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National conference is seven months away

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By now you have probably heard about the National Order of the Arrow Conference. If you haven't, here are the details: Aug. 1-6, 2009 at Indiana University in Bloomington. The conference fee of \$395 includes all of your training materials, activities, food, and housing for the six-day conference. When you register to attend NOAC with your council contingent or as staff, you will also receive a promotional patch!

The NOAC official slogan is "The power of one." If you are looking for fund-raising or promotional ideas, the National Events Promotions Team is putting the final touches on two guides to help your lodge: a promotions resource packet and a fundraising guide. Stay tuned to the national OA Web site for updates.

View the OA Website at www.event.oa-bsa.org for more information and details about NOAC. There is information for Arrowmen, parents, and



Indiana Memorial Union at the Indiana University

Photo courtesy of Indiana University

contingent leaders. Everyone should also check out the promotional video to see what a NOAC is all about. You can also register online to be a staff member.

Now is the time to register with your council's NOAC contingent. Talk to your Lodge Chief,

Lodge Contingent Leader, or Lodge Adviser for more information on how you can sign up to attend this great event. The next national conference will not be until 2012, so every Arrowman should take advantage of this opportunity. See you there! 🍁

Lodge members mentor for Scoutreach event

Gay Hanson

The Jaccos Towne Lodge program of the Crossroads of America Council expanded its Scoutreach mentoring in 2008. The lodge invited members of the Indianapolis Scoutreach units to join Arrowmen at Camp Kikthawenund for a weekend of camping and American Indian events.

Attendees participated in a variety of activities that included tomahawk throwing, archery, lacrosse, races, and fire building. Arrowmen were committed throughout the weekend to working with Scoutreach unit members by teaching new skills and helping Scouts to practice these skills. All participants enjoyed the weekend events.

The lodge leadership visited the Scoutreach campsite and talked with the youth and adults about

Scouting and the Order of the Arrow. Arrowmen also treated the Scoutreach units to some tasty s'mores. For some, eating the chocolate, marshmallow, and graham cracker delight was a first-time experience!

Arrowmen continued mentoring by sitting on Boards of Review for eligible Scouts. This introduced the Scouts to the new Board of Review experience. Scoutreach adults were given new insights on the advancement process and on holding Boards of Review

The entire Fall Fellowship experience provided the Scoutreach participants with a pattern for planning their own future events. In addition, Arrowmen took advantage of the weekend to offer future assistance and to extend invitations to Scoutreach units to participate in the events and activities of their home districts.

As always, the goal of the Fall Fellowship weekend was fellowship, training, and fun. There was little doubt that Arrowmen and Scoutreach participants achieved that goal!

Visit <http://www.oa-bsa.org/programs/scoutreach/> to learn more about the Scoutreach mentoring program and how your lodge can start a program. 🍁



CHIEFLY SPEAKING



Brothers,

I write to you in a "new day" for the Order of the Arrow and for the Boy Scouts of America. We stand at a historical place in time. This past summer, you helped us complete one of the largest conservation service projects in our history with ArrowCorps⁵; now we are busy preparing for the 100th Anniversary of Scouting in America.

Millions of people watched and read about the 3,600 Arrowmen who gave up a week or more of their summer to improve our national forests and create new recreation opportunities for adventure-seekers across the nation. Our impact was obvious to all by the end of the summer as the chief of the Forest Service, Gail Kimbell, remarked, "What you all have done in these five national forests is the kind of thing that you'll bring your grandchildren back to look at. You've made a difference on the land and the American people thank you."

While ArrowCorps⁵ received great media coverage throughout our country, the phenomenon continues as thousands of Arrowmen work tirelessly to make their own communities a better place to live. Whether it is through service projects, sharing their leadership with the people around them, or just living the Obligation and the Admonition in their daily lives, there is no question that members of the Order of the Arrow bring a great gift to our world. Combined with our principle of youth leadership, the opportunities available to members of Scouting's honor society are limitless.

During the past six years, I have been able to experience incredible opportunities in the Order. I am certainly a better person for that. It is an honor to stand among you, my brothers. It has been an unfathomable delight to lead you in 2008. I am proud to call myself an Arrowman.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Jake Wellman
National Chief

Need an adventure in 2009?

Do you need an escape from that 9-5 job, summer classes or the monotony of staring out of your bedroom window longing for something new? If your answer is yes, the Order of the Arrow has the answer for you.

Each summer, the Order of the Arrow offers a myriad of High Adventure opportunities to meet your summer needs. Why not satisfy your appetite by going for a plunge in the Atlantic Ocean with the Ocean Adventure at the Florida Sea Base. If hiking is your passion, what better place to go than the Philmont Scout Ranch where you can hike the same trails as your Scoutmaster or Scouting ancestors did as a part of your Trail Crew experience.

