage experience.

### OA Voyage Dates

Summer 2004 dates are:  
Session 1: June 10-23  
Session 2: June 17-30  
Session 3: June 24-July 7  
Session 4: July 1-14  
Session 5: July 8-21  
Session 6: July 15-28

## Along the Beaten Path

by Tom Brownell

The OATC program is a 14-day experience that encompasses the ideals upon which our Order was founded. The first week is spent in cheerful service, building trail for Philmont. The second week features a seven-day expedition created by the Arrowmen.

In 2003, 161 participants built 2,949 feet of trail and marked the completion of the 1.2-mile Black

Horse Trail. Crews began a new trail that will connect Copper Park with Greenwood Canyon.

The OATC is not just about great service, brotherhood and fellowship; this service project ultimately serves as a journey that challenges Arrowmen mentally, physically and spiritually. Through the use of Scouting



The famous "Tooth of Time" at Philmont Scout Ranch.

traditions, the OATC effectively maintains, reinforces and enhances the purpose and ideals of our Order. Make sure you are part of the adventure in 2004. Secure your OATC application from the OA Web site at <http://www.oa-bsa.org>.

### OA Trail Crew Dates

Summer 2004 dates are:  
Session 1: June 8-22  
Session 2: June 15-29  
Session 3: June 22-July 6  
Session 4: June 29-July 13  
Session 5: July 6-20  
Session 6: July 13-27

## Attend Philbreak

by Tyson Ford

Make plans now to attend Philbreak 2004. This program was introduced to rave reviews in 2003. The challenging seven-day program provides participants an opportunity to give meaningful service to Philmont, to develop leadership skills, and to build friendships from across the country.

Applications for this exciting program can be found on the official Order

of the Arrow Web site. The cost is \$100 plus transportation to Philmont and back home. Participants must be between the ages of 18 and 26.

Mail all applications to Philmont Scout Ranch, Attn: Philbreak, RR1, Box 35, Cimarron, NM 87714.

### Philbreak Dates

Session 1: March 7-13  
Session 2: March 14-20  
Session 3: March 21-27

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## CHIEFLY SPEAKING



National Chief Nick Digirolamo.

Brothers,

As the end of the year approaches, I cannot begin to explain how proud I am to have served such a great organization. In my travels over the past year, I have had the opportunity to meet people from across the country and experience things I would only have dreamed about before becoming an Arrowman.

The Order of the Arrow provides experiences that are impossible to find anywhere else. Conclaves, fellowships, high-adventure programs, training programs and national events are all basic components of a greater ideal envisioned by our founders. The most important element of the Order is you, the individual Arrowman. The time you have taken to actively participate in your chapter, lodge or section is time taken to better yourself, and in turn, our Order.

Now the time has come to close out one year and start another. We must learn from our past to build on the future. From the dedication I have seen in Arrowmen this year, I am sure the challenges of 2004 will be met enthusiastically!

Thank you again for allowing me to serve as your chief.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Nick Digirolamo  
2003 National Chief

# OA Museum / Archiving Committee

by Jonathan Hardin

The Museum/ Archiving Committee is developing several exciting plans to showcase the historical story of the Order of the Arrow. This committee, led by national committee member Ray Capp, is focusing on six areas.

The committee is working closely with the National Scouting Museum to ensure that the OA section of the museum is accurate and interesting. The committee will periodically survey Arrowmen who visit the museum to gather direction for further changes.

The new Living History Project, which began in 2002 with the interview of Tom McBride that was shown during the awards show, is another area of focus. The goal of this project is to interview second

generation founders as well as past and current national officers to tell the story of the Order.

The Living History interviews, the artifacts found in the OA museum, and other pictures, videos, and texts that help explain the history of the OA will be archived into one electronic database that will eventually be available to members of the Order.

At the 2004 NOAC, the OA Museum will introduce an "Antique Roadshow" type program where Arrowmen can bring unique items to have them appraised and put on display during the week of NOAC. The committee will also accept permanent donations.

The NOAC museum will introduce an "OA Museum Store" with speciality items to memorialize

the history of the OA. These items will be separate from the traditional trading post memorabilia. There will also be an official patch available to those Arrowmen who visit the OA museum at NOAC. Lodges will also be receiving information about lodge historical exhibits.

