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Boy Scouts of America

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Scouting's National Honor Society

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Welcome New National Officers!

by Nick Williams

National Chief Nick Digirolamo is from Gulf Ridge Council in Tampa, Florida. He is an Eagle Scout, Founder's Award recipient and Vigil Honor member of Seminole Lodge. His Vigil name means "the ant who sees the end," which describes characteristics Nick's lodge sees in him. A few of the highlights from Nick's Scouting background include serving on the staff of NJLIC, NLS and the 2002 NOAC, and attending the 1997 and 2001 National Scout Jamborees.

Recalling his fondest



National Chief Nick Digirolamo (left) and National Vice Chief Rich Moore.

Scouting memory, Nick said, "Winning an honor medal in the pre-ordeal ceremony stands out in my mind as a memory that I will cherish forever."

Nick attends the University of Central Florida, where he is a sophomore planning to major in business. His favorite sport is football,

and he supports the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Along the lines of music, he says anything goes.

Nick's goal is to own a Fortune 500 business. His goals for the year include having a successful Indian Summer and Philbreak and increasing OA attendance at the national high-adventure bases. He plans to energetically promote the Order's new strategic plan. He also looks forward to traveling this year and meeting new people.

National Vice Chief Rich Moore is from the Dan Beard Council based in Cincinnati, Ohio. He is an Eagle Scout, Founder's

Award recipient, and Vigil Honor member of Ku-Ni-Eh Lodge. His Vigil name means "the master of Brotherhood." Rich said that being elected national vice chief is an opportunity for him to influence new Arrowmen in a meaningful way. He said that each newly inducted Ordeal member should be the Order's top priority, because they are its future leaders.

Rich is a freshman at Eastern Kentucky University, where he is majoring in fire science engineering. His heroes are those who risk their lives

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Philbreak: Rising From the Ashes

by Sam Stocker



Scouts walk among the charred remains at Philmont.

The first annual Philbreak is completely sold out. This spring, 72 Scouters will converge on Philmont Scout Ranch for a week of cheerful service and fellowship. At

the December OA planning meeting, the nine section chiefs assigned to Philbreak designed the best alternative spring break program the Boy Scouts of America has to offer. Some of the highlights of this action-packed week will include four days of cheerful conservation service in the heart of Philmont, one day of snow-skiing at Angel Fire, New Mexico, and stellar evening activities.

The Philbreak theme is "Rising From the Ashes" because participants will help reforest a portion of the ranch that was destroyed by forest fires. Their efforts will help prevent further damage to this pristine area and will allow Scouts to enjoy its beauty for years to come. ♣

National Scouting Museum Opens

by Clay Capp



BSA President Roy S. Roberts, right, presents a plaque to 2002 National Chief Clay Capp, center, and National OA Committee Chairman Brad Haddock.

The National Scouting Museum held its grand opening on October 15 in Irving, Texas. The 50,000-square-foot facility is located at 1329 West Walnut Hill Lane, next door to the national office of the BSA. The museum is home to many different Scouting exhibits, covering all aspects of the program from Cub Scouting to Venturing, and there is an exhibit dedicated to the Order of the Arrow.

During the national planning meeting in December, the leaders of the Order visited the museum. As you might guess, the highlight for many was the OA exhibit itself. Within the OA exhibit,

there is an interactive OA Jeopardy game, video presentations and a display of the national chief's bonnet.

Arrowmen on the tour also viewed the impressive collection of Norman Rockwell artwork, played on a Venturing role-playing

video game and learned more about the history of Scouting.

For museum hours and more information, call 800-303-3047, or visit the museum online at <http://www.bsamuseum.org>. ♣

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National Chief Nick Digirolamo

Brothers,

In the days following the elections of the 2003 national officers, many new program ideas were compiled. By the conclusion of the national planning meeting, 46 section chiefs from around the country had compiled a number of ideas to bring the Order two successful programs: Philbreak and Indian Summer. In addition to these programs, there is also a task force exploring ways to improve the lodge leadership development course.

