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Chief, vice chief elected at Dallas meeting

Robert Mason

Each December, section chiefs from across the nation gather in Dallas for the Order of the Arrow National Planning Meeting. During the three-day conference, the Order's top leaders plan the national program of emphasis and elect new national officers.

Jake Wellman was elected the 2008 National Chief. Jake is a two-term chief of Section W-5A, an area that encompasses much of Colorado and New Mexico. He is an Eagle Scout and a Vigil Honor member from Yah-Tah-Hey-Si-Kess Lodge of the Great Southwest Council.

An alumni of the OA Wilderness Voyage, OA Trail Crew, and OA Ocean Adventure, Jake also has served on staff for the National Scout Jamboree and National OA Conference, and on the NCLS staff as vice chief of events. He is a senior at Cibola High School in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and in his spare time enjoys running, reading, and rooting for University of New Mexico sports teams.

On *ArrowCorps⁵*, Jake notes that "this

event is the greatest one our organization has ever undertaken, and in that spirit I want to direct the OA to be as service-conscious as possible in 2008."

Ben Stilwill was elected the 2008 National Vice Chief at this year's planning meeting. Ben grew up in Okemos, Michigan, and spent two terms as Section C-2B chief. He is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor Member of Gabe-Shi-Win-Gi-Ji-Kens Lodge of the Chief Okemos Council. Ben has attended OA Wilderness Voyage, OA Trail Crew, NLS, and the 2005 National Scout Jamboree. He also served on staff at NOAC 2006 and was selected as 2007 NCLS vice chief of gatherings.

Ben is a freshman at DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana, with plans to major in economics and mathematics. Outside of Scouting, Ben enjoys tennis, playing piano, and skiing.

When asked about his vision for this year, Ben replied, "I hope to help make *ArrowCorps⁵* a huge success and have an influence on a lot of Arrowmen everywhere." 🌿



National Chief Jake Wellman, left, and National Vice Chief Ben Stilwill, right, after their election to national office.

Scouts recognized for saving life

Tom Eliopoulos

Emergency Preparedness. First Aid. Selflessness.

All three taught to us through the Scouting way and the Order of the Arrow, but very rarely do we get the chance to put our training into practice. However, for small Troop 226 of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania such an opportunity fell right into their hands as they were recently hiking up Blue Mountain.

Fellow mountain hiker Jane Scholl was on the mountain one afternoon

taking photographs of the landscape when she mistakenly tripped and fell down a short part of the mountainside, landing on her eye and cutting herself badly. Six Scouts and Scouters from that troop found the dazed and injured woman strewn on the ground and immediately referred back to their scouting skills in order to handle the situation.

Before the troop got involved, the woman was attempting to hike nearly six more miles to the base of the mountain on her own. While one scout telephoned the police

requesting helicopter assistance, two others helped bandage up some of her wounds.

The troop then constructed a makeshift stretcher out of tree branches and sweatshirts and carried Mrs. Scholl to an open plateau three miles away to meet with the rescue helicopter.

For their outstanding service and quick response the six troop members were each presented with the National Medal of Merit, which was pinned on them at an award ceremony by the very woman they saved. 🌿

NOAC '09 date set

The National Order of the Arrow Committee is pleased to announce that the 2009 National Order of the Arrow Conference will be held at Indiana University, August 1-6, 2009.

Make sure you have this date on your lodge calendars. This information is provided to assist lodges and individual Arrowmen with their future planning.

More information will be available late summer of 2008. 🌿

Get ready for *ArrowCorps⁵*

At the National Planning Meeting, each *ArrowCorps⁵* program site elected their youth leadership.

Under the direction of a youth incident

commander, youth leaders will plan the 2008 summer program. A list of recreational options was released by each site.

See page 4-5 for more information. 🌿

CHIEFLY SPEAKING



Brothers,

I feel extremely honored and privileged to have been elected as your 2008 National Chief. I look forward to leading our Order in stewardship of our national ecosystem this year.

Truly, my excitement for ArrowCorps⁵ builds exponentially with each passing day. Soon Arrowmen from across the country will unite in service to help restore our nation's forests and protect those beautiful landscapes for many generations to come.

I believe Mahatma Gandhi was right on target when he said, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." The best part about our Order's high-adventure programs is not only that we are serving others, but that we are able to do so while working beside our friends and Brothers.

