

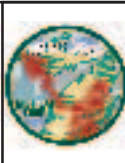
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Successes of Scoutreach

Gil Rogers

Scouts from across America have the wonderful opportunity year-round to enjoy one of Scouting's primary attractions—camping. However, many youth miss out on this opportunity due to a lack of resources

To address this situation, the OA has taken an active role with Scoutreach via the OA Scoutreach Mentoring program. The purpose of the program is to identify and assist urban and rural Scout troops whose camping and advancement programs are below standard.

Tschitani Lodge of Connecticut Rivers Council recently adopted Scoutreach mentoring practices in support of the council's Scoutreach Division. At the Mad River District Fall 2006 Camporee, the OA agreed to host a campsite designated especially for youth and adult volunteers from the inner city areas of Hartford, Connecticut, where Scouting's promise is beginning to be fulfilled.

Understanding that the local chapter



of the lodge would be busy assisting the district with the execution of Camporee, the lodge's seven other chapters provided 20 youth and adult volunteers to support the Scoutreach campsite. Arrowmen united in cheerful service by helping first-time campers set up tents, explaining a campsite layout, and teaching fire-building techniques.

The lodge plans to continue this program every year, allowing districts to both support Scoutreach and successfully execute district-level programs for youth who otherwise might not have the opportunity to experience them. More information about Scoutreach and ideas for your lodge can be found at the national OA Web site at <http://www.oe-bsa.org>.

National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience

Payton Bramlett

This summer marked the inaugural year of the National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience. NAYLE focuses on enhancing the leadership skills that Scouts learn at their council National Youth Leadership Training courses. The program, held at Rocky Mountain Scout Camp in the backcountry of Philmont Scout Ranch, replaces the National Junior Leader Instructor Camp.

NAYLE was led by two Arrowmen, Senior Patrol Leader Will Hayter and Assistant Senior

Patrol Leader Payton Bramlett. These leaders help to idealize one of the many ways that Arrowmen serve their fellow Scouts. Will, 19, is an Ordeal member of Colonneh Lodge, Sam Houston Area Council. He is a full-time student at the University of Houston. Payton, 19, is a Brotherhood member of the Mowogo Lodge, Northeast Georgia Council, and is a full-time student at the University of Georgia. They have served as staff at Philmont national youth leadership

programs for the past several years.

NAYLE emphasizes backcountry skills such as Leave No Trace, wilderness first aid, and search and rescue. The experience features an overnight hike as part of the search-and-rescue module. Participants of the program enjoy a hands-on experience while enhancing their leadership abilities. For more information about NAYLE, visit the BSA Web site at <http://www.scouting.org>.

Leadership in Service: The Motivation to Serve

Reid Rayome

Our Order is one of symbolic meaning more than physical reward. It provides a mindset with which we can approach the world, but not a world onto itself. For this reason, cheerful service—especially service to the community—is a virtue we strive to uphold faithfully. The

Leadership in Service Award gives Arrowmen the opportunity to reach out and serve their community

When asked what makes service to the community unique, most Arrowmen would not be able to highlight exactly what lends it the added sense of helpfulness. Chris Burish, staff adviser for Tom Kita Chara

Lodge, Samoset Council, Wisconsin, put it this way: "Service to the community is truly unselfish service. Much of the service we do for Scouting directly benefits us. This is far less likely to happen with other types of community service." It is for this reason that the Leadership in Service Award is such a powerful tool for the recognition of cheerful service.

In terms of the appeal of service, it is important for lodges and chapters to make a distinction between service and work. More than anything, lodges should

strive to make tasks meaningful and enjoyable so that they benefit Arrowmen as well as recipients of the aid. When people see the results of their work as something tangible, it is not defeating the purpose of the Order's unselfish service, but merely enforcing it as a guiding value. Tom Kita Chara Lodge Service Chairman Matt Patterson adds, "When our lodge does service, we make it fun. We usually incorporate it into another event. You need to get people excited to serve!"

Lastly, it is important to see the effects of our service. In thinking back on service accomplished, as you complete

your application for the Leadership in Service Award for this year, remember the important advice of Ben Wohlleber, vice chief of chapters for Tom Kita Chara Lodge. He asserts, "There is no better feeling than being able to deliver on a promise. When Arrowmen serve others, they are doing exactly that. By fulfilling our Obligation, we become better people, and can feel very positive about ourselves as a result."

What can you and your lodge brothers do to join the 2,787 Arrowmen nationwide who earned the Leadership in Service Award last year?

