



HIGH ADVENTURE



**ORDER OF THE ARROW
SUMMIT EXPERIENCE
PARTICIPANT GUIDE**



Fellow Arrowmen,

As the Director of the Order of the Arrow Summit Experience, I want to personally welcome you to the Summit Bechtel Reserve and the world of OA High Adventure! You have signed up to attend one of the most amazing experiences the Order of the Arrow has to offer. High Adventure is our best kept secret, and we want to expand our reach. By participating in OASE, you're helping create a legacy that will carry on for generations, pushing yourself, and making memories and friends that will last throughout your entire life.

As society swiftly evolves and the outdoors becomes less of a priority for some, we value it greatly here at the Summit. Through this experience, you as a participant will gain a better understanding and respect for the natural environment around you and its many benefits. Our hope is that you will take this newfound relationship and continue it in your everyday lives and share it with your community and friends in Scouting.

Before you arrive, there are a few things I want to make sure our participants know. First is the packing list and the arrival information, which is included in your participant packet. It will also be available on the OAHA website.

Second regards phones and watches. I want to inform you that phones and watches, at the beginning of your week at the Summit, are highly recommended to go into a designated secured area. We do this for several reasons, but the most important concerning your phone is so that you will not damage it while here at the Summit. Due to the nature of where we will work and stay, your phone has a high chance of being damaged or destroyed. Your foremen will take theirs with them in case of emergencies, in addition to Summit radios. The other important reason we restrict phone and watch usage is due to the nature of our OAHA program. We exercise a principle known as God's Time while on your trek, meaning that we do not want our participants to be concerned about being at a certain place at a certain time; your foremen will make sure that you will be where you need to be, when you need to be there. We want our participants to enjoy their experience in the moment, and not in hindsight. This is why we will highly recommend that you store away phones and watches at the beginning of the week. We will return them at the end of the week. They will be stored safely in a lock box, and we will offer to put your wallets in the lock box as well to keep them safe.

Once again, I thank you for choosing to attend the Order of the Arrow Summit Experience. You will be taking part not only in the future of the OA, but also in one of the best experiences of your life. You'll build trails and friendships that will last a lifetime. Your foremen and I look forward to meeting you this summer!

Yours in brotherhood,

Carter Stoner
Director, Order of the Arrow Summit Experience





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SUMMIT EXPERIENCE

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

You will be with the fellow members of your OASE crew for the duration of the program. For part of your experience, your crew will be building trails and camping together throughout the Summit Reserve. The remainder of the program will be spent on base as well as the surrounding area where your crew will participate in several high adventure activities.

LEADERSHIP

Your crew will be under the direct supervision of two Summit staff members with the title of Foremen. They are experienced Scouters and Arrowmen who are skilled and trained in areas such as conservation, camping, and first aid. After the workdays are completed, they will also assist your crew in planning and carrying out your Summit adventures. Their job is to provide direction as well as make the program both safe and enjoyable for all participants.

EQUIPMENT AND CLOTHING

Carefully review the Packing List, which is also included in this Participant Packet. Before the week begins, your Foremen will conduct a gear shakedown. This is to ensure the crew brings only the things to the camping area that are necessary for workdays. In addition, we will have lockable storage for smaller valuable items such as phones, wallets, cameras, earbuds, etc.

Be sure you have a good pair of work gloves, rugged and broken-in hiking boots (waterproof is best), and work clothes (including a work shirt and long pants made of heavy material such as denim or canvas). These items are required and must always be worn at the work site! A smaller daypack is recommended for carrying your lunch, rain gear, sunscreen, and water each day.

Additionally, please bring your full BSA field uniform and your OA sash. You will also need a swimsuit and water shoes (tennis shoes are acceptable, just be aware they will get wet). These items, plus anything else not necessary for the workdays, will stay at the Summit during the workdays.

