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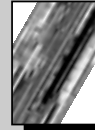
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National Service Award Eight Lodges to be Recognized in 2000

by Jim Schwab

It is not too late for your lodge to apply for the new National Service Award. This award recognizes two lodges in each region for outstanding service to their council. To be eligible for the award, a lodge must achieve National Quality Lodge recognition and must submit the National Service Award petition by December 31, 1999, along with the lodge recharter application. The first presentation of the National Service Award will occur during NOAC 2000.

The National Service Award petition requires lodges to submit the following information:

- Current lodge membership. The size of a lodge

will be a factor when considering the magnitude of the service it has provided.

A detailed description (pictures are welcome) of the largest and most meaningful service project your lodge has completed for your council in 1999.

A record of all service performed by your lodge for your council since the last recharter process. Be sure to describe the service performed in detail and the number of hours dedicated to the project.

Service for this award is defined as any project that has directly benefited the Scouting program in your council.



The National Service Award

National Service Award petitions were mailed in October to every Scout executive and lodge adviser. For more information, contact the OA national office at 972-580-2438, or visit the national OA Web page at <http://www.aa-bsa.org>.

Knoxville Makes Plans for NOAC 2000

by James White

During the week of July 29 through August 3, 2000, at the University of Tennessee--Knoxville, the



Order of the Arrow will have its first national conference of the new millennium. The conference fee for youth and adult members is \$280. The fee includes housing, meals, program and support materials, and recognition items during the six-day conference. Lodge contingent reservations forms will be mailed to all local councils in mid-November.

Our lodge, Pellissippi Lodge of the Great Smoky Mountain Council in Knoxville, has been looking forward to hosting Arrowmen from throughout the nation for quite some time. We recently began recruiting at our fall fellowship the 150 Arrowmen who will participate as service lodge staff members. We also look forward to the December national planning meeting to receive instructions from the conference planning committee on how we can further prepare for NOAC 2000.

For more information about NOAC 2000, see the Lodge Charter Renewal Kit, or visit the OA Web site: <http://www.aa-bsa.org>.

James White serves as Pellissippi lodge chief.

Attend OA Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage

by Bobby Kunstman

The Order of the Arrow Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage has just completed its first summer in the Boundary Waters of Minnesota and Canada at the Northern Tier National High Adventure Base. The program ran for 10 ses-

sions, beginning June 9 and ending August 23. The OA voyage consisted of a two-week adventure for Arrowmen participants. They began with a week of work somewhere in the million-acre wilderness. On day one they paddled to the work site and did campsite repair. The next four and a

half days were spent doing portage repair work.

After the first week of work, crew members spent five and a half days on a voyage that they planned themselves. They enjoyed the wilderness, woods, lakes, cliff writings, majestic waterfalls and more.

Plans for next summer's voyage are already underway. If you are interested in the 2000 OA Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage, or if you are 18 years of age or older and interested in working as a voyage staff member, contact the program director, Bobby Kunstman. His e-mail address is:

rjk5985@garnet.acns.fsu.edu. For more information about the OA voyage, write or

Participants Share their Experiences

Participants of the first OA Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage were asked to comment on their experiences. One Scout said: "Two weeks in real wilderness is an experience beyond all others. When you get to the other side of a difficult, muddy and rocky portage and lower the canoe back into the water, you feel absolutely incredible. You set a goal, put your mind to it, and you accomplished it. The OA voyage provides endless memories that just cannot be captured in words. The saying, 'The journey is the destination', becomes all the more meaningful after the voyage--one of the greatest programs that Scouting offers."

Another Scout commented: "I never thought that any program could make as large an impact on my life as the OA Trail Crew program. But I found in my time in the Boundary Waters, that I never really could claim to have experienced nature until I was totally submersed in an untouched world. From Philmont you may be able to see things from what feels like the top of the world, but I suggest you take the challenge of confronting these sights up-close. Northern Tier provides an opportunity to do that."



Arrowmen clearing logs from a portage trail.

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150279, Irving, TX 75015-2079; phone 972-580-2438.

