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A summer of service, fellowship, and legacies

Robert Mason

August 2, 2008, marked the physical end of the greatest service project undertaken by the Boy Scouts of America since World War II. Nearly 5,000 Arrowmen and Forest Service volunteers participated in this summer's *Arrowcorps⁵* events. Tag-lined as "truly a mountaintop experience," Scouts witnessed nothing short of that in each of the weeklong conservation projects.

From the rolling Ozark Mountains to the majestic Grand Tetons, our public lands received much-needed care throughout the summer. For many brothers, this was their first time traveling to such remote and serene locations. Lodges scheduled extra days to visit nearby attractions to take in these once-in-a-lifetime experiences. The opportunity to spend time in nature and with fellow Scouts presented itself daily. Breathtaking sunrises and sunsets graced camps and provided time for participants to reflect.

The conservation work that we accomplished as an organization surpassed all expectations and projections by the USDA Forest Service for each site visited. In most cases, the majority of work had been completed by midweek, and the Forest Service had to find more projects to keep the Arrowmen busy. The work ethic our Arrowmen exhibited in the field was legendary and historic.

A synopsis of the summer revealed that nearly 150 miles of trail was constructed or refurbished by the Order of the Arrow and dozens of new trail identification signs were constructed to alert hikers. Trail building was not the only project carried out—nearly 135 acres of invasive red cedars were removed at the Mark Twain National Forest site, and 28 miles of the invasive tamarisk plant was removed and treated across the Manti-La Sal project sites. Attendees included Arrowmen

from all states and four foreign countries. The age of these conservation enthusiasts ranged from the mid-teens to mid-80s.

One of the highlights was President Bush's visit to commend the public service at the Shasta-Trinity project site. Three Arrowmen, National Chief Jake Wellman, Western Region Chief Mark Hendricks, and Youth Incident Commander Alex Braden were recognized with the President's Call to Service Voluntarism Award.

These young men were instrumental in the planning and execution of the 2008 *Arrowcorps⁵* Shasta-Trinity Project. At the Bridger-Teton National Forest project, White House officials presented more of these awards to key leadership that had been working on this project for nearly five years.

The glue that held the projects together was a group known as the Instructor Corps. Made up of 42 individuals from across America, these brothers provided continuity of program, logistical support, and a model of the best conservation practices. Arrowmen and Forest Service Volunteer Liaison Tim Beaty commented at the George Washington/Jefferson site that "Each of the staff [I-Corps] members brought a wealth of conservation experience and the enthusiasm to make this the most successful volunteer project that the United States Forest Service has ever received."

Forest Service Chief Abigail Kimbell commented on several occasions that "this is a project that you will bring your children and grandchildren back to.... You have made a difference on the land that is very lasting and the American people thank you for that." She also stated that "one of the greatest outcomes of the projects is the strengthening of relationships and the formation of new bonds."

In Chief Scout Executive Bob Mazzuca's address at the program this summer, he praised the initiative undertaken by the Order. The opportunity that we have before us is tremendous, and you are indeed as Dr. Goodman stated "the pacesetters

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An Arrowman at the Buckhorn Canyon at the Manti-La Sal National Forest.



An Arrowman removes a rock from the Arrow Loop at the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests.

CHIEFLY SPEAKING



Arrowmen,

The year 1915 saw a vastly different America. In the midst of violence and confusion in a war-torn world, the Boy Scouts of America was celebrating its fifth successful year of program in the United States. There was a dire need for a strong service organization and the leaders of the BSA rose to meet the challenge. During World War II, Boy Scouts worked from coast to coast collecting food for the needy, selling bonds to support the nation, and building trails in public lands through the Eagle Scout Trail Builders program. It was in this atmosphere of service that E. Urner Goodman nurtured what is today the flagship youth service organization in our country, the Order of the Arrow.

Almost a century later, we are certainly a different America, but the OA still serves as an organization dedicated to service. We must strive towards that commitment every day as we seek to fulfill our Obligation.