The committee is seeking volunteers to help with a myriad of tasks including indexing and annotating files for the archive, and serving on the OA museum staff at NOAC. The committee also is looking for the assistance of a court reporter to help transcribe the Living History interviews for the archival process. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ray Capp at [rcapp@conduitcorporation.com](mailto:rcapp@conduitcorporation.com).

Visit the **NATIONAL SCOUTING MUSEUM**

Retrace the history of Scouting at the National Scouting Museum in Irving, Texas. The state-of-the-art facility features virtual-reality adventures and the largest collection of Norman Rockwell Scouting art and historical Scouting memorabilia anywhere.

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## OA History from the Early Days

by Ken Davis

The founding of the Order of the Arrow is well known among members, with E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson taking the lead in the summer of 1915. What we sometimes miss is how close we are today to those origins—and how fortunate we have been to have had a long and consistent contact with them.

Goodman himself,

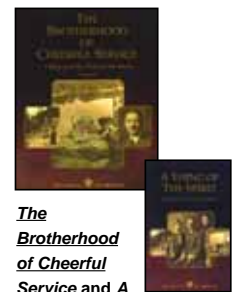
even after retiring from the Boy Scouts of America in 1951, remained active in the Order and spoke at every NOAC until just before his death in 1980. Lesser-known individuals also maintained a long connection and commitment to the Order. While researching the history of the Order, I received a picture showing the Treasure Island camp staff of 1919. It is shown on page 17 of

*The Brotherhood of Cheerful Service: A History of the Order of the Arrow.*

The young Scout seated on the ground in the picture to the right is G. Kellock Hale, who was active in spreading the Order in North Carolina. By the end of World War II, Hale was a member of the executive committee of the Grand Lodge. He received the Distinguished Service Award in 1946. In

1948, when the Order was integrated into the BSA national organization, Hale was the first chairman of the national OA committee. He continued to serve on the committee until his death in 1973, providing over 30 years of expertise and continuity at the national level—a process which began in Unami Lodge in 1919.

Adapted from *The Brotherhood of Cheerful Service*, by Ken Davis.



**The Brotherhood of Cheerful Service and A Thing of the Spirit** may be purchased at <http://www.oa-bsa.org>.

## Central Region Update

by Adam Enerson

Many exciting things happened this year in the Central Region. There were 12 conclaves, and many sections had record-breaking attendance. Scouts learned many different things at the training seminars, while also meeting new brothers from across the region. Participants received training from some of the region's best trainers at National Leadership Seminars held in Rochester, Indiana; Parkville, Missouri; Cincinnati, Ohio; and St. Louis, Missouri.



The Central Region also hosted the key leaders of all 12 sections in December. At the Section Officers Seminar, each section gave an overview of its conclave and accomplishments. The key leaders discussed topics that might develop in the coming year and shared pointers on how to perform their responsibilities more effectively.

The region's Web site was revamped in May and now features more innovative ideas and features. Arrowmen can access the site at <http://www.central.oa-bsa.org>.

The Central Region continued its investment in the communities it serves by holding its One Day of Service program for the third straight year. To help each lodge complete its service project more effectively, the region developed a resource CD-ROM. Through the development and use of this tool, our region hopes to expand the One Day program. 🏹

## Western Region Update

by Matthew Griffis

The Western Region hosted four National Leadership Seminars this year. A very successful NLS was held this spring in Santa Barbara, California, in conjunction with a National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar. This past fall, NLSs were held in Warner Springs, California; Maui, Hawaii, and Portland, Oregon.

With 13 section conclaves behind us, thousands of Arrowmen across the region experienced fun, fellowship and top-notch training. The 2002-2003 section chiefs all produced great conclaves, and the new chiefs are working diligently to prepare for next year.

In October, the Western Region section chiefs and advisers met in Phoenix for the annual Section Officers Seminar. They received valuable training and shared ideas on how to improve their section conclaves and better serve the lodges in their sections.

