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Arrowman Mike Fossum makes way to the ISS

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As Arrowmen, we all travel as an arrow driven skyward, or like an eagle soaring sunward, however astronaut Mike Fossum may be soaring farther sunward than most. Fossum is a Distinguished Eagle Scout, Silver Beaver Award recipient, and Vigil Honor Arrowman from the Colonneh Lodge in Houston, Texas, and as we go to press, he is orbiting above Earth in the International Space Station (ISS).

This is Fossum's third space flight and first extended mission on the ISS. Whereas other missions Fossum has flown have lasted two weeks, Fossum will be on the space station until November, for a total of six months. Fossum describes the difference between the missions as "a sprint versus a marathon. You get more time to really adapt to living in space, not just coping, but really adapting and learning how to live there and work there."

Fossum's journey to becoming an astronaut has taken him on a twisting path, from graduate school, to the Johnson Space Center, to the Air Force and back to NASA. Yet Fossum

described one evening in particular, the evening of his Vigil, which led to the path he took. Just days before his Vigil, he had been offered a "generous" ROTC scholarship, but didn't know if the military was right for him. "I came out the next morning knowing with certainty the path I should follow. I certainly couldn't have imagined completing 30 years in the military and arriving at this destination almost 35 years later!"

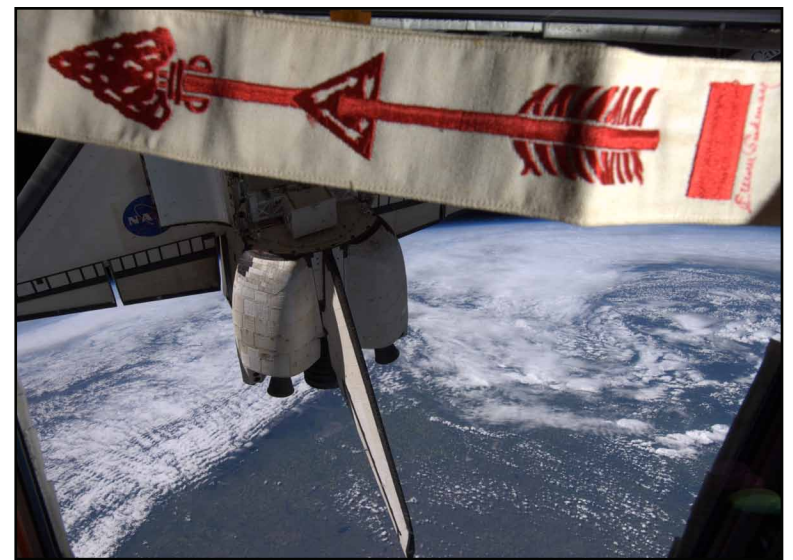
The Vigil name Fossum was awarded is Meechgalane Sakima, meaning "Hawk of the Chief," which honors his reputation for getting things done. "I was told they picked my name as an image of the lodge chief, Chris Boswell, launching me to go attack another challenge or task," he said.

One of the most exciting challenges Fossum says he attacked while a youth in the OA was running a district camporee with his buddy, Charlie Ward. They had Arrowmen run all the events at the camporee and invited a group of singing Girl Scouts to assist with the evening program. He said, "It was exciting—and scary—to be in charge of something like this!"

Fossum says that knowing "firsthand, the value of meaningful service, and how conducting it with a fun, cheerful attitude leads toward brotherhood and friends for life," is the most valuable part of being in the OA for him. He described the work the home lodge of his youth did to maintain the local Scout camp, and how he met his oldest friends through that shared sense of purpose in the OA. He said that, if there was one way the OA helped him get to where he is today, it was that sense of unity.

"I learned at a young age the power associated with a shared sense of purpose," he said, adding that, "the hard work counts for a lot, but we are at our best when we are having fun and sharing the trail with friends along the way. That holds true whether you are participating in an Ordeal weekend or serving a six-month tour in orbit 240 miles above our beautiful planet on the International Space Station."

In addition to being an Arrowman and astronaut, Fossum is also the Scoutmaster of Troop 1598 in Webster, Texas. Although Assistant Scoutmaster Greg Mitchell serves as the acting



Mike Fossum's Vigil Sash with Earth and the space shuttle in the background.

Scoutmaster for the troop while Fossum is in space, Fossum has still been able to conduct several Scoutmaster's Conferences while aboard the space station. While they can't be as long as a typical conference, Fossum says, "It's a lot of fun for the guys—and for me!" He has also been able to participate in

a PLC while in space.

Fossum remains involved in the Order of the Arrow as an adult, and says he looks forward to doing more with the OA in the future. Perhaps you will even cross paths with him at a future OA event—once he's back on Earth, of course.

SummitCorps 2011

SummitCorps, a national service event that attracted hundreds of Arrowmen to New River Gorge National River in West Virginia this past summer, was a resounding success. The program gathered hundreds of Arrowmen at the national river to work on the construction of a new, one-of-a-kind mountain biking trail. The event ran smoothly due in part to the tremendous help of the National Park Service, the West Virginia Army National Guard at the Glen Jean Armory, and of course, all of the Arrowmen who gave up time this summer to serve our nation's parks.

