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Ring in the year **100**

All aboard! It's 2015 and the Order of the Arrow is celebrating the centennial anniversary the only way we know-how through brotherhood, cheerfulness and service. Our centennial anniversary theme is "Centuries of Service," depicting our pivotal point as we journey into the next hundred years.

The Order has a full schedule of special events and new program

additions. We are excited about the one-time Arrowman Service Award to help recommit ourselves to the ideals of the Order, increase our level of service to our local unit and council and participate in the 100th anniversary celebration of the OA.

To celebrate our hometown heroes in every lodge, the National Order of the Arrow Committee

created the Centurion Award to recognize Arrowmen from the last 100 years who have meaningfully contributed to the forming, maturing and ongoing operational excellence of their local council's lodge, and who, in doing so, inspired others to follow in their footsteps.

This summer, four road crews will travel across America to deliver

our national centennial both at conference and ArrowTour. This experience is designed to help us reflect, connect and discover the Order's "Centuries of Service," both past and future.

In August, more than 15,000 Arrowmen will gather for the National Order of the Arrow Conference. This year's conference will be the largest in OA history. The special centennial conference will inspire every Arrowman,

participating on the web from home, with its theme, "It Starts With Us."

Of course, centennial celebrations will also be taking place in your own chapters, lodges and sections. All Arrowmen are encouraged to attend their lodge's and section's centennial events and conclaves. Be sure to share every moment with #OABSA and #OA100.

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The year of themes

Chris Boyle
CONTENT TEAM

With our centennial anniversary in full swing, it's hard not to be excited about the once-in-a-lifetime opportunities being offered at every level of our organization. With national events like the National Order of the Arrow Conference and ArrowTour offering an experience unlike anything the Order has ever seen before, this is certainly a great year to be an Arrowman!

To set the tone for this historic year, the National Order of the Arrow Committee, in conjunction with youth leaders from across the nation, established two distinct themes. Our centennial theme, "Centuries of Service," and the NOAC theme, "It Starts With Us," are meant to inspire and guide Arrowman for the next 100 years. But when can we use which? Is NOAC a part of "Centuries of Service"? Can the theme "It Starts With Us" be used to describe and guide events like ArrowTour? Read on, and help us brand these events correctly as we move further towards our second century of service!

At the 2014 National Planning Meeting, the NOAC theme, "It Starts With Us" was released. This theme is designed to be incorporated into every aspect of the 2015 conference, and nothing else. For example, lodges would use "It Starts With Us" when addressing its contingent and exciting them about attending the historic conference, but it wouldn't pertain to an event like a section conclave or ArrowTour. Simply, "It Starts with Us" is only to be used when referencing the 2015 NOAC.

The theme "Centuries of Service" is an all-encompassing theme for events, programs and initiatives in 2015. NOAC, ArrowTour, centennial conclaves and lodge centennial events are all part of the "Centuries of Service" theme. Utilize this theme when discussing all of the fun and exciting centennial events occurring this year and encourage everyone to get to as many as they can! Ultimately, "Centuries of Service" is an underlying theme for all OA events for the entirety of our centennial celebration.

Breaking down the nuts and bolts of our centennial



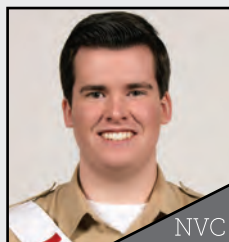
These two themes, when used correctly, will surely enhance the takeaway from this fantastic year. By branding different events

accordingly, we can make our centennial message clear to all of our members and cultivate an exceptional centennial experience.

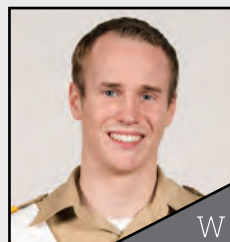
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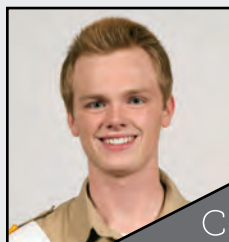
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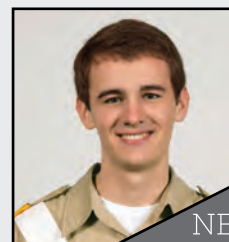
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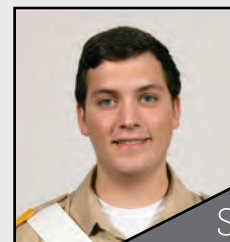
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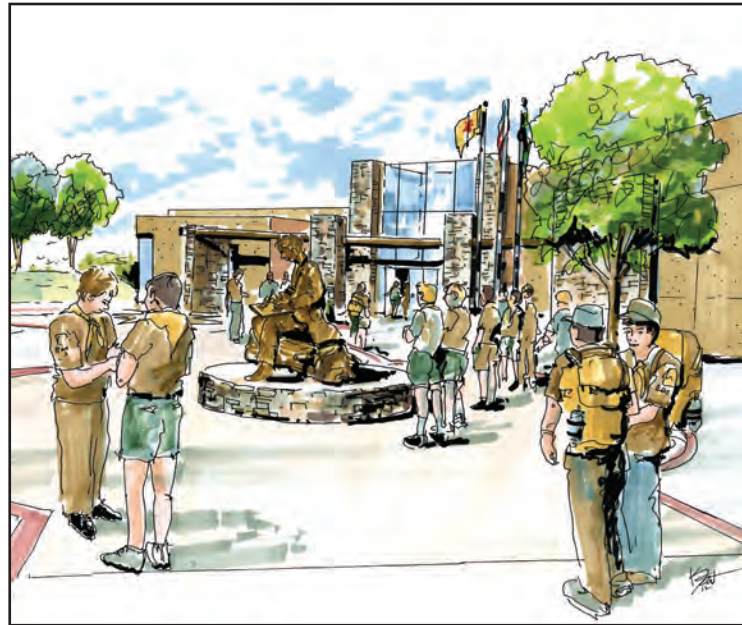
Moving forward & preserving the past

The National Order of the Arrow Committee hopes to leave a lasting mark on Scouting during 2015, our centennial year. Not only does the Order's leadership hope to inspire a new generation of servant leaders, but they also hope to build permanent exhibits about the OA's history at key locations around the country. With the Centennial Campaign. The campaign has a goal of raising \$1.2 million by the end of 2015. More than \$600,000 has already been raised as part of a silent campaign before the effort was launched publicly.

