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Order prepares for 2010 Jamboree



By **JEFFREY ST. CYR & JAMES TARBOX**
Program and Events Editor

In fewer than nine months, more than 40,000 Scouts and Scouters will arrive at Fort A.P. Hill in Caroline County, Virginia, for the 2010 National Scout Jamboree and the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. The Order of the Arrow will play an integral role at this event, as we will be responsible for executing three programs on the Hill.

The first program under OA leadership, the Order of the Arrow Service Corps, will provide cheerful service to nearly every aspect of the jamboree. A day for a Service Corps member could include serving as an aide to the Chief Scout Executive, filming with Boys' Life, working in a region action center, or one of a thousand other tasks necessary to make the Jamboree run smoothly. More than 150 Arrowmen will continue the tradition of the OA Service Corps, which has been supporting national Scout jamborees since 1950.

The second piece of OA programming at the 2010 Jamboree is The Mysterium Compass, an interactive experience that will test each Scout's ability to stay cool under pressure as he races from station to station. It blends life lessons with

improvisational actors, theatrical props, and special effects.

The Mysterium Compass will have a staff of 300 Arrowmen who are committed to providing an interactive experience by combining elements of video gaming with theme-park style immersion.

The final program under our direction is the OA Indian Village. The Village will depict how some North American Indian tribes lived. The American Indian Craft Zone will house some of the best craftsmen in the OA as they help jamboree participants learn beadwork, quillwork, finger weaving, and Native American games. As a part of the Merit Badge Midway, the Indian Lore merit badge will also be offered.

The OA recently revealed the following additional program for the jamboree. "PACEsetters: Leaders . . . for Life," uses PACE as an acronym that stands for Personal Accountability and Commitment to Excellence. It is intended to encourage jamboree participants to take personal responsibility for decisions that affect their health and fitness throughout their lives. If you have an interest in serving on this exciting new initiative, please contact James Flatt at drflatt@aol.com. Join us as we help develop "PACEsetters: Leaders . . . for Life!"

Youth staff needed for the Mysterium Compass and the OA Service Corps

Are you interested in staffing the Mysterium Compass or the OA Service Corps at the 2010 National Scout Jamboree? Visit www.event.oa-bsa.org for more information. Mysterium Compass staff member roles include game managers, ushers, audio-video and lighting crew members, stage managers, and special effects staff. The OA Service Corps will provide assistance to many of the Jamboree programs and activities.

Capp takes lead of national committee

By **JAMES TARBOX**
People/Recognitions Editor

On September 1, 2009, former vice chairman of the National Order of the Arrow Committee, Ray Capp, assumed his new role as chairman.

Capp, who recently stepped down as Scoutmaster after 17 years, said that one of his greatest joys is that five

lodge chiefs, two section chiefs, and one national chief came from his troop. Capp is the father of two Eagle Scouts and has served on the National Order of the Arrow Committee since 2000. He also serves as a vice president of the Middle Tennessee Council, a director of the National Boy Scout Museum, a member of the National Boy Scout Advisory Board, and a

lodge adviser for the Direct Service Council, Gamenowink Lodge.

Early in his new role, he decided to create a new subcommittee for unit, chapter, and lodge support. The idea behind this subcommittee is to have some of the most experienced national committee members provide their ideas and expertise in creating new resources for units, chapters, and lodges. Capp

realizes that "a supportive Scoutmaster can make a huge difference in OA participation." With this in mind, the new subcommittee has begun to identify program ideas that help troops to build a strong OA, and vice versa.

"I know that there are excellent troops, chapters, and lodges out there," Capp said. "We should listen to and learn from them . . . and then pass

along their successful practices to any troop, varsity team, chapter, or lodge that is looking for ways to improve!" Capp has announced the development of program ideas, best practice repositories, and idea exchanges for our chapter and lodge officers who

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February

- 8 OA Steering Comm. Meeting, Washington, DC
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 26-28 NLS/NLATS, Rochester, IN
 27-28 BSA Report to the Nation

March

- 1-3 BSA Report to the Nation
 26-28 NLS/NLATS, Alpine, NJ

April

- 9-11 NLS, Orange, CA
 16- 8 NLS, Plymouth, MA
 23-25 NLS, High Ridge, MO

May

- 25 National OA Committee Meeting, Dallas, TX
 25-28 BSA National Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX

