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The 2013 National Scout Jamboree was held July 15 to 24 at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia

After years of planning, construction, promotion and anticipation, the 2013 National Scout Jamboree has come to a close. The Order of the Arrow certainly played a huge part in the

success of the first jamboree held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve, Scouting's brand new premier property. Arrowmen on staff supported the jamboree by serving on the OA Service Corps, the jamboree Trek Guides program, Messengers of Peace Day of Service projects, and the American Indian Village.

Combined, the nearly 600 staff members were an integral part of this inaugur

al event. At the end of the jamboree, the OA had provided 31,475 service hours, the equivalent of a \$548,000 donation to the jamboree and its participants.

Both Scouting and OA leaders are very thankful to all who made this possible. This edition of the *National Bulletin* highlights each area of Project 2013.

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Alapaha and Immokalee lodges become Withlacoochee Lodge

Taylor Bobrow

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The Alapaha and Immokalee Lodges recently merged to form Withlacoochee Lodge as a result of the merger of the Alapaha Area Council of Valdosta, GA and the Chehaw Council of Albany, GA into the

South Georgia Council. The new lodge serves 29 counties in southern Georgia and will be divided into three chapters based on the council's new redistricting. Both lodges recently convened at the 2013 SR-9 Conclave to elect the first set of Withlacoochee Lodge officers. The merger was roughly

six months in the making, and the work of many allowed the transition to move along amazingly. Withlacoochee Lodge departed their first conclave taking home the Conclave Spirit Award. Andrew Smith, 2010 Alapaha Lodge Chief, said, "From a past chief's perspective, I think this merger

will give us the opportunity to strengthen what the Order has to offer our Arrowmen, especially the youth. The larger membership will allow us to accomplish much more than in past years, and I'm looking for-

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Nawakwa and Portage Lodges receive national recognition

Justin Schimmel

STAFF WRITER

In May of this year, Nawakwa Lodge and Portage Lodge were each recognized with the National Service Award and E. Urner Goodman Camping Award. To receive just one of these awards is an honor, but for a lodge to receive both recognitions in the same year is a great accomplishment.

The national Order of the Arrow website describes the National Service Award as a recognition that "was established in 1999 to recognize lodges in each region that have performed outstanding service, both in a qualitative and a quantitative sense, to their council." The E. Urner Goodman Award is described as a recognition that "was established in 1969 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 council.

During the summer camp season of 2012 at Firelands Scout Reservation, the Portage Lodge Chief, Matt Bernotas, and his staff adviser were walking around camp when they both noticed a great deal of erosion around a large drainage pipe beneath a land bridge. They set out to fix the problem for the camp. Over the course of

the next two Ordeals, the lodge worked with the ranger to construct a retaining wall on both sides of the pipe. Sections of telephone pole were driven into the soft lake bed to support the backfill of stone and dirt. Clans of 10 people provided over 100 man hours to finish the project over two Ordeal weekends. The wall has stopped the erosion around the pipe. Now, Scouts can walk onto the flat top of the two retaining walls rather than a slippery metal pipe to fish. This project, along with a number of other smaller projects, earned Portage Lodge the National Service Award.

At the beginning of 2012, the

camp promotion videos for Firelands Scout Reservation were outdated, so Portage Lodge's camp promotions committee decided to make new videos for the camp. Their adviser worked with a local news station and was able to get professional equipment to use to shoot videos.

The adviser and two of his youth committee members made new videos for both the Cub Scout and Boy Scout sides of camp over the course of 55 man hours. They then organized a series of unit visitations to present the videos. Their efforts in the area of camping promotions earned



Portage Lodge the E. Urner Goodman Camping Award.

The fourth year of the Nawakwa Trail Crew kicked off over the April 5-7, 2013 weekend and brought the lodge's service home to the Heart of Virginia Council at their own Albright Scout Reservation. The goal at the reservation was to create a five mile loop hiking trail with a handicap accessible Adirondack shelter.

The trail crew was able to get a great start on the loop trail and the foundation for the shelter has been poured. To get it completed this year, additional work on the shelter has been scheduled. Nawakwa received the National Service Award for this project and was awarded the E. Urner Goodman Camping Award for their efforts in promoting camp. Michael Lynch, Nawakwa Lodge Trail Crew Adviser, said "We expect to have one fantastic area where Scouts, Cub Scouts, Venturers and our local community can experience an allterrain style trail experience right in their backyard."



An Arrowman works on a service project hosted by the Nawakwa Lodge.

Legacy lids project, NOAC 2015

Gerald Fraas
STAFF WRITER

Each lodge has a story and a history unique to its members and its geographic location. Now, after nearly a century of cheerful service, the national Order of the Arrow committee is giving each lodge a chance to reflect and ponder on its own unique history and create something that will represent their lodge's past, present and future. As part of the centennial crate project that was kicked off at the 2012 National Order of the Arrow Conference, lodges were asked to submit a rock from their local Scout camp with their name and council headquarters location carved into it for the legacy fireplace. Hopefully, your lodge has completed this task. If not, there is still time for every lodge to sub-

mit a rock to the National OA Chairman, Ray Capp. The next phase of the project calls for lodges to paint one side of the crate's lid to represent their lodge and their local history.

Lodge leaders should work together to brainstorm how to best represent their own history in a unique way. Ideas could include painting a picture of their lodge's first flap and their 2015 NOAC flap. Each lodge has a story to tell: whether their lodge is 100 years old or one year old, it is a part of the Order. National OA chairman Ray Capp and members of the national Order of the Arrow committee are excited to hear your story and share it with our brothers. Once these lids are completed, lodges should get a color scan of the lid and submit it the OA's Dropbox. Lodges should then bring these lids and dis-

play them proudly at lodge weekends, fellowships, and banquets.

We hope this project will help you continue to share your lodge's story and show the legacy of the Order of the Arrow. In 2015, all lodges should bring their crate with them to NOAC, and each lodge will have a table to display their lid, legacy rock, lodge history, and firewood. Submissions for these are due by December 31, 2013, but lodges are encouraged to begin thinking about this sooner rather than later to be sure to get their submission in on time. All brothers are invited to attend the 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference, to not only see the submissions from other lodges, but also to be there to help us celebrate our century of the brotherhood and cheerful service.



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Brothers,

"Adventure is the reward for cheerful service, and leadership is the result." These words were aptly placed on the masthead of the OA program and highlight display at the Order of the Arrow exhibit during the 2013 National Scout Jamboree. In fact, you could sum up the entire jamboree experience from an Arrowman's standpoint with these twelve words. Our OA jamboree staff made great sacrifices to join us at the Summit Bechtel Reserve this summer and did so entirely in the interest of giving service to others. Their actions epitomize leadership through service.

The statistics coming out of the jamboree about our OA staff should make all Arrowmen proud. Indeed, over half a million dollars of value were provided to the SBR and West Virginia through our 30,000 hours of service. During the shows, Arrowmen were tasked with seating tens of thousands of Scouts, Scouters, Venturers, and visitors. However, it is the stories that cannot translate to a spreadsheet or calculator that inspire us the most.

