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## Chief Scout Executive Receives Distinguished Service Award

Jere B. Ratcliffe, Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, was presented the Distinguished Service Award at the National Executive Board meeting in Irving, Texas, on October 14, 1998. Ratcliffe has been an active supporter of the Order of the Arrow since his early days in Scouting, and he has continued to support the Order throughout his professional career as Scout executive, regional director, and now as the Chief Scout Executive.

The national Order of the Arrow committee presents the Distinguished Service Award only to those Arrowmen who have continued to give outstanding service to Scouting and to the Order on a sectional, regional or national basis

over a period of years. The Order presents a limited number of these awards each year, and only Arrowmen whose record of service is truly exemplary may qualify.

The Distinguished Service Award is a unique recognition in Scouting as it is the only award that may be presented to youth members and adult volunteers and professional Scouters. In the 58 years since it was first presented, only about 500 Arrowmen have been selected to receive the award and this is out of more than one million members who have served in the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service.

The focal point of the Distinguished Service Award medal is a sterling silver arrowhead



Jere Ratcliffe, center, with OA National Chief Mat Milleston, left, and the newly elected national Venturing president, Jonathan Fulkerson, right.

with another arrow running through it, aimed upward over the wearer's left shoulder. The medal

comes suspended from a white neck ribbon adorned with red embroidered arrows. ♣

### Leadership Summit

The Order of the Arrow will hold a National Leadership Summit at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, July 31 to August 3, 1999. The purpose of the summit will be to introduce the Order's new strategic plan to its key lodge, section and region leadership. Training and workshops for participants on how to implement the new plan in their home council will be part of the four-day summit. Every lodge, section and region Key 3 will be encouraged to attend and participate in the summit.

Section chiefs, national officers, national committee members and other invited participants will develop the specifics of the summit during the 1998 OA national planning meeting in December. ♣

## National Service Award Created

by Ryan Miske

Beginning in 1999, the national Order of the Arrow committee will recognize two lodges in each region that provide outstanding service to their local council. The winners will be selected based upon the service performed. Lodges will be asked to provide a detailed record of their service on the National Service Award application they will receive. Lodges will describe each service project, the number of hours dedicated, and the date the service was performed, along with any additional information that would be helpful to the selection committee. Service for this award will be defined as any project that has directly benefited the Scouting

program in the council.

Each lodge also will be asked to provide a detailed description of the largest and most meaningful service project it completed during the past year. This will allow the national selection committee to base its decision upon factors other than just the number of hours of service a lodge has rendered. During the evaluation, the size of the lodge will be taken into account, as will the impact of the project and the number of hours provided to the local council.

For more information about this new National Service Award, be sure to look in the Lodge Support PAK that all lodges will receive after they have rechartered for 1999. ♣

### New Lodge Recharter Deadline

Every lodge has received its 1999 recharter packet. To be eligible for Quality Lodge recognition, all recharter fees and paperwork must be received by the national office by December 31, 1998.

### Revised OA Guide for Officers and Advisers

The new printing of the Order of the Arrow Guide for Officers and Advisers, No. 34997A, will be available from the national Supply Division after April 1, 1999.

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# CHIEFLY SPEAKING



National Chief Mat Milleson (left) and National Vice Chief Dave Petrush.

Fellow Arrowmen,

It would be impossible to say that this past year has been anything but an overwhelming success. The fire of the Order is clearly burning as its 50th anniversary as an official BSA program draws to a close. We reflect fondly on the many wonderful memories from visiting with you at conclaves, fellowships, National Leadership Seminars, and, of course, at the 1998 National Order of the Arrow Conference. We thank you for having extended us your friendship and the honor of serving as your national officers. Each of you will forever remain in a special place within our hearts.