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CHIEFLY SPEAKING



National Chief Will Parker and National Vice Chief Andrew Oh are pictured with the region chiefs. Left to right: Hayato Nakawatase, Aaron Kreager, Will Parker, Andrew Oh, Ken Jenkins, and John Isley.

Good night, good night! Parting is such sweet sorrow,
That I shall say good night till it be morrow.
--Romeo and Juliet, Act II, Scene II; William
Shakespeare, 1595

Brothers,

As we write our last "Chiefly Speaking," one might think that we are full of sadness and self-reflection. This, of course, is the last issue of the *National Bulletin* during our term. We have less than one-fourth of our term to fulfill and time is closing in on us.


However, we are not full of sorrow, but rather joy and gladness. Throughout our experiences this year, we have greeted you at chapter, lodge, region, and national events. We have talked with you and have learned with you. Whether we ate submarine sandwiches with you at a chapter meeting, interacted and experienced the National Leadership Seminar together, or whether we talked on the phone about an issue in your lodge, we have enjoyed all our experiences.


There is one absolute that has motivated us throughout our term. That absolute is you, the Arrowmen from across the country who put a tremendous amount of time and energy into an organization that we all truly love. You recognize the need in our society for an organization that sets lofty standards for moral leadership and development. You enjoy the events that inspire young Scouts to feel the warmth of cheerful service. You enjoy visiting brothers who we call some of our best friends. We feel revitalized when we witness your dedication, and we thank you for this.

As we step back from our roles as 1999 OA national officers, allow us to offer one last request. This year has emphasized a new vision for our Order. With the National Leadership Summit accenting the new roles of our chapters, lodges, and sections, we all have many new issues to address.

There are points in the strategic plan that will require us to strengthen our role as Arrowmen. It may be tough at first, but we ask you to take this vision of the Order and spread the good news of our council fire. Along with this new vision, take the experiences that you have gained this year and set a continued, vibrant tone for the future of your chapter, lodge, and section. Continue to be the great Arrowmen that you are. We know that only you can make the difference. Only you.

Your fellow brothers,


Will Parker
National Chief


Andy Oh
National Vice Chief

Tooth of Time Trail Completed

by Whit Culver

The 1999 Order of the Arrow Trail Crew Program was a huge success. Building on the foundation laid by the previous staffs, a quality program was once again enjoyed by Arrowmen from throughout the United States.

This summer, work focused on finishing the Tooth of Time Ridge Trail in the central country. Eight crews worked diligently on the ridge over the summer, with each crew averaging 20 members. After two full summers working on the Tooth of Time Ridge Trail, it is finally done!

The summer of 2000 offers many new challenges and adventures for Order of



The Tooth of Time

the Arrow trail crew participants. Next summer will see the Order helping to open parts of the Baldy country. Construction will begin on a new trail that will eventually service the Black Horse Mill, Touch-Me-Not Mountain, and other awesome areas in

Philmont's north country.

Don't miss out on your chance to be a part of the OA Trail Crew 2000 experience! Contact the national OA office (972-580-2438) for applications and information regarding this outstanding program. 🐾

Southern Region Gathers in Georgia

by John Isley

On September 3-5, 1999, section officers and advisers for the Southern Region came together for the 1999 Southern Region Gathering in sunny Covington, Georgia.

Friday night's opening session focused on the OA strategic plan, with emphasis on leadership, quality, membership and adventure. The session was highlighted with comical clips from the movie "Toy Story." The evening gave way to bonding, Southern Region style. Chad Heflin led the group in some "crazy games" that included everything from advisers clucking like chickens to an all-out blindfolded paper ball war.

Saturday morning was a productive one for the region. Dave Heaton led a session called "Summit Follow-Up and Feedback" that allowed participants to review and share their ideas and opinions on the four main sessions presented at the Summit: Quality Lodge, New Role of the Section, New Lodge Leadership Development, and Troop/Team Representative.

Bud Harrelson led a group session on the big picture of conclave planning. After lunch, the youth headed to downtown Atlanta while the remaining



Southern Region Chief John Isley is pictured with the Section SR-6S contingent. Back, from left: Kyle Wingfield, Frank Harper, Bill Loeble, and Dan Musick. Front, from left: John Isley, Dave Heaton, Carey Mignerey, and Zeke Baker.

adults had an adviser meeting. Sights in Atlanta included the CNN building, Centennial Park, and Underground Atlanta. There were many interesting sights and untold numbers of unique people to be seen.