For more information about the Order of the Arrow in the Western Region, visit us online at <http://www.oawest.org>. 🏹



## Northeast Region Update

by Ian Pinnavaia

This year has been a banner year for the Northeast Region. Its three National Leadership Seminars drew more than 230 participants, and its National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar drew more than 85 participants, including members from Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

More brothers than ever attended the Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage and Trail Crew programs. Increased attendance at Wilderness Voyage was credited to the region's new high-adventure scholarship, which boosted the number of Arrowmen who could attend.

Indian Summer drew hundreds of brothers to Ridgecrest, North Carolina. Ceremonialists and dancers were immersed in the intensive, weeklong seminar. They all left with a renewed sense of the American Indian history upon which our Order was founded.

As the sunny days of summer faded into cool autumn nights, more than 70 brothers convened on Alpine Scout Camp in New Jersey to attend the annual Section Officers Seminar. The weekend included everything from top-notch training to the annual section display contest, fostering unmatched enthusiasm among our section leadership.

Overall, the Northeast Region provided outstanding programs for its 40,000-plus Arrowmen. To keep up with region events and announcements, check out the newly designed Web site at <http://www.northeast.oa-bsa.org>. 🏹



## Southern Region Update

by Frank McMillan

The Southern Region continues to pursue its tradition of success. After completing a National Leadership Seminar in March in Damascus, Arkansas (Area 3), we conducted our remaining NLSs in areas 4 and 5 this fall. In October, we held our Section Officers Seminar near New Orleans.

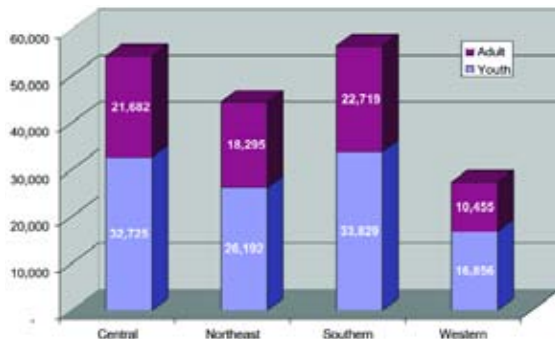
After much training and preparation at 11 successful conclaves, lodges across the region busily prepared for the Southern Region's One Day of Service program, which was designed to promote community service in councils across the region. This year's Day of Service was held on November 1, and Southern Region lodges surpassed their goal of 20,000 hours of community service.

For more information on the Southern Region, visit its Web site at <http://www.southern.os-bsa.org>. 🏹



# 2002 Quality Lodge Recharter Statistics

## Membership



## Lodges of 1000+ Members

	Central	Northeast	Southern	Western
Total Lodges	82	76	96	59
1000+ Member Lodges	11	8	15	6
Percentage	13.4%	10.5%	15.6%	10.2%

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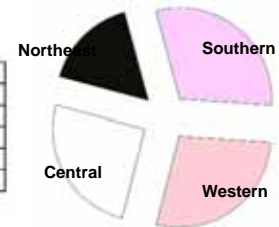
## Quality Lodge Statistics

Area	Central	Northeast	Southern	Western
Quality Lodge Percent	62.2%	63.2%	54.2%	44.1%
Achieved Positive Growth	78.0%	77.6%	70.8%	62.7%
Achieved 30% Brotherhood Conv	75.6%	71.1%	77.1%	71.2%
Lodge Leadership Training*	92.1%	89.9%	97.5%	84.6%
Council Service Project*	94.7%	95.7%	94.9%	94.2%
Election in every unit*	96.1%	95.7%	98.7%	86.5%
OA Rep Program Started*	97.4%	94.2%	94.9%	78.8%
Key 3 Plan Review*	92.1%	94.2%	92.4%	86.5%
Camping Promotion*	88.2%	85.5%	87.3%	71.2%

\*Percentages based on petitions submitted rather than number of lodges in the region.

## Council Support

Region	Dollars (Millions)
Central	\$2.44
Northeast	\$1.64
Southern	\$2.94
Western	\$2.70
Total	\$9.72



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by Dominique Baker

**Waupecan Lodge**, Morris, Illinois, will sponsor an Xtreme Scouting event. The councilwide event is open to the public to showcase Scouting at its finest. Scheduled events include a midway, a tug-of-war and a pinewood derby for all ages. Visit the lodge online at <http://www.waupecan197.org/>.