The past year witnessed historic and profound changes within our Order. The strategic plan outlined at the national conference is blazing a clear path to the next century every day as we become known as Scouting's national honor society. Remember that the success of our visions for the future lies with you! We must continually reexamine what the OA sash means to each of us--is it a burning desire to serve and a thing of the spirit, or is it merely another decoration?

We leave you with the closing challenge presented at the national conference. Let us dream, let us endeavor, let us imagine, but most of all, let us live out our admonition!

Your friends and brothers,

  
Mat Milleson

  
Dave Petrush

1998 Order of the Arrow National Officers

## Do you have an IDEABOOK?

by Josh Souza

Imagine a book filled with tons of great program ideas for your section, lodge or chapter. At the 1998 National Order of the Arrow Conference, the 1997 national officers introduced the Ideabook, a collection of dynamic program ideas from OA Trail Crews, lodges and chapters throughout the country. The Ideabook has been written in an easy-to-read, fun format.

But wait--there is more! It is a step-by-step, month-by-month plan for awesome lodge and chapter programs, and new ideas. It contains more than 100 program ideas for conclaves. From action-packed midways to parachuters for the show, your only limitation is your imagination.

The sections of the book cover subjects like Web pages and communications in the lodge. The book even contains a Scoutmaster survey for unit leader feedback on how your lodge or chapter can best assist troops. In addition, by using the Officer Idea form provided, future officers may record their successes and mistakes to help out the next guy.

How do you get a copy of the Ideabook? Lodges that attended the 1998 NOAC should already have a copy. Feel free to make photocopies and give them to all your officers and advisers year after year. If your lodge has not received a copy of the Ideabook, then log on to the Western Region's Web page at <http://oawest.mswin.net>, and print out a copy. It's free! ♣



## OA's Strategic Plan

The National Bulletin recently spoke with national OA committeeman Randy Cline, who gave leadership to development of the OA's new strategic plan. Implementation of the plan, which was announced publicly at the 1998 National Order of the Arrow Conference, will be the focus of the National Leadership Summit next summer in Colorado. The complete plan is posted on the OA web site at: <http://www.oa-bsa.org>.



National OA Committeeman Randy Cline

N.B.: Randy, what exactly is a strategic plan?

Cline: Strategic planning is a long-range visioning process. We took a good look at ourselves and our situation, what we do well and what we could do better. We developed a vision of the Order of the Arrow of the future--and then we detailed specific strategies and actions necessary to move toward that vision.

N.B.: Why develop a strategic plan?

Cline: The plan will serve as our road map over the next five years. The path will lead us to provide greater service to Scouting in the coming century. Increased service to Scouting is central to our strategy. We developed our plan to support the Boy Scout Division's 21st century initiatives as well as the BSA's National Strategic Plan, released this past summer.

N.B.: When did work on the plan begin? Who has been involved?

Cline: Development of this plan has been one of the national committee's priorities since Ed Pease was appointed chairman in 1993, but we did not start work on it until 1996. About 150 people have been involved youth and adults, section chiefs, lodge advisers, Scout executives and other professionals, as well as national OA committee members.

N.B.: Part of the plan was the introduction of a new logo, replacing the Indianhead with the arrowhead from the OA sash. Are there other changes planned that will affect the American Indian component of the OA's program?

Cline: Absolutely not. In fact, the plan does not change any aspect of our American Indian programming. These activities and our ceremonies are among the most appealing, enriching and colorful aspects of the Order. Yet, through our discussions we realized that the symbolism of the old logo was limiting. It did not represent significant aspects of our program that we intend to emphasize in the years ahead--service, leadership development, camping and high adventure and development of the individual. The arrow symbolizes these aspects much more effectively, as articulated so eloquently in our ceremonies.

N.B.: Will camping continue to be emphasized?

Cline: You bet. The OA has no intention of reducing its focus on camping or the out-of-doors. The plan calls for rather dramatic expansion of our efforts in this area.

N.B.: What happens next? When will lodges receive more information?