All of these challenges require clear vision. The leaders coordinating these programs are dedicated to bringing all participants an unforgettable experience. Indian Summer is an opportunity for Arrowmen to strengthen their knowledge of American Indian culture and the Order's induction process. Philbreak is a unique spring break opportunity to serve Philmont Scout Ranch in its quest to "rise from the ashes" and recover from a devastating fire that destroyed thousands of acres last summer.

Aside from these events, the tradition of cheerful service continues with the OA Wilderness Voyage and OA Trail Crew programs. Northern Tier and Philmont are two of the most beautiful places I have ever visited, and the Order plays a vital role in preserving many of the portages and trails that make up these high-adventure areas.

The year ahead certainly will bring many exciting opportunities for all Arrowmen. I encourage you to participate in at least one of the programs offered this year and take what you learn back to your lodge and unit. I look forward to serving you as national chief, and I hope to see you at an event in 2003!

Yours in Service,

Nick Digirolamo
2003 National Chief

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for others every day, such as police officers, firefighters and paramedics. His favorite sport is baseball, and he likes to follow the Cincinnati Reds.

After graduating from college, he would like to be a major-city fire chief and raise a family. His goals for this year include enhancing the Order's American Indian culture through Indian Summer; helping to promote the Philmont Trail Crew, Wilderness Voyage, and Philbreak programs; and making many new friends. Rich says the highlight of Indian Summer will be meeting ceremonialists and dancers from around the country and learning new dance styles. ♣

Region Leadership Elected for 2003

by Brian Favat

During the national OA planning meeting in December, section chiefs elected the following 2003 region chiefs:



Ererson

The new Central Region Chief is **Adam Ererson** of Janesville, Wisconsin. He is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of **Chemokemon Lodge**, Mississippi Council. He

is currently registered as an assistant Scoutmaster and was serving as Section C-3A chief. Adam is 19 and a construction major at the University of Wisconsin at Stout. He enjoys camping, hunting, climbing, fishing and golf. He looks forward to "keeping cheerfulness at the center of the Order's service projects and activities" in 2003.



Griffis

The new Western Region chief is **Matthew Griffis** of San Lorenzo, California. He is a Vigil Honor member and Founder's Award recipient of **Achewon Nimat Lodge**. Matt is an Eagle

Scout and an assistant Scoutmaster in the San Francisco Bay Area Council. Matt is 18 and an environmental science major at the University of California at Berkeley. He enjoys hiking, camping and playing the guitar and OA Jeopardy. Before being elected region chief, Matt served as chief of Section W-3A. Matt is excited about Indian Summer because of his experience with ceremonies and dance.



Pinnavaia

Ian Pinnavaia of Brooklyn, New York, is the new Northeast Region chief. Ian is a member of **Shu-Shu-Gah Lodge** of the Greater New York-Brooklyn Council and an Eagle

Scout. He is a Vigil Honor and Founder's Award recipient. Before being elected region chief, he served three terms as chief of Section NE-2C. Ian is 18 and a computer science major at St. John's University in Queens, New York. He enjoys climbing, backpacking, soccer and hockey. He is looking forward to delivering an outstanding OA program in 2003.



McMillan

The new Southern Region chief is **Frank McMillan** of Atlanta, Georgia. Frank is an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor member and Founder's Award recipient of **Egwa Tawa Dee Lodge**, Atlanta

Area Council. Frank enjoys backpacking, rock climbing, swimming and reading. He previously served as chief and secretary of Section S-6S. Frank is 19 and a philosophy major at the University of Chicago. His goals for the year are focused on improving service, training and communications in the Southern Region, particularly toward the younger Arrowmen. ♣

Profiles in Service:

Shelter From the Snow

by Andrew Phillips

The 3,000 Webelos Scouts of Indianhead Council who traverse the snowy hills of Phillippo Scout Reservation will be warmer this year, thanks to a new \$35,000 Polar Cub warming shelter built by **Agaming Lodge** of St. Paul, Minnesota.

Lodge members raised \$5,000 for the project by selling special-edition, segmented patch sets and their 2001 Quality Lodge jacket patches. The council contributed the rest of the money.