June

- 8 Philmont OA Trail Crew Begins
 9 Northern Tier OA Voyage / Odyssey Begins
 20-26 OA Lodge Adviser Conference, Cimarron, NM
 30 OA Service Grant Distributed

July

- 26-31 2010 National Scout Jamboree, Ft. A. P. Hill, VA

August

- 1-4 2010 National Scout Jamboree, Ft. A. P. Hill, VA
 16 Philmont OA Trail Crew Ends
 18 Northern Tier OA Voyage Ends
 18 Northern Tier OA Odyssey Ends

September

- 10-12 NLS/NLATS, Alpine, NJ
 17-19 SOS, Southern Region, TBD

October

- 1 OA Charter Renewal Kits Distributed
 1-3 NLS, Jacksboro, TX
 11 OA Steering Committee Meeting, Irving, TX
 11-13 BSA National Meetings, Irving, TX
 15-17 NLS, Metamora, MI
 22-24 NLS/NLATS, Cimarron, NM
 31 OA Service Grant Applications Due

November

- 5-7 NLS/NLATS, Parkville, MO
 SOS, Northeast Region, Alpine, NJ
 NLS/NLATS, Radford, VA
 SOS, Western Region, Tempe, AZ
 19-21 SOS, Central Region, Parkville, MO
 NLS/NLATS, Alameda, CA

December

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

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New committees and goals established for the Order

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struggle to keep up with all that we ask them to do. Capp has asked four former vice chairmen (with a total of 38 years of experience as lodge advisers) to serve on this subcommittee. "Helping our units, chapters, and lodges to be successful, by giving them tools to do their jobs more easily, is the key to understanding my philosophy about the OA," Capp said.

Also involved in Capp's new changes are the creation of a History, Preservation, and 100th Anniversary subcommittee. This subcommittee is charged with preparing the Order of the Arrow for its 100th Anniversary

celebration in 2015. A new Development subcommittee will work to continue the growth in the Order's endowment, develop strategic plans, and build new partnerships. Finally, the Communications and Marketing and Technology and Special Projects subcommittees have been merged to create the Communications and Technology subcommittee.

Capp says that he has resigned his directorship from six boards in preparation to take on his new role, but hopes to return to his favorite job of all, Scoutmaster, once he has completed his time as our new chairman.

The Order of the Arrow welcomes Chairman Capp and wishes him well during his tenure.



Ray Capp

Order receives USFS award

In 2003, the United States Forest Service awarded the Order of the Arrow the Chief's Volunteer Award for Youth Volunteer Service for its efforts at Northern Tier through the Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage Program.

This award was the impetus for the relationship between the United States Forest Service and Order of the Arrow that culminated in the *ArrowCorps*⁵ program in 2008. While the OA's relationship with the United States Forest Service has expanded significantly since 2003, its foundation is still strong in the Minnesota Boundary Waters, a fact demonstrated through another recent award that Order of the

Arrow Wilderness Voyage has garnered from the United States Forest Service.

This winter it was announced that the Order of the Arrow would be receiving the United States Forest Service District 9 Honor Award for its work in the Boundary Waters. The nomination describes the Wilderness Voyage program, saying that they utilize "primitive tools and rock structures to provide high quality work that is comparable to the efforts of the Civilian Conservation Corps." The nomination also stated that the OA contributes over \$150,000 worth of service to the forest every summer.

Congratulations to the Order



of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage staff and participants whose efforts are commended by this award. It is important that the Order of the Arrow doesn't forget its roots with the United States Forest Service and this is direct evidence that there is nothing farther from the truth.

NATIONAL UPDATES

Multicultural Markets replaces Scoutreach

OA mentoring will continue to serve with the Multicultural Markets Team. Visit scouting.org/MultiCultural.aspx for more information.

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.

to be filled out online. Forms include high adventure applications, national award applications, the Vigil Honor petition, and the Distinguished Service Award nomination form.

Online OA Trading Post

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Fill-able OA Forms online

OA forms are available on oa-bsa.org that include text fields that allow them

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Personal communication

By **DON HOUGH**
2007 Central Region Chief

Social networking sites, e-mail, text messaging, blogging, chat rooms, and sending instant messages can all be effective forms of communication and likely are the most common forms used among Arrowmen today. High technology and lightning-fast speed are essential to surviving and leading in today's ever-developing marketplace. But can these forms of communication replace the time-tested results of the simpler communication styles: thank-you notes, face-to-face requests, or timely phone calls?

