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National Chief Delivers BSA Report to Nation

Patrick Murphy

When the Boy Scouts of America was chartered by Congress, a provision was included that the BSA is to annually report to Congress. Since 1917, the Boy Scouts of America has sent a delegation of Scouts representing all corners of the country and all program divisions within the movement. I had an opportunity to join the 2004 Report to the Nation delegation.

The delegation met with President George W. Bush, toured the Capitol Building with Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, and Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid; visited the Pentagon with Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee; and shot hoops on the "highest court in the land" with the Clerk of the Supreme Court.

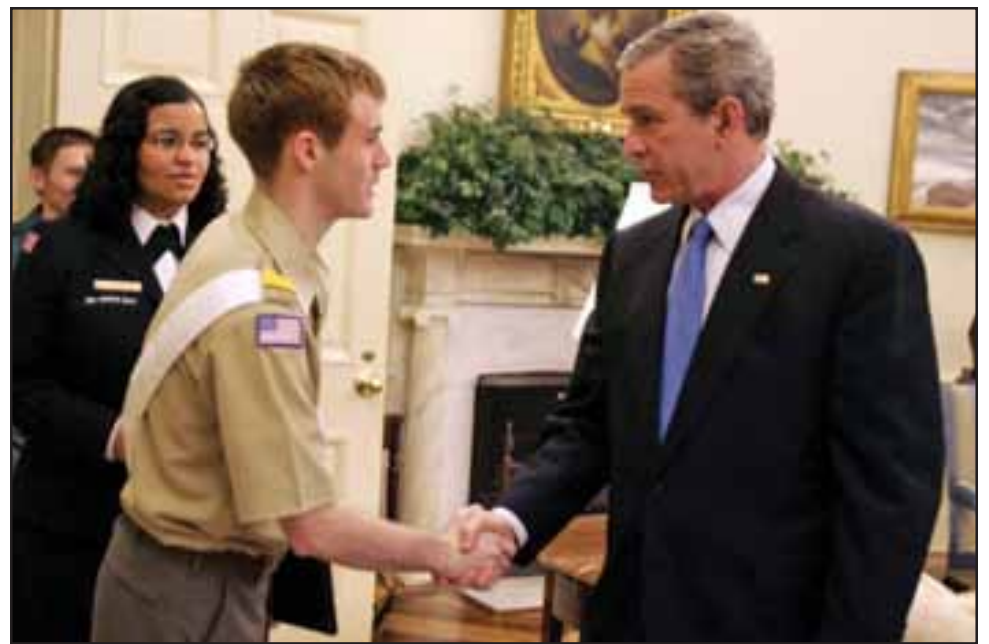
Everyone we met was highly supportive of the Boy Scouts. Many of the government officials we met are Eagle Scouts themselves, or were

involved in the program when they were younger.

During the five days the delegation was in Washington, D.C., we also had the opportunity to visit NASA's Goddard Space Center; the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland; Arlington National Cemetery; the CIA Headquarters; the Lincoln Memorial; the Vietnam War Memorial; and the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History.

The other youth members representing the BSA included Cub Scout Kevin Altimier, Kristopher Geyer-Roberts, Andres Molina-Villarino, Julia Reed, and Christopher Kerzich. We did not know each other when we met on Saturday but after a few team-building games and excellent meals, we quickly became friends.

Touring Washington, D.C., was an extraordinary experience that I will never forget. After visiting many of our nation's leaders, I am convinced that they are very supportive of the BSA. 🇺🇸



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE REPORT TO THE NATION

- There are 4.8 million youth registered in the Boy Scouts of America.
- There is one adult volunteer for every four Scouts.
- This year, 50,377 Boy Scouts achieved the Eagle Scout rank—the highest in BSA history.
- There was a 4.1 percent increase in attendance at the high-adventure bases.
- Of all Boy Scouts and Varsity Scouts, 59 percent participated in long-term camping.

Service Forefront of Lodge's Mission

Brian Polino

In May 2004, O-Shot-Caw Lodge of the South Florida Council, Miami Lakes, Florida, received the National Service Award for the third straight year. Only eight lodges achieve the award annually, and O-Shot-Caw was the first to earn it in three consecutive years. This past year, with 1,197 Arrowmen participating, O-Shot-Caw gave 18,762 hours of cheerful service to the community.