CHIEFLY SPEAKING



Brothers,

As we look back on an exciting and memorable NOAC, we hope the "Legend Lives On" in each of us. The excitement and dedication of participants and staff was truly inspirational, and the impact we have made as an organization can be seen from coast to coast in the hearts of the Arrowmen who attended.

In the Legend given by Meteu, Uncas was not only willing to serve, but he was willing to serve cheerfully. On behalf of the conference committee, we thank every staff member who served cheerfully and helped to make this such a memorable event. You truly lived the legend from the beginning to the end of the conference, as you worked with your respective committees to make this the best conference possible.

We also thank each participant who sacrificed personal time to attend the conference. This clearly exemplifies your commitment to the Order of the Arrow. Whether attending as a contingent member, contingent leader, or staff member, everyone clearly came to the conference with an eagerness to learn, have fun, and give back. The enthusiasm everyone had was contagious and created a new meaning to the word "cheerfulness."

The Order of the Arrow has come a long way in the past 91 years and will continue to evolve and improve as we continue our service into the 21st century. As we gathered at Michigan State University, the cheerful spirit of each Arrowman illuminated the conference from beginning to end, forming a beacon of light that will lead our organization into the future as we continually serve our fellow Scouts and our communities.

As your national chief and national vice chief, it was an honor and privilege to experience NOAC with everyone in attendance. Our Order has a bright future, and it is our sincere hope that together we will inspire more Scouts to join us on the journey to ensure that the "Legend Lives On."

Yours in Scouting,

Sean Murray
2006 National Chief

Chris Schildknecht
2006 National Vice Chief

Annual BSA National Meeting Highlights Program, Honors Silver Buffalo, Silver Antelope Recipients

Dustin Counts

Held each May, the Boy Scouts of America's National Annual Meeting is a four-day gathering of all divisions of Scouting with many meetings, banquets, and award presentations. Attendees typically include Scout executives, regional and national professionals, and many volunteer Scouters. Included in this group are the members of the National Order of the Arrow Committee, which met on May 24.

During the meeting, the national OA committee discussed NOAC, high-adventure programs, and the new Founder's Award video, and announced the 2006 recipients of the Distinguished Service Award. A noteworthy piece of information on this year's class is that 26 of the 39 recipients are under the age of 25.

All of the Order's national officers attended the National Annual Meeting and stayed through the Friday night closing banquet, where National OA Committee Chairman Brad

Haddock received the Silver Buffalo Award. Presented for service to the BSA on a national level, the Silver Buffalo is Scouting's highest honor.

The four region chiefs also attended their respective region luncheons, where several members of the national OA committee received Silver Antelope Awards, and the region chiefs presented the 2006 National Service Awards and the E. Urner Goodman Camping Awards.

The meeting's exhibit area is one of the best opportunities for the Order to detail its purpose and achievements. The national officers staffed the OA booth, which detailed the opportunities the Order provides Scouting. Among the literature they displayed were the 2007 summer camp promotion packets and several other OA publications. The national officers also were able to update Scouts and Scouters from across the nation on the Order's activities and progress. 🇺🇸

Silver Buffalo

The Silver Buffalo is the Boy Scouts of America's highest award for extensive service, leadership, and involvement at the national level. Recipients are adults who give truly noteworthy and extraordinary service to youth. This recognition can be presented to nonmembers of the Boy Scouts of America.

Congratulations to Brad Haddock, Order of the Arrow National Chairman.

Silver Antelope

The Silver Antelope is presented annually to individuals who have given outstanding service to youth at the region level. This recognition is only presented to registered adult members of the Boy Scouts of America.

Congratulations to Ray Capp, National Committee member from the Southern Region, Jim Barbieri, National Committee member from the Northeast Region, and Brian Hashiro and Mike Bliss, National Committee members from the Western Region.



Brad Haddock



Jim Barbieri



Mike Bliss



Ray Capp



Brian Hashiro

Profiles in Service: Together, A Legacy Is Forged

Adam Schmidt

The ceremonies of the Order of the Arrow are steeped in tradition, passion, and promise. Fulfilling our promise to service is a challenge. The members of Colonneh Lodge, Sam Houston Area Council, Texas, have begun initiatives to meet that challenge.

Determined to enhance the OA induction experience, Colonneh Lodge took on the task this year of building a lodge ceremonial ring at Camp Strake. The project included clearing trails and constructing a 40-foot walking bridge, as well as installing illumination torches and permanent seating at the ring. Tall Timbers Ring will serve primarily as a site for the Brotherhood ceremony.

“Our ultimate goal is to bring more troops to Camp Strake,” Lodge Chief Matt Sawyer said. “The project has already increased activity and participation in the lodge.”