After a fun-filled afternoon, the crew returned for a session on "Ties With the Council," lead by Dan Musick. We then learned how to be better trainers in Jason Hood's session, "Making a National Leadership Seminar Work." He offered helpful suggestions on ways to hold audience attention by using props. An extremely "poor" dance exhibition by Will Parker and John Isley highlighted the session as they sported the tackiest outfits known to humankind.

We then let our brains go wild in an all-out, no-holds-barred conclave brainstorming session. There were some interesting new ideas like having "mud pit" and "Mr. Axe" contests. For a nightcap, we once again ventured into the world-famous "Southern Region Crazy Games." This time it got a little messy as adult and youth members participated in games using props like eggs, paper towels, applesauce, and shaving cream.

Sunday featured an interfaith worship service led by Tom Moore, and then graduation. Section leaders left with an even better understanding of the strategic plan, how to improve their conclave, and a stronger sense of brotherhood. 🐾

The Strategic Plan Comes to Life at the Leadership Summit



Will Parker speaks at the National Leadership Summit.

Implementation of the Order's strategic plan began last July in Fort Collins, Colorado, at the National Leadership Summit. Enveloped in the excitement surrounding this gathering of lodge and section Key 3's from across the nation, the *National Bulletin* had the opportunity to chat with National Chief Will Parker and National Vice Chief Andy Oh about current issues, the Summit, and their vision for the future.

Question: Has the OA strategic plan come to life?

Answer: Yes--many new programs, such as the OA troop representative, are already working.

Q: How has the plan been implemented?

A: The Summit was the first phase, where we introduced the OA troop/team representative, the new Lodge Leadership Development training, the 2000 Quality Lodge program, and the new role of the section. The next phase is to implement these new programs and the strategic

plan in every lodge.

Q: How do we evaluate this second phase?

A: In October we had a working session of the OA steering committee to pause, evaluate, and plan the next steps. The section advisers will also be invited to the upcoming national planning meeting to discuss opportunities for improvement.

Q: How was the Summit different from a NOAC?

A: The Summit was a working session where the results from the group discussions and training will guide our lodges and sections. The idea was not to

entertain, but to train, exchange ideas, and implement.

Q: What was special about the Summit?

A: The beauty is the feedback; listening to the people who really matter--the lodge leaders. This Summit has been a turning point for our organization.

Q: How would you sum up the Summit?

A: The week was like climbing a mountain toward the peak. You move forward, backward, slip and slide. The actual peak has not been reached--it will only be reached when the plan has been implemented by each lodge. ♣



At the National Leadership Summit, Andy Oh is given a boost by John Isley as Ken Jenkins witnesses.

Why are you active in the OA?

During the National Leadership Summit, Chris Fink, a youth member of Kola Lodge, Longs Peak Council, Greeley, Colorado, asked 30 adult Arrowmen and 40 youth Arrowmen, "Why are you active in the OA?"

The most common answers by adult Arrowmen were:

- They enjoy working with youth and seeing them succeed (10)
- They enjoy and believe in Scouting (9)
- They want to give back to Scouting (8)
- They want to teach leadership (2)

The most common answers by youth Arrowmen were:

- They enjoy it and it is fun (19)
- The OA is a meaningful program and gives them a chance to build friendships (7)
- They want to give back to Scouting and help others (6)
- Leadership opportunities (5)
- Opportunity to meet and travel (3) ♣

Professionally Speaking

Adventurous Programming in the 21st Century: Implementing the Strategic Plan

by Roy Rhodes



Roy Rhodes

In January 1997, as the Scout executive of the Quivira Council in Wichita, Kansas, I was given the responsibility of working with the Kanza Council (Hutchinson, Kansas) and Quivira Council to develop a merger agreement. On July 1, 1997, these two neighboring councils and OA lodges were officially merged. The existing officers and advisers of each lodge continued to serve as co-officers and advisers of the new lodge for the remainder of their current term. They also served as members of the new lodge executive committee.