Have you ever thought about what Native Americans and early explorers did to become avid traders. Maybe the OA Voyage at Northern Tier is for you. Whatever your summer aspirations may be, these National High Adventure bases have put together a multitude of options for you.

Along with your one week trek designed by you, each Arrowmen will be afforded the opportunity to leave their mark by helping to improve portage trails, backpacking trails or coral reefs. Aside from providing a good deed to each high adventure base, every participant will have the opportunity to work closely with Arrowmen from across the country, who have similar interests.

You may be thinking that this is a daunting task but it is an experience unlike any other afforded you in Scouting. It takes you out of your world and



places you with people, who want to do something different. It's not everyday that you can tell your friends that you climbed into Cypher's Mine, watched the Northern Lights from a canoe or went scuba diving in the Florida Keys.

These programs help to insure that the future of Scouting has a place to live, work and expand. This summer, try something new or do something you thoroughly enjoy. Take advantage of your Order of the Arrow High Adventure opportunities. For more information about these High Adventure programs, please visit www.adventure.oa-bsa.org or talk to your lodge leadership. Your destiny awaits you. 🌸

Survey: Analyzing the OA

Tom Eliopoulos

Question: Is anyone else in your immediate family a member of the Order of the Arrow?

Responses: A majority of Lodge Chiefs reported that others in their families were members. Considering the high level of commitment required of Lodge Chiefs, these results may suggest that family plays an important role in motivating these young men to become more highly involved with the program. Scouting has long been considered a family affair, and it appears that the OA may be as well.

Questions: Does your lodge offer the Brotherhood ceremony at summer camp? Did your lodge meet the Brotherhood requirement for achieving Quality Lodge last year?

Responses: Current data suggest that a majority

of lodges utilize the opportunities at Boy Scout summer camps to convert Ordeal members to Brotherhood membership. However, of those lodges that do not use this opportunity, nearly 28 percent failed to meet the Brotherhood conversion requirement for Quality Lodge recognition the previous year. Summer camp is a valuable opportunity to reach out to Arrowmen, reignite their interest in the Order of the Arrow, and solidify their understanding of our principles through Brotherhood membership. All lodges should be encouraged to actively work with their council camps to achieve these goals.

Note: Last fall, the National Bulletin conducted an online survey of 68 youth Arrowmen who served as Lodge Chiefs in 2008. This data was used as the basis for the preceeding analyses. 🌸

Highest Lodge attendance at ArrowCorps⁵

Cahuilla Lodge of California Inland Empire Council #45 had the highest attendance at ArrowCorps⁵. Throughout the entire project, more than 3,600 Arrowmen and staff participated in the largest service project conducted by the Boy Scouts of America since World War II.



Capp becomes Distinguished Eagle Scout

*James Tarbox
Matthew Maddera*

Recently, the National Eagle Scout Association notified the Middle Tennessee Council that Ray Capp will receive the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award. Ray serves as the vice chairman of Technology and Special Projects on the National Order of the Arrow Committee.

Created in 1969, the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award is the only distinguished service recognition that depends on one's association with Scouting as a youth. The recipient must have attained the Eagle Scout rank a minimum of 25 years before his nomination, and over those years he must have rendered outstanding service to others.

Over the years, Ray has given invaluable service to Scouting at

the local and national levels. He has actively served on the Council Executive Board and the Council Camping Committee for the Middle Tennessee Council, in addition to his previous service to Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge as Lodge Adviser. Ray is also on the BSA Museum Board and has been honored with the William T. Hornaday Medal, Silver Beaver, Silver Antelope, and the Order of the Arrow Distinguished Service Award.

His accomplishments are inscribed on the award, reading, "He has remained unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others as a board member of the Nashville Capital Network; Notre Dame Club of TN; Middle Tennessee Council, BSA; Tennessee Art League; Nashville Technology Council; National Scouting Museum;

Vice Chairman of the National Order of the Arrow Committee; Charter Member of the National Chestnut Foundation; Trustee of the "Green Bar Bill" Hillcourt Trust; and as a devoted Scoutmaster who has nurtured fifty Eagle Scouts under his wing."