The Summit will provide all tents, cooking gear, water and food necessary for the duration of the program. As an option, you are welcome to bring extra spending money if you would like to purchase a hot lunch or souvenirs during one of the off-site program days. If you do not wish to do so, the Summit will provide a sack lunch. The Summit also has a trading post, which you are welcome to bring spending money to purchase Summit souvenirs.





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UNIFORM

While we are in the Scott Summit Center area, a Scouting field uniform is required to be worn. The Scouting America field uniform consists of your respective field uniform shirt, skort/shorts/pants, a belt, scout socks and adequate walking shoes/boots. It is important that we all look clean and sharp together as a crew when we are with other Summit participants and staff. You will need to bring your OA sash to the Summit; however, it will not to be worn until later in the week. Your Foremen will tell you when the sash is appropriate.

INSURANCE

Scouting America carries accident and sickness insurance coverage for all Summit participants from the time they leave home until they return. This policy is secondary to a family policy that might be in effect. The name and policy number of your family's insurance needs to be on the medical form.

MEDICAL FORM

Bring your completed annual health and medical record form to the Summit (parts A, B and C signed by a physician)! Please do not mail it in with any of your information! The hardcopy form will be collected when you check in on your arrival day. Ensure your parents' and physician's signatures, as well as insurance information (if any), are on the form. The form is sent along with other documents in this packet.

The Summit has a medical facility that is staffed 24 hours a day. They are prepared to treat any medical emergencies that may occur during the summer. The Foremen are trained in Wilderness First Aid and will have a first aid kit with them throughout the experience. Your crew's Foremen will have Summit radios to contact EMS and program leadership in the event of an emergency.

Any medications listed and not listed on the medical form will be collected by the Foremen upon arrival to the Summit. They will be stored with the Foremen for the entire experience and will be only given out if listed on the medical form or with pre-approved parent or guardian permission. Exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis. Participants who have a prescription Epi-pen or Rescue Inhaler will be allowed to carry it on their person during the experience and they should notify the Foremen of its location in case of an emergency.





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EXPEDITION NUMBER

Your crew will have an expedition number (ex: OASE 704). If the first day of your session starts on July 4, your expedition number will be OASE 704. If it starts on August 1, it would be OASE 801. Please use this in any correspondence and mark your gear accordingly.

SWIM CHECK

Please upload to the participant portal and bring a completed swim check form. Swim checks will not take place at the Summit. Form is available in the appendix of this document.

PERSONAL FITNESS

OASE is a physically demanding adventure. You will be expected to hike and build trail during the first few days, and may be expected to rock climb, mountain bike, and paddle a whitewater raft during your adventure. Adequate water and rest breaks will be provided, but participants will need to be in sufficient physical shape! It is recommended to practice hiking and work out before arriving at the Summit. Walking just a few miles each week while carrying a 30-pound pack goes a long way to adding to the enjoyment of the adventure! Be **prepared!**

CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONICS POLICY

Participants are highly encouraged to leave cell phones or other electronic items in the OASE's designated secure lock box throughout the program week. Rain is very common in West Virginia during the summer and there is a high risk of water damage to electronic items!

Cameras are permitted. However, it is OASE policy that participants are on God's time during their time at The Summit. If their camera displays the time or date, the staff will change it so they can remain on God's time until they depart. Our staff will also carry a crew camera for pictures and videos of the crew, so it is recommended that you leave all cameras at home.

We will provide dry, lockable storage for participants' electronic items in the Summit office building for the duration of the program. The Summit is not responsible for lost or damaged electronics should participants choose not to use our lockbox! Electronic devices such as watches and phones will not be used for the duration of the program, and charging locations are not available. OASE staff will carry Summit radios in case of emergencies.





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TRANSPORTATION

You will be responsible for your transportation to and from the Summit. Information for arrival by flights and private vehicles is provided below, If you are arriving by train, bus or a different form of transportation, please communicate that to program leadership when you receive your pre-experience call. If for any reason the participant cannot arrive during the times listed below, participants can arrive a day early and stay the night before if they are accompanied by an adult. Summit Bechtel will not take responsibility for a participant arriving before the stated arrival date.