In total, nearly 13 miles of trail work was completed during the four-week project. Participants removed 1,217.5 square feet of invasive species and completed several beautification projects along the river.

Another highlight, undoubtedly, was the \$15,000 raised during the program, which the OA donated to several charities in the area. Evening activities were great fun and kept all the participants in high spirits after working long, hot hours in the West Virginia humidity. Lodges had the opportunity to paint giant lodge flaps

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Next Stop: 2012 NOAC

By **KEVIN MONTANO**
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It's not too early to begin planning your 2012 summer activities. So ask yourself, what's your next stop for the summer of 2012? Highest on your list of things to do should be the 2012 National Order of the Arrow Conference at Michigan State University! From July 30 through August 4, 2012, more than 7,000 Arrowmen will converge on East Lansing, Mich., for possibly one of the best weeks of their lives. NOAC 2012 will be a jam-packed week of exciting outdoor activities, sports and lodge competitions, outstanding shows,

informative training, recreational activities, and so much more. You don't want to miss this premier national Order of the Arrow event!

One of the highlights at NOAC every year is the evening shows. Combining the latest in lighting and video technology with an inspirational storyline and amazing sets and special effects, the shows will be unforgettable, as always. Watch the spirit of the Order of the Arrow come alive when more than 7,000 Arrowmen fill the arena each night.

The toughest part of NOAC is trying to figure out how to do all there is to do in six days. Options

include interlodge competitions like basketball, volleyball, ultimate Frisbee, geocaching, Iron Arrowman, lodge ball, and the Goodman Games! Don't forget to check out the Grand Hodag and the lodge booths and activities at Founder's Day. Also be sure to stop by the Order of the Arrow Museum.

If you're looking to learn more about the OA, or how to improve your chapter or lodge operations, then there is no better place than NOAC's training classes. You will receive the latest information and the best practices

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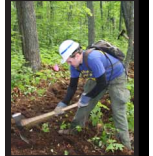
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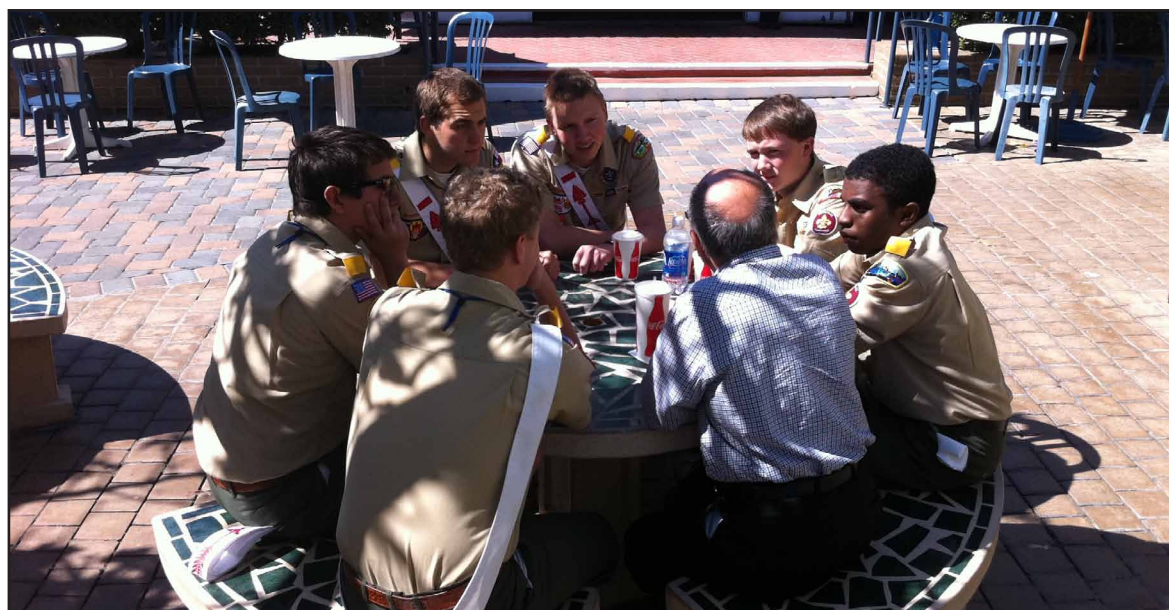
The National Annual Meeting, held this past May in San Diego, Calif., offered memorable experiences and opportunities to be shared by all who attended, including the Order of the Arrow's national officers. Through the work of the national officers, the OA's presence was highly visible. The OA has routinely operated a booth as a part of the gallery of displays. This year, the region chiefs had a vision for an improved booth with many new features. The booth informed visitors of OA programs and then educated them on the steps taken to fulfill our strategic plan. No guest left the booth without knowing that the Order was alive and well and ready to serve all of Scouting. During region luncheons, the region chiefs presented outstanding lodges from across the nation with the E. Urner Goodman Camping Award and the National Service Award.

They also celebrated some of the Order's dedicated volunteers who were awarded the Silver Antelope and Silver Buffalo awards, respectively.