However, I urge you to stay continually mindful of why you were chosen by your peers to join Scouting's National Honor Society. Allowat Sakima boldly tells us that "he alone is worthy to wear the Arrow who will continue to serve." After the program this summer, there will be many more opportunities to practice servant leadership in our troops, in our schools, and in our words and actions day by day.

Embracing such an attitude will help each of us to be successful and impart our own legacies on those that surround us. Brothers, thank you for your unwavering commitment to embody the founding principles of our Order in your daily lives.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Jake Wellman
National Chief

Meet the 2008 Region Chiefs

Central Region

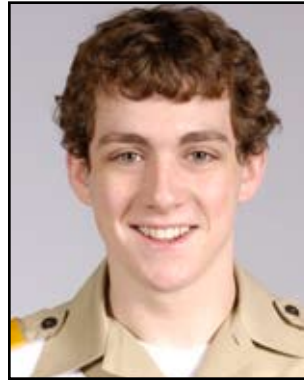
Tyler Elliott of Springfield, Ohio, will serve as the 2008 Central Region Chief. Tyler is a Vigil Honor member of Tarhe Lodge, Tecumseh Council, in Section C-4B. He is an Eagle Scout and served consecutive terms as lodge chief before being elected section chief. He attended the 2004 and 2006 NOACs and the 2007 National Conservation and Leadership Summit. As region chief, Tyler said he "plans to cultivate new leadership within the OA and help achieve Quality Lodge status for at least 80 percent of lodges in the Central Region." Beyond Scouting, Tyler is majoring in middle childhood education at the University of Cincinnati, where he is a member of Future Educators of America.

Northeast Region

Patrick Rooney, the 2008 Northeast Region Chief, is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of Amangamek-Wipit Lodge, National Capital Area Council, Washington D.C. Patrick has served as section vice chief, lodge chief, chapter chief, and lodge ceremonies chairman. Patrick attended the past two NOACs and the 2005 National Scout Jamboree, and worked in a staff role at the 2007 National Conservation and Leadership Summit. He attends George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., where he is majoring in government and international politics.



Tyler Elliott



Patrick Rooney

Southern Region

Mason Thomas, the 2008 Southern Region Chief, was chief of Section S-5, which includes most of North Carolina and South Carolina. He is an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor member, and Founder's Award recipient of Muscogee Lodge, Indian Waters Council. Mason has attended OA Wilderness Voyage, NOAC, and the 2005 National Scout Jamboree, and said he hopes to improve communication and productivity within his region. He is a political science major at the University of South Carolina.

Western Region

Mark Hendricks was a three-term section chief before being elected as the 2008 Western Region Chief. He is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of Wa-La-Moot-Kin Lodge, Blue Mountain Council. Mark is a high-adventure enthusiast who has participated in OA Trail Crew and OA Wilderness Voyage. He also has served on staff at the past two NOACs, the 2005 National Scout Jamboree, and the 2007 National Conservation and Leadership Summit. Mark's vision for his region focuses on the Order's support of the Boy Scout program and its leadership. He is a physics major at Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, Calif., and aspires to a career in academia after attending graduate school. 🌲



Mason Thomas



Mark Hendricks

OA service grants announced

One purpose of the Order of the Arrow is to crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others. It is in this spirit that the Order offers its National Service Grant program.

Since 1995, the OA has provided matching service grants to lodges. The money is awarded to lodges for camp (Boy Scout or Cub Scout) or service center projects that benefit the local council. A total of \$40,000 has been allocated for 2008.

Cowikee Lodge, Alabama-Florida Council, received \$4,000 for its Greening of Camp Alafla project, which will involve electrical-consumption reduction.

Woa Cholena Lodge, Mobile Area Council, received \$4,250 to construct a handicap-accessible shower house.

Comanche Lodge, Louisiana Purchase Council, received \$3,000 to repair the chapel at Camp T. L. James.

Guneukitschik Lodge, Mason Dixon Council, received \$4,250 to renovate the camp museum.

Pamola Lodge, Katahdin Area Council, received

\$2,500 to build three open-wall pavilions at Camp Roosevelt for campcraft, nature lodge, and outpost camping.

Manitous Lodge, Great Sauk Trail Council, received \$4,250 to build an eco-con shelter at camp.

Otahnagon Lodge, Baden-Powell Council, received \$4,250 to replace the ADA-compliant camp waterfront building.

Cuyahoga Lodge, Greater Cleveland Council, received \$4,000 to construct a permanent shelter for the handicraft program area.