There is not an easy answer, but I do know that as leaders, we need to be aware of all forms of communication and utilize the correct form, based on the situation and the Arrowmen with whom we are working. The answer? Situational leadership. I firmly believe that the best form of communication remains the face-to-face request; a personal meeting with any person, asking them to be part of a team or take on a task.

Rarely does a mass e-mail or Facebook group message yield the same results as the personal lighting of the fire inside a young Arrowman who steps up to help his lodge, chapter, or



unit. When an Arrowman is personally asked, sometimes even told, to take on the leadership of a project, and that

"I firmly believe that the best form of communication remains the face-to-face request"

— Don Hough

Arrowman commits to another person, inevitably a higher level of commitment is induced and more successful results will occur. The Arrowman feels the

support of the person who asked him to help and will be more willing to embrace the role.

A follow up e-mail, phone call, text, or networking message may be successful in maintaining communication with the Arrowman, but simply cannot fully replicate the benefits of an in-person meeting. Each of us has had someone who has asked us to get involved, take on a job, and lead. As leaders, we all have the power to ultimately impact the direction of the Order of the Arrow through our personal communications. Each of us has the power of one—the power to influence through our communication.

NER Staff Adviser to retire

After 42 years of service to the Boy Scouts of America, Northeast Region Order of the Arrow Staff Adviser Douglas Fullman will retire.

Doug was an active Scout as a youth, earning the rank of Eagle Scout with Bronze Palm. He began his professional career as assistant district executive in August 1967 in the National Capital Area Council. In October 1990, Doug assumed his present assignment as the associate regional director of program for the Northeast Region. With this assignment came the opportunity to serve the Order of the Arrow as a region staff adviser.

Doug is a Vigil Honor member of the Order, and has been awarded the Order of the Arrow's Distinguished Service Award. In his time with the OA, Doug has undoubtedly had a positive impact on the lives of youth. Doug has given support, guidance, and advice to 20 region chiefs, all of which are grateful and thankful to have had such an involved and caring staff adviser.

The Order of the Arrow thanks Doug for his leadership to the Northeast Region. Doug has been an adviser and a friend to all. Good luck with your retirement.



Doug Fullman



Burning Issues

I'm a new section vice chief. Who should I invite as members of my lodge visitation team?

The Field Operations Guide suggests members of the team 1) are goodstanding members of the OA, 2) have proven leadership experience, and 3) have an understanding of the rules and program of the OA. Past

chiefs are good candidates, however anyone who fits this criteria qualify. Participating with the team is also a significant opportunity to learn. Arrowmen who can put this knowledge to good use (such as current or future) chiefs also are good choices.

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

Chiefly Speaking



Brothers,

It has been an amazing year for the Order of the Arrow. And in the Order, all great things need not come to an end. I look forward to an even greater year in 2010.

Among the most rewarding accomplishments in 2009 were our high-adventure programs. For the fourth straight summer, you have filled each program, including the inaugural OA Canadian Odyssey. Here, 28 Arrowmen enjoyed the pristine waters of our Canadian neighbors. Throughout the summer, I had the opportunity to attend Trail Crew and Wilderness Voyage, and will never forget the Arrowmen that changed my life. I encourage each of you to take advantage of these programs. I have no doubt that with the dedicated Arrowmen in our Order, we will fill these programs for a fifth straight season!

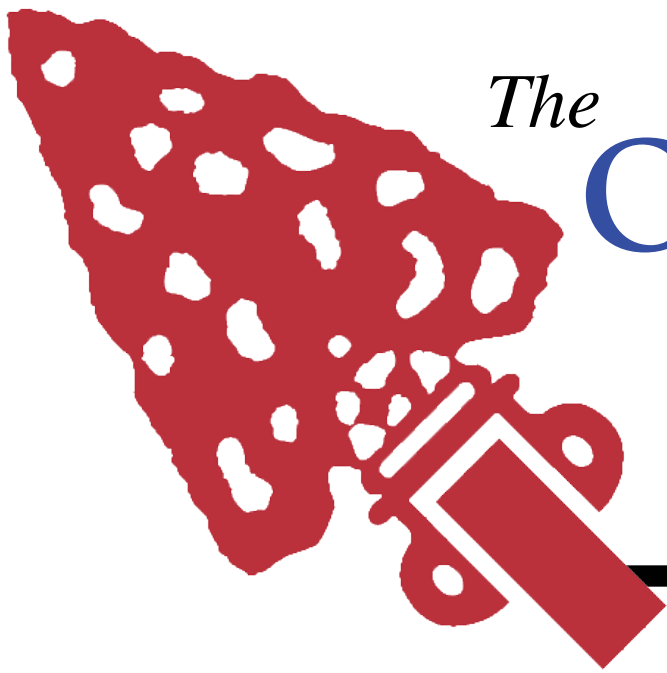
Looking ahead, I am nothing less than excited to attend the 2010 National Scout Jamboree in celebration of the Boy Scouts' 100th Anniversary. The Order of the Arrow will be well-represented with four programs at the Jamboree: OA Service Corps, The Mysterium Compass, the Indian Village, and PACEsetters. I hope to work with you on staff in one of these OA programs.