To O-Shot-Caw, it is more than just an award. To those Arrowmen, it is all about its members leading and experiencing a life of cheerful service. Lodge Adviser Ron Bell says, "Service is the centerpiece for us. Our members tend to rally behind it to produce great accomplishments."

O-Shot-Caw's largest service project is the O-Shot-Caw Lodge Haunted Forest. The project is so large that it takes O-Shot-Caw a solid year of preparation and even warrants a LEC-appointed chairman to run the event.

The lodge welcomes more than 4,000 Scouts as they venture through Camp Seminole, where all of their chapters have displays set up. These displays include Jurassic dinosaurs, car wrecks, aliens, hurricanes, medieval warriors, and even Scoutmasters. With nine chapter displays, the result is a long, eerie, and fun one-mile trek through the for-

est. This event is a fund-raiser for the Joseph Aaron Abbott Campership Fund, which raises money to send South Florida Scouts to long-term summer camps. Last year the Haunted Forest raised \$15,000.

In addition to raising money, the Haunted Forest unites the families of the South Florida Council for a night of Scouting fellowship. According to Doug Lunsford, O-Shot-Caw's staff adviser, "It is this fellowship and good fund-raising that draws the families back to the Haunted Forest year after year. I have been staff adviser to three spectacular lodges and a member of three more, but I stand in awe of the outcome of the Haunted Forest."

O-Shot-Caw truly exemplifies Dr. Goodman's founding principle of cheerful service. Unselfish service is really the pride and joy of the O-Shot-Caw Lodge, and according to Lodge Chief Brian Polino, "In O-Shot-Caw, a balance between fun and service is achieved. This is truly brotherhood." 🇺🇸

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CHIEFLY SPEAKING



Brothers,

Camping is essential to the Boy Scout program. Most young men who join the Boy Scouts do so with dreams of camping trips and outdoor adventures. The outdoor experience can have a profound impact on a young man. In the outdoors young men learn self reliance and resourcefulness. Camping allows people to connect with nature and examine themselves and their purpose in life.

Camping is at the heart of the Order of the Arrow. We were founded at a summer camp to recognize honor campers, and we have long been tied to the camping program. Our local councils call upon our lodges to conduct camp promotions and to assist the council camps. Our members are recognized as honor campers. The Order of the Arrow was designed to promote Scout camping and foster camping traditions.

As an organization, we have a duty to promote Scout camping. The Order of the Arrow has an obligation to enhance the Scouting experience by encouraging long-term camping and high adventure. Over the years, it seems that many lodges have moved away from summer camp and camp promotions, but these are an integral part of our purpose as an organization. Our members are some of the most knowledgeable and enthusiastic about the program, and they are invaluable camping resources for our Scout units.

Think back to your first camping trip. Think about how you felt after your week at summer camp or at a high-adventure base. These experiences are ones every Boy Scout should have, and it is our responsibility to help ensure that they do. There are many units around the nation that do not attend summer camp or high-adventure bases, and we can help to change that through effective promotions. We must dedicate ourselves to promoting camping and to improving council summer camps. If we make the effort to commit ourselves to camping, we can help to improve the program for all Scouts and Scouters. The Order of the Arrow can make a difference in the camping program!

Seth Mollitt
National Vice Chief

OA Scholarship Recipients for 2005

Five Josh R. Sain Memorial Scholarship Recipients Announced

The Josh R. Sain Memorial Scholarship was established in 1998 to honor the spirit and memory of Josh Sain, a former Order of the Arrow national vice chief. The \$2000 scholarships are provided to former national and regional officers upon completion of their terms. The 2005 recipients are as follows.

David Dowty, immediate past national vice chief, is registered with the Black Eagle Lodge of the Transatlantic Council. He attends Johnson and Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island, majoring in international business and entrepreneurship.

Seth Dearmin, immediate past Southern Region chief, is registered with the Wahissas Lodge of the Old Hickory Council. He attends the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, majoring in geography.

Matthew Griffis, immediate past Western Region chief, is registered with the Achewon Nimat Lodge of the San Francisco Bay Area Council. He attends the University of California at Berkeley, majoring in environmental sciences.

Ed Lynes, immediate past Northeast Region chief, is registered with the Chippanyank Lodge of the Knox Trail Council. He attends Boston University, majoring in business management and economics.