Skyuka Lodge, Palmetto Council, received \$4,250 to replace abutment walls for the stage and seating for the camp amphitheater.

Sequoyah Lodge, Sequoyah Council, received \$4,250 to build a 3,500-square-foot multipurpose program shelter with lights and power for use by its Cub Adventure and first-year camper programs, training facility, and winter camping.

Wewanoma Lodge, Rio Grande Council, received \$1,000 to build seating for its new chapel and construct a gravel path at Camp Perry. 🌲

Dowe and Sullivan were committed to the OA

Ken Davis

On November 14, 2007, the Order of the Arrow lost two of its stalwarts within hours of each other. John Dowe of Montgomery, Alabama, and Charles Sullivan of Durham, North Carolina, had both served the Order for decades at all levels and left a lasting impression on thousands of Scouts.

John Joseph Dowe, 96, served on the National Order of the Arrow Committee from 1959 to 1995. A quintessential Southern gentleman, he was a graduate of the University of Alabama and served in the U.S. Army Air Corps for three years during World War II. Dowe was well-known for his manners and ability to make everyone around him feel important and valuable. Dowe's contributions to the Order were widespread and covered some 60 years. He was an area leader and a section adviser for many years in Alabama and is credited with forming several lodges in the former Region 5. He received the Vigil Honor, Founders Award, Distinguished Service Award, and Silver Beaver Award.

Throughout his life, Dowe was an active member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in downtown Montgomery. As Scoutmaster of the church's troop for more than 20 years, Dowe set the example for youth by earning the Eagle Scout Award in the early 1950s when adults could earn it to show the way for their Scouts.

As a result of his dedication to the Catholic faith, Dowe was knighted as a Knight of the Order of St. Gregory by Pope Pius XII. Dowe also was recognized in the community

as president of the Montgomery Community Concern Association and recipient of the Montgomery Exchange Club's Book of Golden Deeds Award.

Charles Sullivan, 87, was raised in western North Carolina and spent his entire life as a devoted proponent of Scouting. He earned a degree in forestry and ecology from North Carolina State University before enjoying a tenured career as a traveling salesman.

Sullivan was legendary in Scouting circles for telling fantastic stories and threatening to "reel in" any adults who were too serious about the rules. One of his most famous schemes in the OA—always told with a straight face—detailed that lodges should use a Vigil "raffle" to increase participation and allow both adults and boys to earn the Vigil Honor sooner if they worked hard, contributed money to the lodge, or did community service. Another of his schemes, aimed at improving advancement in Scouting, would allow one month per year where a boy could earn a merit badge and get any second one "for free." Clearly, these methods never panned out, but Sullivan's rapt audience continued to relish his stories.

Sullivan always said that Scouting needs to be fun for youth to stay long enough to benefit from it. While serving as lodge adviser of Occoneechee Lodge in Raleigh, North Carolina, he began to round up a group of fellows who he turned into the lodge cook crew. It was not long before this crowd was the standard cook crew for the Southeast Region subcamp at many jamborees. Visitors could always count on a great meal



Left to right: Founder Dr. E. Urner Goodman, John Dowe, and Co-founder Carroll A. Edson

and a lot of guff and fun in his cook shack.

Charley Sullivan had always tried to have fun in Scouting and keep those around him laughing and smiling. He was a recipient of the Vigil Honor, Founders Award, Distinguished Service Award, and Silver Beaver and Silver Antelope Awards. His personal example and caring nature were refreshing and truly unmatched.

John Dowe and Charley Sullivan were two extraordinary Arrowmen. We are all better people for having known them, and we will not soon find anyone to replace them. If they are typical of Scouting and America, then those whom they influenced will ensure that the next generation of Arrowmen will be people of great character, dedicated to serving others. 🍄



Charley Sullivan



Meeting success begins with a plan of action

Jeffrey St. Cyr

One leadership skill that applies to every organization is the ability to conduct an effective meeting. Guidelines like "be prepared" and "simple and clear" help create an environment for a successful meeting. Real-life practice, however, reveals useful techniques that few guidelines can express.

Preparing for a successful meeting begins with setting a clear agenda. Agenda items often come from the chairman or committee members. The agenda should include enough time to complete business without making participants feel rushed. Distribute the agenda in advance to allow members

time to review the agenda items and to prepare reports. Appoint a secretary to keep the minutes of the meeting.