Cline: Early in 1999 a packet about the plan will be released to the Key 3 of every section and lodge. It will include a formal printed brochure, camera-ready clip art of the logo and a timetable outlining future actions related to the plan.

N.B.: Will participants at the National Leadership Summit get all the details?

Cline: Correct. The summit will help prepare each lodge's leadership to implement elements of the strategic plan back home in their council. Those attending also will be involved in work groups, helping to design some additional elements of the plan that will be introduced in the coming years. We are off to a great start, but there are lots of components to the plan--too many to accomplish all at once. We will be implementing parts of the plan over the next five years.

N.B.: It all sounds really exciting.

Cline: It is exciting, and when we are done, the Order of the Arrow will be more fully integrated into Scouting--from the smallest troop to the largest council. We will be doing this to enrich and enhance the Scouting program, helping to extend Scouting to more of America's youth. ♣

# Explore the Boundary Waters on the OA Voyage

## The adventure of a lifetime!

by Jason Accola

How would you like to spend two of the best weeks of your life canoeing, camping, and living in the U.S.-Canadian Boundary Waters with some of the most experienced Arrowmen in the nation? Better yet, how would you like to do all of this for only \$100? Now, you can!

Beginning in summer 1999, 140 Order of the Arrow members from throughout the country will have the unique opportunity to experience backcountry adventures on the OA Northern Tier



Wilderness Voyage. The 13-day program is inspired by the traditions of the French and Canadian voyageurs who traversed the northern wilderness during the 1700s and 1800s.

Traveling thousands of miles by water and portage, these voyageurs were hired to haul goods and furs to trade with American Indians and Europeans.

In the spirit of these adventurers, Arrowmen will embark on a twofold voyage. One-half of the OA Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage focuses on portage trail and campsite maintenance

within the Boundary Waters. The remaining expedition is spent on a canoeing adventure that is planned and chosen by the participants in the program. In other words, each crew plans its own voyage! However, the program is not simply portage trail work, camping and canoeing. The OA Northern Tier Wilderness

Voyage is ultimately a journey that challenges Scouts mentally, physically and spiritually.

For complete information on the OA Voyage program, and to download an official application, please visit the following homepage: <http://host.scouters.net/oavoyage>.

This Internet site also has a link to the Charles L. Sommers Canoe Base Web site, which contains pictures and additional information about the Northern Tier National High Adventure Programs. Applications are available at your local council service center. ♣

### Northern Tier 1999 Sessions

June 9-21  
June 16-28  
June 23-July 5  
June 30-July 12  
July 7-19  
July 14-26  
July 21-August 2  
July 28-August 9  
August 4-16  
August 11-23

## Service to America



by Tony Fiori

As the Service to America program enters its second year, the Order of the Arrow continues to support Scouting by providing the necessary promotion to all local council packs, troops, and teams. In order to assist our lodges, promotional materials were mailed with lodge recharter packets to all lodges and sections for use when visiting these units. The materials contained updated information on the program as well as additional copies of current promotional items.

Updates to the Service to America program:

1. A Service to America promotional video will be sent to all lodges to help them spread the word on this program.
2. Unit and Personal Service Hours Commitment forms will be included in the new materials to help units and Scouts track the service hours performed by all Scouts and Scouters.
3. Units are encouraged to log their hours on their 1998 Quality Unit Award Application and 1999 Unit Recharter Form.
4. All lodges and sections are encouraged to apply for their respective Service to America Awards. Applications were sent with the lodge recharter packet.

The Order of the Arrow would appreciate any feedback on the program as it begins its second year. Please direct any comments to Clyde Mayer at the BSA national office, phone 972-580-2440, so that he may forward them to the national OA committee and the Service to America Task Force. ♣

# Join the OA Trail Crew in 1999!

by Todd Turner

By now, many of you have heard of the hallmark experience awaiting you at Philmont Scout Ranch this summer. For a fifth summer, the Order of the Arrow and Philmont are teaming up to offer the OA Trail Crew for Arrowmen between the ages of 16 and 21 years old. There will be nine two-week sessions this summer, and the adventure costs only \$100. Since there is a limited number of participants for each two-week adventure, be sure to send in your application early.