It's hard to believe that it has been several months since NOAC ended. That first week of August will live as an unforgettable experience for many Arrowmen across the nation. I hope you use the knowledge and resources we have provided you to continue the belief that one person has the power to make a tremendous difference.

In closing, I challenge you to make a difference: one thought, one action, one person, and one step at a time. Thank you for the opportunity to serve with you during 2009. This is a year that I will never forget.

Yours in Service,

Jack O'Neill
2009 National Chief



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ORDER OF THE ARROW

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MISSION

THE MISSION OF THE ORDER OF THE ARROW

The mission of the Order of the Arrow is to fulfill its purpose as an integral part of the Boy Scouts of America through positive youth leadership under the guidance of selected capable adults.

A mission statement is a brief sentence that defines an organization's core objective, its essence. It answers the question, "Why do we exist?" using clear, concise words.

The OA's mission statement is a declaration of our key beliefs and intentions as a Brotherhood. It affirms: a commitment to achieve our purpose, our position within the BSA, and the youth led – adult supported partnership that is the hallmark of the Order's success.

Every member should become familiar with the Order of the Arrow's mission statement.

...mission...

The dictionary defines mission as "a sending out or being sent out with authority to perform a special service; an errand". As Arrowmen, we are familiar with this concept. The legend, described by Meteu in the Ordeal ceremony, explains how Chingach-

gook and Uncas traveled to neighboring villages to warn their nation of an impending "dire and dreadful danger". Their trip was a mission.

Note that the definition of mission includes the word "authority". A mission is sanctioned and approved.

The Order of the Arrow's authority comes from the organization we serve, the Boy Scouts of America.

...an integral part of the Boy Scouts of America...

Integral (an adjective; pronounced in•teg•rol) means "necessary for completeness, essential, whole, complete, made up of parts forming a whole". The word is used to point out that the Order is an essential, integrated program within the broader Scouting program.

...through positive youth leadership...

The word positive is an adjective which means "making a definite contribution; constructive" to further describe the leadership qualities expected of Arrowmen. Leadership is about action, about directing, guiding and supporting others. As a result positive youth leadership implies "constructive action" by young people.

Like Scouting itself, the Order is designed to benefit youth. Through youth leadership, members under the age of 21 learn by doing,

planning and conducting OA program at the chapter, lodge, section, region and national levels. The officers and youth committee chairmen lead meetings, run activities and manage OA finances. Only those members under age 21 may hold office or vote.

...under the guidance of selected capable adults.

Adults in the Order serve in advisory capacities. Typically, adults serve as advisers to each youth position. An adviser's role often includes training, counseling, coaching and mentoring youth. Not every adult can be chosen to be an OA adviser. Those appointed usually have noteworthy competencies and an ability to relate well with people, especially young people.

The concept of youth led – adult supported partnerships took root during the very first days of the Order. Working with their advisers, young members inducted into the Brotherhood in the first ceremonies, in the summer of 1915, began accepting leadership roles that fall: forming committees to maintain membership records, drafting lodge rules and reworking ceremonies.

With each passing decade, the Order's commitment to youth led – adult supported partnerships has grown and evolved. Today, that partnership is more prominent and stronger than ever.



ARROW'S & PURPOSE



THE PURPOSE OF THE ORDER OF THE ARROW

As Scouting's National Honor Society, our purpose is to:

- *Recognize those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and through that recognition cause others to conduct themselves in a way that warrants similar recognition.*
- *Promote camping, responsible outdoor adventure, and environmental stewardship as essential components of every Scout's experience, in the unit, year-round, and in summer camp.*
- *Develop leaders with the willingness, character, spirit and ability to advance the activities of their units, our Brotherhood, Scouting, and ultimately our nation.*
- *Crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.*

The Order of the Arrow's four-part purpose explains our intentions and goals. Each member is expected to understand and be able to explain what the OA is all about. The following paragraphs amplify and expand on the above purpose statement.