At the meeting, every participant should be seated in a manner that permits a view of everyone else. After the opening, establish the rules for an orderly and effective meeting. For some groups, this can mean using Robert's Rules of Order. Set time limits on discussion and ask that points not be repeated by multiple committee members. Ensure that action items are assigned to individuals, with a completion deadline.

Follow the agenda, and focus on one item at a time. If a separate item is raised in the course of discussion, make a note of it and address it at the

appropriate time. This will help the secretary to record the minutes clearly while helping members to maintain their focus during discussions. Keep a large paper pad or chalkboard on hand to provide a visual record of the points established in discussion.

After the meeting, distribute the minutes so that everyone has a record of what happened. The minutes also serve as a reminder of action items (assigned tasks) and their completion dates. The chairman should remain in contact with members to see that the action items are completed.

Preparation, clarity, and comprehensive instructions create a healthy and effective meeting environment. These meeting basics



can be applied to various meetings, such as an annual goal-setting or a weekly executive meeting. 🍄

ArrowCorps⁵ ready to serve United States

Thomas Lambert

ArrowCorps⁵ is just around the corner. It is exciting to see the final preparation for this unique project falling into place. Youth and adults have worked tirelessly for several years to organize the ArrowCorps⁵ program and to make sure everything will run smoothly this summer. All that is left is for you to sign up and attend this once-in-a-lifetime program.

Each project site offers a different

experience. The United States Department of Agriculture Forest Services estimates that collectively the progress we will make as a Brotherhood in a single summer will be comparable to more than 125 years of environmental maintenance. Not since World War II has such a vast project been undertaken by a volunteer group. This year the Boy Scouts of America will answer the environmental distress call through ArrowCorps⁵.

Our heritage is one deeply rooted

ARROWCORPS⁵

A HIGHER ADVENTURE

in giving unselfish service to family, friends and communities, and this project certainly embodies this ideal in a significant way. If you have not signed up to be part of the largest service project in the history of the

Boy Scouts of America, contact your lodge leadership today to join your council's contingent. There are still slots open, but they are filling rapidly. Visit www.oa-bsa.org for additional information.



Mark Twain National Forest Missouri June 7-14, 2008

Overview

Located in the Ozarks in central and southern Missouri, and the only national forest in the state, Mark Twain National Forest covers 1.5 million acres. Participants will remove cedar trees that are considered an invasive species in the forest to restore native grasses. The USFS estimates there will be no natural grasses in this area in 10 years if the cedar trees are not removed.

Recreation

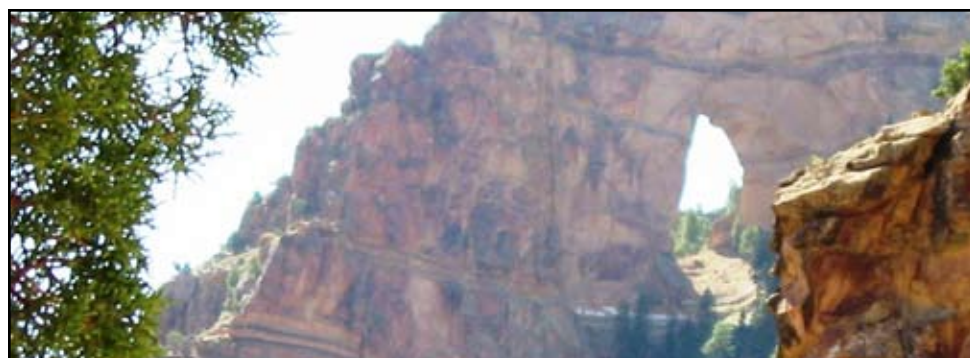
Recreational days at Mark Twain will offer trips to Silver Dollar City Amusement and Water Parks, fly-fishing, canoeing, horseback riding, and merit badge classes.

Youth Incident Commander

Section S-6N Chief Don Combs is a senior at Pikeville High School. When asked why Arrowmen should attend Mark Twain this summer, Don said "Arrowmen should attend my site because, our food is going to be awesome, and we will eat like kings every day!"



Don Combs



Manti-La-Sal National Forest Utah June 14-21, 2008

Overview

Situated in the LaSal Range in southeastern Utah, this national forest covers 1.4 million acres and is composed of three unique land ecosystems – alpine, plateau, and red rock canyon. Participants will remove Tamarisk, an invasive species, from the Buckhorn Wash area and Joes Valley Reservoir near Huntington, Utah. Each day of work during the project will push the Tamarisk invasion back 30 years.