The officers of the new lodge were scheduled to meet and select a name for the lodge within 90 days of the merger. As they began this process, they were challenged to let the

purpose of the Order, the mission of the lodge, the principles of the OA, and camping tradition of the Order guide their decision making. This process was one of the most organized and rewarding experiences I have ever observed, with the youth and adults working together as a team for one common course. In less than the time allotted, they reached an agreement on the name for their new lodge--Kansa.

I believe that the OA in the Quivira Council will be strengthened by its leadership working together in support of adventurous programming.

- We will expand our support to camping as we broaden our service to Scouting.
- We will continue to expand programs that enhance the adventure aspects of Scouting.
- We will continue to expand our focus on high-adventure camping.
- We will identify and promote new ways to help maintain Scouting's camping traditions and spirit.

Kansa Lodge has been very active in supporting the Quivira Council through OA service projects such as:

- A sporting clay shoot
- A sunshine fishing derby
- A Scouting show

- OA weekends at camp
- Unit visitation for camp promotion

The new strategic plan of the OA provides a great opportunity for each lodge to review its support of the council. In the Quivira Council, we have benefited from a strong relationship with the Order. The Kansa Lodge has provided hundreds of hours of service to our three council camps while giving its members an opportunity to provide meaningful, cheerful service. Their monetary contributions have provided that extra support needed to help promote camp.

The "adventurous programming" element of the OA strategic plan offers a new avenue of service to the council. In our council's strategic plan, we identified the need to establish more outdoor programs for Cub Scouts and to expand the opportunities for older Scouts at our local camps. It's a perfect fit!

In the next few months, I will be challenging our lodge leadership to develop a plan of action to form an even stronger relationship in the lodge's support of the council. ♣

Roy Rhodes serves as Scout executive of the Quivira Council in Wichita, Kansas. He is a 30-year professional Scouter and a great supporter of the Order of the Arrow.



by Jim Cheatham

Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge, Gulf Stream Council, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, will hold its annual Operation First Class Weekend on December 10-12. This event, which was established to focus on underserved Scouts in the council, is funded by grants from AT&T Wireless. Scouts will participate in handicrafts, aquatics, and high-adventure activities.

E-mail: LodgeChief@Aal-Pa-Tah.org

Section W-2A of the Western Region implemented a University of Wimachtendienk training program in 1997. Since then, Arrowmen have earned 572 bachelor's degrees, 313 master's degrees and 56 doctoral degrees at the university. The university offers 75 courses through its four "colleges." Section W-2A conclave attendance has since increased 200 percent.

Web site: <http://sectionw2a.com>

Klahican Lodge, Cape Fear Council, Wilmington, North Carolina, improved and cleared campsites at Singletary Lake State Park for its Southern Region One Day of Service Project in late November. National Chief Will Parker, Southern Region Chief John Isley, and SR-7B Section Chief Kevin Anderson cheerfully served the community by helping their brothers with this One Day project. Also, in November, Will Parker was the guest speaker at the Klahican Lodge's annual winter banquet held at Camp Bowers.

Web site: <http://www4.ncsu.edu/~thclevel/Klahican.html>

Section SR-3A, which serves seven lodges in Oklahoma and northeast Texas, was honored to have Oklahoma's Governor Frank Keating serve as guest speaker at the 1999 SR-3A Conclave. Governor Keating, a former Brotherhood member of Ta Tsu Hwa Lodge, Tulsa, Oklahoma, spoke about the many leadership skills that the Order taught him as a youth member.

Web site: <http://www.ionet.net/~bicket>

Shu-Shu-Gah Lodge, Greater New York Council, Brooklyn, will be celebrating 75 years of service in the year 2000.

Web site: <http://www.shyshugah.org>

Washita Lodge, Cherokee Area Council, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, recently purchased an alarm system for the council's visitor center museum at Camp Cherokee. The lodge, which constructed the museum in 1976, is raising matching funds to meet a challenge grant of \$20,000 to purchase additional furniture, display cases, and to make further improvements to the museum.