Outside of Scouting, Ray is a successful businessman and is active in his community. He is the CEO and chairman of Conduit Corporation and serves on numerous community boards. He is also an active member of the Nashville Technology Council Board, Tennessee Art League, and the Executive Board



Ray Capp

of the Nashville Capital Network. He has the distinction of being named a member of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, the highest honor awarded by the Commonwealth of Kentucky. 🌸

Wal-La-Moot-Kin Lodge gives back to camp

Taylor Blanc

The Blue Mountain Council's Camp Wallowa near Joseph, Ore., is currently undergoing a facelift thanks to the members of Wal-La-Moot-Kin Lodge and a service grant issued by the Order of the Arrow.

Since the camp's dining hall was destroyed by a mudslide in 2002, large groups who use the camp had nowhere to hold their indoor meetings. With the financial assistance provided by the grant, lodge members are working to convert existing A-frame rooms into spaces large enough for lodge meetings.

"You should have seen the youths' eyes light up" when they realized that they got to smash down walls, said lodge adviser Pete Gibbons. Some of the projects include roof

repairs, window replacement, porch stair replacement, and the removal of internal walls to create larger spaces. The youth leadership has been extremely successful in finding projects that are fun, as well as worthwhile.

Under the supervision of trained adult volunteers, the Arrowmen learned new construction skills. Nearing its completion, one lodge member observed, "everyone recognized a major accomplishment had been achieved when the lodge was able to conduct its first indoor L.E.C. meeting" since the mudslide.

Wal-La-Moot-Kin Lodge has no intention of stopping after completing this camp project. Its council has already asked them to help with the construction of a camp on recently acquired property. 🌸



Arrowmen provide service to Camp Wallowa's dining hall.



A view of the Gros Ventre remote site at the Bridger Teton National Forest ArrowCorps⁵ site.

Statistics released on historic summer project

*ArrowCorps*⁵ proved to be the largest service project conducted by the Boy Scouts of America since World War II. With the theme “Five Sites, Five Weeks, Five Thousand Arrowmen, it was the largest single volunteer service project ever received by the Forest Service in its rich 103 year history! Overall, through the efforts of 3,600 participants and staff, the OA provided 280,000 volunteer service hours worth \$5.6 million to the Forest Service.

Throughout the summer the project was well received and strongly supported by the surrounding communities. Priceless media coverage was generated at each site, resulting in a total of 97 print articles, 34 television reports, and 95 online and radio reports on the volunteer service provided by the Boy Scouts of America through *ArrowCorps*⁵.

Visit <http://www.oa-bsa.org/events/arrowcorps5> to review the memories of this historic national service project. 🌸

Mark Twain National Forest, Missouri June 7-14, 2008

- 575 participants, staff, and Forest Service personnel
- Completed work on 134 acres and cut down more than 285,000 invasive Eastern Red Cedar trees
- Work exceeded original plans, resulting in restoration of a natural glade necessary for sustainability of the environment, as well as wildlife in the area.
- Base camp was constructed from scratch (no infrastructure available).
- Forest Service named area “Arrowman’s Glade” at closing gathering.

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

- 463 participants, staff, Forest Service, and other agency personnel
- Completed work on approximately 13,000 acres or 33 miles of channel area affected by removing invasive Tamarisk, a non-native shrub harmful to other vegetation and wildlife.
- 21 agencies involved, including Bureau of Land Management, Emery County, Emery County School District, and City of Huntington
- Work exceeded original project plans with fewer than half of the projected participants.
- Patch auction raised \$4,000; which was donated to the Canyon View Junior High School that served as base of operations

George Washington and Jefferson National Forests, Virginia June 21-28, 2008

- 736 participants, staff, and Forest Service personnel
- Completed 8.3 miles of new multi-use trail (hiking/backpacking, mountain biking, and equestrian), repaired and improved miles of existing trail, constructed and installed four information kiosks and 86 trail signs, and surveyed and constructed seven camping platforms and adjoining trails made of treated lumber frames and compacted pea gravel.
- Work far exceeded original plans.
- Camp Goshen served as primary base camp.
- During closing gathering, Forest Service named new multi-use trail along Peter’s Ridge the “ArrowCorps Loop.”

Shasta-Trinity National Forest, California July 12-19, 2008

- 600 participants, staff, and Forest Service personnel (from all 50 states, Japan, and Taiwan)
- Removed 22 tons of illegally dumped trash; constructed or reconstructed more than 75 miles of trail on Pacific Crest Trail, Sisson-Callahan Trail, and McCloud Loop Trail; and rebuilt a lookout tower and four “comfort stations.”
- National Chief Jake Wellman, Western Region Chief Mark Hendricks, and Youth Incident Commander Alex Braden were each presented the President’s Volunteer Service Award by President Bush during his visit to Redding, Calif.
- Project exceeded all expectations and met all goals.
- Mt. Shasta Ski Park served as primary base camp.