Joe Sadewasser, immediate past Central Region chief, is registered with the Timmeu Lodge of the Northeast Iowa Council. He attends Northeast Iowa Community College and plans to attend Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa.



David Dowty



Seth Dearmin



Matthew Griffis



Ed Lynes

Two E. Urner Goodman Scholarship Recipients Announced

Order of the Arrow founder E. Urner Goodman was a teacher before entering the professional service of the Boy Scouts of America in 1915. The purpose of this scholarship fund program is to assist Arrowmen preparing for a professional Scouting career by helping to fulfill the financial obligations of their college education. The national OA committee is funding \$6,000 in scholarships for 2005. The recipients and their scholarships are as follows.

Joe Sadewasser, immediate past Central Region chief, will receive \$2,000. He is registered with the Timmeu Lodge of the Northeast Iowa Council. He attends Northeast Iowa Community College and plans to attend Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa.



Justin M. Stirewalt

Justin M. Stirewalt will receive \$4,000. He is registered with the Wahissas Lodge of the Old Hickory Council. He attends the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, majoring in journalism and mass communications. He is an Eagle Scout and served as section vice chief. For additional scholarship information visit the OA Web site at <http://www.oa-bsa.org>.



Joe Sadewasser



"The Outdoor Adventure Place" (also known as TOAP) features many exciting activities such as this rock climbing wall.

2005 National Scout Jamboree OA Programs

"The Outdoor Adventure Place" Committee Hard at Work

Scott Robin

The Outdoor Adventure Place (TOAP) team is working hard to accomplish its goal of creating a fantastic TOAP at the 2005 National Scout Jamboree. There are an abundance of big ticket items in the TOAP area this year. The Leave No Trace area led by the National Forest Service will consist of hikes through the woods to discover clues and learn about the art of Leave No Trace camping. There will be more obstacle

courses for participants to wind and weave through. To add to the variety, there will be numerous cooking demonstrations. As always, the TOAP visitors will get the opportunity to view the latest in camping gear.

TOAP is one of several exciting programs that the OA will offer at the jamboree this year. If you are at Fort A. P. Hill this summer, you will not want to miss this outdoor exhibit. 🏹

2005 OA Service Corps to Provide Manpower, Cheerful Service, and Fun at the National Scout Jamboree

Scotty Keenan

The OA Service Corps is a group of dedicated Arrowmen from all across the country who will be cheerfully serving Scouting at the 2005 National Scout Jamboree. The Order's goal of having 150 Arrowmen in the Corps has been met, and the leadership is looking forward to an exciting and

rewarding experience.

The Service Corps will provide manpower and assistance to program and support areas at the jamboree. Some of the services that the Corps will provide include: arena show ushers, flag ceremonies, youth recreation, VIP guides, food service, security, and program support. 🏹

OA Shows Brings 12³ to the Jamboree

Jameson O'Guinn

OA Shows has been hard at work to bring a new and exciting theatrical production to the 2005 National Scout Jamboree. This year's presentation of Twelve Cubed is a cooperative effort of the Order of the Arrow and the National Eagle Scout Association.

Twelve Cubed will explore with the jamboree audience the ingredients and essential elements of character. Together, Scouts will come to realize that the term "values" has application not just in mathematical equations, but ethical ones as well. For more information about OA Shows, visit <http://www.oashows.org>. 🏹



AROUND THE NATION



LEE THACKSTON

Suanhacky Lodge of New York, New York, celebrated its 75th anniversary in January. Highlights included guest speakers, a chiefs roll call involving 15 past lodge chiefs and a historically based themed show. Learn more about the anniversary celebration on their Web site: <http://www.suanhacky.org>.

Wah-Sha-She Lodge of Springfield, Missouri, has a section of its Web site detailing three new exciting programs at the council camp beginning this summer. The programs cater to both older Scouts and new Scouts and Scoutmasters. One program is a competition that tests participants' outdoor skills and their Scouting knowledge from the Boy Scout Handbook. Learn more at <http://wahshashe.org/lodge/index/tripleplay.htm>.

Kansa Lodge of Wichita, Kansas, conducts the Sunshine Kids Fishing Derby each September at Quivira Scout Ranch. Physically challenged children are invited to come for a day of boat fishing capped off by a fish fry for dinner. Learn more about it at <http://www.quivira.org/oa/default.asp>.