The campaign will fund the construction of OA exhibits in the National Scouting Museum in Irving, Texas and at each of the BSA's four high adventure bases across the country.

The first aspect of this project is the expansion of the Order of the Arrow's archives to be housed in the National Scouting Museum located in Irving, Texas. The plans also include the creation of four new exhibits within the museum which will showcase the Order's history of youth leadership, the Order's birthplace at Treasure Island Scout Reservation, the work of the Order's founders and works of art produced over the years to reflect the themes of our Order's founding principles.

The second project involves preserving the original OA ceremonial grounds. With the assistance of Unami Lodge and the Cradle of Liberty Council, the original stones and structures were relocated from Treasure Island to the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. Funds raised by the Centennial Campaign will ensure proper preservation



"The Centennial Campaign"

of these structures for future generations of Arrowmen. Leading the way to the new OA Summit Circle will be a national reflection trail. This trail will have 15 "columns of fire" housing the legacy lodge rocks that were donated for the 100th anniversary.

The third project is to expand the Order's presence beyond the National Scouting Museum and the Summit Bechtel Reserve to also include the three remaining national high adventure bases: Northern Tier in Minnesota, the Florida Sea Base and Philmont Scout Ranch located in New Mexico. Since the inception of the Order's High Adventure program at Philmont Scout Ranch in 1995, there has been a desire to have a display in the Seton Memorial Library and Museum that would spotlight the Order's connection and service to the great outdoors. Similarly, displays will be

created at the Florida Sea Base and Northern Tier, which will affirm the Order's commitment to service and the outdoors in these unique destinations.

With such a monumental undertaking in the works, it is more important than ever that every able Arrowman, Scout, Scouter and friend lend a hand to preserving our past and protect our history for generations to come. Centennial Campaign donations can be earmarked for a specific area of interest or through smaller gifts within this multi-pronged project. The National Order of the Arrow Committee is eager to discuss these opportunities with any interested donor. Information about the Centennial Campaign can be found by visiting www.oe-bsa.org/centennialcampaign, calling the Order of the Arrow office at 972-580-2455 or sending an e-mail to campaign@oe-bsa.org.

CHIEFLY SPEAKING

ALEX CALL 2015 National Chief



Brothers,

If there is one thing I've learned in the last month, it is that the fasten seatbelt sign rules the skies.

Since beginning my term, I have been afforded the incredible opportunity to share the spirit of our centennial celebration with Scouts and Scouters throughout the country. And in doing so, I have become quite familiar with air travel.

No matter where I'm headed, or who is taking me there, the fasten seatbelt sign commands a sense of authority in every cabin that I board. As countless flight crews have informed me, the absence of its glow is the only indication of when it is safe to move about the cabin.

There is an exciting moment on most flights once the aircraft reaches its cruising altitude and the lights of the fasten seatbelt sign lose their glow. When this happens, the clicks of countless buckles can be heard as passengers begin to move throughout the cabin. As the young boy in seat 16F heads to the lavatory and the business traveler in seat 6A opens up his earnings spreadsheet, passengers all around me begin to make the most of their time in the air.

In many ways, the Order's first century has been spent reaching a similar cruising altitude. Having reached it, the fasten seatbelt sign will be turned off as we begin our next century. From the cockpit of the Order of the Arrow, I'm happy to announce that you are now free to move about and make a difference.

In the coming months, I challenge you to make the most of our centennial by making others smile. You can do this by getting out of your seat and sharing your leadership, your selflessness, and your kindness with the world around you. As you move about the cabin of our world and embody the principles of brotherhood, cheerfulness and service, you will help us define the legacy of our next century.

Make haste, though. It won't be long before it is time to return to your seats.

I can't wait to see the world of difference that you'll make.

In Service,

Alexander C Call
Alex Call

"The centennial is our opportunity to lay the foundation for the Order of tomorrow."

Profile in unselfish service: Ted Weiland



Ted Weiland

Alex Nelson
PEOPLE & HUMAN INTEREST LEAD

Ted Weiland is the assistant director for the OA Wilderness Voyage (OAWV) program. When he's not building trail and shaping lives, he's also a chemistry teacher. We caught up with him to find out why he

loves the OA, hear about his favorite Scouting memories and receive his advice for Arrowmen thinking about OA High Adventure this summer.

What involvement did you have in the Order as a youth?

I was heavily involved in the Order as a youth. I started out being an elangomat after going through my Ordeal for a few work weekends and ended up being Allowat Sakima on the ceremonies team since I was becoming a regular on the weekends. I'm sure I was Allowat Sakima in the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony for close to 5 years. After becoming a member of the camp staff, I was in our summer camp call-out ceremony in a variety of parts. Then I became the Brotherhood chairman and was eventually appointed as a vice chief of activities when the lodge chief felt we needed another position. Finally, I was elected lodge chief, became a section vice chief and then served as the section training chair after being vice chief.

Do you have a favorite memory or event from your experience as a youth?

I have a lot of fond memories from my youth. Probably one of my best experiences was at the 1998 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) at Iowa State University. It was my first NOAC, and it really got me excited about being an OA member. So, that fall I ran for lodge chief. My lodge adviser, Terry Ingram, would always try to take as many youth as he could to NOAC because of the positive effect it had on them.

What experience did you have with BSA and OA High Adventure before accepting the assistant director role?

My first experience with BSA high adventure started with a sea kayaking trip on Lake Superior around the Apostle Islands, which was a trip offered through my summer camp, LE Phillips Scout Reservation. There are a few key experiences I had with OA High Adventure before working at Northern Tier with the OA Wilderness Voyage

program. In 2011, I worked on the ArrowPower project, where I served as one of the incident commanders along with Bill Beyer. I also was a member on the SummitCorps staff, which was the national program that summer. I was a branch director during the first week of the project. Those two projects are directly responsible for me being interested in the OA Wilderness Voyage program.