Chief Black Dog Chapter Adviser **Bruce Paulson** designed the 24-by-52-foot shelter and provided leadership to the construction phase of the project. "We have now created a headquarters for the Polar Cub program that is located on the field where the major activities are held," Paulson said.

The building features \$3,000 of donated electrical work, cabinets to store program supplies, and a 20-by-24-foot covered area that will be used for nature instruction in the summer. The building also provides enough room for 24 people



Polar Cub warming shelter built by Agaming Lodge at Phillippo Scout Reservation.

to sleep comfortably, which will allow troops to camp even in inclement weather.

Agaming Lodge broke ground on October 12 and worked every weekend up to Christmas. In total, the lodge donated 996 hours of service constructing the shelter.

John Flanagan, an Arrowman from Chief Black Dog Chapter who helped extensively with the project stated: "There were many people with a variety of skills. The project brought the Scouting community together."

"Projects like this help to keep people interested (in Scouting)," said Chief Black Dog Chapter Chief **Chris Thompson**. ♣

Serving as an OA Voyage Foreman

OA Voyage Dates

Dates for summer 2003 are:

- Session 1: June 10-23
- Session 2: June 17-30
- Session 3: June 24-July 7
- Session 4: July 1-14
- Session 5: July 8-21
- Session 6: July 15-28
- Session 7: July 22-August 4
- Session 8: July 29-August 11
- Session 9: August 15-18

by Tim Tipple

Serving as an OA Wilderness Voyage foreman is both an inspiration and a honor for any Arrowman.

Leading young men in service that will benefit future generations of Scouts is more of a privilege than a job. It is rewarding to see participants come out of their shells, share their strengths and improve their outdoor and leadership skills. Every day in the boundary water wilderness, I found myself thankful to be in such an awesome and peaceful place, away from the troubles of society and helping participants learn more about themselves.

"My greatest reward at the end of the day, after carrying canoes and heavy packs over miles of portages, was to show participants that they can accomplish any task presented to them," said Dominique Baker, a 2002 foreman. "It was great hearing the excitement in the participants' voices when they realized they could do anything, not just in the Order but also in their life if they just put their mind to it."

If you are interested in attending the 2003 Voyage as a participant, complete the application form that can be found on the OA website, <http://www.oe-bsa.org>.



"Every day in the boundary water wilderness, I found myself thankful to be in such an awesome and peaceful place..."

Inside the OA Trail Crew Experience

OA Trail Crew Dates

Dates for summer 2003 are:

- Session 1: June 8-22
- Session 2: June 15-29
- Session 3: June 22-July 6
- Session 4: June 29-July 13
- Session 5: July 6-20
- Session 6: July 13-27
- Session 7: July 20-August 3
- Session 8: July 27-August 10
- Session 9: August 3-17

by Matt Dukeman

Would you like to participate in an exciting high-adventure activity this summer? The OA Trail Crew provides Arrowmen from across the country a great two-week outdoor leadership experience at Philmont Scout Ranch.

An outstanding staff of 14 Arrowmen has been assembled to offer each participant an exciting and memorable experience. The 12 foremen—half of them under age 21—who implement the program accomplish the real work.

Foreman **Ryan Crider** from **Susquehannock Lodge** said he became a foreman after being a participant in the program. "It was the best experience of my life, and when I got the opportunity to give back, I jumped at it," he said.

"We look for the best foremen that we can find, and sometimes this poses a challenge," said **Steve Beckett** of **Nebagamon Lodge**, the 2002 program director. "It is important to apply early and make your intentions known."

Grant Gholson of **Illini Lodge** went to Philmont last summer as a foreman. "I really enjoyed it," he said. "It was like being on the trail all summer and making all kinds of great friends that you will remember forever. I wish that everyone had the opportunity to serve in this position because it is definitely rewarding."

This summer is shaping up to be just as rewarding. If you are interested in a staff position at Philmont, please visit <http://www.philmont.com> to download an application.

There is still space available to participate in one of the nine treks scheduled for this summer. For an application, visit the OA website <http://www.oe-bsa.org>.