Bridger-Teton National Forest, Wyoming July 26-August 2, 2008

- 1034 participants and staff, plus Forest Service personnel
- Completed more than 12 miles of multi-use trail on the Teton Pass, removed allotment fencing and 10 miles of exclusion fencing, constructed off-highway vehicle closures and wash bars, and provided campsite maintenance.
- Project went above and beyond expectations; with early completion of planned projects, a fuels-reduction project consisting of accumulation and piling of residual slash from cutting operations was developed and completed on 17 acres, and the group provided support to the Forest Service firefighting effort in the New Forks area north of Pinedale.
- Patch auction raised \$5,000; donated equally to Jackson Hole High School, which served as the base of operations for the project, and Friends of Pathways, a nonprofit organization that assisted with the project.
- Forest Service named the new trail at Teton Pass the “Arrow Trail” during the Friday closing gathering.

Visit <http://www.oa-bsa.org/events/arrowcorps5> more information on the 2008 summer project.

Order becomes official organization for President’s Volunteer Service Award

The success of *ArrowCorps*⁵ brought President George W. Bush to the Shasta-Trinity project to recognize three youth leaders with the prestigious President’s Volunteer Service Award. As a result of the outstanding service that the OA provided to the United States Forest Service at *ArrowCorps*⁵, the Order of the Arrow has been approved as an official certifying organization for the President’s Volunteer Service Award.

The President’s Volunteer Service Award was created by President Bush to recognize outstanding volunteers. In order to encourage and recognize outstanding volunteer service

and inspire others to volunteer, the President’s Council on Service and Civic Participation created the President’s Volunteer Service Award. The awards honor those Americans who have made serving a central part of their lives.

The award is available to Americans of all ages who complete a significant amount of service to their communities. To date, more than 662,000 individuals have received the President’s Volunteer Service Award.

Arrowmen are encouraged to visit the President’s Volunteer Service Award Web site and sign up to track their volunteer service under the OA’s record of service key, VGH-33042. Simply complete an online profile and insert the OA’s record of service key. Your volunteer contributions will be grouped under the Order of the Arrow. Once complete, your profile will be forwarded to the national office for review, approval, and ordering of the award. To register for or obtain additional information on the award, please visit www.presidentserviceawards.gov. 🌸