The OATC is an experience that begins with a week of trail building along the Tooth of Time

trail. Following this, you have the opportunity to go on a weeklong trek that your crew personally designs. During your Philmont experience, you will be able to share stories over a campfire dinner and admire the sunrise at the top of the Tooth of Time. What other program in the Order gives you the opportunity to provide service while backpacking in the splendor of the Philmont wilderness?

As you may already know, there have been nearly 1,000 participants in the OATC project since its inception in 1995. Odds are that someone in your area has been through or has had the opportunity to serve on staff for

the project. These individuals make excellent resources to find out more about the OATC or Philmont. They will be able to share with you the many memories they have of the Philmont wilderness or of the excitement of building trail with other Arrowmen from throughout the country.

So, whether you are a past participant or staff member, or if you are interested in learning more about the project, contact your local council service center or Carey Miller at the national office, phone 972-580-2455.

Don't get left behind. Join the OA Trail Crew next summer! ♣

## 1999 OA Trail Crew Dates

Session 1 June 13-27  
Session 2 June 20-July 4  
Session 3 June 27-July 11  
Session 4 July 4-18  
Session 5 July 11-25  
Session 6 July 18-August 1  
Session 7 July 25-August 8  
Session 8 August 1-15  
Session 9 August 8-22

Cost: \$100 for two weeks with participants paying for their own transportation.

Requirements: At least 16 years of age by the beginning of program, but not 21 by its conclusion.



by Brock Ostrander

Wihinipa Hinsalodge, Bay Area Council, Galveston, Texas, is celebrating its 60th anniversary in 1998. The lodge held a lodge chief reunion at a recent fellowship. Web page: <http://www.bacbsa.org/WihinipaHinsalodge>

Nenticolodge, Baltimore (Maryland) Area Council, helped Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation celebrate its 50th anniversary of serving youth. The lodge provided Arrowmen to help staff the reservation's 50th anniversary camporall. Web page: <http://www.intandem.com/nentico>

Tankitekelodge, Fairfield County Council, Norwalk, Connecticut, has merged with Arcoon Lodge of the Quinnipiac Council in Hamden. (A new council, Connecticut Yankee Council, was formed January 1998.) This year's fall fellowship, "In the Morning of a New Day," marked the selection of a new lodge name, Owanecon Lodge. Web page: <http://www.geocities.com/yosemite/rapids/6313>

Na Mokupuni O Lawelawelodge, Aloha Council, Honolulu, Hawaii, is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 1998. Web page: <http://www.hei.com/~kdoyle/acbsa/acnamol.html>

Otahnagon Lodge, Baden-Powell Council, Freeville, New York, recently instituted an OA Brotherhood Trail Program. The trail includes a hike two miles long during which Brotherhood candidates are tested for Brotherhood. It ends with the Brotherhood Ceremony. The program is a symbolic representation of the OA journey toward Brotherhood.

Wahpekutelodge, Twin Valley Council, Mankato, Minnesota, will be celebrating its 25th anniversary in 1999. Web page: <http://www.wahpekute.home.ml.org>

Tutelolodge, Blue Ridge Mountains Council, Roanoke, Virginia, is celebrating its 25th anniversary in October. At its fall fellowship, events included a lodge officers' reunion, competitions, a birthday party and a patch auction. Web page: <http://www.bsa-brmc.org/arrow.htm>