The officers met with dozens of great Arrowmen from the local lodge and had a grand time over pizza with them at their local sea camp on Fiesta Island. The national officers also had an opportunity to meet with our national chairman, Ray Capp, to discuss current matters in our Order as a part of the new Youth Advisory Council Plan.

Beyond the normal agenda, they found time to settle a challenge that was set months in advance. The national officers took on the National Venturing Cabinet in a laser tag showdown. In the end, the OA contingent emerged victorious.

The Annual Meeting was a great experience for all in attendance.



National Officers meet with Ray Capp, National Committee Chairman, during the May planning meeting in San Diego.

2011 National Planning Calendar

October

- 14-16 SOS, Southern Region, Islamorada, FL
NLS, Cincinnati, OH
28-30 SOS, Western Region, Orange County, CA
31 OA Service Grant Applications Due

November

- 4-6 NLS/NLATS, Haines City, FL
NLS/NLATS, Parksville, MO
SOS, Northeast Region, Alpine, NJ
18-20 SOS, Central Region, Rochester, IN
NLS, Portland, OR

December

- 27-30 National Planning Meeting, Dallas, TX
31 Lodge Charter Renewal Deadline

2012 National OA Conference

July 30 - August 4, Michigan State University, East Lansing Michigan

Reminder: OA Service Grant applications due October 31

One of the four purposes 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 with this spirit of cheerful service to others that the Order proudly offers the OA Service Grant program, which offers matching service grants to lodges in order to complete service projects in the council.

For several years, the National

Order of the Arrow Committee has provided matching service award grants for a limited number of projects submitted by application to the national office. Respective council service centers receive letter notification from the national office should they be awarded a grant.

Matching grant money is awarded to lodges for Cub or Scout camp or service center projects in their local

council. The Order will provide up to half the money for a service project, with a \$5,000 maximum amount granted for any lodge project.

All service grant applications, which can be found on the national Web page, must be submitted to the national office by October 31 and must be for projects to be completed within the following year.

NATIONAL UPDATES

Ask the Chairman Questions

Go to www.aa-bsa.org to check out questions that are being answered by the national chairman, Ray Capp. This most recent question was regarding tour permits.

2012 Philmont OA Adviser Training

Information regarding the OA Adviser training at Philmont is now available on the National Website. www.aa-bsa.org

Congratulatory Eagle Letter

A new free awards and recognition congratulatory Eagle letter is available on the National Website from the national officers and also the national chairman. This "ready to go" letter is a perfect addition to any Eagle Scout's court of honor.

Project 2013 Recruitment Started

Project 2013 will include 700 Arrowmen who are excited and dedicated to cheerful service. Check out event.aa-bsa.org.

NOAC Promotion Site Launched

The 2012 National Order of the Arrow promotion site is now launched! This website offers great information regarding NOAC for Arrowmen, contingent leaders, parents, and staff. Check out event.aa-bsa.org.

National OA Facebook Page

If you are a regular Facebook user, be sure to "like" the Order of the Arrow's page!

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Arrowhead of Service Award

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During the Boy Scouts of America National Annual Meeting in May, Ray Capp, chairman of the National Order of the Arrow Committee, presented the Arrowhead of Service Award to Jack Butler. Jack is the second Arrowman to be awarded with the Arrowhead of Service since its creation in 2010. The award is given annually by the chairman and recognizes recipients for going above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a member of the national committee.

A member of the Mowogo Lodge, Butler has been a member of the committee for nearly a decade. He is a former vice chairman of communications and marketing, and has also served in the roles of lodge and section adviser. Jack brings an incredible level of knowledge and

passion to his work in the Order. He is currently serving on the unit, chapter, and lodge support subcommittee of the National Order of the Arrow Committee.

When Capp was appointed to chair the national committee, he led a review of the current program and noted several areas of focus for the members of the committee to work on. One such area was support of chapters. Out of this realization, the unit, chapter, and lodge support subcommittee was formed. Ray staffed the subcommittee with an exceptional team, including three former vice chairmen and a Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. Jack quickly started working to meet the group's mission of support.

The subcommittee recognized that lodges and chapters across the nation are succeeding, and that we should be sharing those successes and providing recognition. "Jack distinguished

himself against a motivated group by leapfrogging into action," according to Ray. Jack began building a network of Arrowmen across America to seek out great ideas. The concepts ranged from inspirational adviser's minutes, to chapter meeting activities, to best practices for lodges. From these ideas, a repository was created on the national OA website, oa-bsa.org, for all Arrowmen to help improve their lodges through others' experiences.

The team continues to collect concepts, which can be sent to ChapterResources@oa-bsa.org or can be shared through your section chief at this year's national planning meeting in December.

For his exceptional service as part of the unit, council, and lodge support subcommittee, Jack Butler received a crystal arrowhead and an invitation to serve a one-year term on the Order of the Arrow steering committee.

OA and the 'Little Men in Blue'

By **BRANDON AZOULAI**

&

JEFF GOLDSMITH

One of the best ways of giving back to Scouting is serving and supporting the Cub Scout program: the "little men in blue," our future Arrowmen. By starting or growing our lodges' work with Cub Scouts, we help ensure healthy packs and troops as well as the next generation of the Boy Scouts of America and our Order.