Web site: <http://www.cherokeescouter.org/oa/index.htm>

Loquanne Allangwh Lodge, NeTseO Trails Council, Paris, Texas, will celebrate its 50th anniversary in the year 2000.

Web site: <http://www.bsa.net/tx/L428>

Wisawank Lodge, Arbuckle Area Council, Ardmore, Oklahoma, will celebrate its 60th anniversary in the year 2000.

Web site: <http://www.aa190.8m.com>

Many Cultures - One Spirit

by Will Parker

What do obnoxious techno-music, Swiss cheese, Sweet Tarts and strawberry crepes have in common? On Thursday, July 22, 1999, they could all be found in the vaulted, Tudor dining hall of Michaelhouse College, located in the mountains of Balgowan, outside of Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. This hall, overflowing with colorfully dressed people, was home to the 7th World Scout Youth Forum's "International Evening." The culmination of a week-long gathering of Scouting's world youth leaders, the evening featured booths and exhibits from the 51 nations represented at the Forum. Delegates distributed literature, gifts and--of course--food to all in attendance.

Jonathan Fulkerson, the BSA's national youth Venturing president, and I had the honor of representing the Boy Scouts of America at this World Scout Youth Forum. The 120 youths who attended discussed many Scouting issues including the "Essential Characteristics of Scouting" and "Youth Participation in Decision



Will Parker (right) poses with Jean-François Lagarde, a Canadian Scout, at the World Scout Youth Forum.

Making." The Forum has recommended that the World Scout Conference discuss the implementation of its resolution concerning youth member involvement in the decision-making process. (The WSC is composed of one member from every Scout association worldwide.)

I hosted a workshop about the purpose and service of the Order of the Arrow. This experience was unexpectedly enlightening. Some Scouts appreciated the ideals and concepts of the Order and even expressed interest in adapting a similar program for their home association.

My fondest memories

of the Forum include: practicing broken French; singing Zulu songs with Scouts from Madagascar and Thailand; and late-night talks with Scouts from Australia, Brazil and South Africa. During these times, we exchanged those universal tokens of humanity--the smile and the laugh.

The 7th World Scout Youth Forum was a time for sharing ideas, experiences and points of view that transcend cultural and political barriers. The 120 Scouts, proud of their own country and heritage, came together as a group dedicated to the universal spirit of Scouting. ♣

The Section Online Advantage

by Andy Zahn

The World Wide Web is the technological frontier. Sections throughout the nation have discovered that the Internet can play a valuable role in leading sections and their lodges to success. Section C6, which serves 11 lodges, has created a home page with one goal in mind--quality service for its members. The site can be found at <http://www.host.scouter.com/section-c6>.

As is true of many section home pages, the Section C6 site creates an informative and attractive atmosphere that catches the viewer's eye and guides visitors through mountains of information about the Order of the Arrow. The feature that makes this site

a model Internet resource is its appearance. From the moment Web wanderers enter the site, eye-catching, dazzling effects draw them into the various resource links. Custom graphics and user-friendly layouts give this home page an appealing advantage. The uniformity of layout adds to the site's attractiveness.

The home page also provides a wealth of information on national OA events. From the National Leadership Seminar to the National Order of the Arrow Conference and Philmont Trail Crew, the site presents a detailed synopsis along with other Internet links. The site emphasizes the importance of the Order's national programs and lets members know how to take advan-

tage of special opportunities.

The online officer roster provides both postal and electronic addresses for section officers and advisers as well as regional leadership. Visitors will find section Council of Chiefs information, links to lodge and council home pages, and facts about the annual section conclave. Logistical details, descriptions, and e-mail addresses for the various conclave subcommittees and their conclave vice chiefs and lead advisers round out the site.

The success of any section relies heavily on the proper use of communication, and Section C6 is on the road to success with a great Internet site. ♣

Troop Rep and Unit Elections

The new Order of the Arrow troop representative was created to serve as a liaison between the troop and lodge. The troop representative can help improve the yearly unit election process in his troop. Besides helping schedule the visit, the representative can also set the tone for the election and assist the Scoutmaster with preparing handouts detailing each Scout's record of service.