SHUTTLE

If Arriving by Airplane - Commercial flights to Yeager Airport (CRW) Charleston, West Virginia. Shuttle service is only available to the Summit from Yeager Airport. There is a paid shuttle provided by the Summit from the airport to the Summit and back. Scouts flying in should plan to arrive the Saturday before their program begins (ex: if program begins on June 21, the participant should book their flight to for June 20). For families in need of lodging for any reason, please consider staying at the Gene H. Yamagata Lodge or Family Adventure Camp; two great on-site accommodation options for the public.

It is imperative that you order a shuttle using the following link. If you do not order a shuttle, we may not be able to transport your scout to the Summit on time.

<https://reservations.scouting.org/profile/form/index.cfm?PKformID=0x148486abcd>

CAR

If Arriving by Private Vehicle - Private vehicles can be driven directly to the Pigott Head Quarters at the Summit. Check-in will occur between 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM of the day your session begins. Check-in will happen inside the main building. (This is subject to change at any time by the Summit, please plan accordingly with travel)

The Piggot Head Quarter Base address is 510 Loop Rd, Mt Hope, WV 25880

INDIVIDUAL ARRIVAL PLANS

Please share your travel plans with us by visiting registration.oa-scouting.org and login using your ArrowID you created to register. Then click on My Events and then select travel on the left-hand side of the screen. Enter your travel information so we know when and where you will arrive. Ensure both an Arrival and Departure plan are recorded.

If you are flying, please enter your flight scheduled arrival and departure time. Do not add additional time to your arrival or departure times. If you are flying with a connection, please only enter the leg of your trip that arrives or departs in Yeager Airport. If you are driving, please enter your approximate time to arrive at Ruby Welcome Center.





DEPARTURES

Plan to leave on the day your program ends. If you **arrive** by plane, you will be notified of the shuttle departing time and pick-up location by the Experience Director. If you are departing by private vehicle, you can be picked up at Pigott Head Quarters between 8:30 AM and 9:30 AM.

DIETARY NEEDS

When called by program leadership, please notify them of any possible food allergies or dietary restrictions and make sure they are listed on the medical form. We have a set menu for each week, and participants are expected to eat what is provided. We will try to accommodate any allergies or dietary restrictions to the best of our ability. If there are any dietary restrictions that our menu does not accommodate, participants must bring their own food including three breakfasts, four lunches and three dinners. It is recommended that if there are any dietary needs, that participants bring snacks and food, just in case there are any concerns about accommodation while on trail.

It is important that you eat the food provided during the experience. Over the course of the week, you will be participating in strenuous activities, and your body needs proper fuel to recharge. This means eating the food provided at every meal, even if you may not like it. Failure to properly eat may result in your removal from the experience due to health concerns.

PROGRAM FEES

Participant fee for OA Summit Experience is \$450.

A non-refundable deposit of \$50 is due with your application. The additional \$400 is due with the return of your acceptance notice. No participants will be allowed to begin their trek until their program fee is paid in full. Cancellations made at least four (4) weeks prior to your arrival date will be eligible for a refund of the second part of the payment.

BEHAVIOR AND DISCIPLINE POLICY

As a member of Scouting America and the Order of the Arrow, you must hold yourself to a higher standard. As a participant of the Order of the Arrow Summit Experience you have been chosen to represent your troop and lodge at the national level. It is imperative that during the experience you conduct yourself in a manner that reflects the scout oath and law. You will refrain from using any inappropriate language, comments or gestures, and will treat your fellow participants and staff with respect. If situations arise, they will each be looked at individually and a decision will be made by the Program Director and Assistant Director.





EMERGENCY MESSAGES

The Summit will have a landline monitored 24 hours a day: 304-465-2900. This number should be used for emergencies only! Tell the operator your child is with the Order of the Arrow program.