What's your favorite part of the OAWV program?

My favorite part of the OAWV program is watching the participants grow throughout the trip. The work week is physically challenging, and every group I've worked with always exceeds its own expectations. During the voyage week, the participants push themselves mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually as they enjoy the remote wilderness of the Boundary Waters and the Quetico Provincial Park. It's amazing watching the change happen.

Do you have any future Scouting plans?

My future Scouting plans are numerous. I've just accepted the role of district commissioner in my local council. I think it's important to give back and help the local council grow. I am also planning some of the NOAC 2015 activities, which is looking to be an awesome experience. I just accepted a position as the Area 3 advocate for conservation. My goal is to assist Scouts interested in earning the Hornaday Award along with helping councils plan big conservation projects. I'm also working my ticket for Wood Badge.

Do you have any advice for youth looking at OAHA trips?

The only advice I can give on OA High Adventure to Arrowmen is that they need to go. The program changed my life, and if you ask any Arrowman who has been on any of the trips, they will say the same. The experience is so positive and so amazing that you will not regret going. Once you do it, you'll never be the same.

LEARN MORE

Arrowmen interested in attending an OAHA program should visit www.adventure.oe-bsa.org to sign up. The Order of the Arrow Endowment Fund is the primary financial source for all OA High Adventure programs. If you would like to learn more about the national OA endowment or how to support it, please visit endowment.oe-bsa.org.

“ Going through OA Trail Crew (OATC) was a once in a lifetime experience. Spending two weeks in the best backpacking country in the United States was an absolute blast. It was an honor to serve Philmont with my fellow brothers from across the country, by building trail for generations to come. Then, to backpack with my brothers and new-found best friends made the experience that much better. All in all, if I could go do it again, I would do so in a heartbeat. Seize the opportunity to enjoy one of the best two weeks in your Scouting and OA career. OATC was an honor, a blessing and an unforgettable experience. ”

Joe Barton, 2012 Western Region Chief

“ We came as strangers and left as brothers. OAHA has time and time again given me the opportunity to meet Arrowmen from around the country who were brought together by the same common goal: cheerful service with a heaping side of fun. Nowhere else in Scouting have I found the ability to weld such tight bonds of brotherhood in such a short period of time. ”

Mitch Andrews, 2015 OAOA Director

OA Advisers' Conference at Philmont Scout Ranch



Participants and staff at the 2014 Philmont Adviser's Conference

This summer, members of the National Order of the Arrow Committee will facilitate dialogue on a variety of subjects at the OA Advisers' Training Conference at Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico. The course runs from June 21st to June 27th, 2015. Participants will experience dynamic training on topics including: improving membership retention, chapter and lodge communication techniques,

tips on achieving Journey to Excellence lodge status and other topics tailored towards participants' requests.

Past participants have left with resources to bolster participation and servant leadership as well as lifelong friends. "Even though I attended this event with a few close friends, I also made many new ones as we engaged together in meaningful conversation that helped us learn more about our great Order," said Unami Lodge

Adviser Jeffrey Aster.

Those attending will leave better prepared to both follow the "high ideals and purpose" of the OA and cheerfully serve their local council and community as we enter our next century of service as an organization.

Steve Bradley, vice chairman for region and section operations, and OA Associate Director Matt Dukeman will provide leadership to the OA Advisers' Conference along

with selected members of the National Order of the Arrow Committee.

The conference is open to all currently registered adult Arrowman in the OA, including chapter and lodge advisers, as well as professional Scouters.

To register for next year's conference, please visit www.philmonttrainingcenter.org, click the green button on top entitled "register for Philmont Training Center" and follow the onscreen message.

Participation in the OA Advisers' Training Conference will fulfill a requirement under the personal growth category of the Arrowman Service Award for adult Arrowmen 21 or older.

Do not miss out on the opportunity to celebrate our centennial anniversary, share best practices and acquire insightful information on improving your chapter or lodge with other passionate and committed adult Arrowmen.

OAHA series: OA Wilderness Voyage

Our centennial has a host of national events, as the 2015 NOAC this summer is of epic proportions and ArrowTour will be visiting many councils around the country. Yet, did you know that there are other ways to have a blast with the OA this summer?

Indeed, there are! One of the amazing Order of the Arrow High Adventure programs offered every summer is OA Wilderness Voyage (OAWV) at Northern Tier in Ely, Minnesota. It is a two week long program open to all Arrowmen between the ages of 16-21. It is an unforgettable experience and the cost of the program is only \$250, which is significantly less than other treks at the base.

OA Wilderness Voyage was first inspired by the French fur traders who traveled thousands of miles to bring furs out from North America to trade back in Europe. Although not a fur trader, Bobby Kuntsman was the first director of the program in 1999. His plan for OAWV was for it to be similar to OA Trail Crew, a high adventure program at Philmont Scout Ranch. OAWV also paved the way for an expansion program into Quetico Provincial Park in Ontario, Canada in 2009, known as OA Canadian Odyssey. From its humble beginnings, OAWV has become one of the highlights of an Arrowman's high adventure experience.

This incredible trek is composed of two parts, each

a week long. After arriving and meeting the many other Arrowmen who will become your crew for the program, you begin what many have described as "the best two weeks ever!"

For the first week, the crew builds portage trails between the lakes in the Boundary Waters of Northern Minnesota. For the second week, the crew plans its own portage trip across the lakes. The incredible part about the second week is that the crew can travel anywhere in the park. It can take in the clear waters, incredible views, interesting pictographs and much more.

In addition, you know that you will be leaving an impact on millions of people as they



travel across the trail that YOU built. You will learn self-reliance, have a blast and gain new leadership skills. Finally, you will get the chance to meet and bond with brothers from all across the nation, many of whom you have never met before. Furthermore, you will forge memories with them that will last a lifetime.