Hundreds of Arrowmen came together over a series of weekends, providing thousands of hours of dedicated service to camping in the Sam Houston Area Council. Tall Timbers Ring is the first of many



Colonneh Lodge created a special patch to recognize the “Building a Legacy Together” campaign.

commitments Colonneh Lodge has made to the council’s ongoing capital improvement campaign.

Arrowmen who participated in the work shared the motto “Building a Legacy Together.” The service initiative, which is now focused on establishing a museum at Camp Strake, has served as a major catalyst

for service in the lodge.

“Our efforts will enhance our lodge’s continued growth and development,” Sawyer said. “It has been a historic year for Colonneh Lodge.”

Visit <http://www.BuildingALegacy.net> for more information. 🍀

Lodges Cash In at NOAC!

National OA Service Grant give lodges funding to complete service projects at camp

Bradley Long

At the National Council of Chiefs meeting at NOAC 2006, 12 lodges were recognized for receiving a Lodge Service Grant from the Order of the Arrow. The grant program provides up to half the money needed, up to \$5,000, for a lodge service project that the OA committee deems worthy. The money disbursed this year will be used to complete numerous service projects, including the building of a wheelchair-accessible walkway to an America Indian archery range for Cub Scouts. A total of \$40,000 was distributed to lodges in 2006.

Many may wonder what a lodge must do to receive a grant. When submitting an application, remember two important points:

1. Follow directions. Projects are chosen based on merit. The application is designed so that readers can best understand the project without actually

being involved with it. Fill in everything as best you can so your project will be portrayed as accurately as possible.

2. Be concise. The committee will read submissions from many lodges. Keeping your project description brief and concise will add to the strength of your submission.

The money is there and ready to be used on great service projects. If your lodge has a project that needs funding, apply for a service grant. Next year, it could be your lodge that cashes in! Applications for the 2007 Lodge Service Grant program are available at <http://www.oa-bsa.org>. The deadline to submit an application is October 31, 2006. 🍀



Where Are They Now?

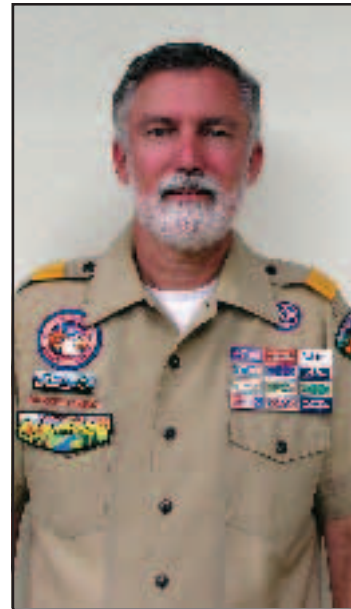
Profiling Kerry Cheesman’s service record

Drew Dougherty

When Section Chief Kerry Cheesman walked into the Order of the Arrow National Planning Meeting in December 1974, he had no idea that his life was about to change forever. The meeting marked the inaugural year of the region chief position, and Kerry was elected to serve as the first Western Region chief and conference vice chief for administrative services at the 1975 NOAC. He received the Distinguished Service Award in 1977 for his service in that capacity.

“I served as personal escort for Miss Indian America at the 1977 NOAC, which made many of my friends envious,” Kerry said. “I also got to escort Dr. Goodman that year.”

Today, Kerry continues his service to Scouting, serving on the National Venturing Committee since its inception in 1999. He is also a member of



Kerry Cheesman was elected the first Western Region Chief in 1974.

the BSA National Religious Relationships Committee.

Kerry received a bachelor’s degree in zoology and geology from the University of California and a master’s degree in education at Indiana University. He then continued his education, earning doctorate degrees in physiology and biochemistry at the University of Illinois Medical Center. He has two sons, Ian and Nathan, who have grown up in

the Scouting program. Kerry is proud to point out that both his sons are Eagle Scouts, Vigil Honor members, and lodge and section officers, and they have served on numerous NOAC and national Scout jamboree staffs.

Kerry, an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member himself, grew up in Santa Barbara, California, and currently lives in Columbus, Ohio. He is a professor at Capital University, where he also is chairman of the biological sciences department and director of the health professions program. He is also editor of the Ohio Journal of Science.