The OA Trail Crew is all about brotherhood and service. Here a crew stops long enough for a picture.

Indian Summer 2003

Celebrating Indian Heritage

This summer Native American Activity and ceremony enthusiasts will gather for the 2003 Indian Summer Conference to be held at Ridgecrest Lifeway Conference Center near Asheville, North Carolina. Individuals interested in attending should contact their council office. Each lodge is allowed to send 10 delegates, with priority being given to youth attendees. The conference fee is either \$275 for resident housing accommodations or \$375 for standard hotel housing. Lodges have until March 1, 2003, to use their allotted 10 spots. Any remaining spots will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The last national OA ceremony and American Indian conference was held in 1995. Come be a part of history as we gather to expand the knowledge of our Order's American Indian heritage.

Inductions and Ceremonial Events

by Bobby Johnson

The induction process has played a key role in our Order since its founding in 1915, challenging the candidates in all the aspects upon which our Order was founded.

Indian Summer provides an opportunity to thoroughly analyze this process.

The Inductions and Ceremonial Events (ICE) program will be divided into two basic parts: inductions management and ceremonial performance development. Inductions Management involves everything that is not in a ceremony, such as induction sequence principles, which outline the basic philosophy and spirit of the inductions in the Order. Ceremonial performance development is for new and experienced Arrowmen alike and will focus on the importance of the performance of each individual ceremonialist, in-depth analysis of each ceremony and one-on-one coaching for Arrowmen who wish to take their performance to the next level.



(L to R) Bryson Palmer, Bobby Johnson (PVC), Micah Reynolds, Mark Kelinske and Loren Brown.

Activities and Recreation

by Nick Williams

The Activities and Recreation Committee (ARC) will help participants at Indian Summer to create lasting memories.

Evening activities include inflatable games such

as sumo wrestling, big-glove boxing, human foosball and a maze; a Velcro wall; hydraulic climbing walls and more. On Tuesday night, the committee is planning a Mountain Man Rendezvous that will include tomahawk throwing, bluegrass music, blacksmithing and much more. We hope to spark enough excitement about this event that staff and participants alike will remember this night at Indian Summer for years to come.



(L to R) Jeff Hayward, Brian Kelly, Jared Davis, Michael Kirby, Tyler LeBrun, Nick Williams (PVC), Dave Lockley, David Nguyen, Bill Stone, Jorge Delgado and Troy Oliveira.



by Dominique Baker

The **Tom Kita Chara Lodge** of Weston, Wisconsin, has created a First-Year Arrowman Award to improve membership retention. To read more about this award, visit the lodge online at <http://www.samosetcouncil.org/tkc/>.

Visit the **TKaen DoD Lodge** of Elmira, New York, online at <http://www.tkaendod.org> to see cutting-edge Web site technology. If you have a slower connection, a non-Flash version also is available.

The **Muscogee Lodge** of Columbia, South Carolina, has an extensive online resource page. The Web site can be found at <http://www.muscogeelodge.org>.

The **Es-Kaielgu Lodge** of Spokane, Washington, is supporting the Inland Northwest Council's goal of improving local high-adventure participation by creating a scholarship program. This scholarship will help outstanding Scouts experience an outdoor high adventure.

Section SR-2, online at <http://www.sr-2.org>, is hosting a winter leadership training encampment. This training event will help prepare the leaders of its 16 lodges for their new responsibilities.

Be sure to check out the **Jumpstart** program for new Arrowmen on the national OA Web site at <http://www.jumpstart.oa-bsa.org>.

If your lodge conducts a service project, celebrates an anniversary or starts a new program that is noteworthy, e-mail Dominique Baker at dfbaker@hotmail.com and we will feature your article in the "Around the Nation" column. 🐾

2003 Service Grant Recipients

The following lodges will receive matching service grants to help fund projects in their respective councils.

Central Region

- **Timmeu Lodge**, Northeast Iowa Council, Dubuque, Iowa, received \$5,000 to construct a health lodge at Camp Klaus.
- **Sipp-O Lodge**, Buckeye Council, Canton, Ohio, received \$1,850 to make a campsite for campers with physical disabilities.