Recreation

Manti-La-Sal volunteers will have access to a beautiful golf course, canyon rock art tours, whitewater rafting, climbing trips, and a unique chance to visit a nearby dinosaur quarry.

Youth Incident Commander

Section NE-2C Chief John Fagan is from Brooklyn, N.Y., and is a political science major at Fordham University. "Come make a real difference in this ecosystem by helping to scale back an invasive species, tamarisk, which mars the landscape and causes frequent droughts," said John discussing ArrowCorps⁵.



John Fagan



George Washington and Jefferson National Forest - Virginia

June 21-28, 2008

Overview

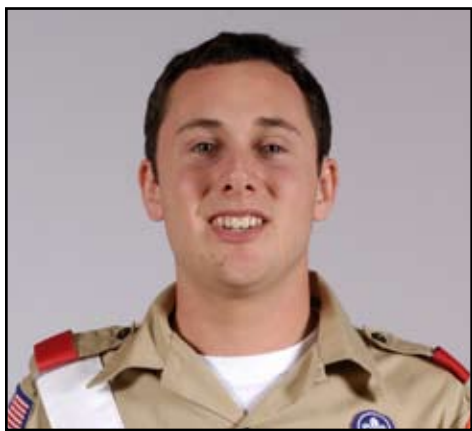
Covering more than 1.8 million acres of forest, including a segment of the Appalachian Trail across the Blue Ridge and Allegheny Mountains, this forest area is rich in history. Participants will provide campsite improvements, removal of exotic vegetation, and construct more than seven miles of new multi-use trails north of the forest office in Covington, Virginia.

Recreation

Leisure activities at the Washington/Jefferson site will include kayaking, sailing, and water-skiing, as well as day trips to Virginia Military Institute, George C. Marshall Museum, Washington and Lee University, Natural Bridge and Natural Bridge Caverns.

Youth Incident Commander

Second-term Section S-4S Chief Geoff Landeau is a Florida native majoring in microbiology and cell science at the University of Florida. Geoff tells arrowmen to “think warm showers and hot meals every day. Expect to work hard, get dirty, make friends, and have fun while attending my site!”



Geoff Landau



Bridger Teton National Forest Wyoming

July 26-August 2, 2008

Overview

Located in western Wyoming adjacent to the Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks, the Bridger-Teton forest is one of the largest in the United States covering 3.4 million acres. Participants will construct mountain bike and hiking trails, remove fencing to allow unrestricted movement of wildlife, and help control fire through a fuels reduction project where the forest and urban areas meet.

Recreation

When not at the work site, Bridger-Teton volunteers will be free to tour Yellowstone National Park, hike around Table Rock, or float along the winding Snake River.

Youth Incident Commander

Section W-5D Chief Sam Fife is a freshman business major at BYU—Idaho. When asked about Bridger Teton National Forest, Sam said “Bridger-Teton is going to be the best site, hands down! The Order of the Arrow will leave a lasting legacy of servant leadership on the national forest lands in Wyoming.” Due to participation capacities, Bridger Teton National Forest is full.



Sam Fife



Shasta - Trinity National Forest California

July 12-19, 2008

Overview

The largest national forest in California, Shasta-Trinity covers more than 2.1 million acres and varies in elevation from 1,000 feet to the top of Mt. Shasta at 14,162 feet. Participants will provide significant trail maintenance, repair, and reconstruction to reduce and eliminate soil erosion.