“The opportunities in the OA and Scouting have allowed me to learn and practice leadership—something I use every day in my work with faculty and students,” Kerry said. “Learning to work with people of diverse backgrounds and experiences also helped a lot.” 🍀



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AAC



The 2006 National Order of the Arrow Conference was held July 29 to August 3 at Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan. Approximately 8,000 Arrowman attended, a record for NOAC. The conference opened with a great program showcasing all the lodges and a speech from National Chief Sean Murray. Participants attended training sessions in the morning on topics ranging from leadership skills to American Indian history. In the afternoon, Arrowmen competed in ceremonial, dance, and sporting events. Arrowmen could also participate in the Experience and The Outdoor Adventure Place (TOAP), visit the Trading Post, and partake in numerous other OA activities and opportunities for fellowship. The conference ended with an inspirational theme show and the singing of our Order's song.

To paint a picture of what participants experienced at NOAC, two unique perspectives are being presented. One from Del Loder, member of the National Committee's Founders' Council, who participated in his 24th NOAC; and the other from Kyle Peterson, inducted in May 2006, attending his first NOAC.

Perspective No. 1: Kyle Peterson, Tannu Lodge

Having been in the Order of the Arrow only since May, I was lucky to be able to attend the 2006 National Order of the Arrow Conference. I heard so many great things about the conference that I was excited about attending this year. As soon as NOAC began, I could tell it would go beyond my expectations.

The first show was amazing and introduced the theme, "The Legend Lives On." I watched the national chief and vice chief receive the bonnets. The show

had an awesome fireworks and light display and set the stage for a wonderful and exciting NOAC.

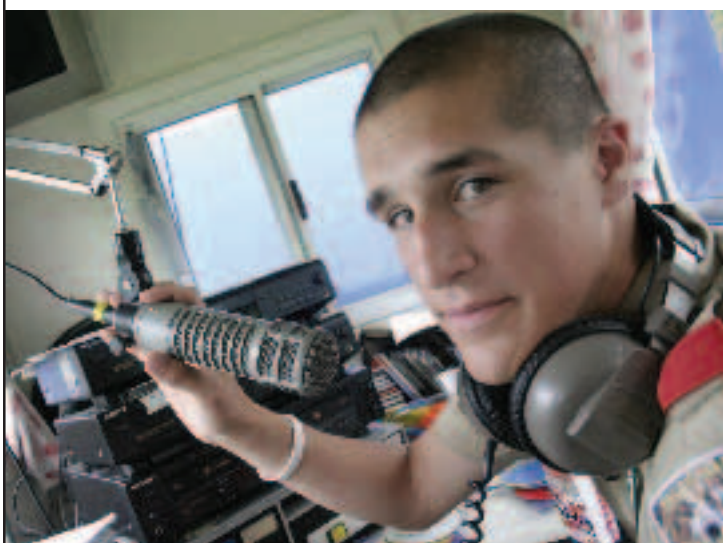
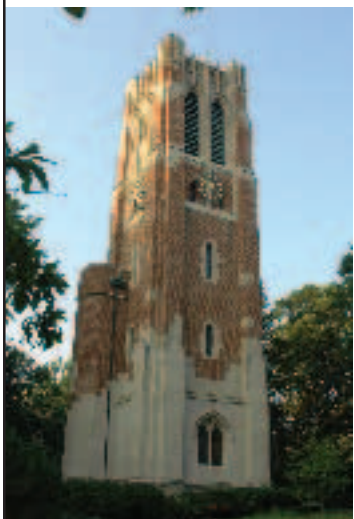
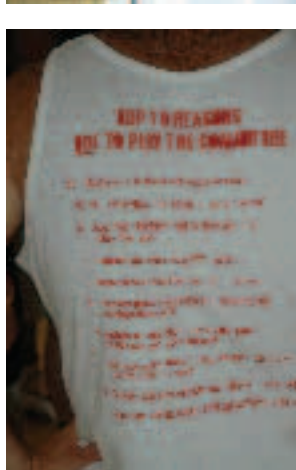
The next day began with training, and in the afternoon I saw the American Indian dance competition. The skill of all the dancers was amazing, and their costumes were bright, vibrant, and attractive. You could tell that the competition was on a national level. The show that night was great. There was the presentation of the Distinguished Service Awards, the Red Arrow Award, and the Lifetime Achievement Award to Dabney Kennedy.

I was so inspired by the first two shows that I decided to take a class on how to plan and execute a great show. The first part of the class taught about what goes into a show and all the variables that can affect the outcome. The second part was an interactive session in which groups planned a show and then presented their plan to the class.

I was also lucky enough to be invited to the Very Important Arrowman luncheon, where I met the 2006 national officers. It was spectacular to see so many lodge chiefs and new Arrowmen like myself. It showed me the potential that the members of the Order of the Arrow possess. I realized that if I want to, I can become a national officer someday.

One of my favorite parts of NOAC was trading patches. For some, it is a way to meet people and get patches from areas where they used to live; others try to get a patch from every state. No matter the reason, patch trading was fun and is a big part of the NOAC experience.