Southern Region

- **Alibamu Lodge**, Tukabatchee Area Council, Montgomery, Alabama, received \$5,000 to construct a co-ed bathroom facility for those with physical disabilities.
- **Catawba Lodge**, Mecklenburg County Council, Charlotte, North Carolina, received \$5,000 to construct a woodworking shop for Camp Grimes' Frontier program area.

Western Region

- **Topa Topa Lodge**, Ventura County Council,

Camarillo, California, received \$600 to build a chapel at the council's Boy Scout camp.

- **Tataliya Lodge**, Grand Columbia Council, Yakima, Washington, received \$2,250 to construct a Project COPE course at Camp Bonoparte.
- **Wiatava Lodge**, Orange County Council, Costa Mesa, California, received \$5,000 to renovate an old dining hall into a multipurpose facility.

Northeast Region

- **Monaken Lodge**, Juniata Valley Council, Reedsville, Pennsylvania, received \$2,000 to renovate a camp chapel.
- **Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee Lodge**, Greater Niagara Frontier Council, Buffalo, New York, received \$4,300 for a new council ring at Camp Schoellkopf.
- **Tisquantum Lodge**, Old Colony Council, Canton, Massachusetts, received \$4,000 to add elements to Camp Squanto's Project COPE course. 🐾

Where Are They Now?

by Jonathan Hardin

Ryan Miske served as national vice chief in 1996. Before his election, Ryan was a two-term lodge chief of Tonkawampus Lodge in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and a two-term chief of Section C-1. After completing his term as national vice chief, Ryan recruited and led a youth team that revitalized the National Bulletin. With the support of the national OA committee, he also led the effort to create the National Service Award. At the 1998 National Order of the Arrow Conference in Ames, Iowa, Ryan received the Distinguished Service Award for his years of ser-

vice to the Order.

Ryan was also a key player in launching the OA Trail Crew program at Philmont Scout Ranch. He served as a foreman during the summers of 1995 and 1996. In 1997, he served as director of the program.

In 1999, Ryan graduated magna cum laude with distinction in political science from Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota. After graduation, Ryan worked as a distribution manager at McMaster-Carr Supply Company outside Chicago. After working for three years, Ryan decided to earn



Then



Now

a law degree and is currently enrolled at the University of Minnesota Law School.

Ryan, along with Whit Culver, is an adviser to the new Philbreak program at Philmont Scout Ranch. Ryan stated that due to the support of Ed Pease, Dan Segersin, the Philmont Staff Association, and promotion by the OA Website and the *National Bulletin*, all slots have been filled. 🐾

Go to <http://www.oa-bsa.org>

by Ian Pinnavaia

This year promises to be another exciting year for the national OA Web site! Perhaps the biggest news for the site was the release of Jumpstart on January 1, 2003. Jumpstart is an online resource for new Arrowmen. It reinforces the

principles of the Ordeal and allows them the opportunity to work toward Brotherhood by utilizing multimedia technology and interactive features.

The Web staff also has begun direct e-mails to lodge and section webmasters when major information updates are released on

the Web site. If you are an OA webmaster who would like to be added to the mailing list or if you are interested in joining the Web team, please e-mail **Carey Mignerey** at mignerey@virginia.edu. 🐾

Meeting Management: Facilitator Tips

by Bob Crume

One of the leadership skills that applies to every group or organization is the ability to conduct an effective meeting. Rules such as "be prepared," and "simple and clear" create the environment for a successful meeting. Real-life practice, however, reveals useful techniques that few rules express.

Preparing for a successful meeting begins with setting a clear agenda. Agenda items often come from the chairman or committee members. The agenda should include enough time to complete business without making participants feel rushed. Distribute the agenda in advance to allow members time to review the agenda items and to prepare reports. Appoint a secre-

tary to keep the minutes of the meeting.