As we look back across nearly a century, we should also look ahead to the prospects of the future. With ArrowCorps⁵ on the books as the largest outdoor service project ever, there is a lot of hope for future contributions of this Order and its potential for service to this country and the world. Through ArrowCorps⁵ we had the opportunity to provide leadership and service to five national forests—but that is only the beginning for us. Henceforth, the leadership in service to our great outdoors must be fulfilled in our home lodges and in our troops across the nation as we maintain the momentum from this summer. Share what the OA has taught you about service and leadership. Go out into your community and make a difference! It's all up to you!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Jake Wellman
National Chief

Benjamin L. Stilwill
National Vice Chief

Silver Antelope awarded to Arrowmen at national meet-

James Tarbox

Jeff Jonassen and Mark Chilutti, both members of the National Order of the Arrow Committee, recently received the prestigious Silver Antelope Award. Created in 1942, the Silver Antelope Award is the Boy Scouts of America's highest honor for outstanding service to youth at the regional level.

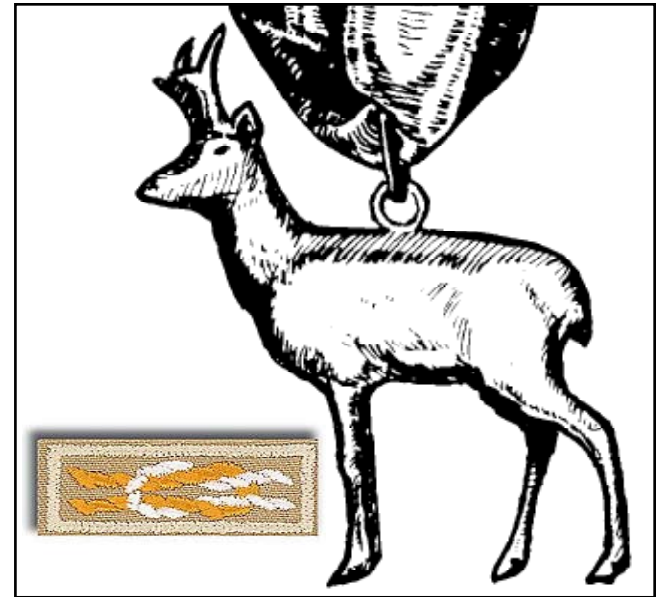
Jeff Jonassen's life is a tribute to service, both in Scouting and within his community. As a youth member of the Tipisa Lodge, Central Florida Council, he served as chapter chief, lodge chief, and lodge adviser, and as an adult, he served for 15 years in numerous offices on the council executive board, including president.

Jeff is chairman of the Order's Southern Region, and served five years as section S-4S adviser. He also was one of the lead advisers for the George Washington and Jefferson ArrowCorps⁵ site. His service is steeped in leadership training. He is also a recipient of the OA Distinguished Service Award.

Beyond Scouting, Jeff serves on the board of directors and as president-elect of the University of Florida Alumni Association, which has twice honored him as its Outstanding Gator Club Member. He also is a member of the University of Florida Hall of Fame. He is a member of the board of governors and the vice chairman of the Orlando Regional Chamber of Commerce, and he serves on the board of directors of the Central Florida Partnership, for which he chairs the firm's public policy advocacy group, BusinessForce.

Mark Chilutti joined Cub Scouting at age 8 and achieved the Eagle Scout rank with four Palms. He was also elected president of his Explorer post. As a youth in the Order of the Arrow, he served as lodge chief, section chief, and National Conference vice chief.

A member of Unami Lodge, Mark is currently vice chairman of Leadership Training on the



The Silver Antelope Award

National OA Committee and serves on the BSA National Training Task Force, Northeast Region Committee, Area 4 Committee, and National Eagle Scout Association Scholarship Committee. He also is vice president of Program for the Cradle of Liberty Council, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Professionally, Mark is assistant vice president of Development for the Magee Rehabilitation Hospital in Philadelphia. He also has been recognized for his volunteer efforts there. Before coming to Magee, Mark owned a jewelry store in Philadelphia until his spinal cord was severed by a gunman's bullet during a robbery.