OA SUMMIT EXPERIENCE MERCHANDISE

If you are interested in purchasing OA Summit Experience merchandise, please visit tradingpost.oa-bsa.org and click on the high adventure tab.

SHOWERS

Showers are available at the Summit for the adventure days. Be sure to bring personal hygiene items (soap, shampoo, deodorant, shaving cream and razors). Unfortunately, showers will not be allowed during workdays, so we recommend bringing a bandana or two to wet with water during this portion of the week. Items deemed as “smellable” will be stored overnight in bear boxes to avoid attracting bears.

PAPERWORK & ARRIVAL CHECKLIST

- Scouting America Health and Medical Record (signed by a doctor within the last year)
- Visit registration.oa-scouting.org with your ArrowID to:
 - Enter personal arrival information
 - Register and pay for shuttle if needed
- Swim check form (Must be completed before you arrive)
- OASE Summit Waiver
- Whitewater Rafting Release
- Proof of Safeguarding Youth Training (If 18 or older)

Please be sure to have ALL the required paperwork when you arrive at the Summit on your first day; any missing items could delay the start of your trek (and the other Arrowmen there in the same session).

“The smell of the morning is an adventure, and if you can start the day going outdoors and sniffing the air, there is always a life to the spirit” -Sigurd F. Olson, The Singing Wilderness





PACKING LIST- OASE PARTICIPANTS

WORKSITE GEAR

- (1-2) Long Pants(Works Pants), recommended 2. DO NOT USE scout uniform pants.
- (1-2) Short or long sleeve work shirt, they will get dirty.
- (1 pair) Work Gloves
- (1 pair) Pair sturdy, hiking boots.
- (1 pair) Camp shoes, Optional and recommended for the campsite. MUST BE CLOSE-TOED.
- (5-6 pairs) Socks and liner socks. Keep in dry bag and bring plenty. *
- (6-8 pairs) Underwear. Keep in dry bag and bring plenty.
- (4-5) Bras, sports bras recommended. Keep in dry bag.
- (2-3) Spare Shirts *
- Dry Bags, as necessary. Gallon sized Ziploc Bags work as well.
- Waterproof rain jacket *
- Light Jacket. Optional *
- Rain Pants. Optional *
- Cap or Hat
- Sleeping Bag. Keep in a dry bag.
- Sleeping Pad
- Sleeping Clothes. T-Shirt and gym shorts work well.
- Small Camp Pillow. Optional
- Backpacking Style Backpack w/ Rain Cover. Must be able to carry.
- Smaller day pack. Carry lunch, rain gear, water, and other necessities to-and-from worksite.
- Flashlight or Headlamp *
- Notepad and pen *
- Sunglasses. Optional *
- Safety Glasses. Optional, MUST be Z87.1 rated. OASE will provide scouts with safety glasses.
- Blister Care. Optional *
- Bandana/Buff. Optional *

SMELLABLES

- (1) Bowl and Spoon/Spork. All meals can be eaten with only a bowl and spoon/spork. *
- (1) Cup or Mug. Optional *
- (>2 liters) Water Bottle. Camelback is okay but also need a >1 liter water bottle. *
- (1) Gold bond/Foot Powder. Optional but highly recommended. *
- (1) Sunscreen/Bug Care. Optional *
- (1) Toothbrush/Toothpaste *
- (1) Lip Balm *





ADVENTURE GEAR

- (1 pair) Water shoes. Must be close-toed. Tennis shoes are acceptable. *
- (1) Swim suit
- (1-2 pairs) Hiking shorts
- (1) Towel *
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Soap*
- (1) Full BSA Field Uniform. Shirt, shorts/skort, belt and socks; to be worn upon arrival.
- (1) OA Sash. Not needed until later in the week. Please do not wear upon arrival.
- (1 set) Clean Clothes for departure home.
- Money. Optional for the Trading Post and Lunch in town.

*All items with an asterisk can be purchased in the Trading Post at the Summit. Although certain items can be purchased in the trading post, it is important that participants be prepared and bring as many of the items on this list as they can.