**Talligewi Lodge**, Louisville, Kentucky, supported its local council's Patriot Games by staffing concession stands and dining facilities. The event was held at Fort Knox and the lodge provided members for varying amounts of time. This act of service helped the local council to make the event a success. To learn more, check out <http://www.frontpageaccess.com/talligewi/>.

Visit **Lenapehoking Lodge**, Fairlawn, New Jersey, online at <http://www.njbsa.org/oa/index.html> to see how it promotes Scouting. The promotion covers all aspects of the Scouting movement from Cub Scouts to Sea Scouts.

**Miwok Lodge**, San Jose, California, has a useful Web update column to show users what is new on the site. You can find the lodge online at <http://sccc-scouting.org/oa/>.

Check out the Where To Go Camping database of **Lowaneu Allaque Lodge**, Saint Charles, Illinois, online at <http://www.lowaneuallaque.org>. This new Web site has information on camping in Illinois as well as surrounding states.

*If your lodge conducts a service project, celebrates an anniversary or starts a new program that is noteworthy, e-mail Dominique Baker at [dibaker@hotmail.com](mailto:dibaker@hotmail.com) and we will feature your article in the "Around the Nation" column.*

# Where Are They Now?

by Ben Janke

Christopher H. Boswell served as national Order of the Arrow chief from 1977 to 1979, a time that was particularly interesting for our Order.

Boswell and his fellow officers experimented with a number of new items and programs at the 1977 National OA Conference in Knoxville, Tennessee, including the introduction of the pre-Ordeal ceremony, separate training for adults and a Handbook for the Ordeal. The Order also experienced unprecedented attendance at the 1978 National Scout Jamboree, bringing more than 2,000 Arrowmen and volunteering more than 100 members to the jamboree's service corps.

Boswell's term also saw the implementation of the first National Leadership Seminar. Although the first National Leadership Seminars were far differ-

ent from the seminars of today, they were indicative of Boswell's emphasis on training. The lodge Key 3 would carry more



Then



Now

responsibility and require more training as of 1977. And while training was more important than ever, other OA programs also were executed, including the 1978 Indian Seminar held in Oklahoma.

Boswell remains active in Scouting as a member of Wewanoma Lodge, the national OA committee, and the Southern Region Executive Board, and as president of BSA Area 2. He earned the rank of Eagle Scout and was honored with the Distinguished Service Award, Silver Beaver Award and Silver Antelope Award.

Following his service as chief, Boswell earned a bachelor's degree in

finance at the University of Texas at Austin and a law degree at Southern Methodist University, Dallas. He is a partner in the law firm of Stapleton, Curtis & Boswell, LLP, and is active in numerous civic organizations outside of Scouting. He is active in the Texas Trial Lawyers Association and serves on the board of directors for the Northern Cameron County United Way and the Harlingen Area Chamber of Commerce. Boswell was elected to the Harlingen City Commission in 1998 and served as 1999-2000 mayor pro-tem.

Boswell resides in Harlingen, Texas. He and his wife, Anita, have three children.

## Profiles in Service

### Lodge Clears Community Trail

by Andy Newberry

While several lodges were taking part in the Central Region's One Day of Service Program on May 10, members of **Nampa-Tsi Lodge**, Columbia, Missouri, spent the day renovating a community trail near Lake of the Ozarks in Laurie, Missouri.

After learning that several local residents hoped the trail would be rebuilt after it suffered severe water damage, lodge members decided to take on the project. During planning, Arrowmen worked in tandem with the City of Laurie, which donated all the materials needed to complete the challenging task.

Nearly 100 Scouts and Scouters took part in revamping the trail, a project that required more than 250 manhours. Arrowmen resurfaced the trail and built switchbacks to help create a safe envi-



**Nampa-Tsi Lodge members clear brush and trees from a community trail near Lake of the Ozarks.**

ronment for the residents who use the trail. Arrowmen also helped install a water pipe and improved some washed-away roadways.

Immediately after the project, Arrowmen took some time to relax and celebrate with a Midwest favorite, a pork steak dinner. The lodge leadership agreed that this small feast added a nice touch to the evening. Bringing the evening to a close, lodge members came together at the campfire to reflect on

the day's hard work.