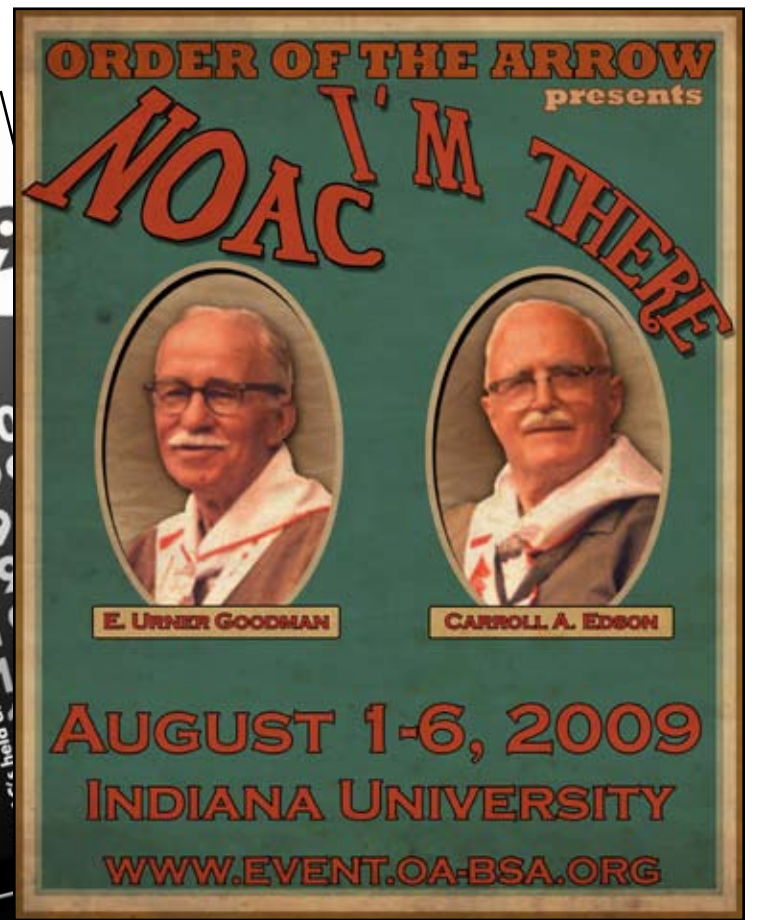
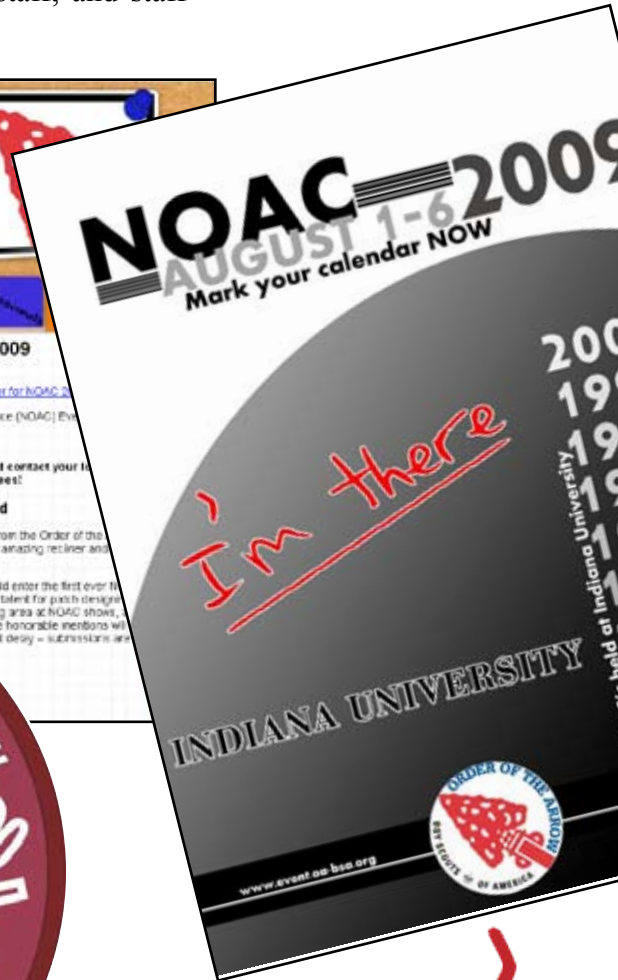
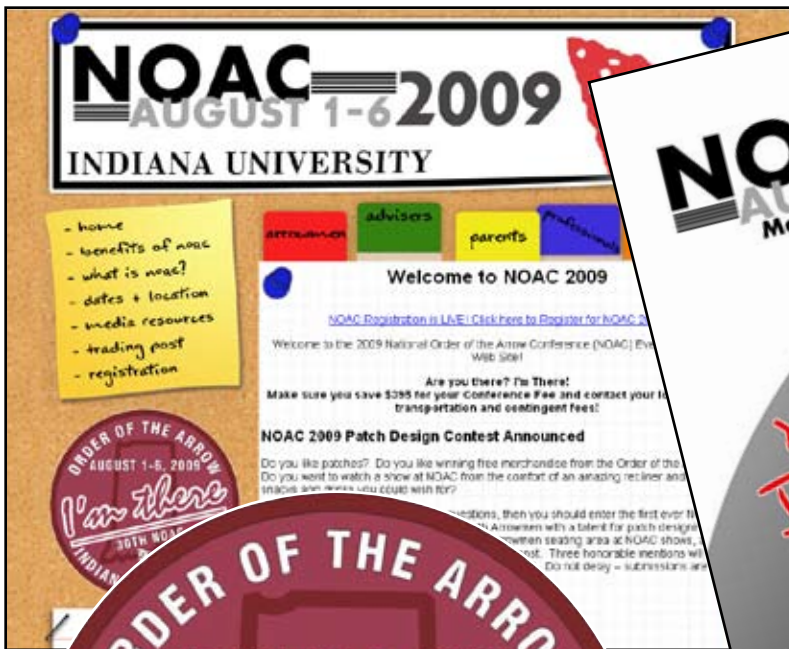


Youth Incident Commander Alex Braden, Western Region Chief Mark Hendricks, and National Chief Jake Wellman receive the President’s Volunteer Service Award from President Bush during the Shasta-Trinity National Forest project.



National event website offers promotional resources

Check out www.event.oa-bsa.org to learn more about the 2009 National Conference. Information is available for arrowmen, advisers, parents, professional staff, and staff members.