Yo-Se-Mitelodge, Greater Yosemite Council, Stockton, California, is merging with Sumi Lodge on October 10, 1998 (10/10), at exactly 10:10 a.m. to form Toloma Lodge. The new lodge number was selected by subtracting 278 from 342. The time and date were chosen by adding 6 and 4. Web pages: [http://mariposa.yosemite.net/194/ysm278/ysm\\_278.html](http://mariposa.yosemite.net/194/ysm278/ysm_278.html) [http://www.inreach.com/scouter/oa/sumi\\_1.htm](http://www.inreach.com/scouter/oa/sumi_1.htm)

Wiatavalodge, Orange County Council, Costa Mesa, California, is celebrating its 25th anniversary. In commemoration, the lodge has issued a special set of lodge flaps. Web page: [http://www.ocbsa.org/ocbsa/scouting\\_program/oa/wiatava.htm](http://www.ocbsa.org/ocbsa/scouting_program/oa/wiatava.htm)

Lo La'Qam Geelalodge, Crater Lake Council, Central Point, Oregon, was created five years ago from the merging of Makualla Lodge and Mazama Lodge. Both lodges formed in 1948, so Lo La'Qam Geela Lodge is celebrating 50 years of service to Scouting in southern Oregon and northern California.

Section W 3B is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 1998. The section held an anniversary conclave where a new section chief, Greg Frith, was sworn into office, and section adviser Ray Lenord was appointed.

Section W 5A has established the Josh Sain Scholarship fund. The scholarship is available to all W-5A Arrowmen, and it is based upon one's involvement throughout Scouting and the OA. The scholarship will be presented at the Section W-5A Conclave each year. For more information about the scholarship, contact Brock Ostrander through the National Bulletin.

Wa-Hi-Nasalodge, Middle Tennessee Council, Nashville, Tennessee, celebrating its 60th anniversary, has a 1998 Brotherhood conversion rate of 61.2 percent for the 1,244 member lodge! Web page: <http://www.edge.net/boyscout>

# Haunted Fund-Raising

by Bobby Kunstman

Imagine walking on a trail, in the middle of the woods, being scared out of your mind and having fun at the same time. Every year in October, the O-Shot-Caw Lodge turns this fantasy into a reality by creating a haunted forest in the South Florida Council, Miami Lakes.

This grand event lasts only one evening, but the lodge organizes a fellow-ship weekend to set up and take down the haunted forest. The haunted forest has come a long way since its beginning seven years ago when it raised only \$3,000. Now, with more than 6,000 visitors to this event, over \$17,000 has been raised for the council's Joseph Aaron Abbott Campership Fund. This fund was established for underprivileged Scouts who would otherwise be unable to attend summer camp.

Each of the 11 chapters is responsible for a section of the haunted trail, and for creating midway carnival games. In addition to the trail and games, there is a concession stand at the event to satisfy all of the hungry and thirsty visitors to the haunted forest.

The O-Shot-Caw Lodge has created an innovative way to raise money and to have a ton of fun for a great cause. O-Shot-Caw Lodge can be found on the Internet at <http://o-shot-caw.seastar.net>.

A second lodge, Konepaka Ketiwa Lodge, also took advantage of the Halloween season by creating its own haunting event to raise funds. In its sixth year, HALT, or Halloween At Loud Thunder, has enabled lodge members to work in cooperation with the Illowa Council of Davenport, Iowa, to provide a weekend of fun, haunting, midway stations.



For HALT, each of the 10 buildings at Camp Loud Thunder is turned into a unique haunting station. It takes a staff of more than 125 lodge members to serve the nearly 2,000 Scouts who will visit camp for the day and who will help raise \$4,000.

Konepaka Ketiwa Lodge members also worked out an agreement with the NOAC Shows staff to take home the incredible replica of a famous New Orleans cemetery that was used in the 1998 NOAC theme show. The NOAC set, created by artistic director Jon Jones, now has a permanent home as an addition to the lodge's midway stations.

