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New National Officers Elected

by Andy Zahn



At the national OA planning meeting held in late December 2001, 47 section chiefs met to elect the 2002 national officers. From nearly 25 candidates and after hours of voting, Clay Capp was elected national chief, and Riley Berg was elected national vice chief. They will serve as the guiding light of our Order. Their goal this year is to focus the light on new Scouts and pass it on to provide a truly illuminating NOAC experience.

Clay Capp is an Eagle Scout from Troop 221 in his hometown of Nashville,

Tennessee. Clay served as treasurer, secretary, vice chief and chief of the **Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge**, Middle Tennessee Council and is a recipient of the Founders' Award. Clay most recently served as Section SR-6 North chief. Since attending his first NOAC in 1996, he has served on staff for the 1998 and 2000 conferences. He participated in the National Leadership Summit in 1999. An experienced trainer at National Leadership Seminar programs in the Southern Region, he

also was a participant in the Philmont OA Trail Crew in 2000. Clay is a senior at the University School of Nashville. In his spare time, Clay enjoys backpacking and snowboarding.

"We have an exciting job to do in 2002, and we have the winning team assembled to do it," Capp said after his election. He challenges the Order to "make this year extraordinary" through the many opportunities that are available in our brotherhood.

Riley Berg is a Vigil Honor member of **Tah-Heetch Lodge** and is an Eagle Scout from Troop 35 of the Sequoia Council of Fresno, California. Riley served as lodge chief, and section vice chief before being elected the W-3B section chief. He attended his first National Order of the Arrow Conference in 2000, where he was a member of his lodge's contingent.

"I don't think I realized two years ago as a participant how much of the event was actually put on by youth, yet that's what makes it such an awesome experience. It's designed by youth, for youth.

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Focus on the Lodge: Toloma Lodge

by David Mallory

"Get youth camping," the council executive mandated. The Toloma Lodge, under the leadership of Lodge Chief **David Mallory**, answered by developing the Road to First Class advancement campout to assist Scouts in accomplishing outdoor requirements needed for the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class.



After setting up camp and an opening campfire, Saturday featured knot tying, campfire building, identifying plants and fulfilling swimming requirements. The evening ended with a closing campfire, a cracker barrel and a night swim in the pool. A final flag ceremony and Scout's Own service on Sunday closed the weekend.

Jon Jorgenson, staff adviser of the Greater Yosemite Council, said the event was a great opportunity for Scouts that do not go camping very often or that do not have older Scouts to help them with advancement requirements. The lodge supplied all the leadership needed to teach and instruct the younger Scouts.

"This was a fun way for Arrowmen to practice leadership skills while helping younger Scouts from all around the council on their road to First Class," said Lodge Adviser **Paul Birmingham**.

Lodge Chief **David Mallory** can be contacted at malomar64@att.net. Lodge Adviser **Paul Birmingham** can be reached at fivepolarispaul@aol.com.

Discover NOAC 2002 in Indiana

by Andy Huston

Arrowmen, mark your calendars now for the 2002 National OA Conference to be held July 27 through August 1 at Indiana University in Bloomington. The theme for the conference is "Test Yourself and So Discover." From the minute you step onto the campus of Indiana University, you will be immersed in this theme.

NOAC 2002 will feature four major shows and continue the expanded Founders' Day to a full day. New events, such as the innovative "Goodmanopoly," will surely entertain you. Many memories will be made at the conference, and in the end you will have discovered a rekindled spirit.

Planning for the 2002 NOAC began at the national OA planning meeting in Dallas. Section chiefs from across the nation gathered to plan a conference for more than 7,500 Arrowmen. The program committees for the conference will be highlighted in this and the next edition of the *National Bulletin* and on the OA Web site at <http://www.oa-bsa.org>.

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CHIEFLY SPEAKING



National Chief Clay Capp

Brothers,

A few hours after the section chiefs assembled in Dallas to elect national officers for 2002, they identified a theme for the National OA Conference: "Test Yourself and So Discover." These lines from the pre-ordeal ceremony will be our compass for the Order in 2002.

We will ensure that every NOAC participant is filled with the excitement, fun and discovery that brightened our hearts when we joined the Order. We will work with determination to see that our experienced youth members have every opportunity to participate in the Wilderness Voyage at the Northern Tier or in the OA Trail Crew at Philmont.

The strenuous efforts required by these programs will lead to the testing and discovery envisioned by our section chiefs. Arrowmen who have many years of service will be encouraged to try a new committee or staff assignment to test new OA roles for themselves and to discover how they like them.