For more information, including how to get there, what to bring, an informative video, how to register and frequently asked questions, visit <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/oawv.php>. You can also contact the program director, Jeff Gray, at jeffgrayjr@gmail.com or (772) 538-7931.

Don't miss out on OAWV this year!

CENTRAL



Summit Bechtel Reserve: On **July 3rd, 2015**, the Central Region ArrowTour will be stationed at the BSA's newest high adventure base, the Summit Bechtel Reserve. Located in Glen Jean, West Virginia, the Summit Bechtel Reserve is the home of the national Scout jamborees. It offers unparalleled high adventure experiences, such as mountain biking, zip-lining and rock climbing. These will complement the ArrowTour program offerings at that venue.

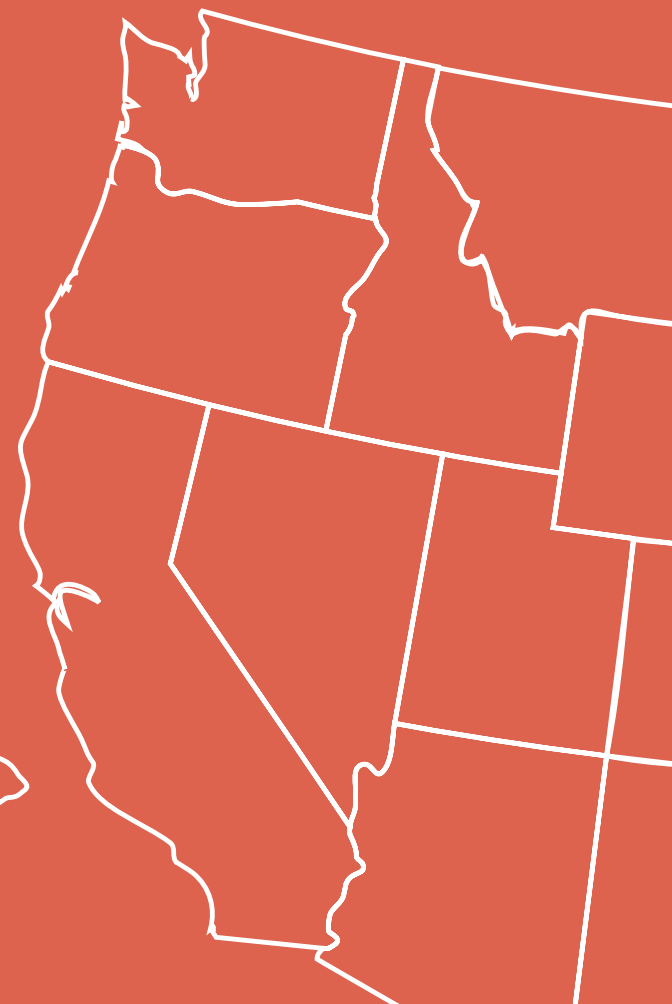
Indiana University: The Central Region ArrowTour will travel to Indiana University. This public university, home to over 40,000 students, was the host of both the 50th and 75th anniversary NOACs, held in 1965 and 1990, respectively. This is one of two ArrowTour venues at a college campus, the second being in the Southern Region at Texas State University. Scouts, Scouters and Arrowmen in the Hoosier Trails Council as well as the surrounding area should mark their calendars for **June 27th, 2015**, so that they may take advantage of this unique opportunity!

Base Camp: The Northern Star Council owns Base Camp, an educational facility at Fort Snelling, Minnesota. Base Camp offers activities like indoor and outdoor rock climbing, archery as well as a high ropes course all year round. The facility is even home to one of only eight NASA Space Shuttle simulators in the US, which is a full three-quarters the size of the actual shuttle cockpit! ArrowTour will be visiting Base Camp on **July 20th, 2015** and adding some of these unique programs to the schedule!

WESTERN

Irvine Outdoor Education Center: July 18th, 2015 also marks a unique ArrowTour venue in the Western Region. The tour will visit the Irvine Outdoor Education Center in Orange, California. This ranch, owned and operated by the Orange County Council, is a 210 acre facility that features miles of hiking trails, an outdoor amphitheatre and both high and low ropes courses. The center also offers pools and a waterslide, helping ArrowTour beat the summer heat!

Long Beach Service Center: ArrowTour is also visiting one of the newest OA lodges in the nation. Prior to 2012, the Long Beach Area Council had no Order of the Arrow presence! ArrowTour will be stopping at Long Beach Service Center, home to Puvunga Lodge, on **July 16th, 2015**. Although their lodge has less than four years of history, Arrowmen in Long Beach Area Council will surely get a lot out of the extensive displays, spectacular shows and fun activities that the tour will bring to them!





NORTHEAST

Unami Lodge: The Northeast Region ArrowTour will convene at its first venue, Resica Falls Scout Reservation, on **May 31st, 2015**. This is the tour's inaugural venue! Home to Unami Lodge, the first lodge in the nation, Resica Falls Scout Reservation will be hosting the Section NE-5B Conclave that weekend. The conclave theme is "Awaken Our Past, Define Our Future," and ArrowTour will help to reinforce this message; not only does the tour bring along a history display and interactive timeline, but it will also reveal some of the inaugural steps the Order will be taking in its second century!



SOUTHERN

Texas State University: The Southern Region ArrowTour will arrive at Texas State University on **July 18th, 2015**. Here, ArrowTour will be stationed at the site of the Section SR2-3S Lone Star Fellowship. The ArrowTour program will be a special addition to this event!



OA dancers perform for World Scout Committee

Thomas Van Horn
GENERAL ASSIGNMENT

Imagine this: your lodge dance team receives a text message one Thursday asking it to perform for the World Scout Committee that Saturday. For the members of Lenapehoking Lodge of the Northern New Jersey Council, this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity came to them last October when the newly elected World Scout Committee visited their local camp for a training session. The dancers dropped everything to be there, two of them coming off of a 20-mile hike and another coming straight from a crew event that weekend; for these dancers, the night was truly one to remember.