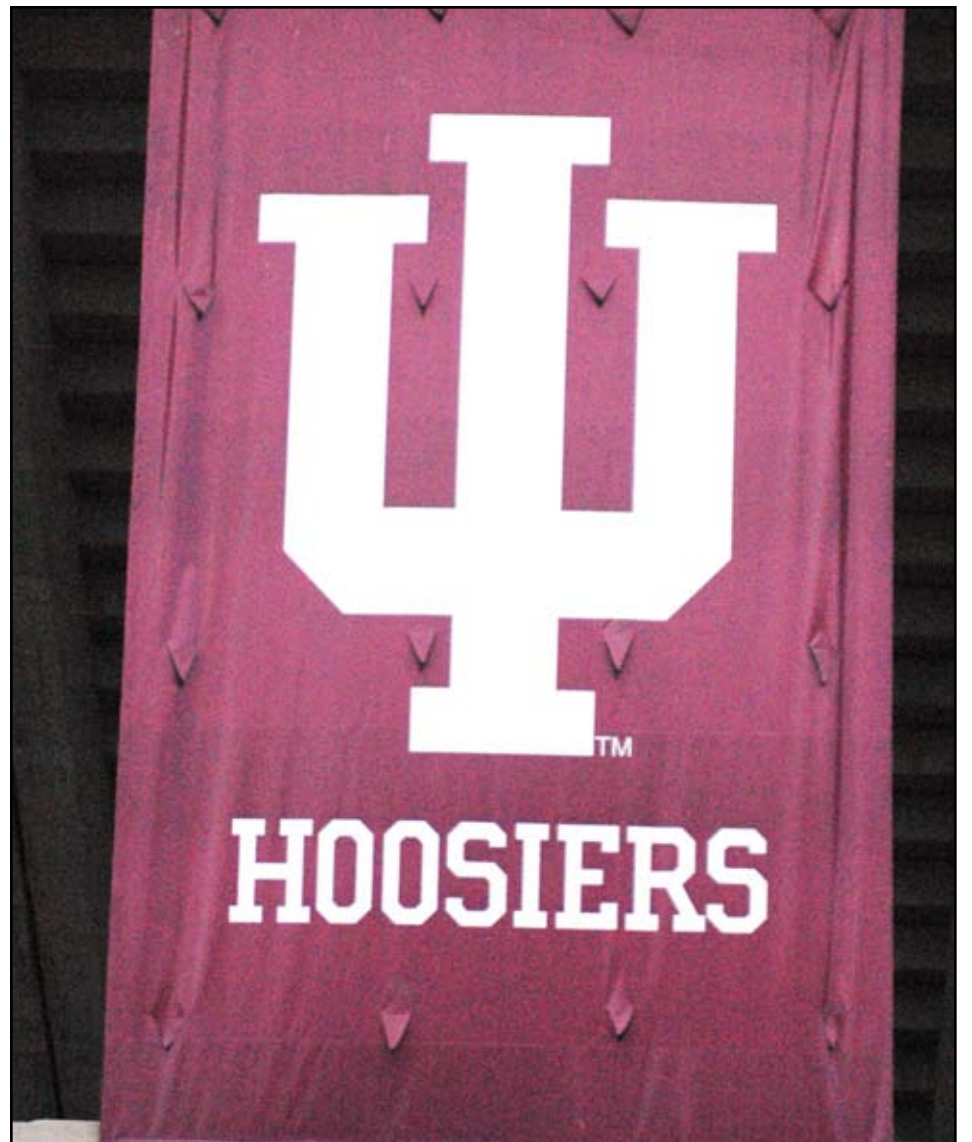
Downloadable PDF fliers featuring the 2009 National Conference



Participants will receive this patch for signing up to attend the 2009 National O.A. Conference.

I'm There

www.event.oa-bsa.org



Website features a 10th anniversary redesign

Thomas Lambert

Those who frequent the National OA Web Site may have noticed a big change in the site's design and navigation. However, this is not the first time we've had a change like this. Let's do a brief review of the past 10 years!

The www.aa-bsa.org domain name originated as the 1998 NOAC Web Site beginning in the fall of 1997. The site's purpose was to provide information about the conference to participants and also provide a first hand look at the conference itself. The original youth chairman was Doug Kupec advised by Joe Glenski. In 1998, following the national conference, the site was recognized by the National OA Committee as the official National OA Web Site. The original design only lasted for a few months while the official site was being prepared. The new design, launched in January of 1999, featured a simple navigation menu with nine choices, a custom header graphic in multiple font sizes and colors, and

all of the latest information available on OA policy. This site featured a cutting edge design with regards to the technology available in 1999.

During the next two years, the site design was improved. These improvements included upgrading the navigation menu, changing the header graphic and realigning some of the site's features. This revised site bolstered more content areas and an easily accessible search engine (located on the homepage), as well as a two column feature story section to allow for maximum information in the space available.