It's the story of a first time staff member who willingly helped carry gear for arriving jamboree participants. The story of the service corps spending early morning hours building cots for other staff members. It's the story of our brotherhood, ably shown through our exhibit and historically described to its visitors. These stories and others made the jamboree experience unforgettable, and they will remain etched into the minds of those who saw it happen. It has been an honor serving as your national chief and national vice chief this year. This experience has been more eye-opening than we could have imagined. We remain simply awestruck by the remarkable service Arrowmen willingly give to Scouting and our nation.

Humbly,

Matt Brown

Jordan Hughes

Alapaha and Immokalee lodges become Withlacoochee Lodge

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ward to what lies ahead for us." The new Withlacoochee Lodge has 351 chartered members—which includes more than 200 youth. The lodge's membership will serve both camps of the South Georgia Council: Camp Osborn and Camp Patten. Lodge members selected the gopher tortoise as the totem for their new lodge because it is the Georgia state reptile and there are

active gopher tortoise burrows on both of the council's camps. Withlacoochee was chosen as the lodge name because the Withlacoochee River runs through the council area. "Withlacoochee" means "Little Big River" in the Muskogean language. Lodge Adviser Merrill Dickinson spoke on behalf of the lodge saying, "Withlacoochee Lodge would like to thank the members of the Southern Region, Section 9 for their support, encouragement and recognition, as we begin a new legacy in the brotherhood of cheerful service."



Members of Alapaha and Immokalee Lodges at the merging ceremony.

SR-7B Arrowman recognized with BSA's Honor Medal

Chase Newton
STAFF WRITER

Aaron Avelino, a seventeen-year-old Eagle Scout from Tsoitsi Tsogalii Lodge in Greensboro, North Carolina, was recently recognized with the BSA Honor Medal. Avelino was presented with the medal in front of his family and thousands of Arrowmen at the SR-

7B Conclave in April for his actions in an emergency during their family vacation. Aaron's family and friends were about to start a day of waterskiing when an explosion took place aboard their boat. Aaron's actions on the day of the accident showed that, as a direct result of his training in the Scouting program, he could respond quickly and keep a cool, priori-

ties-minded head while dealing with a serious emergency.

Shep Cordray, a family friend of the Avelinos, wrote that "what seemed like a small disaster at the time could have been a major tragedy." On Friday, August 3, 2012, while on the water, the boat's motor died. After Cordray tried restarting it, the engine made a sound as though it was going to turn-over. Immediately, a loud explosion shook the vessel, followed by a large ball of heat moving towards the back of the boat. "I felt the hot blast flow up the entire front of my body and remember looking down toward my feet and seeing flames. I heard Aaron yell, 'Get out of the boat! Get out of the boat!'" said his mother, Donna Avelino. In the water, Aaron helped those who were injured, making sure no further injuries occurred and maintaining calm until everyone was rescued. Glenda Cordray and Donna Avelino suffered the worst injuries, having been directly in the path of the fire. "It took a while to comprehend the damage and just how bad this accident could have really been," said Aaron. "When I talked to the park ranger, he said it was very rare to talk to someone who survived a boat that had

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exploded."

After that conversation, he began to realize that he and others could have lost their lives. Aaron was awarded the BSA Honor Medal, a recognition given for demonstrating unusual heroism and skill in saving or attempting to save a life at considerable risk to self. Only 2,354 people have received this award since its inception in 1923, accounting for less than 0.01% of all Scouts.

Aaron's actions help to show that the principles of our Order, such as "seeking to serve," can always be used in our everyday life if we are ready to help.

Texas lodge works to help victims in the wake of plant explosion

Jake Torpey
GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

On April 17, 2013, the small, tight-knit Texas town of West suffered a devastating fire and explosion in a nearby fertilizer plant. This explosion left 15 people dead, mostly firefighters, first responders and volunteers helping to fight the fire, and over 200 injured. The explosion nearly decimated the epicenter, destroying West Middle School and a two-story apartment building. Over one hundred homes were also damaged or destroyed in the blast. The town of West, which sits between Fort Worth and Waco, need help, and Arrowmen are obligated to aid in the recovery process. Netopolis Sipo Schipinack, the lodge in which West lies, has created a lodge flap which will be provided in return for a ten dollar donation. Purchase this flap by going to <http://longhorn.kintera.org/westtxflap>. The funds will go to help the recovery efforts.



Avelino receiving the BSA Honor Medal at the SR-7B Conclave for his actions during an emergency situation on his family's vacation trip.

Camping support - Maury Clancy Indian Campership Fund

SPECIAL FEATURE



Maury Clancy pictured above.

Brent Wessel
STAFF WRITER

At its roots, the Order of the Arrow is a program that promotes camping. Potential members are selected from troops and teams based on their leadership qualities and camping experience. The OA recognizes its members' love of camping and the outdoors and strives to encourage it in as many ways as possible. Also important are the American Indian traditions seen in ceremonies, drumming, and dancing. One of the ways that the OA promotes camping, while remembering its tradition, is through the Maury Clancy Indian Campership Fund.

Established in 1971, this campership fund is designed to

help American Indian Scouts attend their local council summer camp. Since its inception, it has helped thousands of American Indian Scouts with the necessary funding to attend camps.

The fund was established in memory of Maury Clancy, a longtime member of the national OA committee, who loved and emphasized the impact that the American Indian culture had on the Order. Often, at lodge or section events, like a section dance competition, there will be a collection for this great fund. Annually, the OA provides 20,000 in American Indian camperships to local councils.

To be eligible to receive a scholarship from this fund, a Scout must be recognized as of American Indian descent and have financial needs. The scholarship(s) are paid to the local council after the Scout attends a one-week Scout camp program and covers up to 50% of the cost.

For more information on this great program, contact your local council. To donate, contact your section leadership or the national OA office. Mindful of our high traditions, the Maury Clancy Indian Campership Fund is a strong tradition that continues to blaze a path for Scouts to attend their summer

Alabama lodge teams with Venturing leaders at council camp

Patrick Yim
ORGANIZATION & POLICY TEAM LEAD

This summer, the Greater Alabama Council's Hugh M. Comer Scout Reservation got a big hand from some of Coosa Lodge's top Arrowmen. Coosa Lodge Chief Patrick Yim and Section SR-9 Chief Nathan Moore both worked on staff at the camp; however, they were not the only rising youth leaders on staff. Council Venturing President Taylor Casey, former Area 9 Venturing President Angie Winterton and Southern Region Venturing President Maddie Culwell were on staff as well.

The five youth leaders, along with the rest of the camp's

staff, worked together throughout the summer season to help make their camp a top-notch experience for all Scouts. They helped Scouts with rappelling, shooting skills, and crafts. They were available wherever they were needed in all instances, led by the work of the partnership that existed between the OA staff and Venturing staff.

After a successful summer working together, Culwell said he would like to continue working to improve the relationship between Venturing and the OA. "I think providing specific time for interaction between members of both programs is a good way to help unite them. What I have learned from

The camp's staff worked together throughout the summer season to help make their camp a top-notch experience for all Scouts

NYLT staff is that the best way to unite people is to help them bond and get to know each other better," Culwell said.

Among the things Culwell and Yim would like to see happen include the addition of a weekly camp program that members of both programs plan together. That way, Culwell explained, the two groups could work together to achieve a common goal.

Yim pointed out the similarities in participants of both the Order and in Venturing noting that both programs are aimed at targeting older youth. "Instead of conducting separate events," Yim said, "we can work together and create new ones or even add on to old ones. The Boy Scouts of America was founded to better the youth of our nation.