The last day of NOAC is Founders' Day. Some lodges participated in the parade of golf carts and in the afternoon set up booths where they handed out





free stuff and promoted programs in their area. Some of the items that were handed out included alligator tails, snow cones, barbecued chicken, and fliers, and on top of it all, there were many prize drawings. Another great part of Founders' Day was getting a 2006 NOAC T-shirt. It was a lot of fun and a great way to get free stuff and enjoy the final day of the conference.

What made NOAC amazing were all the opportunities. The conference made me realize all the opportunities that the Order of the Arrow has to offer. NOAC was an experience that really inspired me to go forth and be all I can be. It is an experience that I will never forget, and one that will inspire me for the rest of my life.

Perspective No. 2: Del Loder

If my count is correct, 2006 at MSU is my 24th NOAC experience. My first NOAC was in 1958 at Lawrence, Kansas. While subsequent NOACs seem to merge together, this first one is very clear in my memory. I was serving as the deputy lodge adviser, and we traveled from the Puget Sound via chartered bus and a station wagon.

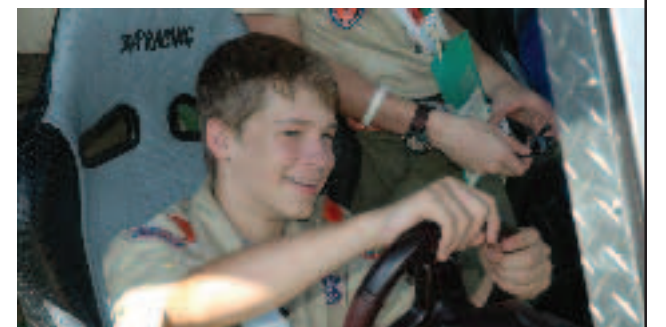
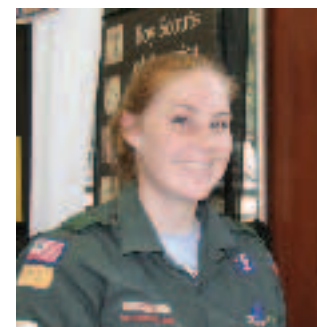
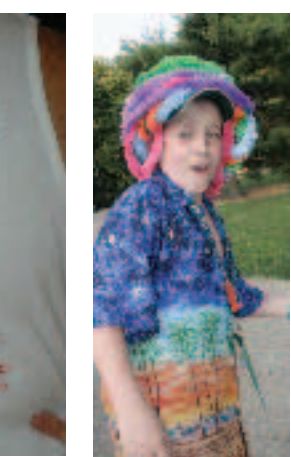
The total conference had more than 2,300 participants, as opposed to approximately 8,000 attendees this year, but I was impressed as it was the largest gathering of Arrowmen I had ever seen. It was held on the campus of the University of Kansas. Just like this year, there was a daily paper and plenty of training topics to choose from—all directed to better lodge operation.

Each training session was divided into twin parts, with the first part being an introduction of the subject by a member of the National OA

Committee, and afterwards the group was divided into small discussion groups directed by a trained adult Arrowman. Unlike this year, there were no youth trainers.

In the afternoons, there were workshops and demonstrations. One afternoon the college football field was turned into a camping and cooking demonstration with lodges showing a variety of camping styles and regional cooking, much like the Experience was this year. There was a session where the lodge chiefs could assemble in a large room and ask questions of Urner Goodman. This was always delightful and informative and carries on at Meet the Man sessions and the National Council of Chiefs.

The evenings at NOAC have long been memorable. That year, Explorer Eagle Scout Richard Chappell had just returned from 14 months at Antarctica as the representative of the BSA during the International Geophysical Year. He gave the opening assembly speech to a packed house. This year, National Chief Sean Murray delivered an opening inspirational speech. One evening we were treated to a show that featured home safety and traffic safety, outdoor camping, and water safety. This was to prepare us for the National Good Turn the following year—national safety. The campus mascot, "Jayhawker," was present everywhere just as "Spartan" was this year at MSU. The closing show was, as always, a high point of the conference with an inspirational message from Urner and the presentation of the Order's Distinguished Service Award to 12 deserving Arrowmen. This year there were 39 recipients of the DSA. As always, the show closed with the entire audience standing and singing the Order's song. 🍷



AROUND THE NATION



ADAM SCHMIDT

In an effort to promote an Arrowman's primary responsibility—to his troop—the Ma-Nu Lodge, Last Frontier Council, Oklahoma, has created a special gold-bordered flap for recipients of its Arrowman Unit Service Award, which requires Arrowmen to demonstrate their commitment to the unit in the areas of leadership development, camping, and service. All requirements must be completed within a calendar year, beginning each January. Both youth and adult members are eligible for the award. For more information, visit <http://www.manu133.org>.