Most districts or councils already hold Cub Scout events throughout the year. One of the best ways to get started is by supporting these programs. A few brothers in uniform and sashes helping with the program is a great way to support the Cub Scouts and to increase the visibility of the lodge and the Order of the Arrow. Individual lodges can even host entire weekends to educate and excite Cub Scouts about Boy Scouting, the OA, and all that these programs have to offer. OA members

can help the Cub Scouts earn belt loops, run fun recreational activities, or just take them on a nature walk. Lodges across the nation hold Cub Scout weekends and support day and family camp programs.

Encouraging active OA members to serve as den chiefs (goodwill ambassadors) is also a great support method. Den chiefs can be thought of as elangomats (friends and mentors) for the Cub Scout program. They work directly with the den and have a unique opportunity to show all the fun we have and bring some of that fun to the Cub Scouts. OA den chiefs also build support for Boy Scouting and the OA among the parents in the pack. Den chiefs can be an incredibly important part of a lodge's Cub Scout initiative.

Another great way to support Cub Scouts is to get them involved with our program directly. Invite them to a lodge event or section conclave for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

Cub Scouts will see firsthand some of the best programs our Order offers. Additionally, lodges can conduct Arrow of Light and crossover ceremonies. Whether you have a stellar ceremonial team or new ceremonialists who want experience, this is a great way to get ceremonialists involved.

There are support materials available online to help implement an OA Cub Scout program. Check out the Order of the Arrow Cub Scout Support Tool Kit and Videos in the Support Videos section of the Resources tab at <http://oa-bsa.org>. There are some great OA and Cub Scout training sessions at the OA Training Central section. Additionally, the Northeast Region Cub Scout Task Force has materials available under the resources tab of the Northeast Region site, accessible from the national Web page.

A future national chief is probably wearing a blue Cub Scout uniform now, so get started today!



Burning Issues

When should OA sashes really be worn?

According to the OA handbook, sashes should be worn at OA functions or special Scouting activities when members need to be identified as Arrowmen rendering special services. A good example of the latter is when members of the OA Service Corps at Jamboree wear their sash to distinguish themselves as members of the service corps - analogous situations frequently arise at local Scouting events. More

generally, sashes can be worn whenever wearing them furthers the purpose of the Order of the Arrow. As a reminder, OA sashes should only be worn with a field uniform (or by non-uniformed Elangomats at an Ordeal, youth wearing ceremonial attire, or adults in official Scouting dress wear.)

Send your Burning Issues to Editor in Chief Mark Hendricks at mphendricks@gmail.com.

Chiefly Speaking



Brothers,

This summer has truly exceeded our expectations. The OA high-adventure programs continued to change lives and expanded upon their mission with a new program at the Florida Sea Base. Indian Summer gave this generation of Arrowmen the skills to inspire the next generation of our Order's leaders. SummitCorps looked outward and upward, leaving our impact upon the future of Scouting and the people of West Virginia.

Soon after SummitCorps ended, we received the following message from a National Park Service employee. As a local community member, Park Service employee, and person that worked alongside us on the trail, his thoughts are more important, vivid, and powerful than anything we could try to say to you:

"SummitCorps ended up being one of the finest blessings I have ever received. I was looking forward to sitting down with my close friends and telling them about the past four weeks, and it occurred to me there was no way to verbally communicate what I had experienced, what I had witnessed, what I had learned, how much I had been touched by those involved in the project. There are some things in life that a person just has to experience for themselves to fully comprehend. July was one of them.

During the final closing program, our Superintendent stated he was looking out into the faces of the folks who held the answers to the problems our country faces today. I totally agree with his statement. You guys have restored hope and promise not only in me, my NPS co-workers, and community, as well as anyone who will stand still for a few moments while I, and many of my co-workers, beat the Boy Scout drum.