Recreation

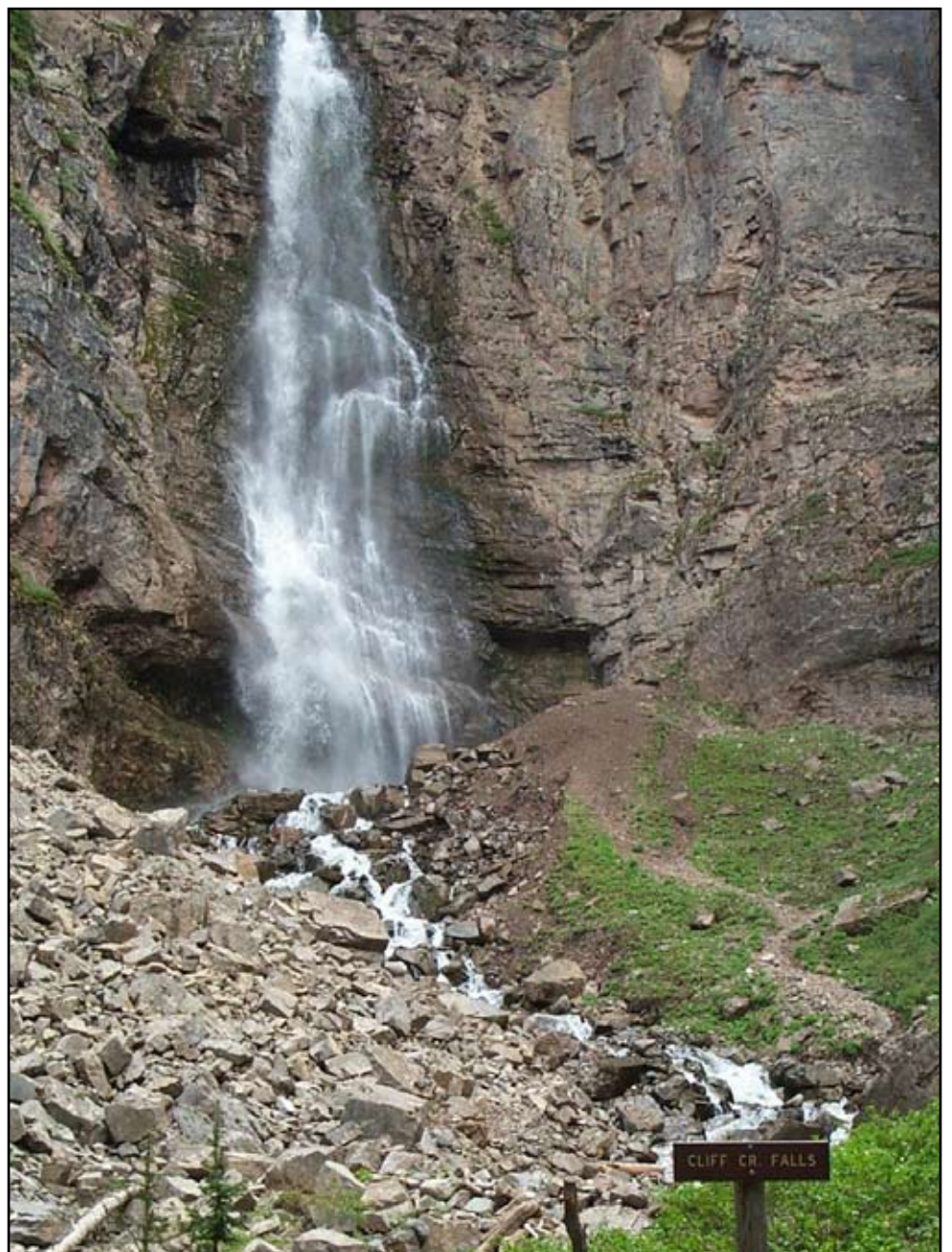
The Shasta-Trinity site’s recreational options include lake activities such as kayaking, boating, and fishing, as well as golf, excursions to a historic volcano site, and exploring the Shasta lava caves.

Youth Incident Commander

W-4 Chief Alex Braden of Covina, Calif., is a junior at La Verne College, majoring in public administration. “Shasta-Trinity has the best scenery, the best climate, and the best scheduling format of any of the sites. In short, it’s a mini Trail Crew experience,” said Alex.



Alex Braden



AROUND THE NATION



JAMES TARBOX

Es-Kaielgu Lodge, Inland Northwest Council, welcomed more than 40 Arrowmen and their friends and family to the local Toys for Tots center for a day of volunteerism this past December. They filled more than 300 toy orders and donated \$500 to the charity. The lodge made a big impression on its community with this project and received the U.S. Marine Corps' Commander Award in appreciation.

Otahnagon Lodge recently held a Cub Scout pinewood derby for one of Baden-Powell Council's districts. The Cub Scouts had a great time, and many of the parents commented that they were impressed with how the OA handled the event. The derby was held at Oakdale Mall in

Johnson City, N.Y., and there is hope that it will become an annual event.

Coosa Lodge, Greater Alabama Council, held its third annual American Indian Seminar at Camp Comer in Mentone, Ala. This event offers training, food preparation, and other activities centered on American Indian lore. Enthusiasts from as far away as Ohio came to participate in classes on dance history, ceremonies, and regalia crafting techniques.