At the meeting, every participant should be seated in a manner that permits a view of everyone else. After the opening, establish the rules for an orderly and effective meeting. For some groups, this can mean using Robert's Rules of Order. Set time limits on discussion and ask that points not be repeated by multiple committee members. Ensure that action items are assigned to individuals, with a completion deadline.

Follow the agenda and focus on one item at a time. If a separate item is raised in the course of discussion, make a note of it and address it at the appropriate time. This will help the secretary to record the minutes clearly while help-

ing members to maintain their focus during discussions. Keep a large paper pad or chalkboard on hand—they can provide a visual record of the points established in discussion.

After the meeting, the minutes should be distributed so that everyone has a record of what happened. The minutes also serve as a reminder of action items (assigned tasks) and their completion dates. The chairman should remain in contact with members to see that the action items are completed.

Preparation, clarity and comprehensive instructions create a healthy and effective meeting environment. These meeting basics can be applied to various meetings, such as an annual goal-setting or a weekly executive meeting. 🐾



Lodge Honors Scoutmasters

by Darren Bouta

Our recognition efforts often neglect some of Scouting's most dedicated volunteers—our Scoutmasters. Nisqually Lodge of the Pacific Harbors Council has found a way to correct this oversight: a Scoutmaster dinner.

Planning begins at least three months beforehand. Fliers are sent out to every unit in the council, as well as to potential keynote speakers. The chief appoints a chairman, who finds the right location—a site that has a large serving area, such as a church or school.

The fact that the dinner is free can be quite appealing to Scouters. However, this evening is designed to fill not only their stomachs, but also their minds. The lodge leadership takes time to explain to the Scoutmasters—new and experienced alike—what the Order is about. The officers dispel rumors that the Order is an elite group of older Scouts by presenting it as an organization that serves Scout troops, the council and Scouting in general.

Topics for discussion should include the mission and history of the Order and how it serves



troops. It also is helpful to talk about service projects the lodge has completed and the impact those projects have had on their Scouts. This evening presents a great opportunity to discuss and plan unit elections or camp visitations.

Never lose sight of the objectives of this dinner: to paint an accurate, positive picture of the Order; to provide information about upcoming events; to allow Scouters to voice their opinions and ask questions and—most importantly—to make Scoutmasters feel appreciated by the Order. This event has worked wonders for Nisqually Lodge.

For more information on the Scoutmaster dinner program from Nisqually Lodge, contact Lodge Chief **Darren Bouta** at DDBouta@aol.com or Lodge Adviser **Ron Francis** at ronndogg@atbi.com.

National Goals for 2003

by Linley Collins

For the first time, the Order will conduct two national programs of emphasis. The first program, Philbreak, is a joint effort involving the Order of the Arrow, the Philmont Ranch Committee and the Philmont Staff Association. Scouters ages 18 to 25 will be working on important conservation projects after the worst wildfires in Philmont history.

Indian Summer, scheduled for August 2 through 7 at the Ridgecrest Lifeway Conference Center near Asheville, North Carolina, is the second program of

emphasis. This event will enhance participants' understanding of American Indian culture and help lodge members improve their OA inductions and ceremonial programs.

OA Philmont Trail Crew and OA Wilderness Voyage programs will be offered in 2003. An OA high-adventure program at the Florida National High Adventure Sea Base is being considered for summer 2004.

In addition to NOACs scheduled for 2004, 2006, 2009, 2011, 2013 and 2015, the Order is planning a national conservation project in 2008.

A Legacy of Servant Leadership

by Clyde Mayer

As we usher in a new year, the new Order of the Arrow strategic plan (2003-2007) begins its five-year run. The plan is designed to leave "A Legacy of Servant Leadership." In the plan's introductory message from the National Chairman, Bradley Haddock states that "our plan places strong emphasis on leadership, service, and financial support to the local council. The plan identifies parallel focus areas nationally and locally to reinforce the importance of our efforts to assure each lodge is a valuable and integral part of its local council operations. Everything we do at the national level is designed to set this example and provide the tools to accomplish this goal."