Mark is a sought after public speaker and has appeared on several national television programs, discussing gun safety issues and the need for disability insurance. He was honored with the Courage to Come Back Award from Mercy Healthcare System and as Hometown Hero by the Philadelphia 76ers. Mark is also a nationally ranked wheelchair tennis player.

We congratulate both of these men on their well-deserved Silver Antelope Awards. 🦌



Mark Chilutti, National OA Committee Vice Chairman of Leadership Training, left, and Jeff Jonassen, Chairman of the Southern Region, right, both received the Silver Antelope Award for distinguished service to youth at the regional level at the 2008 BSA National Annual Meeting.

NOAC 2009 - Will you be there?

Alex Braden

Imagine for a moment, you and 8,000 of your brothers descending on a major college campus for six days of fellowship, training, recreation, competition, arena shows, parades, and friendship. Imagine. This is the National Order of the Arrow

Conference. And it is happening next summer. In 2009, the Order will host its 30th NOAC. For the tenth time, the conference will be held at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana—the same site as the first NOAC back in 1948. Scheduled dates are August 1–6, 2009. If you are excited and interested in attending

the 2009 NOAC, contact your lodge chief or lodge adviser for information about signing up. Stay tuned to www.oa-bsa.org for updates. I know that I am going. The question is, will you be there? 🏹

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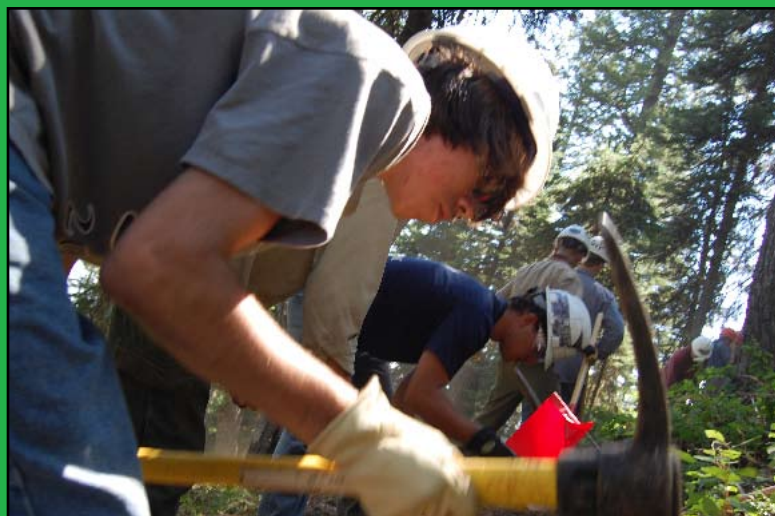
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Arrowmen provide 125 years of service and 250,000 service hours to USDA Forest Service

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in Cheerful Service.”

One of the main program topics developed throughout each week was the importance of legacy. This summer, Scouts learned the value of legacies and how the efforts of one person can be significant. The positive impression that the Boy Scouts of America left in these forestland communities will surely be long-lasting and reignite the importance of our organization in the minds of

countless Americans.

ArrowCorps⁵ Challenge

At the end of the program each participant was challenged with doing something worthwhile for the environment back home. Surely, the first thing to do is to plant a tree. Not only will this exercise provide America with 5,000 more trees, but it will help to impress the Scouting spirit of volunteerism on others. Arrowmen are asked to log onto www.oa-bsa.org/treeplanting and plot the location of their tree.

ArrowCorps⁵ Note

For complete information, including week-in-review videos, photographs, participant interviews and newspaper features, visit www.oa-bsa.org/events/Arrowcorps5. Be sure to check out the souvenir DVD, available in the online OA trading post, as well as the limited merchandise that is quickly being sold out.