If your lodge conducts a service project, celebrates an anniversary, or starts a new program that is noteworthy, e-mail James Tarbox at james.tarbox@gmail.com for consideration in the "Around the Nation" column.

High adventure - sign up for 2009

Dave Nguyen

For the third consecutive summer, the Order of the Arrow high-adventure programs have sold out! More than 225 Arrowmen from across the country will be attending OA-sponsored programs at Philmont Scout Ranch, Florida Sea Base, and Northern Tier High Adventure Base. Thousands of hours will be spent restoring historical trails in the Boundary Waters, assisting in coral reef restoration off the Atlantic coast, and constructing backcountry trails at Philmont. In addition to providing this meaningful service, each of these Arrowmen will embark upon an adventure of a lifetime.

Over the past few summers, the

popularity of these programs has grown rapidly. Largely for this reason, applications for summer 2009 will be available in late June 2008. Traditionally, the Ocean Adventure program has sold out very early. Just like the previous two summers, priority for Ocean Adventure participation will be given to past participants of the OA Trail Crew program at Philmont and the Wilderness Voyage at Northern Tier.

If you are going to be 16 through 20 years of age in the summer of 2009, strongly consider attending one of these three great high-adventure programs. For more information about each of the programs, please check out <http://www.oa-bsa.org>. Choose your adventure today!



Profile in service

Dwayne Fontenette, Jr.

Supplementing a service grant from the National OA Committee of \$3,245 with nearly \$6,000 more, Chilantakoba Lodge of the Southeast Louisiana Council constructed an ecology and conservation shelter at Salmen Scout Reservation. The

shelter was completed just in time to be a great addition to summer camp, providing the camp with a much-needed shelter with lighting, seating, and storage space. Its strategic location provides a great spot for hikers to stop and relax.



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Quality Lodge '07 pins available for recognition

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Sac-N-Fox	Wag-O-Shag	Kansa
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Timmeu	Lakota	Tamegonit
Manitous	Lowaneu Allanque	Kishkakon
Mi-Gi-Si O-Paw-Gan	Illinek	Taleka
Cuwe	Michigamea	Nampa-Tsi
Chippewa	Sipp-O	
Chickagami	Netawatwees	

- Northeast Region -

Pamola	Lowwapanu	Unami
Madockawanda	Black Eagle	Kittatinny
Moswetuset	Achewon Netopalis	Octoraro
Chippanyonk	Owaneco	Monaken
Tulpe	Ganeodiyo	Kuskitannie
Grand Monadnock	Ty-Ohni	Nachamawat
Memsochet	Gyantwachia	Ah'Tic
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Na Tsi Hi	Otahnagon	Amangamek-Wipit
Yokahu	Kayanernh-Kowa	Nentico
Hunnick	Onteroraus	Guneukitschik
Ajapeu	Half Moon	Susquehannock
Shinnecock	Wyona	

- Southern Region -

Aracoma	Ema'o Mahpe	Yustaga	Muscogee	Talidandaganu'
Abooikpaagun	Ta Tsu Hwa	Tipisa	White Horse	Wahunsenakah
Chilantakoba	Nischa Achowalogen	O-Shot-Caw	Ahoalan-Nachpikin	Shenshawpotoo
Sebooney Okasucca	Mikanakawa	Aal-Pa-Tah	Itawamba	Tutelo
Quelqueshoe	Tejas	Seminole	Wa-Hi-Nasa	Nawakwa
Tatanka	Cowikee	Echockotee	Sequoyah	Shenandoah
Colonneh	Woa Cholena	Semialachee	Coosa	Tsoiotsi Tsogalii
Karankawa	Alibamu	Eswau Huppeday	Chattahoochee	Nayawin Rar
Netopalis Sipo Schipinachk	Immokalee	Skyuka	Egwa Tawa Dee	Klahican
Quapaw	Alapaha	Unali'Yi	Echeconnee	
Washita	Pilthlako	Atta Kulla Kulla	Mowogo	

- Western Region -

Lo La'Qam Geela	Ut-In Selica	Orca	Topa Topa	Gila
Wauna La-Mon'Tay	Esselen	Amangi Nacha	Spe-Le-Yai	Yah-Tah-Hey-Si-Kess
Nanuk	Achewon Nimat	Tannu	Wiatava	Kwahadi
Achpateuny	Talako	Maluhia	Cahuilla	Tahosa
Tukarica	Hungteetsepoppi	Na Mokupuni O	Tiwahe	Shunkah Mahneetu
Es-Kaielgu	Miwok	Lawelawe	Wipala Wiki	Awaxaawe' Awachia
Tataliya	Tah-Heetch	Siwinis	Papago	
	Yowlumne	Ta Tanka	Nebagamon	



The Order of the Arrow recently developed a Quality Lodge pin to recognize the efforts of Arrowmen throughout the nation. The concept of this pin was first presented to lodge leaders during the National Council of Chiefs at the 2006 NOAC.