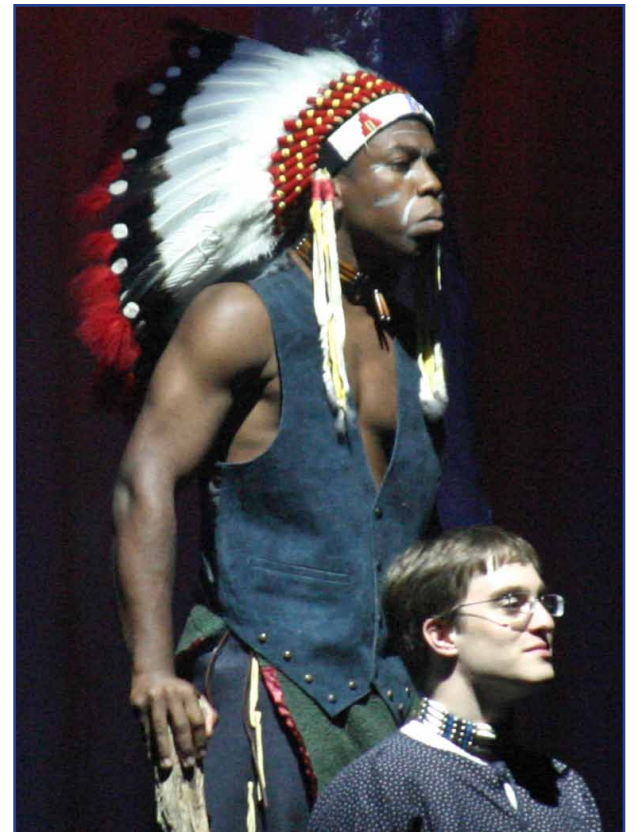
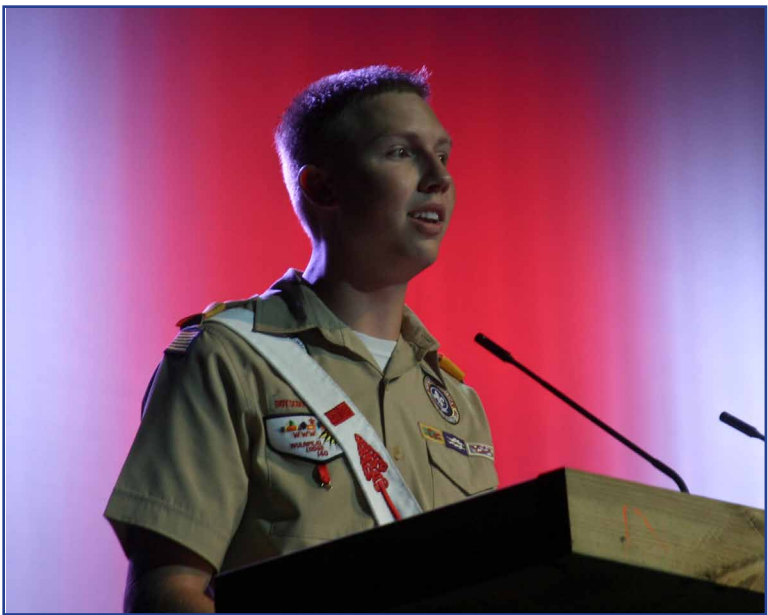
My new mantra in life is: I used to think the great pyramids were built by ancient aliens, but now I know they were built by early Boy Scouts."

Brothers, we have brought to life our guiding message: He who follows such a pathway in unwavering cheerful service will be seen by many others and, by inspiration, lead them. Keep that message alive in your own lives, and great things will follow.

Cheerfully yours,

Jonathan Hillis
2011 National Chief

Dan Dick
2011 National Vice Chief





Mikanakawa Lodge Inductions

By **BRIAN BENNETT**

Mikanakawa Lodge Associate Adviser

This past summer, numerous lodges from across the nation answered the call to participate in a one-of-a-kind service project, SummitCorps, a four-week adventure at New River Gorge National River in West Virginia. Their goal: to build a brand new mountain biking trail in the park.

Divided into four, one-week programs with a different set of staff and participants each week, our brothers answered the call and completed the largest youth project in National Park Service history. SummitCorps 2011 had a special meaning for the members of the Mikanakawa Lodge of the Circle Ten Council in Dallas, Texas. Week Four Incident Commander Matt Walker, a member of the Mikanakawa Lodge, was charged with organizing and facilitating the project for its fourth week. Jeff West, chief ranger for the New River Gorge National River, stated that the Scouts built world-class trails and he expected this to become a national hotspot for mountain bike enthusiasts. This trail will be the prototype for mountain biking trails built in other



Mikanakawa Lodge members after one of their Brotherhood ceremonies. Also pictured are the four ceremonilist.

national parks across the country. The National Park Service named the trail the Arrowhead Mountain Biking Trail in honor of the service rendered by our Order.

To recruit participants, the Mikanakawa Lodge used social media outlets such as Facebook as well as its own website, www.mikankawa.org, and displays at lodge events to send 31 youth members and seven adults to the project. In 2008, the Mikanakawa Lodge also had the

largest contingent of any lodge at five weeklong projects for ArrowCorps⁵, sending 86 members to the Mark Twain National Forest location. For SummitCorps, this lodge contingent was again the largest of any lodge over the course of the four-week service project. Lodge Vice-Chief of Service Aaron Parks-Young said, "It took two full days to reach the Glen Jean National Guard Armory in West Virginia from Dallas. We chartered a motor coach to build up the spirit of

brotherhood and had a blast!"

The Mikanakawa Lodge also took time one night to hold a Brotherhood Conversion for three of its members. Lodge Chief Nick Clark, who served as Allowat Sakima, said, "We have held Brotherhoods at ArrowCorps⁵—Mark Twain National Forest, the last two national jamborees, and on the way to a NOAC. SummitCorps was very special because the work on the service project accented 'cheerful service.' One of our new Brotherhood members had been an Ordeal member since 1987!"

A note from Mikanakawa Lodge Chief, Nick Clark.