One week prior to the election, the senior patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader and OA troop representative should meet with troop members to identify which Scouts are eligible for election into the OA. They should remind the Scouts that they may vote for anyone who

is eligible and to watch the unit election video. The Scouts are encouraged to make their voting decisions based upon the person's Scouting record, rather than skipping over those they do not know or by voting based upon popularity.

During the election, each candidate is asked to stand while his Scouting record is read aloud. Each Scout also receives a copy of each Scout's biography.

Troops that used this method report that their Scouts have a better understanding of the OA and have made more informed decisions based upon each candidate's qualifications. This has allowed troops to conduct more meaningful and fair elections. ♣

National Officers: Where are they now?

by Devang Desai

Those who have served as an OA national officer might recall that life seemed to slow down when their term ended. No more worries about uniforming, speeches and "perfect hair." This new series was developed to spotlight past officers and catch up on their lives. This issue features former national chief, Jeff Moser.



Jeff Moser, 1988



Jeff Moser, 1999

Jeff Moser served as OA national chief in 1988. Jeff has been on staff for every NOAC since 1988. He now serves as a member of his council's district advancement committee. He is an Eagle Scout and Distinguished Service Award recipient.

While completing his term as national chief, Jeff attended the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Upon graduating with a bachelor of science in business administration, he began his career in the transportation industry, holding various leadership and management positions with two different companies. In early 1998, he joined Novartis Pharmaceuticals in field marketing.

Jeff and his wife, Sharon, reside in Waxhaw, North Carolina, with their two sons--Harrison (31 months old) and Andrew (11 months old).

In looking back at his term as national chief, Jeff states: "It was an incredible experience. I enjoyed serving with some very fine Arrowmen, including National Vice Chief Angelo Capelli; national chairman, Dr. Carl Marchetti; and OA director, Allen Mossman. I hope that I made a difference back then, and I hope I am making a difference today." ♣

Profiles in Service: Service in Yosemite

by Jacy Krogh

On September 17-19, nearly 500 Arrowmen gathered for the 1999 Section W3B Conclave. After years of gatherings at military bases and various educational facilities, we finally returned to our natural surroundings and held our conclave at one of the most beautiful places on earth--Yosemite National Park.

From the beginning everyone said a conclave at Yosemite National Park would be impossible. But through careful planning, the event was a huge success. With "Service in Yosemite... The Conclave of the Century" being the theme, the highlight of the weekend was the massive service project in the heart of

Yosemite Valley. We had pledged more than 2,000 hours of service to the park to clear vegetation to help restore the area's native habitat. This winter, the park service will conduct a natural burning of the area to complete the cycle.

The section officers conceived of this special conclave as a way for the section to actively promote the Service to America program. When we first approached officials from the Volunteer Service department of the National Park Service, they were intrigued. When they presented our proposal to their superiors, they were laughed at! Never had a group this big made such a proposal. "They said it couldn't be done, but we got it done," said Ken Stowell,

project manager.

We were fortunate to have Bridalveil Creek Campground to ourselves, and the National Park Service waived the usual \$20-per-car park fee. An OA lead ROTC post transported a mobile kitchen and large gathering tents over 500 miles for the weekend and also provided camp kitchen personnel. With all of this going on, we still had time for dance competitions, ceremonies competitions, sports competitions and informal training sessions. Topping it off was the big show on Saturday night featuring slides of the day's events, an audiovisual tribute to America, and a candlelight OA rededication ceremony.

The event touched many Scouts both young and



Officers and advisers of W3B. Back row, from left: Steve Davidek, Eric Allred, Ray Leonard, Bruce Mayfield. Front row, from left: Matt Dukeman, Gregory Frith, Jacy Krogh.

young at heart. For many of the participants, it was their first OA experience following their Ordeal. One Scout said, "It was nice to get out in Yosemite and not just camp, but be able to give back with service at the same time." Hayato Nakawatase, Western Region chief, stated: "I never

worked so hard and had so much fun in such a beautiful place." It was his first visit to Yosemite.

Section W3B is planning a joint conclave with Section W3A to take place on board the historic aircraft carrier USS *Hornet*. For updates, be sure to check out our Web site: <http://w3b.scouters.org> ♣

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- (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.