The Butterfield Trail Chapter of Wachtschu Mawachpo Lodge, Westark Council, Arkansas,

is looking for ideas to improve attendance at chapter meetings. Chapter Chief Ash Cochran began a campaign last spring to trade chapter patches with chapters and lodges beyond the state of Arkansas. Those patches are then used as attendance incentives, given as door prizes to Arrowmen who attend meetings. The chapter continues to look for campaign partners. If your lodge is interested in trading patches, contact Ash at <http://www.westarkbsa.org>.

If your lodge conducts a service project, celebrates an anniversary or starts a new program that is noteworthy, e-mail Adam Schmidt at adamkschmidt@gmail.com for consideration in the "Around the Nation" column.

High Adventure Celebrates Success

Dave Nguyen

The summer of 2006 was a landmark season for the OA high-adventure programs. All three programs have reason to celebrate as they were completely sold out. Additionally, OA Ocean Adventure had a lengthy waiting list and OA Wilderness Voyage had record attendance. Arrowmen from across the nation arrived at the high-adventure bases not knowing what to expect but left with a deeper understanding for brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service.

During the course of the summer, Arrowmen hiked the Tooth of Time, crossed the Grand Portage, and plunged into the depths of the Atlantic Ocean. Yet most

importantly, the nearly 300 participants and staff provided significant service to these Scouting sanctuaries. At Philmont, the Copper Park Trail was lengthened by nearly two miles. In the Boundary Waters, the Voyage program worked primarily on two trails, Birch to Frog Lakes and Ensign to Trident, and significantly improved their status. The Ocean Adventure participants provided marine life service with litter brigades, marine wildlife counts, deep sea coral restoration, and more.

Visit <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org>, for more information about and applications for these programs. Secure your spot soon, because these popular programs will be filling fast. 🍷

Give to Goodman Society

Carl Marchetti

The Goodman Society was created to honor and perpetuate the memory of the founder of the Order of the Arrow, E. Umer Goodman, who was an outstanding pioneer Scouting professional and educator of youth. Membership in the Goodman Society is extended to individuals who have given at least \$10,000 in financial support to the National Order of the Arrow Endowment Fund (above and beyond their gifts to the local council). The contribution may be part of their estate planning or a cash contribution. Using only the interest earned on the Endowment Fund, the national OA committee provides funding for special projects

and college scholarships.

Currently there are 25 members in the Goodman Society, which was officially endorsed by the National Committee in 2004. Members of the Goodman Society receive a unique, numbered certificate and are invited to a special luncheon at NOAC. They also receive recognition in the National Bulletin.

Scouters and Arrowmen who are interested in becoming Goodman Society members can obtain an application from the national OA office. Information also is available by contacting Dr. Carl Marchetti, chairman of the Founders Council, by e-mail at cmarchetti@meridianhealth.com or telephone at 732-776-4226. All inquiries are confidential. 🍷

National OA Web Site Update

Andy Collins

If you feel like the 2006 National Order of the Arrow Conference will be only a memory now that it is over, don't worry—the NOAC Live! 2006 Web site will be around for years to come. Arrowmen will be have the opportunity to enjoy that experience on the web site many times in the future.

During NOAC, our web team

of 20 Arrowmen covered virtually every aspect of the conference, producing more than 80 stories, five photo galleries, two videos, seven podcasts, and more than 5,000 photos. The Web site will help to archive 2006 NOAC for future years and will allow Arrowmen who attended to relive their memories of the conference. Check out the NOAC Live! 2006 Web site at <http://live.oa-bsa.org> to

relive NOAC 2006 again and again.

With 2006 NOAC complete, the national events Web site is now looking forward to ArrowCorps⁵ in the summer of 2008. Preliminary information about the ArrowCorps⁵ program has already been posted to the national event Web site. As the event approaches, more support information will be posted. For updates, visit <http://event.oa-bsa.org>. 🍷