... As Scouting's National Honor Society, the Order of the Arrow is an integral part of the Boy Scouts of America. Our purpose, is to: ...

This Preamble, or introductory section, establishes the context within which the Order of the Arrow operates. The OA is an essential component of the BSA, not a separate entity.

As *Scouting's National Honor Society*, the Order of the Arrow is in some ways similar to high school national honor societies that recognize outstanding students based on scholarship, leadership, service and character. Selection to membership in the OA is unique, however, because it is controlled by non-member peers rather than members.

Integral* means "necessary for completeness, essential, whole, complete, made up of parts forming a whole". Thus the word integral is used to point out that the OA is an essential, integrated program within the broader Scouting program.

...Recognize those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and through that recognition cause others to conduct themselves in a way that warrants similar recognition...

This first component of the Order of the Arrow's purpose has been an important concept from the beginning of the Order. It relates directly to the BSA's mission to "prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law". By recognizing those Scouts who strive to live their life according to the Scout Oath and Law

with membership (and an OA sash, distinctive pocket flap, membership card and handbook), the OA hopes to motivate other Scouts to act in ways that cause them to be selected for OA membership as well.

...Promote camping, responsible outdoor adventure, and environmental stewardship as essential components of every Scout's experience, in the unit, year-round, and in summer camp...

Camping is one of the primary methods used in Scouting to help young men grow to maturity; to build self-confidence and a sense of responsibility; and develop qualities of trustworthiness and teamwork. It is in the outdoors that young men learn most about the natural world and the responsibility to care for it; stretch themselves mentally and physically against outdoor challenges; and learn to lead, work cooperatively and care for others in a setting that is both healthy and demanding. Confidence in one's skills and abilities comes through testing, and Scouting provides ample opportunities for that testing – from unit camps to summer camps, from camporees to Jamborees, and from local outings to nationally sponsored high adventure programs. An Arrowman understands that his first responsibility is to his unit, and to helping ensure that the outdoor components of his unit's program are strong.

Synonyms for *promote* include "improve" and "develop", so the OA's involvement is more than the promotion of weekend and summer camp to units – much more. The OA is involved in Scouting's camping and high adventure programming at many levels.

The word *responsible* conveys our commitment to health and safety, and safe practices in all aspects of our outdoor programs and activities.

Environmental has to do with one's surroundings, conditions and circumstances, including all those that influence life on earth. *Stewardship* relates to one's moral responsibility for the care or administration of a group's resources. *Environmental stewardship* then, is about one's moral responsibility to care for one's surroundings. The OA's love of nature is well documented in our ceremonies and traditions. Our Order's responsibility as stewards of the earth's resources is a logical extension of that love, whether local or national in scope.

...Develop leaders with the willingness, character, spirit and ability to advance the activities of their units, our brotherhood, Scouting, and ultimately our nation...

A direct benefit of OA membership is its ability to impart leadership skills to members and provide opportunities to apply and practice those skills. This is accomplished in a myriad of ways, including formal training at many levels and through the example of experienced leaders themselves. The most important methodology is through the careful and focused coaching and mentoring of youth leaders by talented and committed adult advisers. From the chapter to the lodge, section, region and national levels, the OA places young men in leadership roles and allows them to lead and to learn from their mistakes. Successful advisers mentor young OA leaders to succeed, improving their leadership abilities while carrying out assignments for the OA, Scouting or their community.

Inclusion of the word *willing*, along with the words *character, spirit and ability* as descriptors of leadership, is a direct, though subtle, reference to the line in *The Legend*: "And in every village some were found who were quite willing to spend themselves in

others' service". One's spirit has a great deal to do with one's will. Taken together, commitment (*willingness/spirit*), *character* (moral constitution), and competence (*skill/ability*) represent the essence of leadership.

To advance means "move forward" or "improve". This section of the purpose refers to an Arrowman's first responsibility – his unit – as well as to the Order of the Arrow itself, The Brotherhood of Cheerful Service, Wimachtendienk, Wingolausik, Witahemui and the Boy Scouts of America to whom an Arrowman's service is directed.

...Crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others...

This statement has been a part of the OA's purpose from the beginning. Learning and living Scouting's values are of little worth unless those values become a part of the personality and fiber of our members. When Arrowmen strive to live lives of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness and Service, every day in every way, they are more likely to lead meaningful and fulfilling lives and more likely to contribute to the betterment of our society.