2000 Planning Calendar

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| December 27-30, 1999 | OA National Planning Meeting |
| December 31, 1999 | Lodge Recharter Deadline |
| January 15 | E. Urner Goodman Scholarship Due |
| January 28-30 | Central Region NLS, Rochester, IN |
| February 1 | NOAC Staff Applications Due |
| February 1 | DSA and Red Arrow Applications Due |
| February 25-27 | Western Region NLS, Albuquerque, NM |
| March 17-19 | Western Region NLS, Logan, UT |
| March 31-April 2 | Northeast Region NLS, Alpine, NJ |
| April 7-9 | Central Region NLS, Winona, MN |
| May 5-7 | Northeast Region NLS, Alpine, NJ |
| May 24-26 | National BSA Meeting, Nashville, TN |
| June 11-17 | Philmonth OA Adviser Training and Southern Region NLS, Philmont |
| July 29-August 3 | National Order of the Arrow Conference, Knoxville, TN |
| September 8-10 | Western Region NLS, Hawaii |
| September 15-17 | Northeast Region NLS, Schuukill, PA |
| September 22-24 | Southern Region NLS, Wirtz, VA |
| September 29 - October 1 | Central Region NLS, London, OH |
| October 6-8 | Western Region NLS, Casper, WY |
| October 27-29 | Central Region NLS, Parkville, MO |
| November 3-5 | Southern Region NLS, Covington, GA |
| November 10-12 | Southern Region NLS, Forth Worth, TX |
| November 17-19 | Western Region NLS, Pleasanton, CA |
| December 29-31 | OA National Planning Meeting, Dallas, TX |

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Lodge Charter Renewal Reminder

During the first week of October 1999, a 2000 Lodge Charter Renewal Kit was mailed to every local council Scout executive. Each OA lodge is required to apply annually for a charter granted by the National Council. The charter renewal process provides an opportunity for lodge officers and advisers to review the accomplishments of the lodge during the previous 12-month period, and for them to meet with the Scout executive to establish plans and actions for the coming year.

Remember, the 2000 Lodge Charter Renewal Application is due by December 31, 1999. The Order's annual membership fee for individual Arrowmen is now \$2. Don't forget to complete your lodge's 1999 Quality Lodge Recognition Petition.

New requirements have been established for the 2000 Quality Lodge Recognition Program. Beginning December 1, 1999, lodges that renew their charters will receive a 2000 Lodge Program Support Pak containing Vigil Honor and Founder's Award Petitions, the new 2000 Quality Lodge Recognition Petition, and other important program support items.

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Burning Issues with Carey Mignerey

Question: How can my lodge organize and implement camp promotion visits to 75 percent of all troops and teams to meet the new 2000 Quality Lodge requirements?

Answer: The first step is to lay a foundation for the visitations. The lodge leadership should contact the district or council committee and professionals responsible for outdoor program. Together, they should develop an outline for unit camping opportunities including council resident camp and high-adventure opportunities that are available. Lodges may find it helpful to incorporate elections,

camp promotion, and Service to America presentations into one visit, thus providing an entire program for a troop meeting. The next step is to recruit enthusiastic Arrowmen to serve on unit visitation committees. Since unit visitation is a yearly event, building a strong program will encourage troops and teams to make the effort to request a visit in the future.

Once the foundation is laid:

- Publicize unit visitation to all troops and teams.
- Design a visitation flier for unit recharter packets.

- Publish articles in newsletters.
- Coordinate presentations at roundtables.
- Use councilwide activities to sign up units for visits.

OA troop/team representatives should play a major role in encouraging their patrol leaders' council to plan a unit visitation. The key to unit visitation is communication between the lodge, district, council and unit. If your lodge builds an exciting visitation program and effectively publicizes the program, it will easily meet this new Quality Lodge requirement.

DSA and Red Arrow Award Nomination Deadline

Nominations for the Distinguished Service Award and Red Arrow Award must be submitted to the OA director by February 1, 2000. Applications for the DSA or Red Arrow can be obtained from the national OA office (call 972-580-2438) or from the official OA Web site: <http://www.oa-bsa.org>

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