Greater Alabama Council leadership, from the left: Coosa Lodge Chief Patrick Yim, Southern Region Venturing President Maddie Culwell, Former Area 9 Venturing President Angie Winterton, and SR-9 Chief Nathan Moore.

How to research your lodge history

Kyle Brendel
STAFF WRITER

In 2014, each lodge will be asked to develop a history book as a part of the Order's ongoing legacy project. The process of researching a lodge's history might seem daunting. Lodges might be wondering

where they should start when it comes to preserving the history and traditions of your lodge. The first step should be pulling together people for a history committee in your lodge. Researching and recording the lodge's history becomes less demanding when a group of similarly focused Arrow-

men are working together. How the history committee decides to organize its book will influence how they should set up responsibilities for members of the committee.

Breaking down history into subgroups has its pros and cons. One good thing is that it becomes easier to focus on and

find more in depth information when you have a smaller time span to research. However, it is important to remember that history is a story; the subgroups all connect in some way, shape, or form. If possible, don't reinvent the wheel. A lodge might have previously created a history book. Wheth-

er it was written fifty years ago or five, the book is a step in the right direction. Archives can be another good source of information. Archives typically include pictures and scans that can shed light on what happened at an event.

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A leader in the deep South: legacy of brotherhood

Gerald Fraas
STAFF WRITER

Within an area many consider the “deep South,” Alibamu Lodge strives onward in its legacy of brotherhood. Founded in 1940, Alibamu Lodge has for 73 years left its mark on its local Scouting program and on the Order of the Arrow as a whole. Alibamu Lodge has found success in its methods and traditions; this success is clearly visible in its record of cheerful service and leadership. The thirties was a time of major growth for the Order of the Arrow. Councils across the nation began to establish Order of the Arrow lodges, including the Montgomery Area Council (now known as the Tukabatchee Area Council).

Five Arrowmen are considered to be the charter members of Alibamu Lodge (at the time named Alabama Lodge). These five Arrowmen, inducted at a Region Five conference held on September 2, 1939, were Griffin Key, Robert C. Lundquist Jr., Robert C. Lundquist Sr., Robert V. Mullen Jr., and Robert Young.

Although the charter members were inducted in 1939, the lodge was formally chartered in June 1940. Alibamu Lodge saw most of its activity being done in conjunction with local camps but saw annual lodge events take hold in 1941 and 1942, mainly a summer pilgrimage (a summer fellowship) and a Christmas banquet. At a time when many lodges were being chartered, Alibamu Lodge played its part by helping induct the charter members of Cowikee Lodge, Yustaga Lodge, and Aracoma Lodge.

From its founding, more than 70 years ago, to today, Alibamu has shown itself to have a burning desire for brotherhood and to provide cheerful service, necessary qualities



Members of Alibamu Lodge celebrate after winning a dodge-ball match at NOAC 2012 at Michigan State University.

for any lodge in the Order of the Arrow. Our Order finds strength in many things, including cheerful service. Alibamu Lodge has been one to take on tasks in that spirit of cheerful service. In the sixties, Alibamu Lodge took on two major service projects, the first being the Alibamu Voyageur Treks, a program in which Alibamu Lodge donated canoes and

equipment to a council-wide canoe program. Lodge members served as guides leading Scout groups down the Alabama River. The second project was the planning, building, marking, running, and maintaining of the Horseshoe Bend Trail near Daviston, Alabama. Alibamu's cheerful service did not start in the sixties, and it did not end in the sixties. Many projects have



Founders of the OA: E. Urner Goodman (leftmost) and Carroll A. Edson (rightmost), John Dowe (center), Lodge Adviser for Alibamu Lodge and national OA committee member.

filled the decades since, including several within the recent years.

In 2009, Alibamu Lodge took on a challenge to collect 100,000 pounds of food items for the Scouting for Food program. They reached their goal in 2010 with a grand total of 115,308 pounds of food items collected. Service projects like these do not come together on their own. They require months of planning by leaders within the lodge and outside the lodge. In Alibamu's 73 years, it has had many opportunities at the national level to display the leadership skills it instills in all its members.

Alibamu has been the home lodge for four national officers. In 1981-1982, Alan B. Cooper served as the Southeast Region chief. In 1997, Jason E. Peoples was the chief of the Southern Region. In 1999, Will Parker served as the national chief, and in 2007, Larry Newton was the national vice chief. John Dowe, a lodge adviser for Alibamu Lodge, served on the National OA Committee from 1959 to 1995.

Two other members of Alibamu Lodge have also served on the OA National Committee. Terry Honan served on the National OA Committee from 1995-2008. Charles T. Harbin III served on the National OA Committee from 1986-1990. However, the National OA Committee is not the only level at which extraordinary leadership is exemplified. Over the past 61 years, Alibamu Lodge has had thirty-seven section officers, many of whom got their start at the chapter or lodge level.

In those 61 years, many things have changed including laws and social views towards those of a different race, especially in the southern areas of this country. William D. Boyce gave the Boy Scouts of America a

simple ultimatum when he turned the Boy Scout corporation over to the executive board: The BSA will not discriminate on the basis of race or creed. The BSA instructed communities to handle their troops as they would handle schools. In communities that did not segregate their schools or community, there was not an issue, but in a majority of the United States there were issues. Many areas in the south or major northern communities had segregated Scouting programs. Alibamu Lodge, based in Alabama, lies deep within the area that was heavily segregated. Alibamu Lodge and Tukabatchee Area Council were no exception. A separate chapter of Alibamu Lodge the Carver Chapter existed only for black Scouts.

Formed about 1953, the Carver Chapter held its activities at Camp Atkins and had four Vigil Honor members. As the opinion of the nation changed, the Carver Chapter existing as Alibamu Lodge's “blacks only” chapter grinded to a halt.

The Carver Chapter continued to exist, desegregated, up until 1998 when it was absorbed by the Cholocco Litabixie Chapter. Many things have changed since the founding of the Order and many things have changed since the founding of Alibamu Lodge. In 1939, Alibamu Lodge was chartered to bring the brotherhood of cheerful service to the Montgomery Area Council in Alabama.

Alibamu Lodge has and will continue to deliver on its duties as a lodge of brotherhood, as seen in its leadership, service, and general desire for the betterment of fellow man, duties that each Arrowman pledges to do when he joins our honored Order.

Virginia Arrowman works with youth to earn Hornaday Award

SPECIAL FEATURE

Brad Ward
STAFF WRITER

Arrowman Dave Singletary proved to the members of Wahunsenakah Lodge his care for the environment this past year when he earned the Hornaday Gold Badge for service to the environment. The Hornaday Gold Badge is awarded by the BSA for "leadership to conservation at council level for over three years."

The BSA website compares those who earn the honor to olympic athletes on its website, saying "think of it as an Olympic medal bestowed by the Earth." Like the Olympics, the Hornaday awards do not simply begin with outstanding conservation service at the council level alone. The award was first created by William T. Hornaday, past director of the New York Zoological Park and founder of the D.C. National Zoo.