Sakima Lodge of South Bend, Indiana, holds a Ceremony Camp each year for Arrowmen interested in becoming a part of the lodge's ceremony team. During the event, participants receive ceremony books and craft supplies to construct their own regalia. Visit the lodge online at <http://www.lasallecouncilbsa.org/oa/>.

If your lodge conducts a service project, celebrates an anniversary or starts a noteworthy program, e-mail Lee Thackston at lthackston@iname.com, and we will feature your item in the "Around the Nation" column.

E. Urner Goodman Camping Award

The Order of the Arrow is pleased to announce the selection of eight lodges for the E. Urner Goodman Camping Award. The award was established as a tribute and testimonial to the Order's founder, E. Urner Goodman. Its purpose is to encourage and challenge Order of the Arrow members and lodges to increase their effectiveness in promoting and increasing Scout camping in each region. Awards are presented to two outstanding lodges in each region annually. The lodges recognized for 2004 are as follows:

Central Region

Lowaneu Allaque Lodge
Three Fires Council
St. Charles, Illinois

Tecumseh Lodge
Simon Kenton Council
Columbus, Ohio

Southern Region

Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge
Blue Ridge Council
Mauldin, South Carolina

White Horse Lodge
Shawnee Trails Council
Owensboro, Kentucky

Northeast Region

Wyona Lodge
Columbia-Montour Council
Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania

Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee Lodge
Greater Niagara Frontier Council
Buffalo, New York

Western Region

Awaxaawe Awachia Lodge
Trapper Trails Council
Ogden, Utah

Wiatava Lodge
Orange County Council
Santa Ana, California

National Service Award Recipients

The Order of the Arrow is pleased to announce the selection of eight lodges for the National Service Award. The award was established in 1999 to recognize lodges in each region that have performed outstanding service, in both a qualitative and quantitative sense, to their councils. Awards are presented to two outstanding lodges in each region annually. The lodges being recognized for their 2004 accomplishments are as follows:

Central Region

Chippewa Lodge
Clinton Valley Council
Waterford, Michigan

Cho-Gun-Mun-A-Nock Lodge
Hawkeye Area Council
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Southern Region

O-Shot-Caw Lodge
South Florida Council
Miami Lakes, Florida

Santee Lodge
Pee Dee Area Council
Florence, South Carolina

Northeast Region

Paugassett Lodge
Housatonic Council
Derby, Connecticut

Loon Lodge
Adirondack Council
Plattsburgh, New York

Western Region

Maluhia Lodge
Maui County Council
Wailuku Maui, Hawaii

Tataliya Lodge
Grand Columbia Council
Yakima, Washington

OA Web Site Update

Dominique Baker

Summer is almost here and with it will come the 2005 National Scout Jamboree. The national Order of the Arrow Web site will be a great place to discover how Arrowmen provide service to the National Scout Jamboree.

At the last National OA Conference, Chief Scout Executive Roy L. Williams shared his thoughts on the value of the Order to Scouting. Hear his speech on the national OA Web site at <http://www.oe-bsa.org>.



Don't Forget About the Leadership in Service Award!

It is not too late to start earning the Leadership in Service Award this year. All you have to do is perform eight hours of lodge, chapter, or council service for a local council camp and six hours of community service planned by the lodge or chapter. For more information, visit the national Order of the Arrow Web site at <http://www.oe-bsa.org>.



OA Began Service to National Scout Jamboree in 1950

Ken Davis

The Order of the Arrow began service to the National Scout Jamboree in 1950 at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. At that time, there was a fledgling OA Service Corps of 36 Arrowmen from 15 states, led by Tom McBride, who would eventually become chairman of the National OA Committee. At each successive jamboree, the OA provided a Service Corps that eventually grew in size to five troops totaling approximately 150 Arrowmen.

In 1973, there were two jamboree sites—in the East in Pennsylvania and in the West in Idaho. Both sites had an OA Service Corps, led by Bill Slesnick in the East and George Feil in the West.

By 1977, when the jamboree site was set for Fort A. P. Hill in Virginia, the OA was asked to oversee support and recreation for some 650 youth staff in addition to its Service Corps duties. Dr. Carl Marchetti was the first to take on this task and make it happen.

Within a few years, the OA began offering additional program opportunities at jamborees, including an Indian Village for study of American Indian culture, a camping site called The Outdoor Adventure Place (TOAP), and live theatrical productions exploring how to live the ethical precepts of Scouting. These shows, called Odyssey of the Law in 1997 and Scoutopia in 2001, have become some of the most popular jamboree events.