The national Order of the Arrow committee, after review of the BSA strategic plan, identified areas of emphasis through which it could assist both the national and local councils. Although these areas of emphasis (leadership, service and financial support) provide meaningful direction to councils, it is the national committee's intention that each lodge will develop its own annual plan, in consultation with and approval of its council leadership. It is important that the BSA strategic plan and the strategic plan of the Order of the Arrow be integrated into the lodge's plan in ways that support the particular needs of the local council. The entire OA strategic plan can be found on the Order's official Web site: <http://www.oa-bsa.org>.

During each year of the plan, the national OA committee will select several initiatives from the plan to work on and complete. The strategic plan priorities for 2003 are the following:

1. Roll out the first (section) conclave training initiative that encourages lodges to develop an annual plan.
2. Introduce the new Jumpstart and new-member orientation programs.
3. Improve Brotherhood conversions.
4. Develop a "Lodgemaster" membership and charter renewal Internet program.
5. Improve the National Leadership Seminar program.
6. Work on endowment growth both locally and nationally.
7. Continue the lodge assistance program.

The new plan comes on the heels of the Order's first five-year plan. The 1998-2002 strategic plan placed strong emphasis on leadership development, membership extension, adventurous programming and broader service to Scouting and the community. Significant accomplishments were achieved including a repositioning of the Order as Scouting's National Honor Society, updating all of the Order's key publications and training to reflect our new vision, enhancing the role of the section to include a monitoring and mentoring relationship with lodges, implementing a new national lodge adviser training program and creating a national OA Web site. Other accomplishments included publishing an annual Program Resource Book, developing programs that support the Webelos Scout transition process, expanding the Order's matching grant program to councils and increasing support to Cub Scouting outdoor programs.



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Dear Readers:

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/dark to see.

2003 Planning Calendar

March 2	Philbreak Begins
March 7-9	Southern Region NLS / NLATS, Damascus, AR
March 7-9	Western Region NLS/NLATS, Whittier, CA
March 22	Philbreak Ends
March 28-30	Northeast Region NLS / NLATS, Alpine, NJ
March 28-30	Central Region NLS, St. Louis, MO
May 2-5	Northeast Region NLS, Constantia, NY
May 16-18	Central Region NLATS, Milwaukee, WI
May 28-30	National BSA Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
June 1-7	Philmont NLATS
June 8	Philmont OA Trail Crew Begins
June 10	Northern Tier OA Voyage Begins
August 2-7	Indian Summer, Ridgecrest, NC
August 17	Philmont OA Trail Crew Ends
August 18	Northern Tier OA Voyage Ends
September 5-7	Southern Region SOS, Location TBA
September 19-21	Northeast Region NLS, Alpine, NJ
September 19-21	Western Region NLS, Logan, UT
September 26-28	Central Region NLS, Loveland, OH
October 1	OA Charter Renewal Kits Available
October 3-5	Western Region NLS, Hawaii
October 17-19	Western Region SOS, Phoenix, AZ
October 17-19	Southern Region NLS, Haines City, FL
November 7-9	Northeast Region SOS, Alpine, NJ
November 7-9	Southern Region NLS / NLATS, Leesville, SC
November 14-16	Central Region NLS, Parkville, MO
November 14-16	Western Region NLS / NLATS, Portland, OR
December 5-7	Central Region SOS, Parkville, MO
December 27-30	OA National Planning Meeting, Dallas, TX
December 31	Lodge Charter Renewal Deadline
July 31 - August 5, 2004	National Order of the Arrow Conference, Iowa State University, IA

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Question: Are there any plans in the works for changing the national event rotation to allow the National Scout Jamboree or NOAC to fall on the 100th anniversary of each respective program?

Answer: At the national planning meeting in December, a change in the NOAC rotation was approved by the national OA committee. Between now and 2015, the National Order of the Arrow Conferences are scheduled to be held in 2004, 2006, 2009, 2011, 2013 and 2015. This will eliminate conflict with the National Scout Jamboree to be held in 2010 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the BSA without having to compete with NOAC. The 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow will be celebrated in 2015. 🏹

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- ➔ **OA Trail Crew / OA Wilderness Voyage.** Applications and additional information on these great programs are available at the OA Web site.

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