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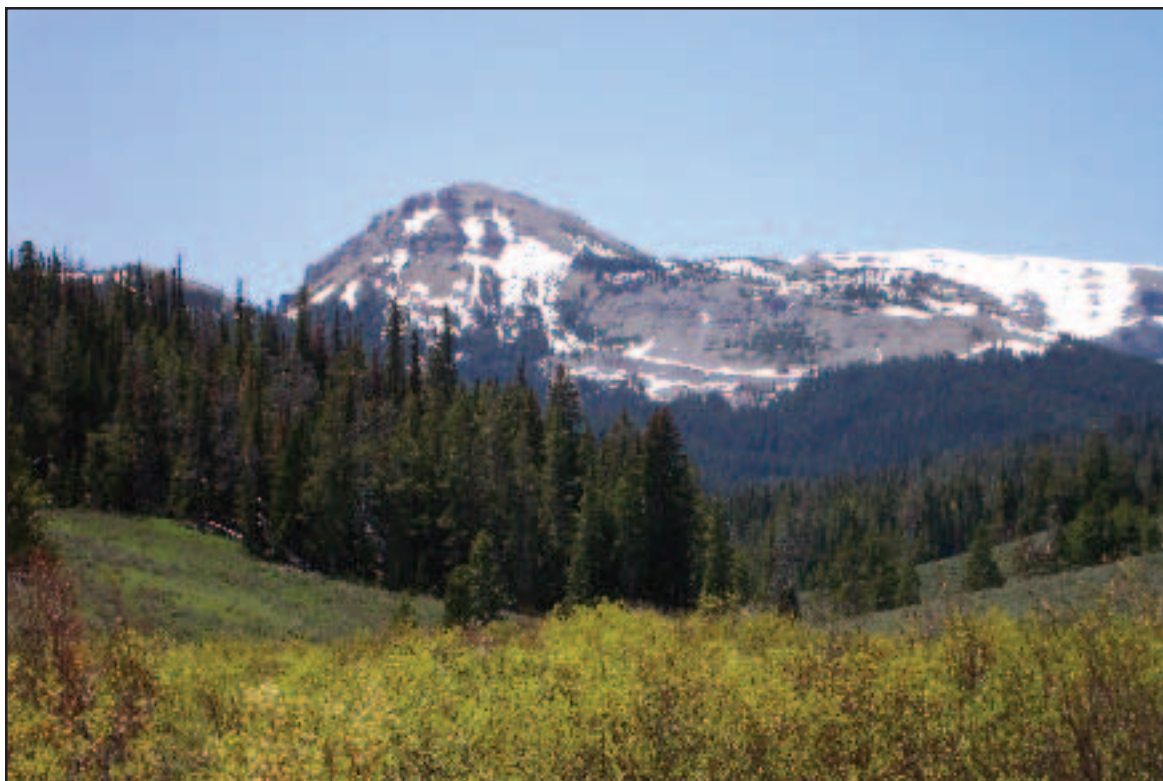
leadership our Order has ever undertaken.

During the summer of 2008, the Order of the Arrow will embark on the largest service project in its history: ArrowCorps⁵. After years of collaboration, the OA and the United States Forest Service will work together to provide meaningful and lasting service to some of our nation's most treasured natural resources.

The program will include eight days of life-changing cheerful service as well as a host of recreational activities at every site. At least one day will be spent enjoying the diverse recreational facilities available at each site.

During five weeks in the summer of 2008, at five sites across the nation, 5,000 physically fit and able volunteers will descend on our national forests to perform cheerful service that will benefit Americans for decades to come. ArrowCorps⁵ is the largest opportunity for servant

More information about ArrowCorps⁵ can be found at <http://www.oa-bsa.org>. Detailed information on each of the five sites will be released quarterly throughout the next year. Keep checking the Web site for frequent updates and information on how and when to sign up. Lodge leadership should start informing members now of the exciting opportunities available in 2008! 🏹



ArrowCorps⁵ will take place at various designated US Forest Service work sites, such as Bridger-Teton National Forest in Wyoming (above).

Weekly ArrowCorps⁵ Schedule

DAY 1: Arrive on Saturday, check-in, and physical requirement confirmation all day. Evening diner is first meal served, followed by the opening assembly.

DAY 2: Crew assignments, work-site/safety training, and shakedown.

DAY 3: Service at work-site with trained foremen.

DAY 4: Service at work-site with trained foremen.*

DAY 5: Service at work-site with trained foremen.*

DAY 6: Service at work-site with trained foremen.*

DAY 7: Half day of service at work-site with trained foremen. Clean-up, rest, and evening dinner, followed by closing assembly and recognitions.

DAY 8: Departure after breakfast.

* Participants will experience one full day of recreational activities on day 4, 5 or 6.

NOAC 2006 Trading Post Items Still Available

Were you unable to make that final trip to the NOAC Trading Post?

Did your friend back home convince you to part with one of your NOAC treasures?

Or, were you unable to attend NOAC altogether?

The OA Trading Post staff has the solution for you.