The many services the Order has provided to the



History of OA Programs at National Scout Jamborees

- OA Service Corps
- OA Indian Village
- The Outdoor Adventure Place
- OA Shows "Odyssey of the Law" (1997)
- OA Shows "Scoutopia" (2001)
- OA Shows "12³" (2005)

jamboree will happen again this year at the 2005 National Scout Jamboree, scheduled for July 25 through August 3 at Fort A. P. Hill. Yet again, the Order will continue a tradition of service that reaches back 55 years. 🏹

Setting Expectations

Frank McMillan

Do you remember the teacher, the adviser, the parent, or the friend who always inspired you to work harder? The one whom you never wanted to disappoint? Ask yourself honestly what motivated you to do so much, and I suspect you will find it had something to do with that person's high expectations of you.

We all want people to think highly of us, and when a leader we respect sets the standard, he sets the bar for what will count as success. If a leader is not satisfied with second-rate work, most times those he leads will not be, either.

But how do you create high expectations without being disliked or ignored by others? I will not pretend to give you a silver bullet, but I will give you a few key suggestions.

First, articulate a clear vision together. If you can explain early what you see as important or what you see as the ideal event, others will be less surprised when you ask them to do more. Make sure they buy into the vision by asking them to help you articulate it. Brainstorm and create an image together for what the future will be like.

Second, have them set their own specific goals early and often, and make sure those goals are challenging. Ask for timelines with specific due dates and then consistently ask for updates. All of us have said to ourselves, "It's only Scouts, it can wait." Your goal as a leader is to make that excuse less likely.

Third, surpass your standards for others. Good leaders lead from the front, and if you do not hold yourself to higher standards than you expect from others, they do not have a reason to respect or to follow you. As you can probably guess, it is hard to ask others to work hard without working hard yourself.

Lastly, be grateful when others do their best to meet your expectations. Recognize those who help you along the way, and be proud of them. In turn, they will be proud to serve.

Following this advice is, of course, not the only way to effectively set high expectations, but it is one way—when combined with other tactics—to succeed as a leader. In the words of a poet, "Treat a man as he is, he will remain so. Treat a man the way he can and should be, and he will become so." 🏹

JumpStart



FOR NEW ARROWMEN

JumpStart is There for Your Lodge's Newest Members

Lodge leaders, don't forget to continue promoting JumpStart to your new Ordeal members.

This web site has been designed specifically for new members of the Order of the Arrow. Here new members can catch a glimpse of the OA's rich history, discover more about the Ordeal experience, and learn how to seal their membership in the Order by taking the next step: Brotherhood Membership. After your next Ordeal, send all your new members to <http://www.jumpstart.oa-bsa.org> to get them started on the right foot.

Where Are They Now?

Highlighting David Strebler's Continued Service to Scouting

Lee Thackston

David Strebler began his Scouting experience as an 8-year-old Cub Scout in Jacksonville, Florida. In 1992, he joined Echockotee Lodge and immediately became a member of their ceremony team, eventually serving two terms as lodge ceremony chairman and a term as lodge chief. David was elected SR-4 section chief in 1997 and served on the OA Philmont Trail Crew staff.

In 1998, David served as Southern Region One Day Coordinator and as the 1998 National Order of the Arrow Conference vice chief of Inductions and Ceremonial Events. As the CVC, David helped to restructure the training and ceremonial evaluation process. For his service to the Order,

he was awarded the Distinguished Service Award at the 2000 NOAC.

After graduating with a degree in computer engineering from the University of Florida, David moved to Japan to work as an electrical engineer for the Naval Facilities Engineering Service Center at Yokosuka Navy Base. David currently serves as the chapter adviser for the Taleka Chapter of Achpateuny Lodge. His chapter includes all of Japan and serves the families of U.S. military and government personnel living throughout the country. Last year, David helped the lodge bring the largest contingent to NOAC from Section W-1B.

Since he has been in Japan, David has introduced program ideas such as elangomats, clan-led Ordeals and the LLD to his chapter. "Many of our

Arrowmen have never been in Scouting or the OA in the United States. Due to the transitory nature of their families, they may not return to the United States until college," he said. Providing those Arrowmen with a glimpse of what the program is like in the United States has been one of his most rewarding OA experiences.