An outspoken champion of natural resource conservation, Mr. Hornaday originally categorized the program under one medal, which he originally named the Wildlife Protection Medal. Upon his death in 1937 and later in the 1970s, the BSA thought it necessary to create a series of awards named after him. Units may earn the unit award while Scouts may earn the Hornaday Badge and the Hornaday Bronze and Silver Medals. Like Singletary, adult Scouters may earn the Hornaday Gold Badge while other adults may earn either the Hornaday Gold Medal or the Hornaday Gold Certificate, the highest conservation honor.

To earn his award, Singletary organized five different

lodges to travel to the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests to complete trails not finished during ArrowCorps⁵.

Singletary said the project was prompted by a visit from Wahunsenakah during ArrowCorps⁵, I said 'I'll organize that to happen,' said Singletary. Singletary gives credit to Shenandoah Lodge's Alex Wiatt, the Arrowman who recognized and spoke about what needed to happen. "From there, we received Section SR-7A's blessing to collaborate," continued Singletary. "We visited lodge events and trained and organized by the same Incident Action Plan (IAP) that Singletary worked with the National Forest System to coordinate. "One Arrowman said, 'We should come back and finish the job!'"

And change it did! Nawakwa Lodge maintains the trail every first weekend in April annually. Lodge Adviser Mike Lynch now coordinates 130 Arrowmen volunteering at the forests.

Thanks to Singletary and Wiatt's efforts, Nawakwa is now a lodge depended upon by the U.S. Forest Service. Singletary said the U.S. Forest Service is extremely happy with the trail work's quality and now wants OA brothers to return and maintain the Great Eastern Trail's Muddy Run section. Singletary says it best: "It shows that if one is willing and ambitious enough, many things may happen!"

A single spark, brought by one youth, caught on to the tinder that was Singletary. Fortunately, that idea caught on to other advisers, and now Shenandoah's Alex Wiatt should feel proud of his great idea.

Forming the circle: lodge dedicates new longhouse

Joe Donahue
STAFF WRITER

On April 12-14, 2013, the members of T'Kope Kwiskwis Lodge completed their biggest and longest project in recent memory. The members of the lodge dedicated the new S. Edmond Packard Memorial Longhouse, their primary ceremony site and lodge building at Camp Pigott in Snohomish, Washington. "The longhouse is an enduring symbol of our lodge," said Reuben Steelquist, the T'Kope Kwiskwis lodge chief. "We tried to make this fact a focal point." The new longhouse is actually a replication of the original longhouse, which was completed in 1962. That house was constructed out of cedar and was completely local, so it was not designed

to last more than fifty years. In 1998, the local county declared it structurally unsafe, and in 2002, the lodge opted to have it taken down.

The project to build a replacement began almost immediately afterwards with the formation of a longhouse committee. "This has been the focus of a lot of people in our lodge," Steelquist said. "Every lodge chief from 2002 to the present said that they would rebuild the longhouse." It proved difficult, though: things cost more today than they did in the early 1960s, and building codes are different.

The lodge was able to raise most of the money through patch sales and private donations. "We had a lot of private donors, many of whom had very personal ties to the old

longhouse," Steelquist said. After years of raising money, the lodge finally got construction started, and ultimately, the building got to a point where it was inhabitable. The longhouse is noticeably larger than the old one and features internal heating and several classrooms for summer camp. Even with the new features, the project is not yet complete. "We have some more landscaping work we want to do," commented Steelquist, "and some internal things need to happen." Even with the final touches still left undone, lodge members were recently able to use the new building for their Ordeal. "The effect that it had on the candidates was magical.

As they entered, their eyes got bigger and bigger and bigger," said Steelquist.

Afterwards, the lodge invited the new Arrowmen to the building dedication weekend. It was an experience that the lodge will never forget, as it united old and new generations of Arrowmen. "One of the things that was awesome was the way that it brought the older and newer members together," said Steelquist. "We had about 27 past lodge chiefs attend. It was cool to be able to talk to them and about their experiences with the lodge."

This allowed for a truly unique experience for younger Arrowmen to be inspired by what it means to be a member of the Order of the Arrow. "I think it was an eye-opening event at least for many of the new Arrowmen," Steelquist said. "We had a lot of brand-new, week-old Arrowmen participate in the dedication. It was a great experience to just get them talking. Just the energy about it was almost like being at a NOAC, only smaller. It was a really cool weekend."



The new S. Edmond Packard Memorial Longhouse of the T'Kope Kwiskwis Lodge.





ReliefCorps: disaster relief through cheerful service

Patrick Mapp
STAFF WRITER

It's May 20, 2013. The clouds start to become darker, and the winds start to pick up in Moore, Oklahoma. Soon, meteorologists start to warn about a funnel cloud approaching the city. Americans turn on their TVs and see helicopters flying around a huge black tornado on the ground. As it spins, all anyone can think about is the poor people in the storm's path. The EF-5 tornado demolishes homes, schools and parks, killing 24 and injuring 337. Minutes after the storm disappears, Oklahomans start emerging from the piles of rubble where their houses used to be. America watches as neighbors start helping neighbors slowly begin to clean up the mess. Within 48 hours, ReliefCorps is reborn.

ReliefCorps was originally started by Section SR-9 in the wake of the tornado outbreak across Alabama and Georgia in 2011. The idea for ReliefCorps was sparked by images of Ar-



The section SR-9 ReliefCorps was originally started in the wake of the tornado outbreak across Alabama and Georgia in 2011.

rowmen from Tuscaloosa helping rescue workers dig through rubble from the 2011 tornado outbreak. ReliefCorps made a huge impact on those devastated in 2011, and it is sure to make a definite impact now in Oklahoma. The vision for ReliefCorps is to help generate manpower and revenue to assist those affected by natural disasters throughout the Southern Region.

Arrowmen from all over the country have reached out looking for ways to help. In an effort to focus the incredible charitable spirit of the Order

and maximize its ability to help, the Southern Region ReliefCorps has been called back into action. All lodges are encouraged to participate no matter their geographic location.

Wes Seaman is the section chief of Section SR-8 and currently serves as the ReliefCorps coordinator. Wes explained, "The program had two components: a lodge service project and a fundraiser. To commemorate our efforts to assist in the recovery, a special gold mylar bordered patch has been designed. To earn the service patch, you must participate in

a lodge organized service project. There is only one requirement: the service project must benefit the community and not the BSA or any council."

"Additionally, a silver mylar bordered patch could be purchased for \$10.00," said Seaman. "All proceeds from these sales will be given to the American Red Cross. There was no service requirement to purchase the fundraiser patch."

Jacob Schlies was section chief of Section SR-9 in 2011 and served as the ReliefCorps coordinator for the original program. Jacob said, "I am so glad that the legacy we left in 2011 was able to serve as the foundation for the relaunch of the program in 2013. Wes and section SR-8 took our final report from 2011 and immediately sprung into action to help the victims of the Oklahoma tornados. I am very proud of all Wes and his section have been able to accomplish."

The project officially wrapped up on June 30th, and

Wes is currently working on writing the final report. If disaster strikes again, Wes said that he hopes his report will be passed down to future Arrowmen.

Even though the project ended on June 30th, Oklahomans still need your help!

Check out OAReliefCorps.com for more information on lodge service projects. Also, you can "Like" ReliefCorps on Facebook at "OA ReliefCorps" which is frequently updated with information. Additionally, Arrowmen may donate to the American Red Cross directly to aid the storm victims.