Charity, helpfulness and principled living are significant, timeless traits – identified and nurtured by our country's Founding Fathers, sustained during our nation's expansion westward, tempered by great national and world conflicts, invigorated by industrial and technological revolutions, honed by social movements -- and remain a significant and important part of our national fabric and the American people to this day.

The Order of the Arrow, as a component of the BSA, recognizes all of this and strives to help ensure its members set the example of citizenship at its finest.

Arrowman experiences OA high adventure

By **AARON SHEPHERD**
Staff Writer

OA high adventure is considered by some to be the best experience of their life. During the past two summers, Kynndarrn Williamson of Tipisa Lodge in Orlando, Florida, not only had the opportunity to attend



Kynndarrn Williamson

*ArrowCorps*⁵ in 2008, but also OA Trail Crew at Philmont in 2009.

Kynndarrn, a senior at Palm Bay High School, plans to join the military after graduation. Currently, he serves as the Ordeal Master in his chapter and recently served as the head elangomat for his lodge. He is also an assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 334. Kynndarrn achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in only 2½ years, and he has more than 30 merit badges.

Attending the Washington-Jefferson forests site for *ArrowCorps*⁵, he was one of the hundreds of Arrowmen who helped clear trails for hiking and horseback riding, and was responsible for removing invasive species.

When asked what his favorite memory was, he said, "On Wednesday, we got to our first major rocky area, and the only way to get rid of most of the rocks was to roll them down the hill. One of our rocks got taped and ended up in the 'week in review' video!" Kynndarrn's crew also cleared out oak trees and moved large amounts of dirt in preparation for a new trail.

Kynndarrn's trek on the Philmont OA Trail Crew brought an experience he will never forget. He told *The National Bulletin*, "It was great to



Philmont Scout Reservation

serve Philmont and see parts of it that most people never get to see. I recommend Philmont to everyone." The first week of OATC is spent working on the trails, and the second week is spent enjoying Philmont. Being on the OA Trail Crew lets you choose your own itinerary, rather than having to select pre-planned treks.

"You get to go to Philmont for a very inexpensive price, which is a lot lower than if you went with your troop. You also get to stay longer than a regular trek and see more stuff," Kynndarrn said. The price for OATC is only \$200. A \$50 deposit is required. To apply, visit adventure.oa-bsa.org. The OA Trail Crew offers long-

lasting friendships, two weeks of fun and adventure, and most importantly, the feeling that you truly did help another Scout or Arrowman use the trail you worked on. Make certain to sign up before the March 15 deadline, and remember—registration closes once all slots are filled. Sign up today!

Experience a Canadian Odyssey with the OA

By **THOMAS ELIOPOULOS II**
Copy Adviser

OA Canadian Odyssey, the Order of the Arrow's latest high-adventure program, is based out of the Donald Rogert Canoe Base in Atikokan, Canada, and was developed in response to the rising popularity of our Order's summer conservation programs at Northern Tier.

A landmark year, 2009 saw our Order expand its environmental stewardship efforts across international borders for the first time. Twenty-eight Arrowmen aged 16-20 completed the pilot OA Canadian Odyssey last summer. Their overwhelmingly positive responses to the program have persuaded the Order to keep it open for summer 2010.

Located near Northern Tier's Charles L. Somers Canoe Base and adjacent to the boundary waters wilderness in northern Minnesota, OA Canadian Odyssey offers Arrowmen an experience comparable to OA Wilderness Voyage in several important ways. This 14-day program offers hands-on experience in trail conservation during the first week, and allows crews to soak in the beauty of this wilderness refuge by taking their own custom-designed camping and canoe trek during the second week.

However, distinct to OA Canadian Odyssey, participants in this high-

adventure program will have the chance to explore Quetico Provincial Park—the protected wilderness haven just west of Lake Superior that boasts cascading waterfalls, rare wildlife, and impressive woodlands—over the course of their journey.

This area was frequented by the French and Canadian voyagers of the 1700s and 1800s, who were pioneers hired to transport furs and various goods across the region to trade with Native Americans and early Europeans. Step back in time by experiencing the same rugged wilderness that these voyagers encountered in their journeys of old and sign up for OA Canadian Odyssey 2010.

Application forms are available at www.adventure.oa-bsa.org.



The Order of the Arrow Canadian Odyssey



Visit www.adventure.oa-bsa.org today.