The year for National Vice Chief Riley Berg and me will be one in which we will certainly be tested by the awesome responsibility the section chiefs have elected us to carry. We know that much lies ahead for us to discover. We ask you to allow us to serve as your Kitchkenets this year as we guide the national organization in new ways to keep the Order vibrant as a cheerful servant to this great country.

We ask that you undertake new duties in the Order and in your units to "try them on for size." In so doing, we hope that the whole Order and, by extension, the whole Scouting movement can be as electrified and committed to a fabulous year.

My promise to you is that I will test myself every day, striving always to discover the best that is in me, in the Order and in Scouting.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve you; I hope to see you in Indiana, Philmont or the Northern Tier.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Clay Capp
National Chief

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You can't say that about much else," Berg said, when asked about this summer's conference.

During 2001, Riley participated in the Philmont OA Trail Crew, and served as a Utopian for the National Scout Jamboree OA production of "Scutopia," a summer he counts as an extraordinary experience.

He is a business major at Fresno City College and enjoys tennis, golf, and attempting to surf in his spare time. Riley said he was honored to be elected by his peers and looks forward to a stellar year in the Order. ♣

2002 Region Leaders Elected

by Jack Temsey

During December's annual national OA planning meeting, the section chiefs elected the following region chiefs for the upcoming year.



Brian Favat

Brian Favat, Northeast Region chief, is from Gibbsboro, New Jersey. Brian is a member of **Te' Kening Lodge** of the Southern New Jersey Council. He is an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor member and Founders' Award recipient. Before being elected as region chief, he served as lodge vice chief, lodge chief, section vice chief and, most recently, chief of Section NE-2A. Brian, 19, is a business major at Boston College. He has attended the OA Trail Crew, Wilderness Voyage, 1999 Leadership Summit and NOAC 2000, and he served on the 2001 National Scout Jamboree staff. Brian said he looks forward to a successful and exciting year serving the Northeast Region and the Order.

Nathan Finnin, Southern Region chief, is from Wilmington, North Carolina. Nathan is a member of **Klahican Lodge** of the Cape Fear Council, where he is an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor member and Founders' Award recipient. Before being elected region chief, he served as a two-time lodge vice chief, section vice chief and, most recently, as chief of Section SR-7B. Nathan, 19, is a political science major at East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina. He attended the 1998 and 2000 National OA Conferences, the OA Trail Crew and OA Wilderness Voyage, and he has served on camp staff for three years. Nathan said he is excited about this opportunity to serve as the Southern Region chief, and he has challenged all lodges to fulfill their national conference quotas.



Nathan Finnin



Brian Herren

Brian Herren, Central Region chief, is from Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Brian is a member of **Cho-Gun-A-Nock Lodge** of the Hawkeye Area Council and is an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor member and Founders' Award recipient. Before being elected region chief, he served as lodge chief and as chief of Section C-3B. Brian, 19, is a finance major at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids. He attended the 1998 and 2000 National OA Conferences, OA Trail Crew, OA Wilderness Voyage and the 1999 National Leadership Summit. He has been on camp staff for five years. Brian said he is excited about serving his brothers in a great year for our Order.

Dominic Pascucci, Western Region chief, hails from San Francisco, California. Dominic is a member of **Achewon Nimat Lodge** of the San Francisco Bay Area Council, where he is an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor member and Founders' Award Recipient. Before being elected region chief, he served as chapter chief and as chief of Section W-3A. Dominic, 19, is a business management major at the College of San Mateo in San Mateo, California. He has attended a National OA Conference and has served on summer camp staff. Dominic said he is honored to be elected, and he looks forward to building many positive memories throughout the coming year. ♣



Dominic Pascucci

Arrowman Carries Olympic Torch

by Andy Adamson

Arrowman **Paul Anderson** carried the Olympic torch during the Miami leg of the Salt Lake 2002 Olympic Torch Relay. Anderson, who serves as the reservation director for the McGregor Smith Scout Reservation, was nominated by the camp staff for this honor. He was selected as one of 11,000 torchbearers out of 210,000 nominations. He is an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor member and Founders' Award recipient of **O-Shot-Caw Lodge**, Miami Lakes, Florida. ♣



Paul Anderson carries the Olympic torch.

2002 Service Grant Recipients Announced

by Neil Johnson

The National Order of the Arrow Committee has selected the following lodges to receive service grants to help fund worthwhile projects in their respective councils.