Your foremen will perform a “gear shakedown” to ensure every participant is bringing only the items necessary for the workdays. The remaining items will be kept at our Summit Campsite during the workdays. There is lockable storage available in our Summit office building for smaller, valuable items (cell phones, iPods, tablets, etc.).

The trail-building portion of the program will require a short hike to the campsite. Therefore, all gear needed during workdays will need to fit into a backpacking style backpack. In addition to the items needed for the workdays, you will need some gear for after your return to the Summit for the adventure days. The gear needed for those days can be brought in a duffel bag (or even in the same hiking backpack) and will be stored at our Summit campsite during workdays.

Items that can carry a scent are considered smellables. Because these items can attract bears, we will be storing these in our bear boxes every night when determined necessary by the Foreman. We recommend participants have one bag with their name on it to keep these items organized.

“I think that we ought to eat all our provisions now, so that we shan’t have so much to carry.” -Christopher Robin





APPENDIX



Appendix A: Swim Classification Form

Swim Classification Record

(Changes and/or corrections to the following chart should be initialed and dated by the test supervisor.)

Unit Number _____

Date of Swim Test _____

	Full Name (Print) (Draw lines through blank spaces)	Medical Recheck Parts A-B	Swim Classification		
			Non-Swimmer	Beginner	Swimmer
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					
11					
12					
13					
14					
15					

The swim classification test performed at a unit level should be conducted by one of the following council-approved resource people: Aquatics Instructor, BSA; BSA Lifeguard; BSA Swimming & Water Rescue; or other lifeguard, swimming instructor, etc. Test administrators should utilize chapter 5 of the [BSA Aquatics Supervision Guide](#).

NAME OF PERSON SUPERVISING & FACILITATING THE SWIM TEST:

Print Name

Signature

Type of Authorization/Training
(Attach a copy of certification if required by council procedure)

Expiration Date if applicable

Appendix B: Whitewater Rafting Release

WHITewater RAFTING AND ACTIVITIES RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT (A SEPARATE FORM MUST BE COMPLETED FOR EACH PARTICIPANT)

In consideration of being allowed to participate in Adventure WV, LLC and American Canadian Expeditions, LTD and River Expeditions, Inc. whitewater rafting and other whitewater activities (the "Activity"), I represent that I understand the nature of this Activity and that I am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in the Activity, which involves travel on or being in whitewater rivers and streams. I agree to only participate while wearing the protective and safety equipment required, to follow the instructions of the guides and, if I believe it unsafe, to immediately discontinue my participation. I know that the Activity involves substantial risk of serious bodily injury, including disability, paralysis and death, and damage or loss of personal property as the result of exposure; travel on or being in whitewater rivers and streams; and other known and foreseeable risks including, but not limited to, the risks of travel on roads or rough terrain by foot, conveyances, or other means; the risks arising from the failure or misuse of equipment; and the risks that injuries may occur in remote areas without adequate medical facilities. I realize that there may be other risks not known to me or not readily foreseeable but I fully accept and assume all such risks, whether or not identified above, and I assume all responsibility for losses and damages which I may suffer as a result of my participation in this Activity.

The Releasees identified below may also have been requested to arrange for my participation in activities or services, including lodging or meals, provided by others ("Additional Services") and I acknowledge that the Releasees have made no representations whatsoever as to the safety or quality of those Additional Services.

I **HEREBY RELEASE** Adventure WV, LLC and American Canadian Expeditions, LTD and River Expeditions, Inc., any parent, related and/or subsidiary corporations, partnerships, companies and entities; their respective administrators, directors, agents, officers, volunteers, and employees; other participants; sponsors; advertisers; and the owners and lessors of the property on which the Activity takes place (the "Releasees") from all liability, claims, demands, losses, costs and damages arising or asserted to arise, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, from the Activity or the Additional Services whether resulting from negligence or otherwise, including rescue operations, and will indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees as to all such matters.