Region chiefs report on 2009 activities



Central Region



Michael Beckman

Brothers,

This has been an amazing year for the Central Region. We have achieved many goals as a region, while continuing the great work of the Order.

During this year, our region held three National Leadership Seminars in Parkville Missouri; Dayton, Ohio; and Rochester, Indiana. This excellent training was presented to more than 130 Arrowmen across the region. Additionally, the region held its annual Section Officers' Seminar at the Florida Sea Base in sunny Islamorada, Florida. The leadership of all 14 sections came together to learn and share ideas on how to improve their sections and the Order.

As I review the past year, I realize

that it has truly been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. It has taught me so much about Scouting, the Order, and finally myself. From attending conclaves and LLDs to NOAC and OATC, I have had countless wonderful experiences during my time as region chief. However, one experience really stands out for me: high adventure at Philmont. It was here that I experienced OA at its finest, while spending two weeks with Arrowmen that I proudly call my brothers. I lived in the backcountry of New Mexico, facing the same challenges as my fellow Arrowmen and understanding the true meaning of the Order. I was part of such great fellowship and brotherhood over those two weeks that it will never be forgotten.

I know 2010 will be an outstanding

My Brothers,

This has been a great year for the Western Region! We've accomplished many things as a region, and I've had a lot of fun personally, as well.

The West ran three National Leadership Seminars—in Arizona, Colorado, and Oregon—collectively training nearly 160 future leaders of our Order and our nation. In October, all 13 section chiefs came together for our annual Region Gathering of Chiefs. Held in Phoenix, Arizona, it was a fantastic time to strengthen the bonds of brotherhood among each section, as well as share ideas and practices for making our sections better.

On a personal level, this has been one of the most rewarding years of my life. Not only have I learned a lot about my capabilities, my potential, and myself, but I also got to share countless memorable experiences with thousands of Arrowmen from around the country.

year for the Order, under the leadership of the section chiefs and the new national officers. I wish them the best of luck, and I thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve in this prestigious position.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Michael Beckman
2009 Central Region Chief



Western Region



David Harrell

Easily the second-best part of my summer (after NOAC, which we've all heard plenty about!) were the two weeks I spent at Philmont OA Trail Crew. It was my first OA high-adventure experience, and even though I was apprehensive beforehand, I can say with certainty that every Arrowman should do an OA high-adventure trek at least once. Between

the friends I made and the fun I had, it's something I will never forget.

I wish the section chiefs and new national officers the best in preparing the Order for a great 2010!

Yours in Brotherhood,
David Harrell
2009 Western Region Chief



Southern Region



Mark Norris

Brothers,

This year has been a memorable one—for the great Southern Region and for me!

To sum up our many accomplishments in 2009, I'd start by saying that the Southern Region continued the tradition of great representation of Arrowmen at national events.

At NOAC, we accounted for 35 percent of total attendance. The Southern Region also conducted three National Leadership Seminars in Texas, North Carolina, and Georgia, training a total of 200 Arrowmen.

Personally, this year has taught me many things and given me countless memories that I will never forget. One of my favorite memories is the domination

by the Southern Region at region-ball during NOAC. It was gratifying to see all the southern Arrowmen join forces and compete against the other regions.

I also had the opportunity to attend Wilderness Voyage at Northern Tier. After Wilderness Voyage was completed, I flew to Ocean Adventure at the Florida Sea Base. These two programs and Trail Crew are like no other. It was great spending two weeks with 10 "strangers" who quickly become lifelong brothers. If you have not attended these programs, I strongly encourage you to attend at least one.

Many thanks to all who helped to make my year memorable!

Yours in Service,
Mark Norris
2009 Southern Region Chief

Brothers,

Over the past year, the Order of the Arrow and Boy Scouts of America have seen many major changes and accomplishments. The Order of the Arrow held a dynamic national conference in Bloomington, Indiana, that set the bar for future conferences and redefined the importance of NOAC. We saw the success of the pilot program OA Canadian Odyssey at Northern Tier. On a regional level, we successfully held our first set of conclaves for all newly re-aligned sections.

Our OA Cub Scouting program gained unprecedented support among the national and regional OA communities. Our Lodge Assistance Program and Lodge Operations Task Force have done an outstanding job these past few months in developing the foundation for a strong lodge and sectional support program for future years.