But why was the World Scout Committee in New Jersey in the first place? According to the World Scout Committee Chairman João Armando Gonçalves this committee wanted to convene in order to train its new committee members. The aim of the meeting, which took place from October 17th-19th, 2014 at the Ten Mile River Scout Camp in the Catskills, was to provide new committee members a better grasp of their responsibilities and their respective roles in the World Organization of the Scout Movement. As the executive body of the World Scout Conference,

the committee is responsible for implementing the resolutions of the conference and acting on its behalf between conferences, which occur every three years.

It was this important meeting that the Lenapehoking dancers were invited to perform at. Originally formed as part of Achtu Lodge in 1940, the dance team is one of the oldest in the nation and has competed in and won many national team and individual competitions.

Lenapehoking Lodge Adviser Warren Dressler said that after performing the hoop dance at a section conclave in 1981, one of the judges, a Native American elder of the Oneida tribe, gave them the nickname "Medicine Wheel Dancers." "The energy and spirit in which they performed such a difficult dance was a healing and spiritual experience to all who watched," Dressler explained.

Ever since then they have proudly and respectfully carried that name. The team rehearses weekly during the year, and the hoop dancers even bring their hoops home with them to practice. Then, during a four week period from October to November, they accept requests for performances, mainly for courts of honor and Cub Scout banquets. Dressler said some units have been known to wait upwards of three years for a performance.



Lenapehoking Lodge Dance Team and members of World Scout Committee

The team did 43 performances in 2014, not counting the World Scout Committee. It is no wonder that, when camped in the Northern New Jersey Council, the World Scout Committee requested to see this widely acclaimed group.

The dancers arrived early so they could mingle with the delegates and learn about Scouting in their respective countries. Each of them were armed with a large supply of their lodge's pocket flaps, which they gave out as gifts to each of the delegates.

After dinner, the group moved outside, where they performed a flag dance, a belt dance

(a story dance where a warrior is overcome with bad spirits and rescued by good spirits) and their signature hoop dance with 15 hoops. Each dance was performed and explained to the delegates, most of whom had not experienced anything like them before. Afterwards, everyone gathered around the bonfire and the dancers, still in their regalia, taught the committee members how to make the American delicacy known as s'mores.

This was truly a life-changing experience for the Medicine Wheel Dancers from Lenapehoking Lodge. Not many Scouts get this unique

experience to not only talk with members of the World Scout Committee, but also to show them a very important part of the culture of American Scouting. And for the members of the committee, many of whom were not familiar with the Order of the Arrow, this was the highlight of their trip.

João Armando Gonçalves said the committee was impressed. "It showed us how right the Native American history and legacy is preserved and honored by the Scouts," he said. "It was wonderful to exchange with the Scouts, learn about what they do and give them a glimpse of Scouting worldwide."

Sakima's Iron Horse Festival remains a long-standing tradition

Andrew Lindhome
CONTENT TEAM

As an Arrowman, you learn to give back to the Scouting community. That's what members of Sakima Lodge do each year when they put on their annual Iron Horse Festival. Open to all members of LaSalle Council, which encompasses northwestern Indiana and southwestern

Michigan, the Iron Horse Festival occurs every year on the third weekend of October at Potato Creek State Park. The event includes a variety of activities, notably a hike through the parkland.

The hike is known as the Iron Horse Hike, named after the antiquated term for the train, and includes train-themed trivia questions dispersed along the trail. The festival



Participants at Iron Horse Festival

has been an annual event since 1990 and the hike has been an integral part of the event each year, rain or shine. Rain hampered attendance this year but the festival still drew a registered attendance of thirteen hundred people. Hundreds more attended the event as guests. The event has, at times, drawn in crowds of four thousand people, making the Iron Horse Festival the

largest single day Boy Scout event in Indiana, according to Sakima Lodge Chief Michael Kipp. The event also includes a special train car patch for that year, and every five years, a set is made of the annual patches.

In addition to the Iron Horse Hike, the festival includes

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Florida lodge conducts first Brotherhood Ceremony using new script

Michael Todd
CONTENT TEAM

On the evening of Sunday, June 29th more than 50 Arrowmen from central Florida gathered at Camp La-No-Che for a Brotherhood Day. Five members were attaining Brotherhood but the manner in which they completed their induction was special and, at the time, unique. For the first time in the nation, a ceremony team from Tipisa Lodge conducted the new Brotherhood Ceremony.

The team was a special one. Two of the members had been on the section demonstration team for a year but the other two had only a few weeks to learn and perfect the ceremony. Johnny Cirillo, Michael Todd, Adam Marzec and Brent Weilhamer conducted the new ceremony. The team came together with few weeks' notice, yet when the Brotherhood Day arrived, they were prepared.

Away from the dull roar of the hundreds of summer camp attendees, Arrowmen arrived from around the state. As they entered the ring, Nutiket gave them a small stick, asking them to add it to the fire in rededication to the principles of WWW. All in all, more than 50 members attended the ceremony, from experienced advisers to budding ceremonialists,



Tipisa Lodge Brotherhood Ceremony Team & Adviser

including Tipisa Lodge chief, lodge officers, other key lodge and council leadership, Section S-4 Chief Austin Kriznar and many others. Regardless of position, age or experience, the ceremony was well received by all.

Team adviser Ryan Showman addressed a major point of the new ceremony. "The retired Brotherhood Ceremony served us well but it didn't answer this question: Why is the second level of membership called Brotherhood? The new ceremony does [answer this]," Showman said.

"It gives deeper meaning to the bond of Brotherhood and what that really means," explained Arrowman Michael Burton. "It shows that Brotherhood means more than just membership

it's a sense of contextual right and wrong, especially within the OA, Scouting and our communities at large."

Ceremonialist Johnny Cirillo agreed. "The ceremony is very special. It completes a member's induction and inspires them to go forth and succeed in all aspects of life, doing so as brothers rather than individuals."

Cirillo's humility is clear when asked about his involvement in the ceremony. "I was simply a vehicle for Kichkinet to happen. My journey spanned three years," he said. "It's the best thing I've ever helped accomplish."

Burton also helped demonstrate the ceremony over the past three years. "I enjoyed breaking down the mechanics and symbolism of

the text to make sure it was as good as it can be," he said.