Central Region

Sac-N-Fox Lodge of the Winnebago Council, Waterloo, Iowa, received \$4,000 to construct a log cabin for Cub Scout resident camp use.

Chickagami Lodge of the Blue Water Council, Port Huron, Michigan, received \$3,750 to construct an Adirondack camping site in the far reaches of its resident camp.

Southern Region

Tutelo Lodge of the Blue Ridge Mountains Council, Roanoke, Virginia, received \$3,000 for a two-phase project to enhance and expand the educational opportunities available at the Blue Ridge Mountains Scout Reservation.

Otena Lodge of the Comanche Trail Council, Brownwood, Texas, received \$4,000 to construct a health lodge at Camp Billy Gibbons.

Ini-To Lodge of the Flint River Council, Griffin, Georgia, received \$3,500 to reconstruct the lake path system at Camp Thunder, with permanent rock walls and ramps to eliminate severe erosion threatening the lake and to provide safe access to the lake.

Osceola Lodge of the Southwest Florida Council, Fort Myers, Florida, received \$4,750 to construct two buildings for sleeping areas in its campsite for physically challenged campers.

Northeast Region

Lowwapaneu Lodge of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council, Moosic, Pennsylvania, received \$3,500 to create a permanent display of 16 historical flags at the council service center and to replace or add 18 flagpoles in unit campsites and program areas at both council camps.

Passaconaway Lodge of the Daniel Webster Council, Manchester, New Hampshire, received \$4,700 to build an additional campsite to accommodate the increasing membership at Camp Bell.

Western Region

Wauna La-Mon'Tay Lodge of the Cascade Pacific Council, Portland, Oregon, received \$3,800 to expand and refurbish the campfire bowl at Cub World and to construct six dining and activity shelters at Camp Discovery. ♣

Building a NOAC...

Special Events to Showcase Fellowship and History

by Andy Chapman

Special Events program features are what make NOAC so special. The popular conferencewide cube game will be back, allowing Arrowmen to trade with each other to complete their cubes. We will give the Very Important Arrowmen (VIA) luncheons a special kick this year by giving invited Arrowmen a more relaxed and social atmosphere. The OA Museum will be expanded to provide more space for viewing of interesting Scouting and OA memorabilia. A impressive Scout's Own will be held, uniting and inspiring all who attend. We will present the Spirit Award again this year to lodges that meet the challenge. To close out NOAC 2002 with a bang, the Goodman Gala will feature refreshments and an awesome fireworks display you will not want to miss! ♣



Nick Hartman, Andy Huston, Brian Bridgers, and Andy Chapman

American Indian Activities to Celebrate the Order's Heritage

by Andy Herndon

The American Indian Activities (AIA) Committee is gearing up for a great NOAC. The AIA will host 10 great training cells covering regalia, dancing and ceremonial dress. Competitions will include individual and team dance—including fancy, straight, old style, grass and traditional dance—as well as competition in drumming and singing. Once again, the nation's best dancers will display their skills at the American Indian Show.

The committee also will host the largest craft fair ever for NOAC and encourages all participants to bring American Indian crafts to be judged and displayed. Capping a great week at NOAC is our Founders' Day Pow-Wow. It will give participants time to have fun and fellowship along with shaking out all their dancing fever. Come celebrate the Order's American Indian heritage this summer at NOAC! ♣



Andy Herndon, Shane Whitford, Calvin Fulks, and Gabe Rendon

Leadership Development: Where Leaders Come for Directions

by Ed Clifford

Arrowmen will find innovative and exciting training programs at this year's NOAC. We will feature a number of phenomenal programs including program innovation, leadership development and service-minded training cells. Arrowmen can engage and interact with some of the best trainers the Order has to offer while meeting other Arrowmen from across the nation. The advantages of being a NOAC-trained Arrowman are immense: These Arrowmen are invaluable tools and indispensable resources to lodges, sections, councils and units. ♣



Gil Rogers, Brian Stock, Bob Crume, Ed Clifford, Josh Gagnon, and Peter Keays

Communications: Connecting the Brotherhood

by Seth Bundy

The Communications Committee for NOAC 2002 promises to be an amazing and immense operation. The communications staff will bring you everything you'll want to know about our conference via the Internet at <http://www.ia-bsa.org>, over the radio, in our paper, *The NOAC Discoverer*, and at information booths set up throughout the Bloomington campus. The committee will host the lodge Web site and newsletter competitions, training for lodge Webmasters and publications chairmen and the "Meet the Man" sessions at NOAC. Want an inside look at our Order and the conference? Then sign up to be part of the Arrowmen Press Corps. These lucky Arrowmen, representing their lodges' newsletters, will take all the action back home by getting special seats at our shows, press passes at various events, interviews with our national officers and much more! ♣