Hundreds of people use the trail each year, and Nampa-Tsi's contribution to the community did not go unnoticed. Lodge Chief and One Day of Service Coordinator Doug Johnson said, "The Arrowmen who helped had that spirit in them to help others, even if it was a sacrifice on their part." This service project allowed members of Nampa-Tsi Lodge to give back to the community and at the same time have fun in the process.

### OA-Scoutreach Mentoring Partnership Strengthens Troops

by Peter Capp

This innovative program provides assistance to urban and rural troops to help improve their advancement and camping programs. It also provides OA members with service and mentoring opportunities.

To learn about the mentoring goals, lodge responsibilities, recognition, mentor applications and other support information, consult the national OA Web site at <http://www.oe-bsa.org>.



### Web Update

by Brian Cutino

The national Order of the Arrow Web site provides Arrowmen with essential information. The site recently featured live updates of the 2003 Indian Summer Conference. Visitors to the site can check out photos, 360-degree views of the Ridgecrest Conference Center and events, videos, and many great Indian Summer articles neatly organized by day.

The Web site continually reports on the success of national events and programs. Do not forget to check out the great resources available online, including the downloadable Guide to Inductions, Lodge New Member Orientation, and Field Operations Guide.

To find the most up-to-date OA information, visit the national OA Web site at <http://www.oe-bsa.org>.

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# ArrowHEADS: Training Tomorrow's Leaders Today

by Kevin Anderson

ArrowHEADS, an acronym that stands for Helping Educating Assisting Developing Seminar, is new to Arrowmen in SR-7B. ArrowHEADS was developed by **Seth Asbill** of **Oconeechee Lodge**, Raleigh, North Carolina, and **Kevin Anderson** of **Klahican Lodge**, Wilmington, North Carolina, to provide an additional training opportunity because of the consistently high demands and limited availability of National Lodge Adviser Training Seminars.

In September, 88 Arrowmen gathered at the 4-H Conference Center in Reidsville, North Carolina, to participate in dynamic, interactive training sessions to improve three areas of lodge operations: program, administration and



Gathered are the staff of the first ArrowHEADS event held in Reidsville, North Carolina.

American Indian affairs. Each attending Arrowman focused on one of the three areas and participated in three elective sessions covering topics like the role of the successful chapter and effective time management. A group session based on Wheel of Fortune, courtesy of our friends from SR-1, encouraged the Arrowmen to take what they learned and use it back in their lodges and chapters. Southern

Region Chief **Frank McMillan** delivered an energetic session on national programs and events.

The staff consisted of 13 current and past section chiefs from six of the region's 11 sections, as well as some of the best trainers in SR-7B. The participants left the weekend with an invigorated commitment to improving their lodges' operations, programs and American Indian affairs. 🏹

# National Service Award

by Brett C. Harris

The National Service Award was established in 1999 to recognize those lodges in each region that have performed outstanding service. This service is measured in both a quantitative and qualitative way within each lodge's council.

To be considered for this award, the lodge must submit the National Service Award petition along with its recharter application. The petition can be downloaded from the national OA Web site: <http://www.oa-bsa.org>.

The petition requires each lodge to report all the service projects it has completed for its council, including a detailed report of its largest and most meaningful project completed during the year. The recognition and awards committee considers each lodge's size when determining the amount of service it has conducted. Service includes any project that directly benefited the lodge's council.

To be considered for the National Service Award, a lodge must be certified as a National Quality Lodge for the year in which it submits its petition. Only two lodges per region are recognized with the National Service Award each year. Annual award presentations are made in May at the Boy Scouts of America's National Annual Meeting. 🏹



# Teamwork: Making Everyone a Part of the Team

by Brian Stock

One important fundamental of leading a group is involving everyone. Whether you are planning an event or conducting a meeting, making everyone a part of the team will help the group in several ways.

First, involving everyone will transform your group into a team and give each member a sense of belonging and ownership. If everyone is working together toward a common

goal, it creates teamwork and brotherhood among all group members.

Second, making everyone feel that they belong will improve your project. Including more people allows the workload to be distributed so that each individual can focus on fewer tasks. Involving the entire team also can result in more input from each member and the inclusion of unique ideas that are brought to the table.