The end of 2001 brought the most drastic redesign to date. Sage Lichtenwalner, the site's Youth Coordinator, tackled the site's structure, design, and features in a way never thought of. The new design was the first to include cascading style sheets, allowing for uniformed links with rollover effects, etc. The site also included "PDA's" which offered quick access to documents and other featured content.



Order of the Arrow's newly redesigned website

In 2008, as we celebrate the 10th anniversary of the official National OA Web Site, we are pleased to present to you a redesigned Web site. The new design includes flash animation on the homepage, a multicolored menu on the left, and a redesigned navigation menu with drop down features. We are

committed to maintaining the highest standard of quality and will continue to refine the site's design to keep pace with current technology.

If you have suggestions for the design improvement, changes to the navigation menus, or want to make general comments on the site, please email webmaster@oa-bsa.org.

Online OA museum website established

Tony Steinhardt

Many thanks to the Order of the Arrow National Committee for investing in the software necessary to share our history. The Subcommittee for History and Preservation has been hard at work developing a digital archive and virtual museum to chronicle the national program. This site will serve as a repository for historical items of our Order including videos, audio, patches, three dimensional items and photos.

This new resource will allow OA history to be used in new and exciting ways and be shared at lodge, section, and national events, young Arrowmen can now learn more about our history. There are several hundred items to view at www.museum.aa-bsa.org. Artifacts are being added monthly.

Beyond the digital archive, we are also acquiring gifts for a physical repository to document the OA national program: our founder's and national leadership; national

committee meeting minutes; documents from national planning meetings; national bulletins; personal letters; NOAC artifacts from shows, training, ceremony, Native American events; National Jamboree Service Corps; patches; neckerchiefs; national officer speeches and final reports; DSA documentation; and photographs.

The National Committee has developed the legal tools necessary to accept donations of documents and items important to preserve the Order's past. Recent gifts include

NOAC Pageant scripts from 1952 and 1961, personal letters of correspondence from E. Urner Goodman, a 1965 Distinguished Service Award, and OA Trail Crew final reports.

Please contact Tony Steinhardt at tsteinhardt@RATIOarchitects.com or Ray Capp at rcapp@conduitcorporation.com if you have items you wish to donate to the OA National Archive. Those who donate will receive recognition, as well as, the proper documentation of your gift.

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AROUND THE NATION



JAMES TARBOX

Jeremy Yamaguchi, W-C2 Section Chief, was elected to the Placentia City Council in Southern California's Orange County. At 19, he is one of the youngest elected officials in the city's history. Jeremy brought in the largest percentage of votes at 22.7 percent and will hold one of three open council seats. He will serve on the city council while continuing his studies at nearby California State University Fullerton.

Colonneh Lodge of the Sam Houston Area Council celebrated its 70th anniversary this year. Colonneh's anniversary events were disrupted in September by Hurricane Ike, which damaged two of the council's camps and caused the lodge to cancel its two final Ordeals. The lodge responded by organizing a council-wide service day that incorporated both Arrowmen and other Scouts from the council. The two cancelled Ordeals were rescheduled, and focused on repairing the dam-

age from Hurricane Ike to ensure that the camps could be reopened quickly.

Every year, Nanepashemet Lodge, Yankee Clipper Council, of Section NE-1A, spreads the spirit of Scouting to over five hundred Cub Scouts, leaders, and parents. Hosted at the council's Wat-Tut-Ca Scout Reservation, the Arrow of Light weekend serves as an effective camp promotion occasion and gives the Webelos Scouts who attend an opportunity to learn about camping. With a blend of fun hands on activities and advancement, every Cub Scout leaves the weekend with a project they created and built, and of course loads of memories.

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

Leaderthink: The art of effective management



For more information on management and other concepts visit the Lodge Leadership Development website at www.lld.oa-bsa.org.

Robert Mason

Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th president of the United States, once wrote, "The best executive is the one who has sense enough to pick good men to do what he wants done, and self-restraint enough to keep from meddling with them while they do it." The fall season is often a time associated with change. Along with our nation, our Order, too, will find change in lodge leadership and committee appointments, leading the group inevitably forward and onto new opportunities.

Leadership, in many ways, is an art, requiring lots of practice to perfect. An effective leader is one who can put the right people in key positions without requiring too much direct oversight. Whether this is your first time holding a position of responsibility or your tenth, there is always room for improvement. Management not only is the ability to develop your group, but also, to develop yourself.

The main secret to effective management is keeping your group informed, communicating your expectations beforehand, and not overly meddling in affairs as things take course. Your time to interject is while the vision is being formed. As a leader you must build the following in your team during this time period- trust, confidence, respect, clarity of vision and task. If you develop those items mentioned, then your job as the executive will be much more enjoyable. Almost always there will come a time that requires a leader's direct involvement. Here, you should consider multiple options and the core values developed by your group when intervening. Through practicing effective management, a leader can take their team to new levels and accomplish heights once thought impossible.