Lodges that have obtained Quality Lodge status in 2007 are eligible to purchase pins for youth and adult Arrowmen. Pins may be purchased from the national OA office for \$1.50. Order forms were included in the 2008 Lodge Program Support Pak and are available on the national website.

Proceeds from the Quality Lodge pin sales will go to the Order's Endowment Fund. Interest income generated from this fund provides support to Scouts both nationally and locally through college scholarship assistance, camp improvement grants to lodges, national BSA high adventure service projects, youth and adult training programs, camp promotion kits for every troop and team in the BSA, American Indian camperships, OA communication improvement projects, and programs that preserve the traditions and history of the Order. 🏹

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How many members does the Order of the Arrow have and how much service did they provide in 2007?

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In 2007, the OA ended the year with 171,894 members and achieved a brotherhood conversion rate of 32.2 percent. During the year, the OA provided 1,335,779 service hours, contributed materials valued at \$1,116,669, and made FOS contributions of \$449,493!

Join the National Bulletin Staff

The *National Bulletin* is looking for Arrowmen between the ages of 14 and 19 with strong writing skills to join its team. If you are interested, please e-mail Tom Eliopoulos at teliop@fas.harvard.edu for details.

2008

National Planning Calendar

March 28-30	NLS/NLATS, Alpine, NJ NLS/NLATS, Leesville, SC
April 11-13	NLS, Oahu, HI
April 25-27	NLS, Oconomowoc, WI
May 1	Camp Promotion Packets available ArrowCorps ⁵ Final Payment Due
May 2-4	NLS, Sharpsburg, PA
May 21	National OA Committee Meeting
May 21-23	National Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA
May 22	ArrowCorps ⁵ instructors arrive at Philmont
June 3	OA Ocean Adventure begins
June 8	OA Trail Crew Begins
June 7-14	ArrowCorps ⁵ , Mark Twain National Forest
June 10	Northern Tier OA Voyage begins
June 14-21	ArrowCorps ⁵ , Manti-La Sal National Forest
June 15-21	OA Philmont Training, Philmont Training Center
June 21-28	ArrowCorps ⁵ , George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
June 30	OA Service Grant Application distributed
July 12-19	ArrowCorps ⁵ , Shasta-Trinity National Forest
July 26-August 2	ArrowCorps ⁵ , Bridger-Teton National Forest
August 10	OA Ocean Adventure ends
August 17	Philmont OA Trail Crew ends
August 19	Northern Tier OA Voyage ends
September 12-14	NLS/NLATS, Alpine, NJ SOS, Charleston, SC
October 1	OA Charter Renewal Kits distributed
October 3-5	NLS, Canton, MS
October 10-12	NLS/NLATS, Orange County, CA
October 13-15	BSA national meetings, Dallas, TX
October 17-19	NLS, Toledo, OH
October 24-26	SOS, Tempe, AZ
October 31	OA Service Grant applications due
November 2	OA Lodge Program Paks available
November 7-9	NLS/NLATS, Fincastle, VA NLS/NLATS, Parkville, MO SOS, Alpine, NJ
November 14-16	NLS, Marin County, CA
December 5-7	SOS, Florida Sea Base, Central Region
December 27-30	OA National Planning Meeting, Dallas, TX
December 31	Lodge charter renewal deadline

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August 1-6 National Order of the Arrow Conference, Bloomington, IN

NATIONAL NOTES

LLD Recognition Patch

The Lodge Leadership Development recognition patch order form is available on the OA Web site. This patch recognizes Arrowmen who staff and attend your lodge LLD training course.

OA Scoutreach Mentoring

Take advantage of the OA Scoutreach Mentoring program. Learn more by visiting the OA Web site.

ArrowCorps⁵

Registration for the Bridger Teton National Forest site is full. Sign up now for one of the other four sites. They are filling fast!

Online OA Trading Post

Click on the OA Trading Post banner on the home page of the OA Web site to purchase great recognition items and gifts. Click on the National Endowment page to review the selection of coins, figurines and prints.

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