Select NOAC 2006 merchandise and memorabilia are still available; visit <http://www.oa-bsa.org> and click through to the OA Trading Post Online.

ARROWCORPS⁵

A HIGHER ADVENTURE

1 JUNE 7-14, 2008 / MISSOURI

Mark Twain National Forest

Project Description: Cedar tree removal from glade areas in the wilderness to help restore native grasses.

Recreational Opportunities: Canoeing, horseback riding, fishing, and Branson, Missouri

2 June 14-21, 2008 / UTAH

Manti-La Sal National Forest

Project Description: Tamarisk (invasive species) removal along the Buckhorn Wash. Each day of work will push the Tamarisk invasion back 30 years.

Recreational Opportunities: Green River float trips, national parks, dinosaur quarry and museums, fishing, mountain biking, and whitewater rafting.

3 JUNE 21-28, 2008 / VIRGINIA

George Washington and Jefferson National Forests

Project Description: Campsite improvements and construction of seven miles of new multi-user trail north of Covington, Virginia.

Recreational Opportunities: Whitewater rafting, fishing, mountain biking, and nearby historical sites.

4 JULY 12-19, 2008 / CALIFORNIA

Shasta-Trinity National Forest

Project Description: Significant trail maintenance and reconstruction to avoid soil erosion.

Recreational Opportunities: Whitewater rafting and kayaking, fishing, mountain climbing (Mt. Shasta), house boating and water skiing (Lake Shasta).

5 JULY 26 - AUGUST 2, 2008 / WYOMING

Bridger-Teton National Forest

Project Description: Bridge work, campsite improvements, fence building, erosion control projects, and weed control.

Recreational Opportunities: Whitewater rafting and kayaking, canoeing, fishing, sightseeing in both Teton and Yellowstone National Parks.

Q How have the rules for section officer elections changed in the recent revision to the Field Operations Guide?

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The current 2006 Field Operations Guide revised the voting process at the conclave business meeting. The amended rule states, "Each council may cast one vote per youth member present at the time of the election, up to a maximum of ten votes, for each office on all ballots." Previously, each council could cast 10 votes for each office on all ballots, as long as they were represented by at least one youth member. The amended rule also adds that "telephone, e-mail, or other electronic votes are not permitted."

The reasons for the voting change are twofold: (1) It will increase the number of youth present when the election is held; and (2) it will correct the situation of a council, represented by one youth, becoming the "darling of the hour" and being courted by all aspirants disproportionately to the other councils. The 10-vote upper limit has been kept as a leveling standard between the large and small councils. The prohibition on electronic voting at the conclave business meeting is to ensure that each council is physically represented at the meeting and is a part of the election process and pageantry.

NATIONAL NOTES

Leadership in Service

Don't forget to order your Leadership in Service awards. Visit <http://www.oa-bsa.org> to download the order form.

Charter Renewal

Lodge Charter Renewal Packets will be mailed to councils on October 1, 2006. Charter renewals are due back December 31, 2006.

LLD Recognition Patch

The Lodge Leadership Development recognition patch order form is available on the OA Web site, <http://www.oa-bsa.org>. This patch recognizes Arrowmen who staff and attend your lodge LLD training course.

OA Scoutreach Mentoring

Take advantage of the OA Scoutreach Mentoring program. Learn more by visiting the OA Web site at <http://www.oa-bsa.org>

High-Adventure Web Site

Check out adventure.oa-bsa.org to obtain information about Philmont Trail Crew, OAOA, and the Voyage.

More information about these National Notes and other news can be found on the OA Web site online at <http://www.oa-bsa.org>.

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2006-2007 National Planning Calendar

2006

October 2	OA Charter Kits Distributed
October 6-8	NLS, Conroe, TX
October 13-15	NLS/NLATS, Camp Tracy, UT
October 20-22	SOS, Phoenix, AZ
October 27-29	NLS, Ridgecrest, NC
October 31	OA Service Grant Applications Due
November 1	Lodge Program Support Pak Available
November 3-5	SOS, Alpine, NJ
November 17-19	NLS, Camp Bothin, CA
November 17-19	NLS/NLATS, Parkville, MO
November 17-19	NLS/NLATS, Norcross, GA
December 1-3	SOS, Rochester, IN
December 27-30	National Planning Meeting, DFW
December 31	Lodge Charter Renewal Deadline

2007

January 25-28	NLS/NLATS Train the Trainer, Florida Sea Base
May 30	National Committee Meeting, Atlanta, GA
June 5	OA Ocean Adventure Begins
June 8	OA Trail Crew and Voyage Begin
July 28-August 1	National Conservation and Leadership Summit, Indiana University



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