For the Arrowmen involved in the development and release of the ceremony - both youth and adult - the inaugural Brotherhood Day was not as much an ending as a transition. The journey with the ceremony's development is nearly over, but with 2015 in full-swing, mandatory use of the ceremony is here. Everyone is excited and ready to help other ceremonialists learn the details of the new ceremony.

When learning the ceremony, Burton advised to start digging through the layers of symbolism, using the Guide to Understanding, which can be found at the end of the new Brotherhood Ceremony script, as a starting point and going from there.

"Let the ceremony teach you," he said. "Record your voice speaking the text perfectly and then listen to it as one might their favorite record. Over time, the message and words become imprinted and proper preparedness lends itself to an easy conduction for eager and deserving candidates."

Showman said advisers play a big part in making the new ceremony a success.

"All the best practices for helping ceremonialists learn any ceremony apply here, like reading sentence by sentence, looking up unknown words and having a team discussion on the meaning of each & every line. [However] this ceremony is more difficult to conduct."

Since the late June premiere, lodges across the nation have begun to conduct the ceremony to much success. It is important for teams to start working with the new ceremony. While the symbol-rich text and new perceived length may seem daunting at first, the ideas held within are things ceremonialists have been admonishing candidates with for nearly a hundred years; this ceremony gives us another avenue to spread the ideals of brotherhood, cheerfulness and service to new Brotherhood members, each other, fellow Scouts and our communities as a whole.

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an amateur radio station that links the festival to the nationwide jamboree on the air. The event also includes a "Bike the Horse" ride as well as a geocaching trail, both of which provide participant patches upon successful completion. Another activity

that has been well received and attended is the human foosball game. For the last three years, volunteers have organized this game, where the participants hold onto piping that stretches across the field, enabling them to move side-to-side, but not forwards and backwards. A noticeable trend in the event is the increased number

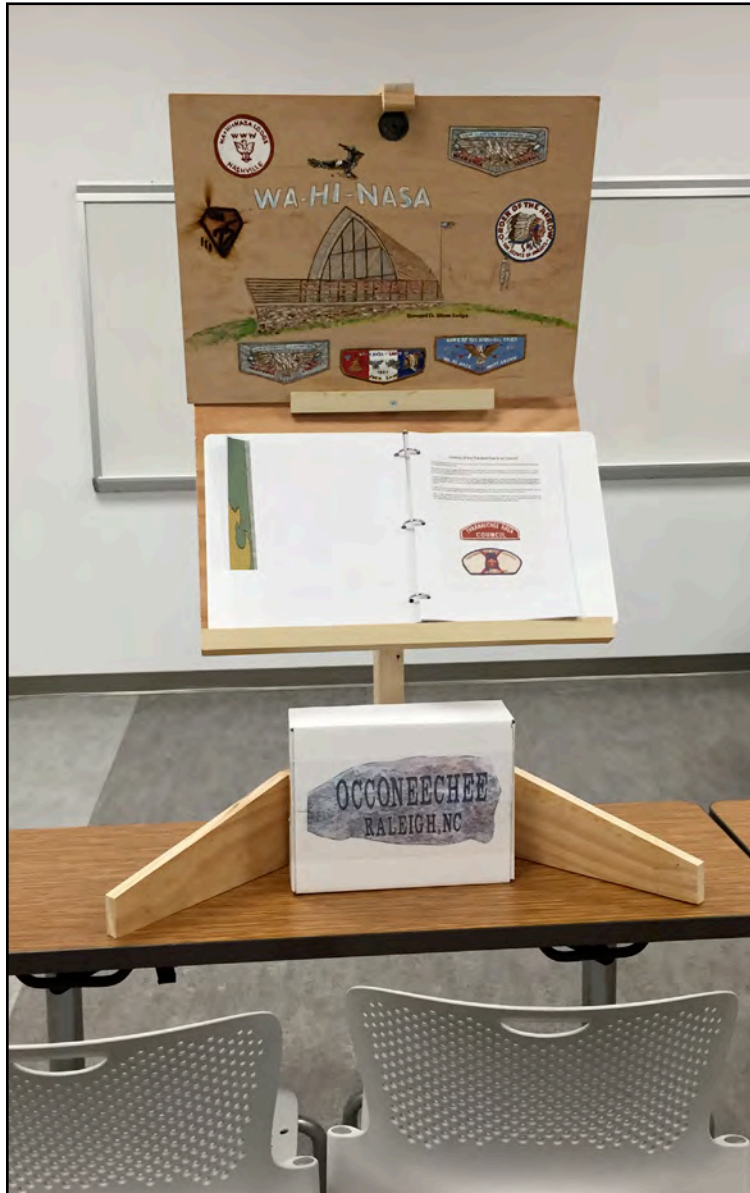
of Cub Scouts in attendance. Sakima Lodge Adviser Bruce Metzdorf claims that due to this rise in attendance in recent years, activities have been developed to cater to these younger Scouts. The event sponsors crafts and s'mores making, and due to the timing of the event, it is one of the first full Cub Scout pack events available in the

fall, making it an optimal event for packs to attend.

The Iron Horse Festival is a notable event, drawing in crowds numbering in the thousands but organized by a lodge numbering no more than four hundred Arrowmen. For 25 years, the event has provided quality programming for the LaSalle Council and its members

with the Iron Horse Hike and other events including human foosball, a fleur de lis formed by Scouts, geocaching and amateur radio. Giving back to others is an integral part of the Order of the Arrow, and the effort made by Sakima Lodge in hosting the Iron Horse Festival is indicative of what it means to give back.

Lodges to showcase 100 years of history at NOAC with centennial legacy displays



Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge Legacy Display

Ricky Angeletti CONTENT TEAM

Centennial Celebrations Committee, and is sure to offer reflection, connection and discovery. For every lodge to have a complete display, each contingent should bring both its lodge legacy lid and lodge history book.