One of the keys to the Mikanakawa Lodge's success in Brotherhood conversions is simple: individualized attention and setting our lodge standards high. Doing this raises the bar for each chapter and promotes achievement throughout the lodge. A lodge must be willing to go to great lengths to recognize new Brotherhood members, even if that means holding a ceremony for just one person. In short, every conversion ceremony counts, even if that means organizing a ceremonies team for only one conversion. The

goal is to take advantage of every possible opportunity to convert Ordeal members to Brotherhood. When it comes to Brotherhood conversions, persistence and determination are key. The Mikanakawa Honor Chapter program requires a conversion rate of 50 percent of their Ordeal members to Brotherhood, and we have seen great success in converting members to Brotherhood through this program. We also encourage chapters to excel with monthly "Beat the Lodge" awards that highlight the chapters that do better than the lodge average. This provides recognition and motivation to convert members within the chapter.

When it comes to Brotherhood conversions, it is important to remember that with a strong chapter program and a bit of persistence and creativity, you can accomplish great things.

- Nick Clark

Editor's Note: Mikanakawa, a lodge with one of the highest brotherhood conversion rates in the country, shares some insight into the methodology behind its success.

Kids to Camp partnership launched

By **BRAD LICHOTA**

2010 National Chief

In May, the Order of the Arrow's National Committee approved "Kids to Camp," an initiative to financially support local Scouts wishing to attend a summer camp program. Unlike other Scouting camperships, this program works in partnership with local lodges and councils to create a matching grant program to cover camp fees for qualified and trained adults to serve as leaders for chartered or provisional units lacking adult leadership. This could provide inactive Arrowmen who are past lodge leaders an outlet to

support Scouting through an adviser/Scoutmaster role while increasing summer camp participation.

The Order of Arrow, undoubtedly, has continued to serve the Boy Scouts of America with many exciting initiatives nationwide. But as the organization continues to roll out new programs, our fundamental commitment to the youth we serve has remained number one. As local councils continue to seek new ways to promote and encourage camping, the Kids to Camp program will assist in this effort.

Every year, certain Scouts are unable to attend local summer

camps because of extenuating circumstances. Whether they have injured themselves days before camp starts or there is simply another family scheduling issue, conflicts often arise. Kids to Camp solves this problem. Local lodges will have the tools to coordinate with their respective council to organize chartered/provisional troops throughout the summer camp season. This now provides Scouts who would have otherwise missed summer camp an opportunity to attend.

Quality adult leaders are often very difficult to identify and recruit. The Kids to Camp program encourages

the lodge to reach out to previous lodge leaders (ages 25–30) to help support this initiative. Many times, lodge alumni struggle with finding a suitable role as they transition into their professional careers. Kids to Camp provides these experienced leaders a chance to support Scouting, and make a difference within their local council.

The Kids to Camp program has the potential for powerful results. Local councils will be able to apply for a 50 percent matching grant to supplement adult summer camp fees. Councils will be able to apply for up to four grants each year. This could

potentially cover the costs of four adult volunteers. Lodges/councils are considered eligible if they are in good standing and have selected an OA camp coordinator for the upcoming summer. Application details as well as more information can be found online at www.oe-bsa.org.

Youth development remains at the forefront of the Boy Scouts of America's values. The Order of the Arrow will continue to align with these values and prove unique and engaging opportunities. Kids to Camp is another piece to the Order of the Arrow's fundamental objective of serving tomorrow's youth.



Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award recipient

By IAN ROMAINE

Former Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge Adviser

The Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award recognizes an organization for demonstrated involvement in the development and implementation of Scouting's opportunities for youth specifically from rural or low-income urban backgrounds. This is the story of Wa-Hi-Nasa's journey, a lodge that recently received the Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award.

For over 30 years, the Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge has granted need-based scholarships to members who wanted to attend the National Order of the Arrow Conference. The Calvin Hughes scholarship fund was established in 1980 after the death of Calvin Hughes, one of the lodge's youth members. Calvin was from a rural family that did not have the means to pay for many of Scouting's programs. However, local leaders would always chip in to make

sure he could participate. After his death, it was only fitting to establish a scholarship so that there would be a formal process in place to help others like Calvin. For NOAC 2009, Wa-Hi-Nasa used funds from the scholarship, and also raised an additional \$5,000 to help more than 20 Arrowmen attend the national conference.

The power of such assistance cannot be overstated. Take the recent case of a youth with a troubled past from a rough urban area of Nashville. He was initially ordered to attend Scouting as part of probation through juvenile court. However, he soon began to thrive in Scouting. He was elected to the OA, and went on to serve in several key leadership roles before being elected section chief. His involvement in the lodge was initially facilitated by the scholarship programs that the lodge had in place. He has since become a motivational speaker and given speeches about how he was able to turn

his life around because of the positive influence provided by the OA that helped him get back on track.

Aside from this example, Wa-Hi-Nasa has long been a key player in helping the council reach out to all youth. For many years, there has been a great relationship between the lodge and the council. Just in the last few years, three Arrowmen have served as council vice presidents. To increase the coordination between the lodge and council, lodge adults are encouraged to seek involvement on the council executive board and district committees. Of the volunteers that were tapped to be unit commissioners, a strong number hail from the ranks of the Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge. Such actions have ensured that council functions are a place where the most caring and giving adults come to serve the youth of middle Tennessee.