Sakuwit Lodge stages successful Cub Scout event

SPECIAL FEATURE

Gerard Case
GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

In the fall of 2012, the executive committee of Sakuwit Lodge in the Central New Jersey Council decided to devote its energy to supporting the Cub Scout program. The lodge supports Cub day camp, Cub-parent weekends, and Webelos crossover, and added two weekend programs: belt loop bash, to coincide with the lodge's spring fling weekend, and a Tiger fun day, to be held at fall fellowship. The belt loop bash has just been completed, and was considered a success. The event was designed as a one-day outing to

Yards Creek Scout Reservation in northwestern New Jersey. The registration was limited to one hundred Cubs with their adult partners, and that quota was reached within five weeks after registration opened. The belt loops available to the Cubs were fishing, bb Shooting, ar-



Cub Scouts participate in the day's events at Yards Creek Scout Reservation.

chery, and ultimate.

Lunch for the day was prepared by the council president, Terry McCarty, and his kitchen crew. The weather on that day was perfect, sunny with a slight breeze, with temperatures in the high 60s. Once the Cubs started arriving, they held an opening ceremony at the flagpole, after which they were welcomed by Nick Eckert, the youth chair for the event. The boys moved out for the four stations in groups of twenty-five, and rotated every hour or so. In the middle of the day, they went over to the dining hall for a great lunch, after which they rotated through the afternoon's stations. At the end of the day, each boy was given a packet with information about the

Order of the Arrow and other Cub programs offered by the council, as well as a patch (of course!). They were also offered the opportunity to earn a "Future Arrowman" patch by recruiting another Cub Scout into their pack. Following the program, the lodge continued on with its usual fellowship weekend routine and held a general membership meeting where the next year's officers were elected. The following week a survey was sent out to the adult partners of all the registered Cub participants.

They achieved a twenty-six percent response rate in the first ten days, with 100% of respondents giving the event a rating of "We loved it" or "We liked it." All four round robin

events received an average approval rating between eighty-three and ninety-two percent. Ninety-two percent of the respondents said they would probably or definitely recommend the event to another Cub parent next year, and all but one respondent said their Cub had fun, the sole holdout wishing for more program opportunities in the one-day period.

The lodge was overjoyed at the success of this event and is looking forward to Cub-parent weekends this summer and the Tiger fun day in October. The lodge hopes that the interaction with the Cubs will cause them to want to become Boy Scouts, and eventually Arrowmen.

OA Service Corps: service, it's what we do

Michael Weber
STAFF WRITER

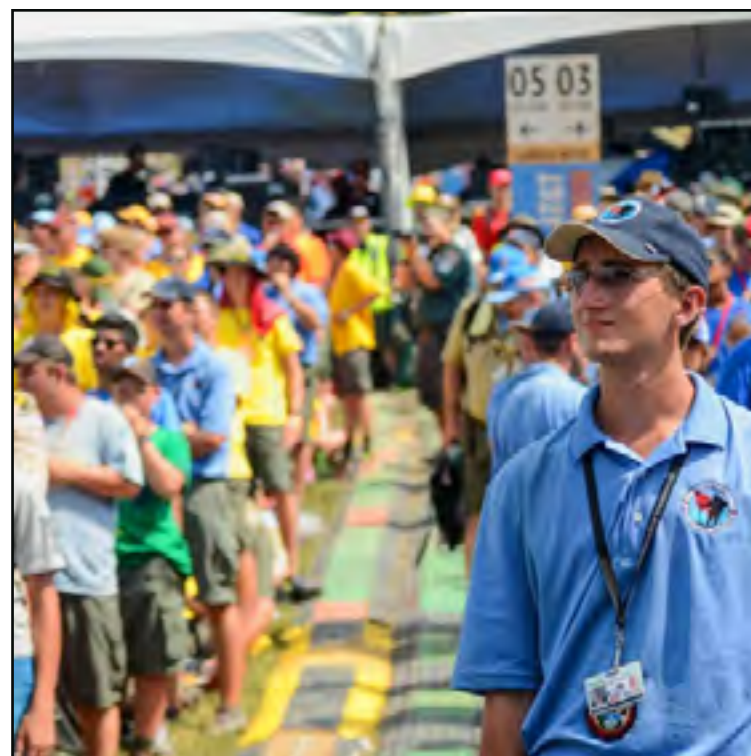
Since the 1950 jamboree at Valley Forge, the Order of the Arrow has had a proud tradition of sending a group of young Arrowmen to serve their fellow Scouts at national scout jamborees. Is there any better way to summarize being Arrowmen, than by serving fellow Scouts? On July 10, hundreds of Arrowmen arrived at the Summit Bechtel Reserve to serve others. As a wise adviser at the jamboree stated, "The mission of the service corps is to assist in the accomplishment of tasks insofar as those tasks help achieve the currently unfulfilled needs at the jamboree site." Some days this meant getting up at 5:00 a.m. to be able to assist in raising the flags over the SBR or assisting in the loading of buses for the Messengers of Peace Day of

Service program. Other days this meant helping to assemble thousands of cots to be used for fellow staff members at the jamboree and assisting in operations at the this great activity so that more Scouts would be able to enjoy zip lining at the Summit.

Each and every member of the service corps showed up not knowing what to expect; the only certain thing was a challenging day of service ahead without any expected recognition. Each day, service corps members would show up at a certain site, provide service for the day, and then return back to camp. Often those requesting help and assistance would thank the Arrowmen by offering them a chance to enjoy a program activity or presenting them a small memento, such as a patch. Out of all the experiences that occurred at

the jamboree, perhaps one best epitomizes the OA Service Corps.

In the afternoons, rain was not uncommon at the Jamboree. One afternoon, a torrential downpour came that caused water to run through the program areas around Summit Center where tents and exhibits were set up. Luckily, a group of seventeen members from Chapter 5 of the service corps happened to be walking through this area. Although these staff members were on their way back to their campsite for dinner, they jumped in and assisted in spreading straw and trenching drainage ditches that helped reduce the negative impact of the rain. This chapter had absolutely no obligation to do this, but as Arrowmen and as service corps members, they knew that this was exactly why they were at the jamboree.



The OA Service Corps at the 2013 National Scout Jamboree served as the show ushers and first line of security.

International Scouts gather at Georgian national jamboree

Philip Zeng
STAFF WRITER

At first glance, there doesn't seem to be anything special about the number 162. Surprisingly, this seemingly meaningless figure ties every Scout in the world together. By digging a bit deeper, the number 162 actu-



U.S. Scouts meet and talk with an international delegation from Ukraine.

ally represents the number of National Scout Organizations that exist in the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM). From the oldest Scouting movement in the UK to the newest members of Scouting in South Sudan, to our Scouts, Scouters, and Venturers in America, we are united and affixed by a label. Despite different languages, creeds and traditions, "being a Scout" is universal. International Scouting allows these different cultures to mix together, and this past August, a contingent of ten Arrowmen did just that. On August 3rd, eight youth and two adult advisers from around the country gathered in Houston, Texas, to prepare for the trip of a lifetime.