While not part of the Legacy Display itself, lodges should

also bring kiln-dried wood to be placed on the Centennial Fire as part of the Centennial Rededication Ceremony. This wood will be burned and the ashes commingled with ashes from wood collected from all other lodges around the country, the Summit Circle, Brotherhood Barn and Treasure Island Scout Reservation. Participating lodges will leave NOAC with

a commemorative, limited-edition vial filled with ash from the Centennial Fire.

Wood received should be kiln-dried, be free of disease & insects, not consist of pine and not be pre-burned. The Legacy Project crate (given to lodges at NOAC 2012) should contain more than one piece of wood such that the crate is full (but not overfilled). For additional details regarding adherence to state and local laws regarding the transportation of wood over state lines, see here: <http://www.oa-bsa.org/pages/content/ask-the-chairman-concerns-with-legacy-project-firewood>. Special recognition will be given to each lodge that completes all four milestones of the Legacy Project (rock, lid, history book & wood). At NOAC orientation, lodges will exchange their kiln-dried wood for their contingent's centennial sashes.

Your lodge's legacy rock will be transported to NOAC and will serve as the anchor to your lodge's display. Rocks commemorating historic lodges (ones that no longer exist) will also be showcased at the Legacy Display.

Make sure that your lodge doesn't arrive at NOAC empty-handed! Take part in the Legacy Display and Centennial Rededication Ceremony by bringing your legacy lid, history book and kiln-dried wood. You'll be glad that you did as we celebrate a century of service and reflect upon how our past will shape our future.

For more information on the Legacy Project 2015, please visit here:

<http://www.oa-bsa.org/pages/content/legacy-project-2015>

2015 service grant recipients



CENTRAL REGION:

- Ni-Sanak-Tani Lodge, headquartered in La Crosse, Wisconsin
- Nischa Chuppecat Lodge, headquartered in Bloomington, Indiana
- Kansa Lodge, headquartered in Wichita, Kansas

NORTHEAST REGION:

- Tulpe Lodge, headquartered in Norton, Massachusetts
- Otahnagon Lodge, headquartered in Binghamton, New York
- Kintecoying Lodge, headquartered in New York, New York
- Grand Monadnock Lodge, headquartered in Lancaster, Massachusetts
- Lowwapaneu Lodge, headquartered in Moosic, Pennsylvania
- Woapalanne Lodge, headquartered in Cedar Knolls, New Jersey
- Ktemaque Lodge, headquartered in Hawthorne, New York
- Nanepashemet Lodge, headquartered in Haverhill, Massachusetts

SOUTHERN REGION:

- Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge, headquartered in Greensboro, North Carolina

WESTERN REGION:

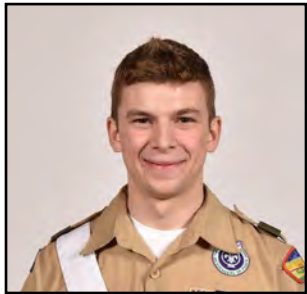
- Lo La'Qam Geela Lodge, headquartered in Central Point, Oregon
- Yah-Tah-Hey-Si-Kess Lodge, headquartered in Albuquerque, New Mexico
- Wiatava Lodge, headquartered in Santa Ana, California
- Malibu Lodge, headquartered in Van Nuys, California

More information on the grants and the winners can be found on oa-bsa.org.

The national OA endowment is the primary financial source for the lodge service grants. This program supports lodges in their efforts to serve their local councils in a meaningful way. If you would like to learn more about the endowment or how to support it, please visit endowment.oa-bsa.org.

NOAC 2015 : Conference Vice Chiefs

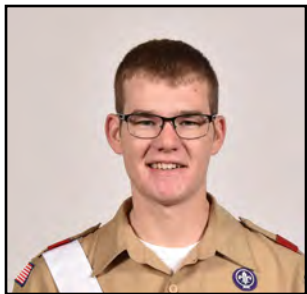
The 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference could not be accomplished without strong youth leadership. During the 2014 National Planning Meeting, the section chiefs elected the conference vice chiefs (CVCs) that will lead the NOAC 2015 program. The CVCs are tasked with not only creating, but also delivering the program at NOAC.



AUSTIN KRIZNAR (SHOWS)

Lodge: Echokotee Lodge, Section SR-4
School: University of Central Florida
Major: Industrial Engineering and History

"There really has to be an entire re-imagination of how to put on a show for 15,000 Arrowmen that doesn't concede quality in areas of technical or thematic integrity. It's really a logistics mind-bender."



JAKE TORPEY (TRAINING)

Lodge: Netopolis Sipo Schipinachk Lodge, Section 2-3N
School: Blinn College
Major: Civil Engineering

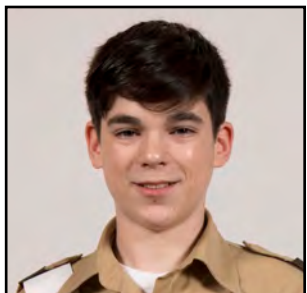
"I am most excited about the "Day of the lodge" program, which will involve one third of our conference guests attending specialized training focused on the centennial."



DANIEL BURTON (NESA @ NOAC)

Lodge: Yah-Yah-Hey-Si-Kess Lodge, Section W-6E
School: Aztec High School
Planned major: Neuroscience

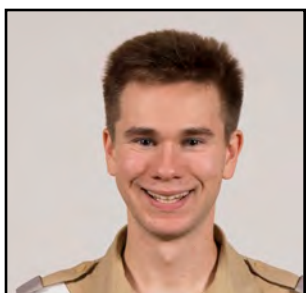
"The biggest program change we are implementing for the centennial NOAC will be the Gathering of Eagles. A dinner and show of this scale and type has never before been done at a NOAC."



DYLAN O'BRIEN (SPECIAL EVENTS)

Lodge: Tisquantum Lodge, Section NE-1
School: Weymouth Vo-Tech (Nursing)

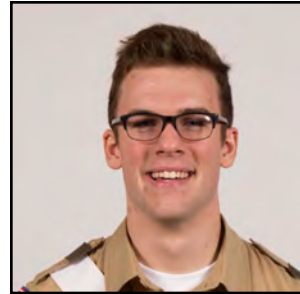
"I am very excited for the 2015 Goodman Edson Observatory (GEO). The GEO team has been working extremely hard over the last 3 years to help preserve and document our centennial anniversary, as well as preserving and displaying our century of service."