If for some reason you were unsuccessful in getting images to the Digital Media Team during your ArrowCorps⁵ week, please e-mail coordinator Robert Mason for submission of photos to the digital archive. Your help is vital in the accurate, complete documentation of this once-in-a-lifetime experience. The Digital Media Team can be reached at Robert.L.Mason@gmail.com.

National committee member serves in and out of Scouting through World Vision

Thomas Lambert

Toby Capps, a National OA Committee member from Washington State, is a longtime supporter of Scouting, a path he chose early in life. Toby, an Eagle Scout, served as the Boy Scout National Youth Representative in 1975. During his tenure as the Youth Representative he participated in the Report to the Nation and served on the National Executive Board.

Toby is a member of the National OA Committee's Communications and Marketing Subcommittee, where he serves as the adviser to the Web Team. In between his busy work schedule and his volunteer service with the Order, Toby has become quite active with World Vision's Caregiver Kit initiative. The initiative builds and fills orange boxes with badly needed supplies to help combat the AIDS pandemic in Africa.

Toby's involvement in World

Vision has taken him to AIDS-stricken Africa where he assisted in the fight and delivery of the first set of completed Caregiver Kits. Upon his return, he spoke to many Arrowmen about the amazing opportunity to serve and provide help to those who cannot help themselves. Since his visit to Africa, Toby's support for this program has truly come full circle. He spent several days volunteering at both the Democratic and Republican National Conventions. His time there was spent educating our political leaders on the Caregiver program, and building Caregiver Kits with party leaders and other volunteers.

Sixty-six years ago, Anne Frank wrote, "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before beginning to improve the world." Toby, we salute your service and dedication, both in and out of Scouting. You are an example for all Arrowmen to follow. We encourage every Arrowman to find a



Cindy McCain, center, and Toby Capps, right

worthwhile cause to volunteer for in their communities through agencies such as the Red Cross, World Vision, United Way, the Salvation Army, or their religious organization.

For more information about the Caregiver Kit initiative, visit the World Vision Web site at www.worldvision.org.

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AROUND THE NATION



JAMES TARBOX

Tisquantum Lodge of the Old Colony Council and Section NE-1B conducts a commissioner orientation for every adult who attends an Order of the Arrow event. The purposes are to acquaint as many Scouters as possible with the commissioner role so that they know what to expect from their unit commissioner and to illustrate that these roles are rewarding ways to contribute to the Scouting program. Arrowmen are expected to return in service to their units; commissioner service is one of the ways that adults can fulfill this obligation.

Tamegonit Lodge of the Heart of America Council in Section C-5B has become an active supporter of the Heart of America Council's Camp Rotary. Camp Rotary is a camp designed for special-needs Scouts who are not able to attend regular summer camp sessions. Every year, Tamegonit Lodge holds an induction at the camp.

Many of the new Ordeal members return to Camp Rotary the next year to seal their membership and become Brotherhood members of the Order.

Egwa Tawa Dee of the Atlanta Area Council in Section S-9 is celebrating its 70th anniversary with a renewed focus on achieving its goals. They started an event to raise money for the council campership fund and are expanding their service to include council communities. Lodge celebrations throughout the year have boasted large turnouts. They hope to use the momentum of this landmark year to strengthen the lodge's resolve in the Order's purpose.

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

Profile in service: OA Lodge builds barrier-free bathrooms, showers, and tent platforms

Mario Suarez

With the growth of its special needs membership and program, Tahosa Lodge of the Denver Area Council became interested in developing a barrier-free campsite at Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch that would be accessible for persons with disabilities. With the help of a \$5,000 National Service Grant, a \$5,000 grant from the Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation, and its own contribution of \$7,500, the lodge was able to retrofit one of the campsites near the camp office and parking lot.

While most of the facilities at the Scout ranch have the appropriate ramps and grades to provide for a barrier-free camping experience, the ranch has not had an adequate

campsite facility to service this segment of the membership.