Congratulations to the members of Konepaka Ketiwa Lodge on their successful fund-raiser and quick thinking in taking the NOAC set back to their lodge. ♣

# Arrow Tech: A New Leadership Training Concept

by Tee Pruitt

How does an Arrowman receive the technical or nuts-and-bolts knowledge to



become effective in his position? How does a lodge secretary actually learn how to design a lodge newsletter, or to take great minutes at a lodge business meeting? Where do lodge chiefs learn how to preside at executive committee meetings?

At the Southern Region's Section 5 Dixie Fellowship Conclave in April, the council of chiefs approved a plan to establish a section training conference to be called Arrow Tech. The goal of this training conference is to focus on the nuts and bolts of lodge and section operations. The first Arrow Tech was held on the campus of the University of South Carolina, November 6-8, 1998.

Like college students, Arrowmen will choose a "college" and "major" in areas such as lodge program, lodge administration and inductions. An advisory relations segment will help advisers learn the details of their responsibilities. To successfully complete graduation requirements, Arrowmen must also take general classes such as Lodge Structure and

Robert's Rules of Order. Once graduation is complete, all alumni have the option to specialize and take additional classes in one of the Arrow Tech colleges. After this specialization, the alumnus may become a faculty member.

For the latest information on Arrow Tech, check out the SR 5 Web site at [www.bsa.net/sc/sr5](http://www.bsa.net/sc/sr5). ♣

## Goals of Arrow Tech

1. Create the opportunity for personal development through the Order of the Arrow.
2. Create the opportunity for continued interactions between youth leaders and adult advisers.
3. Create a better-informed, more knowledgeable membership of your lodge.
4. Allow youth members to participate in a college prep experience, from both the teaching and learning perspective.
5. Allow the maximum number of youth and adult Arrowmen to become active in the daily workings of the lodge.

# Get Them to Sit Back, Relax, and Enjoy the Training

by Michael McCrea

During a training session, it is important to keep the attention of your audience members without making them nervous. People learn the most when they feel comfortable with the speaker, the material, and their surroundings. Everyone has had the nerve-wracking experience of being called on and not knowing the answer to a question. As a trainer, you should be confident that your audience members understand everything you tell them.

Here are a few quick hints to remember when preparing for your next training session:

1. Greet trainees in a friendly manner.
2. Consider the educational level of the participants.
3. Use short sentences as a way to emphasize

4. Use common vocabulary.
5. Be specific, not vague.
6. Eliminate unnecessary words and phrases in your presentation.
7. Stress the importance of the new skill but try to remove fears about learning the material.
8. Define technical terms and jargon.
9. Define all acronyms (e.g., the BSA, or Boy Scouts of America).
10. Do not overwhelm the trainee with your expertise.
11. Stimulate interest by explaining the advantages of being able to perform the skill or understand the new concept.

If you find out what the trainees already know, you have a much better idea where to start. Show the trainees how the new skill or information is related to the job or the whole



operation. Don't rush the trainees or the learning process, especially if there is a lot of in-depth material.

Make training fun--for yourself and your audience! Look for more tips in the next issue of the National Bulletin. ♣

## Goodman Scholarship Helps Those Called to Serve

by Chad Heflin

The E. Urner Goodman Scholarship program was established in 1982 to assist OA members who are preparing for a professional Scouting career. Grants are provided to help fulfill the financial obligations of their college education. The scholarship fund is a meaningful living memorial to the founder of the Order. Its purpose is to help perpetuate recruitment of high-caliber, service-minded individuals who are dedicated to professional Scouting service. In this issue of the National Bulletin, we are profiling Stephen T. Hoitt.

Stephen T. Hoitt of Manchester, New Hampshire, is an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor member, Founder's Award recipient, past lodge chief of Passaconaway Lodge, and a two-time Goodman Scholarship recipient. Stephen first became interested in professional Scouting at the 1986 National Order of the Arrow Conference, where he heard a presentation by Allen Mossman, who was then

serving as OA director at the national office.