Bryan Ing, Joel Bonner, Brian Love, and Seth Bundy



by Dominique Baker

Section 5 of the Southern Region will hold its 50th annual Dixie Fellowship April 26-28. This year's event will be hosted by Unali' Yi Lodge at Camp Ho Non Wah, Charleston, South Carolina. Visit the S-5 Web site at <http://www.sr5.org/>.

Quinipissa Lodge of the Istroma Area Council, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. Don Cunningham, the 2001 national chief, was the keynote speaker at the lodge's annual banquet on Jan. 12. The lodge will host the Section S-1 Conclave April 19-21 at Camp Avondale. Visit the lodge Web site at <http://www.oalodge479.org/>.

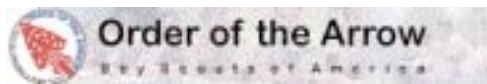
The members of Unami Lodge, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, raised more than \$1,100 through donations and a patch auction at their annual Fall Fellowship, September 28 through 30. All proceeds benefited the World Trade Center Fund. Visit the lodge Web site at <http://www.unamilodge.org/>.

Wincheck Lodge of the Narragansett Council, Providence, Rhode Island, held its annual Winter Fellowship January 4 through 6 at Champlin Scout Reservation. This event was the last official function of Wincheck Lodge and the first one for Abenaki Lodge. For additional merger information, visit the Abenaki Web site at <http://www.wincheck.org/>.

Amangamek Wipit Lodge of the National Capital Area Council, Bethesda, Maryland, celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. Visit the lodge's Web site at <http://mars.umd.edu/oa.html>.

If your lodge conducts a service project, celebrates an anniversary, starts a new program or does anything else noteworthy and would like to be featured in the next "Around the Nation" column, e-mail Dominique Baker at dfbaker@hotmail.com.

Surf the Web!



National OA Web Site Continues to Expand

Looking for the OA online? Then go to the official national OA Web site, which is expanding continually to meet the needs of Arrowmen across the country. The site features special stories on national OA programs and events and inspirational articles to pique interests in our high adventure programs. Lodge leaders will find a wealth of material specifically designed to assist lodges in carrying out their programs. In 2002, look forward to expanded stories from the OA high adventure programs, awards announcements, information on national programs and updates from our national officers.

This summer, the Web site will feature NOAC 2002 live! With updates twice a day throughout the course of the conference, Arrowmen, Scouts, and Scout families will be able to virtually participate in this year's NOAC. The Web site will also provide regular updates on registration and program material, helping participants and staff answer all of their pre-conference questions.

Find the OA online at <http://www.oa-bsa.org>.

Where Are They Now?

by Chad Heflin

Since serving as national vice chief of the Order of the Arrow in 1990, Tony Steinhardt has continued in his dedicated service to the Order and Scouting. As a youth, he served in numerous chapter, lodge and section positions, including terms as chief of Nischa Chuppecat Lodge and Section 4A of the East Central Region.



Then



Now

As an adult, Tony is the adviser for Central Region Section 4A and vice chairman of the Northeast District in the Crossroads of America Council, Indianapolis, Indiana. His many Scouting awards include the Arrow of Light, Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor, Founders' Award and the OA Distinguished Service Award.

In his professional life, Steinhardt is director of client development and an associate for RATIO Architects, Inc. He previously worked as the special assistant to the mayor of Muncie, Indiana, and the special projects director for the City of Madison, Indiana, and was involved in managing several local and state political races. Tony earned a bachelor's degree from Ball State University in Muncie.

Tony fondly looks back on his time spent as a youth leader in the Order, saying, "Serving as national vice chief was one of those life-altering events that provided me with many great opportunities, skills and friendships that I continue to use in my personal and professional life."

Tony lives in Indianapolis with his wife, Hilary, and children, Sydney and Anthony IV.

The Image of Being an Officer



From the *Wa-Hi-Nasa Wheel*

It is often said that lodge officers should project a certain image. This is a misleading statement unless it is clarified. Although lodge officers should conduct themselves appropriately, it is important that they not lose touch with reality or become carbon copies of each other. The positive image discussed here is the way an officer acts, looks and thinks about his job.