The lodge constructed accessible tent platforms featuring a wooden tent frame that eliminates the need for center uprights and four electrical outlets for campers who need to charge medical devices and appliances. The campsite now includes a bathroom and shower building with wider stalls, a raised hearth campfire ring, and new picnic tables.

The campsite will give special support to the council's annual Special Needs Camporee, in which student participants are paired with a Life Scout or Eagle Scout, most of whom are members of the Tahosa Lodge, as a mentor for the weekend. The mentors accompany the participants throughout the weekend to assist with their camp



A new bathroom and shower facility was constructed. The facility is completely ADA compliant.

experience, from participation in activities to campfires, meals, and overnight accommodations.

The new campsite allows Tahosa Lodge to continue providing a great

camping experience to the council's Scouts with special needs and to strengthen the lodge's commitment to these programs. 🌿

Adviser training conference held at Philmont

Robert Mason

For the past 20 summers, the Order of the Arrow Adviser Training Conference has been hosted at Philmont Training Center in New Mexico. Here, lodge adult members are given the opportunity to receive some of the best training available. The weeklong course is intended to challenge, educate, inspire, and mold these adults into better advisers. This year's course, attended by 16 Arrowmen, was no exception.

Staff and National OA Committee member Michael Thompson commented, "Each participant walked away with a firsthand understanding

of how to address similar challenges faced by many of the OA chapters and lodges from across the country and how to become a more integral part of their council. Most importantly, they left the program inspired to assist the Order's youth on the local level with the development and delivery of a quality OA program."

Throughout the week, training sessions included such topics as planning, lodge and chapter administration, and leadership renewal. At the conclusion of the course, these adults are prepared to successfully administer lodge and council programs at home.

When asked about next year's plans

for the conference, Thompson stated, "Lodges from across the country should not miss the opportunity to participate in the fantastic training available at the Philmont OA Advisers Conference. Having your lodge represented in 2009 will not

only educate and inspire the adult participants, it will enable them to better assist the youth of our Order."

For more information, stay tuned to the OA Web site, www-oa-bsa.org, for 2009 dates. 🌿



Philmont OA Lodge Adviser Training participants at an ice cream social.

Q A lodge chief from North Dakota writes:
 “I would like to make sure that the American Indian aspect is never taken from Order of the Arrow, and that we will not be transformed into Scouting’s mere conservation corps.”

A Indian lore is at the core of our Order—silent in every ceremony and in the narration of the ideals to which we aspire as Scouts and Scouters. With this as a launching point, it would be impossible for the Order of the Arrow to ever remove this cherished aspect from our organization. That said, in the wake of *ArrowCorps*⁵ successes, the Order has established itself as an organization committed to conservation, and this will be increasingly reflected in our future programs and initiatives.

NATIONAL NOTES

LLD Recognition Patch

The Lodge Leadership Development recognition patch order form is available on the OA Web site. 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.

Charter Renewal

Lodge Charter Renewals will be sent to lodges the first week of October, 2008. Charter renewals are dues by December 31, 2008.

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2008 National Planning Calendar

October 10-12	NLS/NLATS, Orange County, CA
October 13-15	BSA national meetings, Dallas, TX
October 17-19	NLS, Toledo, OH
October 24-26	SOS, Tempe, AZ
October 31	OA Service Grant applications due
November 2	OA Lodge Program Paks available
November 7-9	NLS/NLATS, Fincastle, VA NLS/NLATS, Parkville, MO SOS, Alpine, NJ
November 14-16	NLS, Marin County, CA
December 5-7	SOS, Rochester, IN
December 27-30	OA National Planning Meeting, Dallas, TX
December 31	Lodge charter renewal deadline

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March 6-8	NOAC On-site Meeting, Bloomington, IN
May 20	National OA Committee meeting, Orlando, FL
June 2	OA Ocean Adventure begins
June 8	OA Trail Crew begins
June 10	OA Northern Tier begins
August 1-6	National Order of the Arrow Conference, Bloomington, IN



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