After a day-long training session, they traveled over six thousand miles to the Republic of Georgia to participate in

their national jamboree. For several years now, the Georgian Scouting movement and the Boy Scouts of America have partnered together by sending representatives to summer camps in the other country. This year, in celebration of the twentieth anniversary of Scouting in the Republic, the Georgian organization kindly invited a BSA contingent to their national celebration. With a full day of travel behind them, the BSA contingent began their Georgian journey by touring its capital, T'bilisi. Local Georgian Scouts took the time to provide housing and food for the entire group after serving as tour guides. National Vice Chief Jordan Hughes was a member of the contingent along with National Chief Matt Brown. "Seeing the capital of Georgia along with all the other sites was an amaz-

ing experience," Hughes said. "It's humbling to see another country and another culture. It makes you realize how big this world is and how much we may never see if we don't grasp opportunities." The jamboree itself was equally eye opening.

The total attendance at the celebration was approximately 470, with 11 other countries attending: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Egypt, Finland, France, Georgia, Japan, Poland, Russia, Switzerland, and Ukraine. Seeing Scouts from so many countries in a condensed area with full group activities was something new to the Arrowmen. "Coming off of a jamboree with over 30,000 attendees, this was different," said Brown. "The value of interaction amongst people is a priority here. Skits and songs and campfires matter more than

anything else."

After an amazing two weeks in Georgia, including a day spent with the founder of Scouting in Georgia, Shorena Lomadze, the BSA contingent returned home with new friends, fond memories, and a greater appreciation for Scouting throughout the world.

In the Order of the Arrow, we often marvel at the bonds of brotherhood that are able to unite strangers around the nation at events. This same brotherhood exists in Scouting on an international level. The ability for Scouts to break cultural norms, language barriers, and different lifestyles in order to come together as a united body is an amazing sight.

In the Republic of Georgia, for those two weeks at a jamboree, there were no Americans or Georgians or Egyptians.

American Indian Village provides great program



A dancer performs the popular men's fancy dance.

Brandon Sinclair
STAFF WRITER

Large crowds of Scouts and Scouters were captivated by the order's American Indian Village activities that took place this summer at the 2013 National Scout Jamboree. This program activity was placed on

the highest and most beautiful mountain within the Summit Bechtel Reserve. Each morning, over 8,000 Scouts would arrive on Garden Ground Mountain to participate in Order of the Arrow American Indian Village programs, activities, and demonstrations. Twice each day the American Indian Village staff would host a pow wow.

The pow wow included northern traditional dance, fancy dance, straight dance, and grass dance teams. However, the American Indian Village also had a few special presentations including an opening and closing speech from the Lewis and Clark reenactors. There was also a female fancy shawl dance, a hula hoop dance, an eagle dance, and an honorary Cherokee war dance. The pow wow would not have been possible without the Northern and Southern style

drums, which was lead by Eagle Scout Sean Cawthon, a member of the Texas Connection drum group. Directly following the pow wow, the staff would break into program groups. The groups were mostly divided by areas of the country: Northwestern, Northeastern, Plains, Southeastern, Southwestern, American Indian crafts, and the Lewis and Clark exhibit.

Each group offered a unique and different experience. There were things to do from shooting spears in the atlatl range, to lacrosse, to making chokers, and to even explore teepees! Along with the other fantastic programs that the OA made possible at the jamboree, the American Indian Village was most definitely a highlight for all jamboree participants.



2013 National Chief Matt Brown dances the traditional step alongside National Chairman Ray Capp and National Vice Chief Jordan Hughes.

Trek on: Garden Ground

Brandon Kelly
STAFF WRITER

The 2013 National Scout Jamboree was a new adventure for everyone involved. This jamboree had different activities, such as zip lines and white water rafting, in a new location owned by the Boy Scouts of America, the Summit Bechtel Reserve. The Order of the Arrow performed a few new roles at the jamboree. One of these new roles was serving as Order of the Arrow trek guides.

More than 200 Arrowmen served as trek guides during the jamboree. During each of the five program days, the guides led troops to the top of Garden Ground Mountain, the summit of the Summit. Once at the top, troops took part in many different programs, including buckskin games, highland games, the OA Indian Village, Lewis and Clark demonstrations, and much more. But getting units to the top of Garden Ground Mountain was only the beginning of the trek guide experience.

OA trek guides were up and ready for the day at 7:00 a.m. and would hike to their assigned troop's campsite to meet and greet them at 7:00 a.m. When the troop was finished cleaning up after breakfast and ready to go, trek guides would

began their hike to one of the most beautiful locations of the Summit. Each day, more than 8,000 Scouts and Scouters experienced Garden Ground Mountain. Trek guides guided their units to the trailhead, located in Camp Alpha, and started the journey up one of the four trails to the top of the mountain. Water breaks would be taken frequently to make sure that all Scouts were staying hydrated during the hike. During the breaks, one of four topics would be discussed along the trail. Typically, the trail talks focused on sustainability, wetland conservation, OA history and Leave No Trace. Usually trail talks were ended with the sharing of a poem. Soon after the last trail talk, crews would reach the top of Garden Ground Mountain and the Scouts and Scouters would be free to enjoy the rest of their day, while the trek guides assisted other program areas with any and all staffing needs.

Without a doubt, the OA Trek Guide staff did an outstanding job assisting in the success of the 2013 National Scout Jamboree. In total they provided 12,240 service hours; and they racked up a total of 24,235 miles hiking, almost the entire circumference of the earth!



The OA Trek Guides lead Scouts up the trail to Garden Ground Mountain.

Messengers of Peace, Day of Service: cheerful service in the community



MOPDOS carried out numerous service projects within the local community.

Troy Seehafer
STAFF WRITER

Alarms buzzed as the members of the Messenger of Peace Day of Service (MOPDOS) staff woke up. It was 4:30 a.m. and the MOPDOS staff was ready to begin another program day. Every morning of the five jamboree program days, these young men walked 40 minutes to load 160 troops and crews onto buses to go out to work projects. These units left the Summit Bechtel

Reserve to provide cheerful service to the nine counties in the surrounding West Virginia community. The day of service gave participants the opportunity to give back to the community surrounding the new jamboree home and lend a hand to some of the poorest communities in the United States. West Virginia ranked 47th in per capita income last year, and every person that these Scouts and Venturers served was grateful for the help.



MOPDOS managed to perform approximately 3,738 hours of cheerful service.

Many projects worked to better community facilities such as parks, schools and cemeteries. One group of Scouts went to a school to help remove brush and prepare for some remodeling.

While the Scouts were at the school, it began to rain and a flash flood occurred. The Scouts, in unison and without hesitation, ran around the school picking up books and other things lying on the floor saving them from water damage. This service mindset of finding work that will benefit these communities was not an isolated event. When a few of the projects ended early, instead of traveling back to camp, troops found other tasks to perform for their West Virginian neighbors. Citizens of these communities expressed their gratitude at every project site. Several local mayors and superintendents of the townships come to express their appreciation for the Scouts.

One group was even lucky enough to meet Roy Lee Cooke, one of the Rocket Boys of Coalwood, West Virginia, who was depicted in the movie *October Sky*. A total of 6,724 hours of service were completed by the over one hundred Arrowmen who served on the MOPDOS staff during the jamboree. Well over half of those hours were spent on projects in the community. These Arrowmen gave themselves to the communities of West Virginia, sacrificing sleep and the opportunities to participate in activities. The most remarkable thing to consider is that these Arrowmen paid to staff in this capacity. Willingly and wonderfully, these Brothers sacrificed their time and money to cheerfully serve.