He fondly remembers learning of his initial selection as a recipient from long-time OA national committee member Bill Slesnick. "The scholarship was an immense help. It enabled me to go straight through college in four years," says Stephen.

After graduating from Plymouth State College in 1991, he immediately entered professional Scouting as a district executive in the Green Mountain Council, Waterbury, Vermont. Since that time, he has served as senior district executive, and as district director. Stephen currently serves as finance director.

If you would like additional information about the E. Urner Goodman Scholarship program or to obtain an application, please contact your lodge adviser or the national office. ♣



Stephen T. Hoitt

## OA and the Council Camping Committee: A Partnership

by Ron Boller

The Order of the Arrow lodge is an extension of the council camping committee. This is appropriate since the OA's roots were formed at summer camp. From the viewpoint of the council camping committee, the principal purpose of this extension is communication!

The council camping committee's primary objective is to determine the summer camp programs for the coming year. The active young men of the lodge are the best testimony of the value of a Scout attending a BSA resident camp. There is a magical moment when a Scout hears of camping adventures from an Arrowman who has had multiple firsthand experiences. Local councils invest countless material resources into camping properties, and the OA camping promotion teams serve as very valuable assets to the marketing plan of filling camp with Scouts.

The Order of the Arrow is appreciated for other skills as well (service both at camp and in the community). The OA's ability to supplement the leadership and skills development of a Scout as he participates in OA functions is valuable to troop development. The mystique

and color of the OA legend as we strive to retain and display the American Indian life are important to council operations.

The camping committee is most effective when it embraces the OA lodge as its primary "advertising" agency for summer camp attendance. This is done through the participation of the lodge adviser and lodge chief with the council camping committee.

As a Scout executive, I am very grateful for the valuable support our council's lodge provides the camp each year in cooperation with the properties committee. Utilizing the OA is the most effective way to communicate directly with Scouts for camp promotion.

In addition, local councils that need assistance in other areas should not hesitate to approach their OA lodge because the OA is also capable of fulfilling many other leadership, service and support roles. ♣

Ron Boller serves as the Scout executive of the Northwest Texas Council in Wichita Falls, Texas.



Ron Boller

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### Dear Readers:

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 usable. They cannot be overexposed/underexposed or too light/too dark to see.

# 1998-1999 Planning Calendar

## 1998

- November 30 OA Service Grant Applications Due
- December 1 Lodge Program Support PAK Available
- December 26-29 National OA Planning Meeting - Westlake, TX
- December 31 Lodge Recharter Deadline

## 1999

- January 15-17 Central Region NLS - Rochester, IN
- March 5-7 Western Region NLS - Whittier, CA
- March 26-28 Northeast Region NLS - Alpine, NJ
- April 9-11 Central Region NLS - Rochester, IN
- April 23-25 Northeast Region NLS - Alpine, NJ
- July 31- August 3 National Leadership Summit- Colorado State University
- September 10-12 Southern Region NLS - Wirtz, VA
- September 17-18 Northeast Region NLS - Schuylkill Haven, PA
- September 24-26 Western Region NLS - Pheonix, AZ
- October 1 OA Charter Renewal Kits Available
- October 15-17 Southern Region NLS - Marianna, FL
- October 29-31 Southern Region NLS - Conroe, TX
- November 5-7 Central Region NLS - Ashland, NE
- November 19-21 Western Region NLS - Portland, OR
- November 30 OA Service Grant Request Due
- December 1 OA Lodge Support PAK Available
- December 31 Lodge Recharter Deadline

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## Burning Issues with John Bicket

Question: Why did the Order of the Arrow change its logo?

Answer: To quote from the OA strategic plan: "We will adopt a new logo; one focused on the arrow rather than the Indian. The arrow is easily the most recognizable symbol that has its origin in our first

ceremony. By taking the arrowhead from the arrow on the sash as our logo, we unify our image and strengthen the identity embodied in our name, the Order of the Arrow."

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