MICHAEL SWALBERG (CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS)

Lodge: Talako Lodge, Section W-3N
School: College of Marin
Major: Political Science

"Each of our program areas will provide unique opportunities for guests to celebrate our past 100 years while building upon its foundation as we look towards our next century."



BRANDON SINCLAIR (AMERICAN INDIAN ACTIVITIES)

Lodge: Nataepu Shohpe Lodge, Section C-2
School: Grand Rapids Community College
Major: Business Administration

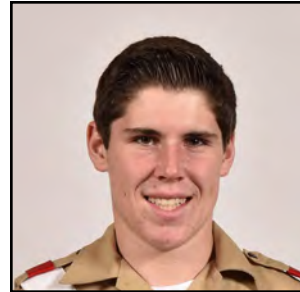
"I'm excited to see new and old Arrowmen who are fired up and passionate about our program. I'm looking forward to having these Arrowmen take their skills, knowledge and interests back to their lodges and chapters after NOAC!"



TYLER INBERG (ACTIVITIES & RECREATION)

Lodge: Wauna La-Mon'tay Lodge, Section W-1S
School: Oregon State University
Major: Engineering and Innovation Management

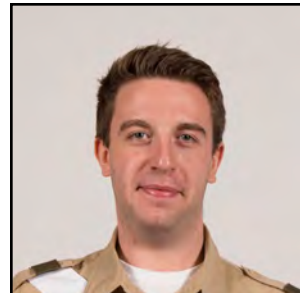
"There is a big project we're working on that I think everyone will be incredibly excited for when they see it. If you took the biggest and craziest thing you could think of, and multiply that by 1,000, you would barely touch the surface of how amazing this project will be."



TRAVIS BROADHURST (ADVENTURE CENTRAL)

Lodge: Tsali Lodge, Section SR-5
School: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Major: Physics and Chemistry

"There will be plenty of things at Adventure Central that most Arrowmen have never done before, but my favorite is the Spartan pole climbing. Participants will get to scale 20-30 foot telephone poles using a harness, belt and gaffs!"



KEITH ROSCOE (INDUCTIONS & CEREMONIAL EVENTS)

Lodge: Onteroraus Lodge, Section NE-3B
School: Bard College
Major: French and Spanish

"Ceremonial competitions offer the chance for each team to be recognized for all of the hard work they have put towards making the candidate experience the best it can be."



PATRICK BURTCHAELL (COMMUNICATIONS)

Lodge: Chilantakoba Lodge, Section SR-1A
School: Loyola University
Major: Design

"By providing conference guests and staff the information they need to know both during and before the conference, communications will play an important role at the conference."

2014 JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE RECOGNITION

GOLD

Aal-Pa-Tah	Lenapehoking	Shunkah Mahneetu
Abake Mi-Sa-Na-Ki	Lowanne Nimat	Sikhs Mox Lamonti
Abnaki	Lowwapaneu	Sipp-o
Achewon Nimat	Ma-I-Shu	Siwinis
Achpateuny	Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan	Spe-Le-Yai
Ah'Tic	Ma-Nu	Ta Tsu Hwa
Ajapeu	Malibu	Tahosa
Ajapeu	Mandan	Takachsin
Alibamu	Mawat Woakus	Tatokainyanka
Allohak Menewi	Menawngihella	Tetonwana
Amangi Nacha	Michigamea	Ti'ak
Ashwanchi Kinta	Mikanakawa	Timmeu
Bob White	Mitigwa	Tisquantum
Catawba	Monaken	Tsisqan
Chilantakoba	Na Tsi Hi	Tsoiotsi Tsogalii
Cho-Gun-Mun-A-Nock	Nampa-Tsi	Tu-Cubin-Noonie
Cowikee	Nanuk	Tulpe
Crazy Horse	Nawakwa	Tutelo
Cuyahoga	Nentego	Unali'yi
Echockotee	Netawatwees	Unami
EL-KU-TA	O-Shot-Caw	Wah-Sha-She
Ema'ó Mahpe	Occonechee	Wahinkto
Gila	Octoraro	Wahissa Lodge
Grand Monadnock	Onondaga	Wahpekute
Guneukitschik	Orca	Wapashuwi
Ha-Kin-Skay-A-Ki	Owaneco	Wauna La-Mon'tay
Half Moon	Owasippe	Wiatava
Hungteetsepoppi	Pa-Hin	Witauchsoman
Illini	Pachachaug	Withlacochee
Itawamba	Pachsegink	Woapalanne
Kawida	Papago	Woapink
Kittan	Pellissippi	Wunita Gokhos
Kola	Santee	Yokahu
Ktemaque	Sebooney Okasucca	Yowlumne
Ku-Ni-Eh	Shenandoah	Yustaga
Langundowi	Shenshawpotoo	

SILVER

Atta Kulla Kulla	Nischa Achowalogen
Blue Ox	Nischa Chuppecat
Buckskin	Nisqually
Chattahoochee	Noquet
Chicksa	Pocumtuc
Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee	Seminole
Ini-to	Shinnecock
Jaccos Towne	Tecumseh
Kanwa Tho	Timuquan
Kaweah	Tschipey Achtu
Kit-Ke-Hak-O-Kut	Tschitani
Klahican	Wa-Hi-Nasa
Kwahadi	Wag-O-Shag
Loquanne Allangwh	Waguli
Lowaneu Allanque	Washita
Marnoc	Waupecan
Miami	Wichita
Nendawen	Wipala Wiki
Netopolis Sipo Schipinachk	Wulapeju
Nguttitehen	

BRONZE

AAchewon Netopolis	Ut-In Selica
Black Eagle	Walamootkin
Chippanyonk	Wenasa Quenhotan
Nanepashemet	Wewanoma
Nentico	Wisawanik
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