David says the reason for his continued service in Japan is simple. "I've been privileged to have some great experiences in the program and to have fantastic mentors, and I want to give back," he said.

He also says that it is important to stay involved as you grow older because "there are so many fantastic people and places that Scouting and the OA can take you. You're really missing out if you drift away."

THEN (1997)



NOW



NLS in Japan Inspirational, Exciting Event

Rob Rosamond

The Western Region leadership traveled to the Far East to conduct the first National Leadership Seminar held outside the United States territories. The seminar, held February 18–20 at the military recreation center at Camp Tama Hills near Tokyo, Japan, surpassed expectations with 64 participants present from Achpateuny Lodge. The lodge serves Scouts in the Far East Council, including U.S. military bases in Japan, Thailand, Korea, Taiwan, Okinawa, and the Philippines. For many participants, the NLS was the first chance to meet members from the opposite side of the lodge, because of distance and travel constraints.

Most families in the lodge have ties with the U.S. military and move

often. Leadership in the lodge changes frequently, so the NLS helped inspire current leaders to use their newly learned skills to enhance their local programs. The NLS commitment contracts served as a means to solidify the members' roles for the upcoming year. In the end, the event proved to be more than just an NLS; it was a fellowship opportunity that brought lodge members together to share, learn, and collaborate.

The lodge provided three outstanding table guides, James Hardebeck, Mike Hardebeck, and Ben Whitehouse. Youth trainers from the Western Region included Region Chief Ross Armstrong, Rob Rosamond, and Matt Swan. Adult staff members Mike Bliss, Steve Bradley, Gene Wadford, and Kevin Moshier were also present. Japan



This NLS near Tokyo was the first seminar held outside US territories.

District Executive Derek Hartley was responsible for logistics and arrangements. Photos are available

on the Western Region Web site at <http://western.oa-bsa.org>.

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Spaces Still Available for OA Trail Crew

Allen Pope

Looking over Tooth Ridge, as the clouds spilled over the hills and into the southern valleys, we could see everywhere we had been in the past two weeks. From the work site up north to the southern trails we hiked, it was all there. But I get ahead of myself.

When I arrived at the Albuquerque Airport and stepped off the jetway, I saw Boy Scouts everywhere. I knew Philmont was close. On the shuttle to Cimarron, we learned about each other and how each of us came from a different background. Yet no matter how diverse, all of us were 16 to 20 years old, interested in Order of the Arrow Trail Crew, ready to provide cheerful service, and eager to backpack an amazing wilderness.

The first week let us get used to the altitude and trail work, and we always talked about how we could not wait to start our trek. However, when the first week was done, we were a little sad. Nonetheless, it was extremely satisfying to look back and know that we built trail that will serve generations of Scouts to come.

Next was the trek week, the main



reason I signed up for OATC. Including such notable experiences as seeing a mountain lion at Abreu, a sweat lodge at Apache Springs, a stomp at Cypher's Mine, and an exhilarating night at Deer Lake Mesa, we led ourselves, with guidance from our foreman, through a wide range of experiences that Philmont has to offer. To a boy who had hiked only the hills of the Northeast, Philmont was heaven.

Most amazing was the camaraderie that was shared on the trek with Scouts who valued the same ideals about cheerful service. Work became fun, campsite duties got finished quickly, the trail disappeared beneath

our feet, and we made time to share our experiences with each other. We meshed into a great group, learned from each other, discussed OA ideals and practices, and made our trek a collaborative learning experience.

OA Trail Crew was truly a unique way to experience Philmont because of the service, the people, and the sights. Anybody looking for a unique and rewarding challenge over the summer should consider OA Trail Crew. It's inexpensive, it's rewarding, and it made my summer great.

There are still spaces available for 2005, so go to the OA Web site and download your application. 🏹



(Above) An Arrowman works hard building a trail with his OA Trail Crew. (Left) The Tooth of Time looks over the Philmont backcountry.

OAWV: Two Weeks of Wonder in Boundary Waters

Jeff Jozefski

In 1999, the Order of the Arrow and the USDA Forest Service entered into a service arrangement that would provide Arrowmen ages 16 through 20 with the unique opportunity to explore the most pristine wilderness area in the lower 48 states, while providing unprecedented service to their country.