For more on management and countless other concepts, consult the Lodge Leadership Development Web site at www.lld.oa-bsa.org.

Need plans for Spring break? Try Philbreak

What are you doing for spring break? Sitting at home, perhaps? Working? Doing nothing?

Why not travel to the enchanted Philmont backcountry for a week long excursion in the snow-covered aspen hills. Make plans now to attend Philbreak 2009 and turn your spring break into an exciting adventure. This program has enjoyed much success over the years, and offers the very best of Philmont for Scouts and Venturers. The week long program, for Scouts/Scouters ages 18-25, provides an opportunity to vacation somewhere truly unique. Challenging in every aspect, participants will be able to provide

meaningful service to Philmont, develop personal leadership skills, and forge friendships with Scouts and Scouters from across the country. Spend a week backpacking, cross-country skiing, snow shoeing, and helping conserve a different side of Philmont.

Applications for this special opportunity can be found on the official Order of the Arrow Web site, www.oa-bsa.org. The cost is \$100 plus your transportation. The program is only running two sessions in 2009 and each session is limited to 50 participants. Be sure to get your application in as soon as possible! 🌸

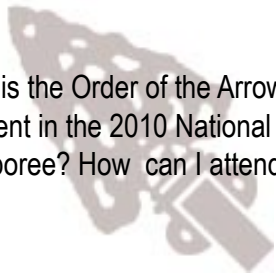


2009 Dates

March 9th - March 13th
March 16th - March 20th

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What is the Order of the Arrow's involvement in the 2010 National Scout Jamboree? How can I attend?



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The Order of the Arrow will be providing three programs at the 2010 National Scout Jamboree. The three programs will be the OA Service Corps, the American Indian Village and new to this jamboree will be The Mysterium Compass. The Mysterium Compass is an 'augmented reality' game that will take Scouts through an adventure of video gaming and theme-park style immersion with actors and theatrical settings. Visit www.bsajamboree.org to learn more about the 2010 National Scout Jamboree.

2009 National Planning Calendar

February 1	Scout Sunday Scout Anniversary Week Begins
February 7	Scout Sabbath
February 9	National OA Steering Meeting
February 9 – 11	BSA national meetings, Dallas, TX
February 20-22	NLS/NLATS, Rochester, IN
February 27-March 1	NLS, Conroe, TX
March 1	NOAC Registrations Due
March 6-8	NOAC Site Visit, Bloomington, IN
March 9-13	Philbreak Week 1, Philmont Scout Reservation
March 13-15	NLS, Phoenix, AZ
March 16-20	Philbreak Week 2, Philmont Scout Reservation
March 27-29	NLS/NLATS, Alpine, NJ NLS/NLATS, Ashville, NC
April 24-26	NLS, High Ridge, MO
May 1	Camp Promotion Packets Available
May 1-3	NLS, Freedom, NY
May 20	National OA Committee Meeting
May 20-22	BSA National Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL
May 29	Final NOAC Fees Due
June 2	OA Ocean Adventure Begins
June 7-13	OA Adviser Training, Philmont Training Center
June 8	Philmont OA Trail Crew Begins
June 10	Northern Tier OA Voyage Begins
June 14-20	OA Philmont Training
June 30	OA Service Grant Application Distributed
July 19	OA Ocean Adventure Ends
July 27	OA Trail Crew Ends
July 28	NOAC Staff Arrives
July 29	Northern Tier OA Voyage Ends
August 1-6	National Order of the Arrow Conference, Bloomington, IN
September 11-13	SOS, Mobile, AL
September 25-27	NLS/NLATS, Alpine, NJ
October 1	OA Charter Renewal Kits Distributed
October 9-11	NLS, Denver, CO
October 12-14	BSA national meetings, Dallas, TX
October 23-25	SOS, Tempe, AZ NLS, Dayton, OH
November 6-8	NLS/NLATS, Parkville, MO SOS, Alpine, NJ NLS/NLATS, Covington, GA
November 20-22	NLS/NLATS, Portland, OR SOS, Islamorada, FL (Central Region)
December 27-30	National OA Planning Meeting, Dallas, TX
December 31	Lodge Charters Due

NATIONAL NOTES

LLD Recognition Patch

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

Charter Renewal

Lodge Charter Renewals were sent to lodges the first week of October, 2008. Charter renewals are dues by December 31, 2008.

Online OA Trading Post

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

OA Scoutreach Mentoring

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

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