The lodge holds an annual weekend training event for both youth members

and adults. This training has been designed to help each person develop leadership skills. Because of their familiarity with training, Arrowmen compose a majority of the staff in many of council training programs. Part of what makes the lodge so strong is that the Arrowmen are willing to travel wherever they are needed to provide effective support.

Although the lodge-to-council link is incredibly close, the connection remains vibrant at lower levels in the organization as well. Each chapter serves its respective district in whatever way it can. This can include providing den chiefs to their district Cub Scout day camp or organizing a six-day winter camping experience.

In 2009, the Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge was recognized with the Gold Level of the Presidential Volunteer Service Award for more than 1,000 hours of service to its community in a single year. The lodge has been recognized

year after year for its service, both in manpower and financial contributions, to the Middle Tennessee Council.

Wa-Hi-Nasa is also very active in the non-Scouting sector. Most adult leaders are heavily involved in their local community, participating in other service organizations, civic groups, and churches. The youth are leaders in their schools and communities as well. This positions them as great ambassadors for the program and enhances their ability to reach at-risk youth in need of mentorship.

The model set by Wa-Hi-Nasa provides an excellent example of what all our lodges can be. Through active support of the council and a continued commitment to making its programs accessible to all Scouts, regardless of their financial limitations, we can continue to grow as a national organization and change the world.

Embracing our heritage

The Maury Clancy Indian Campership

Embracing Our Heritage: The Maury Clancy Indian Campership Fund

When Order of the Arrow founders Dr. E. Urner Goodman and Carol A. Edson created our Order, they had many visions for the program in mind. Among them was the desire to preserve the spirit of the Native American tradition that inspired the program, particularly the Lenni Lenape. Almost 100 years later, the OA still uses the influence of Native Americans as the foundation for educating its new members. The modern-day ceremonies reflect the fact that the OA was founded with Native American influence and help to bring many of our principal beliefs to the forefront of the program.

Years later, Maurice "Maury" Clancy would play a significant role in maintaining the Order's Native American inspiration. Clancy, a longtime member of the National Order of the Arrow Committee, would advocate for the preservation of our Native American influence,

emphasizing the significance of the American Indian culture.

Therefore, in 1971, the same year that Clancy received the Distinguished Service Award, the Order of the Arrow established a campership fund for Native American Scouts needing assistance to attend resident summer camps. It was later renamed the Maury Clancy Indian Campership Fund in honor of the man who did so much to emphasize this legacy and the influence derived from Native American traditions.

Lodges contribute to this fund through their sections at will. No lodge is ever required to contribute to the campership fund; however, lodge contributions enable more camperships to be awarded. The camperships cover up to 50 percent of an American Indian Scout's cost of attending camp for one week.

If your lodge has any questions or wishes to learn more about this important campership fund, please contact the OA Team Leader at clyde.mayer@scouting.org.

Clyde Mayer receives DESA

At this year's Boy Scouts of America National Annual Meeting, Clyde Mayer, OA Team leader, was recognized as a Distinguished Eagle Scout. The award, which is presented by the National Eagle Scout Association, recognizes Eagle Scouts who have gained prominence at the national level, distinguished themselves in their field, and kept a strong volunteer service record. Since the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award was created in 1969, many incredible national leaders, including President Gerald Ford, former Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, and numerous Fortune 500 CEOs have been recognized as recipients. Receives

Clyde has been a professional Scouter for 37 years, and has served the Order of the Arrow since 1993, when he was appointed associate director of the Order and later director that same year. Prior to joining the national staff, Mayer worked in roles ranging from district executive to Scout executive for councils in South Dakota, Colorado, Iowa, and Illinois. His leadership has spanned three chairmen of the National OA Committee, eight National Order of the Arrow Conferences, and incredible



Ray Capp (left), National Committee Chairman, and Nelson Block (center), OA Committee member, present Clyde Mayer (right), OA Team Leader, the DESA.

growth in the programs offered by the Order.

Of Mayer, Ray Capp, chairman of the National OA Committee, said, "I don't know anyone more committed to the principles of the Order than Clyde. [He]

knows where the center of the universe is and constantly points us toward it. The center is in developing youth." The Order of the Arrow congratulates Clyde Mayer on his receipt of the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award.

First ever Indian Summer costume competition results

Nutiket

1. Chris Walter
Ampetu-we Lodge
2. Jeffery Watson
Tejas Lodge
3. Joshua Davis
Tejas Lodge

Meteu

1. Robert Wesmorland
Tejas Lodge
2. Clinton Kerr
Tejas Lodge
3. Christian Danner
Michigamea Lodge

Allowat Sakima

1. Avery Arnold
Michigamea Lodge
2. Connor Morris
Tejas Lodge
3. Adam Cusick
Noquet Lodge

Kichkinet

1. Noah Morrill
Tejas Lodge
2. Dalton McCullough
Toloma Lodge
3. Chuck Coutteau
Noquet Lodge



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taught by the greatest trainers in the OA from across the country. Whether your interest is outdoor activities, inductions, or American Indian activities, you are sure to find classes that will interest you.