As a leader, involving everyone will require

some recruitment on your part. To be successful, you must recruit a large and diverse group of people. Both new and experienced Arrowmen are potential members. A large and diverse team will require good communication and management skills from its leader.

Whatever you plan, make sure there is a responsibility for every member of the team. Once you have recruited the Arrowmen, you must find a task that will fit their

personal interests and, more importantly, their levels of competence and commitment. Once everyone is set to a task, stay in constant contact with your team. Offer help and assistance whenever needed. Support everyone through positive encouragement and by following through on your commitments.

The success of your team relies heavily on the leader's abilities to lead others. Including more Arrowmen and involving everyone will help your



team grow and succeed. By following these simple guidelines, you will see your group become a team and accomplish great things. 🏹



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(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/dark to see.

# 2003-2004 Planning Calendar

December 27-30	OA National Planning Meeting, Dallas, TX
December 31	Lodge Charter Renewal Deadline
February 1	DSA & Red Arrow Nominations Due
February 27-29	Central Region NLS, Rochester, IN
March 7-13	Philbreak Session 1, Philmont
March 12-14	Southern Region NLS, Canton, MS
March 12-14	Western Region NLS / NLATS, Payson, AZ
March 14-20	Philbreak Session 2, Philmont
March 21-27	Philbreak Session 3, Philmont
March 26-28	Northeast Region NLS, Alpine, NJ
April 2-4	Central Region NLS, Oconomowoc, WI
April 16-18	Central Region NLATS, Parkville, MO
April 30 - May 2	Northeast Region NLS, Gilmanton Iron Works, NH
May 19-21	BSA National Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
June 8	Philmont OA Trail Crew Begins
June 10	Northern Tier OA Voyage Begins
June 27 - July 3	NLATS, Philmont, NM
July 28	Northern Tier OA Voyage Ends
July 27	Philmont OA Trail Crew Ends
July 31 - August 5	National Order of the Arrow Conference, Iowa State University, IA
September 10-12	Northeast Region NLS, Alpine, NJ
September 10-12	Southern Region SOS, Ridgecrest, NC
September 24-26	Central Region NLS, Toledo, OH
October 1-3	Western Region NLS, Cheyenne, WY
October 1-3	Central Region NLS, Little Falls, MN
October 8-10	Western Region NLS, Salt Lake City, UT
October 8-10	Southern Region NLS / NLATS, Cedar Creek, TX
October 22-24	Western Region SOS, Phoenix, AZ
October 22-24	Southern Region NLS / NLATS, Smyrna, TN
October 29-31	Southern Region NLS, Richmond, VA
November 5-7	Northeast Region SOS, Alpine, NJ
November 19-21	Western Region NLS, San Francisco area, CA
December 3-5	Central Region SOS, Parkville, MO
December 31	Lodge Recharter Deadline

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by Lee Thackston

**Question:** When are lodge charters due every year, and who is responsible for completing the application?

**Answer:** All lodge charters expire on December 31 of each year. The charter renewal kit is mailed to the council Scout executive in early October. In each kit are the Lodge Charter Renewal Application, the Quality Lodge Recognition Petition and other award petitions and program applications. It is the responsibility of the

lodge leadership to complete the renewal forms.

The lodge officers and advisers then meet with the Scout executive to complete the council approval section of the application. This is an important time for the lodge leadership and the Scout executive to review the year's accomplishments and discuss ideas and goals for the future. Once complete, the renewal form (with appropriate fees) is sent to the national office at the OA address listed on the renewal letter. 🐾

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## National Notes

### ➔ Lodge Charter Renewal.

2004 Lodge Charter Renewal Applications are due December 31, 2003. The Distinguished Service Award and Red Arrow Award nomination forms are included.

### ➔ 2004 Lodge Support Pak.

Paks will be mailed to each lodge after its charter renewal forms and fees are received at the national office.

### ➔ E. Urner Goodman

**Scholarship.** Scholarship applications are due January 15, 2004, to the national office.

### ➔ Distinguished Service and Red Arrow Award Nominations.

Nominations are due February 1, 2004, to the national office.

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