Region Staff Adviser Doug Fullman has decided to retire after 19 years in this position. I gladly thank Doug for all of his hard work and dedication to the OA and the BSA. He has made a dramatic difference in the lives of the Scouts and Scouters with whom he has worked.

This past year, the Northeast Region trained more than 180 Arrowmen in its



Northeast Region



Ryan Hay

three National Leadership Seminars. Our NLATS staff trained more than 50 advisers. I personally had the distinct opportunity to travel many weekends and weekdays throughout 2009 to all four regions, meeting thousands of Arrowmen along the way. I attended the OA Trail Crew program at Philmont, which I can honestly say was a life-changing experience.

The Order of the Arrow is a program that requires input. The more you put into the program, the more you will get out of it. I challenge all of our youth Arrowmen to get involved and put some time into the OA. As you do, you will begin to realize that the benefits you gain from membership and the lessons you learn are well worth the work.

Youth Arrowmen are the crucial link between the Order of the Arrow

and the local troops. You are the catalyst for change, and you are the ones who will be the future, not only of this organization, but of the nation. Serve the BSA program, your fellow Scouts, and your community.

As President John Q. Adams said, "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader." I charge all of you to be that inspiration and to be that leader.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as your 2009 Northeast Region Chief. It has truly been an honor, a privilege, and the experience of a lifetime.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Ryan M. Hay
2009 Northeast Region Chief

Around the Regions

Visit the region websites to learn more about their activities and programs from 2009.

www.central.aa-bsa.org
www.northeast.aa-bsa.org

www.southern.aa-bsa.org
www.western.aa-bsa.org

The legacy begins for Section SR2-3S

By **CHARLIE HARBIN**
SR2-3S Section Adviser

As part of the service program for Southern Region section 2-3s' conclave, Arrowmen planted 400 hardwood saplings

at the Bovay Scout Ranch. This project, held earlier this year, was a follow-up to the *ArrowCorps*⁵ participant challenge, (plant a tree upon returning home), as well as a way to make tangible the conclave's theme, "The Legacy Begins."

Acting on the section leadership's initiative to plant trees at the camp of the service lodge, Sam Houston Area Council received the tree donation from the Chevron Corporation. Every able conclave participant was asked

to plant two trees, which took about 30 minutes for each individual, at the sparsely treed site near Navasota, Texas.

Three weeks after the conclave, Ordeal candidates of Colonneh Lodge

finished the task with 350 more plantings. The service continues the conservation fostered by *ArrowCorps*⁵ and will allow all participants to watch the results of their work grow to fruition.



L to R: 2009-10 Section Secretary Michael Ellsworth, Section Vice Chief Peter Perez, 2010 Section Vice Chief Jonathan Hillis, 2009-10 Section Chief James McClelland, 2010 SR2-3N Section Chief Drate Berry, Associate Section Adviser Andy Chapman, and Section Conclave Vice Chief Judson LaGrone.



2009-10 Section Secretary Michael Ellsworth



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

Visit today! www.jumpstart.aa-bsa.org

Ty-Ohni Lodge adopts Mendon Ponds Park

Members of Ty-Ohni Lodge, of Seneca Waterways Council No. 397, have been providing service to the local Monroe County Parks system for five years through the "Adopt-a-Park" program. In November, the lodge worked on the Mendon Ponds Park in Pittsford, New York, the second year at this park. Arrowmen, teaming with Scouts at a district camporee, built a retention wall to support one of the most scenic trails in the park. Even though the wall ended up being twice as long as expected, the project was still completed on time and with the workmanship that the OA has become known for.

The lodge also cleared and widened another trail so that it can be groomed in the winter for cross-country skiers. This same trail was mulched for ease of use by hikers, cross-country runners, and horseback riders in the summer months. The lodge provided more than 450 hours of service to the county park

system, the largest undertaking of a lodge community service project to date for Ty-Ohni Lodge.

Not only demonstrating the legacy of outdoor service that *ArrowCorps*⁵ initiated on a national level, this project also highlights the success of the lodge leadership of Ty-Ohni working with land managers for the mutual benefit of both. The park ranger was thrilled with the work accomplished by the Scouts and has invited them to return. According to Mark Catlin, lodge staff adviser, "the county parks love us." In return, the lodge was able to offer an opportunity for members to provide meaningful service in a rich, natural setting, as well as perform a brotherhood ceremony at the county park, providing yet another opportunity for Arrowmen to seal their membership.

The lodge will continue to perform significant service to county parks, in addition to the work that they have always done at their council's camps.