Chairman Capp says 'thank you' to national jamboree staffers



CHAIRMAN'S
MINUTE

From the left: 2013 National Vice Chief Jordan Hughes, National Chairman Ray Capp, and 2012 National Vice Chief Preston Marquis.

If you're reading this article, chances are you or someone you know was one of the hundreds of Arrowmen who lent their hard work and cheerful service to help make the 2013 National Scout Jamboree a success. The Order of the Arrow stepped up its contributions to the Jamboree in more ways than ever before through a new effort called Project 2013.

If you were a part of Project 2013, you experienced the satisfaction that comes with cheerfully serving and received praise and compliments firsthand. Now, Ray Capp, chairman of the national OA committee, would like to add his thanks, also. "Many, many of our Arrowmen across the country carried out HUGE and indispensable roles in making the jamboree a success," Capp said. Project 2013 was made up of nearly 600 Arrowmen who served on various staffs that included the OA Service Corps, OA Indian Village, jamboree trek guide, day of service and recreational staff.

"The Scouts and Scouters who served as part of this project provided outstanding leadership to their fellow Scouts. Their service will leave a legacy," said Capp. More than sixty members of the national OA committee and OA key volunteers served at the jamboree as part of Project 2013 or on other important staffs not associated with the OA. Several Arrowmen ran major jamboree services, including jamboree basecamps, the medical staff and Jamboree media relations. Many other adult Arrowmen served as scoutmasters, assistant scoutmasters and worked in program areas. "I want to thank every Arrowman who helped make the jamboree special," Capp said. "Without their hard work, time and dedication at the Summit, the jamboree would not have been a success."

After the Order's success and legacy of service left at the Summit in 2013, Capp is excited about opportunities for the future. "The Order of the Arrow left a lasting legacy at the Summit," explained Capp. "The Arrowmen who were part of Project 2013 have set high standards to reach upon our return to the Summit in 2017."

Early ideas for promoting NOAC 2015: Michigan State Univeristy

Chase Newton
STAFF WRITER

NOAC 2015 is expected to be the largest National Order of the Arrow Conference in history, with 10,000 Arrowmen in attendance. Given the awesome opportunity to celebrate the Order's 100th anniversary with

thousands of other brothers, lodges should aim to recruit as many Arrowmen as possible to experience this once in a lifetime event. First, local lodges need to stress the importance of going to NOAC and the opportunities that come with gathering together at an event of this scope and size.

To bring this into perspective, NOAC conducts the best trainings in the nation, the most exciting games ever conceived in the minds of Boy Scouts, flash mobs of epic proportions, fantastic shows, and so much more. Added to this are the contributions of lodges with the greatest ceremonial-

ists from around the nation and well-known dancers in all divisions, with some juggling around rings in a hoop dance or doing backflips in the fancy dance.

All around, NOAC is the biggest and greatest event put on by the Order of the Arrow. Start a NOAC 2015 committee now and begin polling for interest, while pushing the exciting events of previous years through lodge programs and publications. Starting early is also very important to maximize attendance at NOAC 2015. This time, the OA is using the Centennial Challenge program to help lodges bring as many Arrowmen as possible to the conference. Additionally,

lodges should provide scholarships when possible to allow more Arrowmen an opportunity to attend.

Some lodges take money left over at the end of each year and put it into their scholarship fund. NOAC has the ability to significantly impact lodges on a large scale and the ability to motivate a young Arrowman to unlock his potential and passion for the OA and for Scouting in general.

Be sure to save the date - NOAC 2015. Be there and celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow!
August 3-8, 2015



Living history through your lodge's past

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When looking for information for an article on the history of the five lodges that formed Kintecoying Lodge, a wealth of information was found in the Ten Mile River Museum online archives. A lodge's website would be yet another place to look for historical information. A lot of lodges have a history section on their website, which can include information such as a brief overall history, lists of past youth officers and advisers, award recipients, and more. Finding any information by these means can really help jumpstart your committee's efforts to create a history book. If your lodge hasn't recorded much in the past, your committee will have to turn to living history.

Living history comes in all ages and varying knowledge levels, depending on what years you ask them about. First hand sources are not always the most reliable, so it is

recommended to collect insights by multiple people in order to confirm a piece of information. Interviews do not have to be formal. Sometimes the majority of information can be learned by just sitting down and listening to stories. Newer history is easier to research because it is fresh in the minds of those around you. More at-

tention will have to be placed on the history from the earlier years and thus more Arrowmen should be assigned to that time frame.

It is important to coordinate progress between members of your committee. Ask "what has been found, and what do we still need to figure out?" Do not be afraid to put out blurbs

in publications. Blurbs can be broad or very specific - information from the sixties can be petitioned for or one can ask for information pertaining to a lodge's fellowship in 1964.

It can never be certain who might come forth with information or a lead. Go into detail when you are able. It is more interesting to read a bio about a past lodge chief rather than merely seeing their name in a long list of past lodge chiefs. Bring your lists to life whether they are of past award recipients or of officers. Details can go a long way to inspire members of your lodge to give more cheerful service. Create a standing history committee instead of a special history committee. It is far easier to have a more complete history if the book is updated as it happens.

The national subcommittee on recognition, awards, history and preservation has assembled a very helpful instructional document, available on the OA website which goes into

further detail on the lodge history book project, including sample histories on which you can model your own lodge's book. Very soon www.oa-bsa.org will be posting a number of helpful resources as you move forward with this undertaking. I hope you have fun with this very important project and learn a lot in the process.

Together you and your committee can share the legacy of those that came before you, and in doing so, leave your own.



Members of the Greater New York Councils gather before a lodge event.

Check out
www.oa-bsa.org
for more
information

Clyde Mayer, cheerfully serving our Order for two decades

Michael Sherburne
STAFF WRITER

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Giving opportunities to young people serves as the core essence of Scouting for all adult advisers. To current OA Director Clyde Mayer, enabling youth today to become exemplary leaders tomorrow is the direction he wants all to follow. With hundreds of thoughtful suggestions being sent to the national Order of the Arrow committee each year, it is a tricky process to determine what ideas will be best for the organization. Current national chairman Ray Capp states wonderfully: "The thing that I'm most impressed with Clyde is that he always comes back with 'How does this help kids?'"

For the last 20 years, Mayer has perpetually wondered about the many ways that the Order can help to mentor youth.

His approach and philosophy was greatly appreciated by 2012 national chief John Rehm. When Rehm forgot to book a flight to a National Leadership Seminar, he reached out to the national office to seek assistance. Mayer, understanding the need for the national chief to reach out to young Arrowmen at the seminar, made the flight possible at the last minute. As a Scouting professional, money is always a factor; however, for Mayer, no monetary value exists which could compare to giving youth a better experience that could change their lives. It is invaluable for a growing organization like the Order of the Arrow to enable

its future leaders to learn leadership skills and to experience them practically. Rehm remembers his election as national chief well and also recalls his first meeting with Mayer after the results. "I was so tired. My nerves were at an all time high, and I had not slept in far too long. Seeing Clyde, I was initially intimidated because I knew that the man who sat



National Order of the Arrow Director, Clyde Mayer.

before me was someone who had done an incredible amount of work for our Order," Rehm said.