Officers should set the example for younger members by wearing the Scout uniform correctly. A lodge chief who wears a sweat suit while officiating at lodge event is a negative example.

Another important part of being a lodge officer is maintaining a good attitude toward the position, the Order and the event. If you consider the entire weekend to be a waste of time, this attitude will carry over to the members. If you show that you are enjoying the weekend, so will the members! You can express your opinions about how the event is being run, but it is best to wait until the evaluation time afterward.

It also is vital that officers treat all members with respect and good manners. Things will get hectic, and you will be under pressure, but do not lose your cool. If you have a disagreement with a member, stay calm. If you have a problem with

an adult, ask for the lodge adviser's help. An effective leader gets the job done without ordering anyone; suggest, make them think it is their own idea. Remember, we are all volunteers.

Always listen to an Arrowman's ideas. His age does not matter. The answer, "We've never done that before," is not the appropriate response to a new idea. If you do not have time to talk with him at that moment, let him know you are interested and set up another time during the day.

Lastly, remember that you are an officer because you were elected by the members. It is vital that you stay in touch with the membership. The only difference between you and the other members is that you have more responsibility. Be yourself. Do not become a cardboard officer who is always trying to appear important. Get down and get your hands dirty with the members, and they will have a higher opinion of you. You have the opportunity to work with a great group of people and to learn much. Go in with the right attitude, and you will accomplish your goals and improve the lodge.

Reprinted from the *Wa-Hi-Nasa Wheel*, found on the Web at <http://www.wa-hi-nasa.org/web/newsand-publ/wheel.htm>.

Life-Changing Experiences Found at Philmont Trail Crew

by Steve Beckett

Last summer, the OA Trail Crew (OATC) at Philmont Scout Ranch built 2,148 feet of trail on the Black Horse Trail just south of Baldy Mountain.

Each participant pays a fee of \$100 for a two-week experience in the backcountry of Philmont Scout Ranch. The first week is spent building new trail with two crews of 10 participants each and two sets of foremen who oversee the participants in the backcountry. For the second half of this experience, the crews split into two even groups with one pair of foremen and hike throughout Philmont on a trek they have planned.

Trail Crew helps to develop the leadership abilities of the participants. The OATC staff ensures that the crew mem-

bers work together as a team and successfully complete their projects. When asked about OA Trail Crew, 2002

Central Region Chief

Brian Herren said,

"I like the camaraderie of the group and the friendships we formed."

If you participate in OATC, your life will never be the same.

With this summer being a NOAC year, there is no better time to participate. Because only 120 spots are available, applicants should apply early. We look forward to seeing you this summer for OATC!

Applications can be downloaded now at <http://www.aa-bsa.org>. For more information, contact Carey Miller at the national office at 972-580-2455. 🐾



You will see incredible sunsets at the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

Wilderness Adventure at Northern Tier

by Brian Seeton

This summer, Arrowmen will have the opportunity to participate in an adventure in one of the last pristine wilderness areas in the lower 48 states. The Order will work with the U.S. Forest Service to repair portage trails in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. These trails are the only routes into the wilderness area. Spotting a bald eagle while paddling to work in the morning will become commonplace, but you must keep your eyes peeled to catch a glimpse of a moose.

After six days of service repairing portage trails, the wilderness adventure begins. Each crew will plan a six-day journey by canoe to find remote waterfalls and ancient Indian pictographs. They will be accompanied by two foremen, who are experienced in wilderness skills and OA knowledge.

You can be one of the 84 Arrowmen who get to experience true wilderness adventure. Send in your application to take the voyage of a lifetime, paddling in a pristine environment and making lifelong friendships with brothers from across the country.

The cost to participate in the OA Wilderness Voyage is just \$100 plus transportation to Northern Tier National High Adventure Base in Ely, Minnesota. Questions about the voyage can be directed to Brian Seeton or Bob Richards at oavoyage@ias-tate.edu, or to Carey Miller at the national office at 972-580-2455. For applications and additional information, check the OA Web site at <http://www.aa-bsa.org>. 🐾

Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge's A-Ni-Wa-Ya Chapter Feeds the Hungry

On November 15 and 17, the A-Ni-Wa-Ya Chapter of **Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge** successfully fed less-fortunate citizens of upstate South Carolina through its annual Gobbler Grab event. "With the mills closing down ... there is a lot (of need) this year," said **Larry Kennedy**, an organizer of the event.