Visit the NOAC 2012 website, www.event.oa-bsa.org, for more information. Check out the Order of the Arrow on Facebook at www.facebook.com/oabsa for the latest news on NOAC 2012. Talk with your lodge leadership today about joining the contingent for NOAC 2012. Don't miss your chance to make NOAC 2012 at Michigan State University your next stop!

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that will be displayed at the Summit Bechtel Reserve when the camp opens in order to commemorate the lodges that provided service to this project.

As our relationship with the National Park Service continues to develop, the Order of the Arrow looks forward to what the future holds as we continue our legacy of cheerful service across the nation.

By NATHANIEL BINVERSIE

Section C-1B Chief

The Arrowmen of Central Region, Area 1 showcased themselves with ArrowPower2011. Immediately after returning from the Bridger-Teton worksite of ArrowCorps⁵ in 2008, Arrowmen Bill Beyer and Greg Nygren began planning a project that would continue the legacy of ArrowCorps⁵ in the Midwest. They knew exactly where they wanted to continue their service: the Superior National Forest of northern Minnesota. After three rigorous years of planning, Sections C-1A and C-1B joined with the U.S. Forest Service as 150 Arrowmen took to the north woods of Minnesota. In unison, they were able to execute one of the most impressive ArrowCorps⁵ inspired service projects in the nation.

Cook County School of Grand Marais, Minn., just off the coast of Lake Superior, opened its doors this summer to serve as the command center for 12 outstanding lodges over a five-day period in June. After a first day of rain, Arrowmen hit the Superior National Hiking Trail and surrounding area trails in full force. Major repairs and additions to existing trail were made, along with the construction of new hiking and mountain biking trails. Proper tool safety and training were top priorities and resulted in

over 3,200 service hours with zero injuries.

Ripping up trail was not the only fun to be had at ArrowPower2011. Activities, recreation, and a bit of relaxation filled the week's remaining time. From the motivating opening show to the rainy day of team building, from the nightly recreational options to the time to bond with new brothers, every second was a positive step for the attendees of ArrowPower2011.

ArrowPower2011 was a huge success as well as a great extension of continuing the legacy. Assisted again by our friends at the National Forest Service, the Order of the Arrow was once again able to display its ability to conduct large-scale service projects. The youth in attendance not only grew as Arrowmen, but also as stronger individuals.

ARROWPOWER11
SERVICE ON THE SUPERIOR



Crew Leader Tyler Eckwright from Otyokwa Lodge, building the Sugarbush Mountain Bike Trail near Britton Peak, Superior National Forest.



Arrowmen from work on the Superior Hiking trail during ArrowPower¹¹.

Project 2013 National Scout Jamboree - OA Service

By BRANDON AZOULAI

NE-2B Section Chief

The summer of 2013 seems like a long time away, but the opportunities as an Arrowman at the next 2013 National Scout Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel National Scout Reserve are exciting. The Order of the Arrow has made the most substantial commitment to the jamboree in the history of its involvement with jamborees and is looking for 700 Arrowmen to join the Project 2013 Corps to serve on staff through the OA programs.

As a time-honored tradition, the OA Service Corps will provide cheerful service to all program areas of the jamboree. In addition, the OA will continue to host the Indian Village, where staff will teach American Indian dance, craft, song, and drumming, which will give Scouts a glimpse into American Indian life.

New to the jamboree, the Order of the Arrow will provide Arrowmen to serve as OA trek guides. The Jamboree Trek is an all-day adventure beginning at the troop campsite, where Scouts led by an Order of the Arrow guide

will take hikers to the top of Garden Ground Mountain, with interpretive program points along the way. The troops will have lunch at the top, followed by an afternoon of games and demonstrations, including the OA Indian Village and Buckskin Games. The day ends with a barbecue and bonfire, followed by a bus trip back to camp.

The OA will also lead the OA Day of Service program. This initiative allows Scouts to participate in a day of service in the local community, on the national river property, or on the

Summit site. Each jamboree troop will leave its campsite for one day of the jamboree to work on a service project lasting most of the day. The OA Day of Service guides will help facilitate and provide leadership to the many projects undertaken by the Scouts.

At the 2012 National Order of the Arrow Conference, the Project 2013 Corps will gather for a special half-day training session. The session will focus on preparing the corps for their exciting work at the jamboree and will include special training and guest speakers. Arrowmen who participate

will receive special recognition at NOAC.

Arrowmen who want to join the corps may complete an interest form on the Project 2013 Corps website at www.event.oa-bsa.org. During the NOAC registration process, Arrowmen will be able to officially register for the corps during the training registration. If an Arrowman cannot attend NOAC, there will be a registration system available next year.

For more information on the corps, visit www.event.oa-bsa.org or email project2013@oa-bsa.org.

PROJECT 2013
@ the 2013 National Scout Jamboree

OA SERVICE CORPS / DAY OF SERVICE GUIDES / JAMBOREE TREK GUIDES
Serve with 700 Arrowmen on the Project 2013 staff at the 2013 National Scout Jamboree.