Two decades of mentorship from Mayer leaves a reputable legacy for all those in the future to follow. Scott Beckett, 1994 national chief, was a youth in the Order when Mayer entered his early years as director; now, Beckett serves as a vice chairman on the national Order of the Arrow committee. Mayer has also worked closely with four national committee chairmen: Dr. Carl Marchetti, Ed Pease, Brad Haddock, and currently Ray Capp. Through each cycle of volunteer leadership, Mayer stood as a fixture of the Order's programs and commitment to serving youth. To celebrate his 20th anniversary with the Order of the

Arrow, national chairman Capp organized a fun event, urging national committee members to give Mayer a \$20 bill. The money, he was told, could go towards any OA program that he wished. Having served in his position for two decades, Mayer had overseen some truly incredible programs. From ArrowCorps⁵ in 2008 to many NOAC years and OA high adventure experiences, he truly had seen the entire organization from every level. However, Capp fondly remembers Mayer's reaction when told that the money could go towards giving a youth the chance to go to summer camp through the OA Get Kids to Camp initiative. "I have never seen him so happy," Capp concluded.

National chairman recognized for service with 2013 Silver Buffalo

Patrick Yim
ORGANIZATION AND POLICY TEAM LEAD

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Created in 1925, the Silver Buffalo Award for distinguished service to youth is awarded to those persons who give noteworthy and extraordinary service to youth. This award is Scouting's highest commendation of the invaluable contributions that outstanding Americans make to youth.

The service must be national in scope and can be independent of, or directly through, the Boy Scouts of America. The Silver Buffalo Award is one of the most prestigious awards in the Boy Scouts of America. Since 1925, only 719 Silver Buffalos have been presented. In 2013, national Order of the Arrow committee chairman Ray Capp was chosen as one of these individuals. He was recognized at the National Annual Meeting of

the BSA this past May, where all Scout councils were represented by delegates. Capp has been an extremely active



National Order of the Arrow committee chairman Ray Capp, 2013 Silver Buffalo recipient.

member of not only the Order of the Arrow, but also Scouting in general.

He became a Scout at a very young age, thanks to the help of his cousin. Capp told his mother that he would only continue in Scouts if it proved to be interesting. Now, almost 50 years later, it is clear he had a calling to be a part of Scouting. Over these many years, Capp has served as a Scoutmaster, Middle Tennessee Council vice-president of district operations, vice-chairman of special projects and technology for the Order of the Arrow, and currently holds the position of national chairman for the Order. In an interview done earlier in the year, Capp credited the Boy Scout organization as a big reason behind his Scouting success. "We adult Arrowmen volunteer in the most amazing organization on the planet!"

Capp said. "We work alongside people for decades who become our best buddies along the Scouting trail; we have the honor to work with them to deliver a program of leadership development to America's finest youth, which brings all the gratitude and rewards life could offer. And then, the BSA comes along and gives us meaningful awards on top of it. I love this country!"

"In my case, the citation on my Silver Buffalo certificate mentions in particular my service to our beloved Order. But I think they have it backwards. It is because of all the efforts of hundreds and hundreds of others during this time that I have sat in the seat of the chairman, and that I am really receiving it. All our Brothers, by delivering great program to the youth across America, have lifted up my chair, and I recognize more

than anyone that this Buffalo is being bestowed because of all the work of those others, during a time when I wasn't paying attention and just stumbled to the front of the parade."

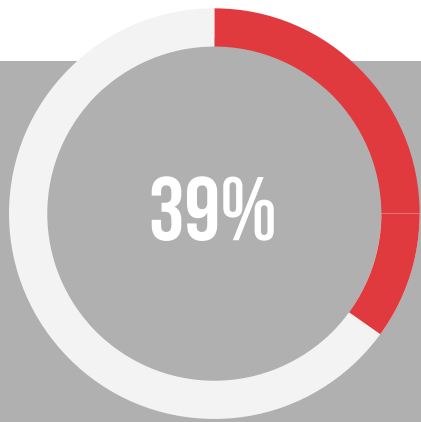
In a sign of true servant leadership, Capp expressed excitement at returning back to the troop level after finishing his term as chairman. "I hope when I lay down the duties I have been asked to fulfill as OA chairman, I will find a troop that needs a guy to teach pioneering, or the Totin' Chip, and I will be the quiet old guy who knows his Scoutcraft in the corner, always there, serving as a quiet resource for anyone who may want to bake turkeys in a garbage can, blackberry cobbler in a dutch oven, or make a 'ferris wheel' out of pioneering spars. That is my dream: to return to that simple life of service to others."

31.5K

31,478.75 HRS TO BE EXACT

SERVICE HOURS

IN DOLLAR AMOUNTS:
\$548K



39%



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TREK GUIDES
12,240 HRS TOTAL

24,235

MILES OF SERVICE WALKED

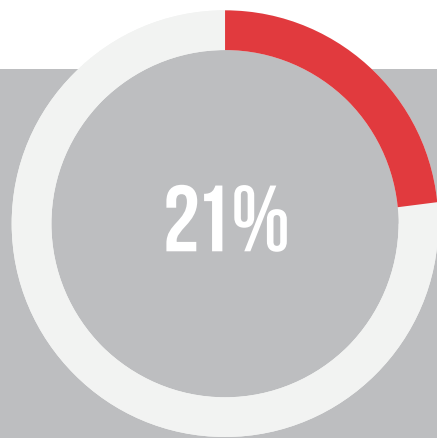
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HOURS OF SERVICE AT GARDEN GROUND MOUNTAIN

HOURS OF GENERAL JAMBOREE PROGRAM SERVICE

PROJECT 2013 CORPS

466 ARROWMEN MAKING JAMBOREE HAPPEN



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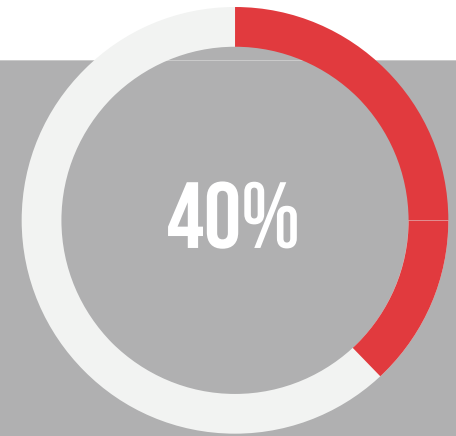


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MOPDOS
6,723 HRS TOTAL

3,738 HRS

TIME SPENT ON MOPDOS PROJECTS
MOPDOS EXHIBIT SERVICE = 150 HRS



40%

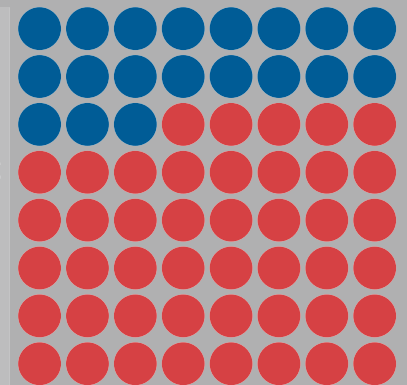


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SERVICE CORPS
12,515 HRS TOTAL

3,705 HRS

8,810 HRS



● MISC. SERVICE ○ = APPROX. 196 HRS
● WORK PROJECTS