In total, 753 frozen turkeys were collected to provide Thanksgiving dinner for an estimated 5,000 needy and homeless residents in the area. The chapter's annual Gobbler Grab included Loaves and Fishes, a local food bank that serves 167 agencies and two local restaurants. **Janey House**, executive director of Loaves and Fishes, estimated that the turkeys fed 19,500 people.

The chapter started the Gobbler Grab in 1997, when only nine turkeys were collected. Since then, the annual community service event, which utilizes local churches, businesses, schools and individuals, has achieved outstanding success. In 2001, the chapter also was aided by 28 different Cub Scout packs and Boy Scout troops from throughout the council.

The A-Ni-Wa-Ya Chapter of Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge, a National Quality Lodge, is part of the Blue Ridge Council, headquartered in Greenville, South Carolina. For additional information, contact Chapter Chief **Dale Fenton** at dfchief@hotmail.com or visit the lodge's Web site at <http://www.atakullakulla185.org>. 🐾



Members of the A-Ni-Wa-Ya Chapter and participating Cub Scouts.

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We have received numerous articles and photographs for publication, and will continue to welcome them. However, in the case of some photographs we have received inadequate information or quality. If you are submitting pictures for publication, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- (1) Provide names and lodges of all individuals in photographs. Identify the people from left to right, starting with the front row if there are multiple rows.
- (2) Those in the photograph should be in complete uniform, unless the activity captured does not require the complete uniform (such as the Philmont backcountry).
- (3) If an action photograph, provide a description of the activity and possible caption.
- (4) The photographs must be useable. They cannot be over/under exposed or too light/too dark to see.

2002 Planning Calendar

March 1	NOAC Reservations & Deposits Due
March 8-10	Northeast Region NLS, Puerto Rico
March 8-10	Western Region NLS, Logan, UT
March 15-17	Southern Region NLS / National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar (NLATS), Canton, MS
April 5-7	Northeast Region NLS / NLATS, Alpine, NJ
April 19-21	Central Region NLS, Rochester, MN
May 3-5	Northeast Region NLS, Alpine, NJ
May 10-12	Central Region NLATS, Rochester IN
May 31	NOAC Fees Due
June 5-7	National BSA Meeting, New Orleans, LA
June 6	Philmont OA Trail Crew Begins
June 7	Northern Tier OA Voyage Begins
June 14-16	Western Region NLS, Anchorage, AK
June 23-29	Philmont OA Adviser Training
July 25	Philmont OA Trail Crew Ends
July 25	Northern Tier OA Voyage Ends
July 27-August 1	National Order of the Arrow Conference, Bloomington, IN
September 6-8	Southern Region Section Officer Seminar (SOS), Location TBD
September 13-15	Northeast Region NLS, Pennfield, PA
September 13-15	Southern Region NLS / NLATS, Brown Summit, NC
September 15-21	Philmont OA Staff Adviser Training
September 27-29	Central Region NLS, Toledo, OH
October 1	OA Charter Renewal Kits Available
October 4-6	Western Region NLS, Denver, CO
October 11-13	Southern Region NLS, Bridgeport, TX
October 18-20	Western Region SOS, Phoenix, AZ
November 1-3	Northeast Region SOS, Alpine, NJ
November 8-10	Southern Region NLS, Covington, GA
November 15	OA Lodge Support Pak Available
November 15-17	Western Region NLS / NLATS, Stockton, CA
November 30	OA Service Grant Applications Due
December 6-8	Central Region SOS, Rochester IN
December 27-30	OA National Planning Meeting, Dallas, TX
December 31	Lodge Charter Renewal Deadline

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by Jack Temsey

Question: What are the approved camping requirements for election into the Order of the Arrow?

Answer: Fifteen days and nights of Boy Scout camping must be completed after joining a troop or team within the two-year period prior to the election. That eliminates all Webelos Scout, Cub Scout, and family

camping. The 15 days and nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of six consecutive days and five nights of resident camping, approved and under the auspices of standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend or other short-term camps. 🦋

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National Notes

→ European Camp Staff Scholarships Available.

The Order is offering a limited number of scholarships to OA members ages 18-20 who participate in the European Camp Staff program. Scholarship benefits include \$100 for every week of your actual employment and your airline fare. For more information and to obtain an application, contact Esther Scoggins by telephone at 972-580-2403, by fax at 972-580-2413 or via e-mail at escoggins@netb-sa.org. Applications are due March 15, 2002.

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