I consent to the use without compensation by Releasees of photographs and video recordings made of me or the minor identified below while participating in the Activity or using the Additional Services and agree that all such materials, including negatives, are the sole property of the Releasees.

I agree that the exclusive venue of any suit or claim against the Releasees for any reason whatsoever shall be the Magistrate or Circuit Courts of Fayette County, West Virginia; consent to the jurisdiction of such Courts as to any action against me to enforce this Agreement; and agree that this Agreement is to be enforced in accordance with the law of the State of West Virginia.

I have read the foregoing Release, Assumption of Risk And Indemnity Agreement; understand that I will give up substantial rights by signing it; sign it freely and without any inducement or assurance of any nature not stated herein; intend it to be a complete and unconditional release, assumption of risk and indemnity to the greatest extent allowed by law; and agree that if any portion of this Agreement is held invalid the remainder shall continue in full force and effect.

Printed Name of Participant

Date

Signature of Participant

Date of Birth

(SEE REVERSE)

ADULT CONSENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR MINORS (Required for Participant under the age of 18)

I understand the nature of the above Activity, am familiar with the Minor's experience and capabilities, and believe the Minor to be qualified to participate. I hereby personally accept and undertake, individually and in my own name, all of the obligations stated above specifically including the release, assumption of risk, and hold harmless provisions as to the Releasees of all liability, claims, demands, losses and damages suffered or alleged to have been suffered or incurred by the Minor or to others resulting from injury to the Minor.

Printed Name

Relationship to Minor

Signature

Date

(Minor must also complete Reverse)

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

DUTIES OF A PARTICIPANT- THE WEST VIRGINIA WHITEWATER RESPONSIBILITY ACT

(West Virginia Code § 20-3B-1 through 5)

(a) Participants have a duty to act as would a reasonably prudent person when engaging in recreational activities offered by commercial whitewater outfitters and commercial whitewater guides in this state.

(b) No participant may:

- (1) Board upon or embark upon any commercial whitewater expedition when intoxicated or under the influence of non-intoxicating beer, intoxicating beverages or controlled substances; or
- (2) Fail to advise the trip leader or the trip guide of any known health problems or medical disability and any prescribed medication that may be used in the treatment of such health problems during the course of the commercial whitewater expedition; or
- (3) Engage in harmful conduct or willfully or negligently engage in any type of conduct which contributes to or causes injury to any person or personal property; or
- (4) Perform any act which interferes with the safe running and operation of the expedition, including failure to use safety equipment provided by the commercial whitewater outfitter or failure to follow the instructions of the trip leader or trip guide in regard to the safety measures and conduct requested of the participants; or
- (5) Fail to inform or notify the trip guide or trip leader of any incident or accident involving personal injury or illness experienced during the course of any commercial whitewater expedition. If such injury or illness occurs, the participant shall leave personal identification, including name and address, with commercial whitewater outfitter's agent or employee.

- 1. Do you need to talk to the trip leader or trip guide about any matters, including medical conditions or medications, as required by the above regulations? Yes ___ No ___
- 2. Do you have any questions about your duties under the above regulations? Yes ___ No ___

FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____

ADDRESS 1: _____

ADDRESS 2: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

DAY TIME PHONE: _____ EVENING PHONE: _____

AGE: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

To receive our e-newsletters, specials, hot deals, high water alerts or other information, please give your email address!

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

(SEE REVERSE)

Appendix C: Scouting America Health and Medical Record

The Medical form can be found at <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/>.

1. Make sure to download and use the most up to date Scouting America Health and Medical Record. If you scroll down the page you will find the Summit specific AMHR.
2. Make sure to take the Summit Risk Advisory (the last page of the form) with you for your physician to review.

Appendix D: Summit Waiver

The OASE Summit Waiver can be found at

<https://oa-scouting.org/uploads/programs/oaha/OASE-2025-Summit-Waiver.pdf>

1. Make sure to have both the participant and a Parent/Guardian if under 18 sign all applicable fields.