Since then, the success of the OA Voyage has been remarkable. After receiving the USDA Forest Service Chief's Volunteer Award for service, what was touted as the greatest Scouting experience of an Arrowman's life has quickly grown to become one of the most popular summer options for Arrowmen nationwide.

With 126 spots available for summer 2005, OA Voyage is primed once again to



On an OA Wilderness Voyage, Arrowmen will experience spectacular sights in a pristine wilderness.

perform more than 80 percent of the trail maintenance in the Boundary Waters Canoeing Area Wilderness while continuing to maintain its presence as the top youth-service program in the country. In addition to providing a tremendous trail building and camping

experience, Arrowmen gain a new sense of self at the OA Voyage, an experience that cannot be matched.

Information about this unique experience can be found at <http://www.oa-bsa.org/highadventure>. Act fast, as spots are filling quickly for this summer. 🏹

First OA Ocean Adventure Fully Registered with 72 Participants

Rich Moore

The Order of the Arrow and the OAOA staff would like to thank Arrowmen across the country for their support of the OA Ocean Adventure program. This summer, we will kick off service in a new and exciting way at the Florida National High Adventure Sea Base. We are excited about continuing the OA's legacy of servant leadership at the Sea Base and in the beautiful Florida Keys.

We appreciate the many Arrowmen who sent in applications to participate in OA Ocean Adventure this summer. Due to the

overwhelming response, the 2005 program is filled with 72 participants. A waiting list for summer 2006 already has 20 names. If you still have free time this summer, we encourage you to explore the other two OA high-adventure programs: Trail Crew at Philmont and Wilderness Voyage at Northern Tier. These programs share similar elements and experiences as the Ocean Adventure but provide completely unique opportunities to experience the great outdoors. 🏹

Burning Issues



Q: I am interested in joining the national OA Web site staff. What should I do?

A: Send an e-mail to webmaster@oa-bsa.org, stating that you are interested. You will receive an application to outline your experience and background. The webmasters recruit new staff members periodically as positions open.



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Notes

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Arrowman Awarded Silver Beaver
William F. "Bill" Downs, who served as national OA executive secretary from 1974 through 1985, recently received the Silver Beaver award from the Longhorn Council in Fort Worth, Texas.

New LLD Training Course
A new LLD training course for lodge and chapter advisers will be offered June 19-25 at the Philmont Training Center. For more information, please refer to the Operations Updates found online at <http://www.oa-bsa.org>.

National Bulletin Takes New Look
The *National Bulletin* has taken on a newspaper feel and approach. We hope you will like the new look!

High Adventure Space Available
Spaces are still available for OA Trail Crew and OA Wilderness Voyage. Don't let this opportunity pass you by. Visit the OA Web site online at <http://www.oa-bsa.org> for more information.



More information about these National Notes and other news can be found on the OA Web site online at <http://www.oa-bsa.org>. Select "Operations Updates."

2005 National Planning Calendar

May 1	Camp Promotion Packets Available	October 5-9	Outdoor Program Seminar, Philmont
May 25	National OA Committee Meeting	October 14-16	NLS/NLATS, Live Oak, FL
May 25-27	National Meeting, Grapevine, TX	October 21-23	WR SOS, Phoenix, AZ
June 7	OA Ocean Adventure Begins	October 28-30	OA Steering Committee Meeting
	Northern Tier OA Voyage Begins	October 31	OA Service Grant Application Due
June 8	Philmont OA Trail Crew Begins	November 1	2006 Lodge Program Support Pak Available
June 19-25	Philmont LLD	November 4-6	NLS, Leesville, SC
June 30	OA Service Grant Application Distributed	November 11-13	NLS, Parkville, MO
July 19	Jamboree Staff Week Begins for OA		NER SOS, Alpine, NJ
July 25-31	National Scout Jamboree	November 18-20	NLS/NLATS, Portland, OR
August 1-3	National Scout Jamboree	December 2-4	CR SOS, Rochester, IN
September 16-18	NLS, Loveland, OH	December 27-30	National Planning Meeting, Southlake, TX
September 16-18	NLS, Alpine, NJ	December 31	Lodge Charter Renewal Deadline
September 23-25	SR SOS, Atlanta, GA		
September 30-10/2	NLATS, Rochester, IN	2006	
September 30-10/2	NLS WR, Phoenix, AZ	July 29-8/3	NOAC, Michigan State University, East Lansing MI