

# National events to inspire in 2011

## SummitCorps will benefit New River Gorge National River

## Indian Summer offers training, pow wows

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Since *ArrowCorps*<sup>5</sup> many arrowmen and Scouters have been asking when and what will be the next national Order of the Arrow service project. Arrowmen who attended *ArrowCorps*<sup>5</sup> could not wait to go back and provide cheerful service to the United States Forest Service and those who missed the opportunity wanted another chance to experience the Order of the Arrow at its finest.

In 2010, the Order of the Arrow announced its second national service project: SummitCorps – The New River Experience. Based on the successes of *ArrowCorps*<sup>5</sup> and the OA High Adventure programs, SummitCorps will combine cheerful service with adventure. The experience will take place over four weeks during July 2011: July 3-9, July 10-16, July 17-23, and July 24-30. SummitCorps will be held at the New River Gorge National



River in West Virginia benefitting the National Park Service.

The goals of the project are to improve the Garden Grand Hike and

Bike Trail which will link The Summit: Bechtel Family Scout Reserve, home of

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By **ALEX HILL**  
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Have you ever experienced the magic of a perfect ceremony? Or watched in awe at the movements of a dance team? Or had to take a second glance at the intricacies of an outfit? Whether you simply appreciate these experiences, strive for them, or helped make them happen, Indian Summer is for you.

A weeklong event in Asheville, North Carolina, Indian Summer 2011 will expand your understanding of the American Indian culture. Depending on your interests, you will have the opportunities to focus on improving yourself as a ceremonialist, learning to dance, making outfits and crafts, and singing, among many other areas of the American Indian culture. You will have the opportunity to gain hands on experience with the most

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# Kola Lodge supports local camp shooting sports

By **KARL KASZUBA**  
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Two years ago, the Kola Lodge decided to hold its fall induction weekends at the Longs Peak Council's Jack Nicol Cub Scout Camp to support the Cub Scout camping program. This unique resident camp for Cub Scouts and their families features an archery range, BB-gun range, life-size frontier fort, medieval castle, and two pirate ships extending over the lake. However, the archery and BB-gun

range often experienced waiting times of more than an hour and a half.

The Kola Lodge leadership wanted to fix this problem and provide a better camping experience for the Cub Scouts. With the help of a \$2,500 Order of the Arrow National Service Grant, the lodge worked with council and camp staff to design and build a second shooting sports complex. This new complex would feature BB-gun shooting on one range and creative shooting sports, like paintball wrist rockets, on the second range. Council

board members and other Scouters contributed an additional \$6,000 to complete the project. Lodge members performed 500 service hours by pouring three cement slabs, framing two covered shooting ranges, framing and siding the central registration and storage building, and then painting the entire complex. Finally, they installed a rope-and-post safety fence to surround both shooting ranges.

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 25-27 NLS/NLATS, Alpine, NJ

### April

8-10 NLS, Marin on St. Croix, MN  
 NLS, Phoenix, AZ  
 SummitCorps Site Visit, Glen Jean, WV  
 29-30 NLS, Shuylkill Haven, PA

### May

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 31 OA Service Grant Applications Due

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## 2012 National OA Conference

July 30 - August 4, Michigan State University, East Lansing Michigan

# Financial support for lodge service projects

By **MASON THOMAS**  
 2008 Southern Region Chief

Since 1999, the National Order of the Arrow Committee has presented OA Matching Service Grants in support of lodge projects that enhance Scout camps or council service centers. For example, the Chippewa Lodge of the Great Lakes Council, which serves the metropolitan Detroit, Michigan, area, received a 2009 OA Matching Service Grant in the amount of \$4,110.

The grant supported a much-needed project for Camp Agawam—the construction of swimming docks, a waterfront retaining wall, and the addition of new beach sand. In the Order of the Arrow's spirit of service, over 60 volunteers dedicated 621 man-hours to complete this worthwhile project. During the course of 10 work days, members of Chippewa Lodge began their endeavor by first sizing and cutting all of the necessary materials, and then assembling the pieces. Following an organizational weekend to work out any challenges, two more weekends saw the completion of the top parts of the docks and the initial construction of the retaining wall.

Once the waters of Lake Orion permitted more activity, the docks were installed with the aid of two Chippewa divers. Following an active summer and a successful camp season, the retaining wall was completed and the beach sand spread.



**Chippewa Lodge received a matching OA Service Grant to help construct swimming docks and a waterfront retaining wall.**

The success of the project gave the Order of the Arrow great visibility to parents, Scouts, and Scouters. It also helped develop a stronger relationship between the council and the lodge. With a completely overhauled waterfront area, the Great Lakes Council can now promote Camp Agawam with an enhanced swimming area for its Scouts.

A OA Matching Service Grant can provide financial support to a lodge project benefiting your council. For more information regarding the

Matching OA Service Grant program, please contact National OA Committee member Michael Thompson at Thompson1994@msn.com. Please be mindful that lodges are required to match any money awarded by the National OA Committee.

Continue the Order's mission of cheerful service to others and organize a lodge service project that benefits your Scout camp or council service center. In doing so, you will continue the Order of the Arrow's legacy of service to councils across the nation.

## NATIONAL UPDATES

### Multicultural Markets replaces Scoutreach

OA mentoring will continue to serve with the Multicultural Markets Team. Visit [scouting.org/MultiCultural.aspx](http://scouting.org/MultiCultural.aspx) for more information.

### Online OA Trading Post

Click on the OA Trading Post banner on the home page of the

OA Web site at [www.oa-bsa.org](http://www.oa-bsa.org) to purchase great recognition items and gifts. Click on the National Endowment page to review the selection of coins, figurines and prints.

### Fillable OA Forms online

OA forms are available on [oa-bsa.org](http://oa-bsa.org) that include text fields that allow them to be filled out online. Forms include

high adventure applications, national award applications, the Vigil Honor petition, and the Distinguished Service Award nomination form.

### 2009 Quality Lodge pins

Pins are still available for ordering. Lodges may purchase pins for \$1.50 each. Order forms for Lodges are available at [www.oa-bsa.org](http://www.oa-bsa.org). Pins for 2011 will be available in February 2011.

## 2010 National Officer Directory

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# Make an impact

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Many of us are given a new job, whether elected or appointed, and we forget the reason we were asked to serve. When a person or group of people entrusted us to help fulfill the ideals of our organization, it was not with the intention that we would focus our time and energy on our friends or a small clique. We are expected to give of ourselves in service to this great Order.

I challenge you to make a difference in the life of a young Arrowman. During an event or meeting, step away from your circle of friends and seek a Scout that is sitting by

himself or an Arrowman who may not know anyone there. You can make that event a memorable one for him. This is the essence of what we stand for: brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service.

I think back to my earlier days in the Order and I can still name those Arrowmen who had an impact on my leadership, service, and life as a whole and I cannot be more thankful. These memories are the ones that will stay with us and motivate our lives.

Take time to reflect on your own life and Scouting career. You will find that these experiences are not exclusive, but universal and commonplace in our Order. It is the human connection that

makes the Order of the Arrow and its members special.

This challenge is not effortless. It is always easiest to spend time with the people to whom you are closest or have the most in common with, but it is both your job and opportunity to step outside of your comfort zone. You never know the impact that you may have on a young Arrowman. It may be that he becomes the next lodge chief or even a national chief because of the example you set and the support you offered. It may be that he changes his entire life course for the better. I guarantee that this has happened before, and you never know, you might make a friend and brother for life.

## Profile: Robert M. Gates

By **GREGORY GOUNARDES**

*Section NE-7A Chief*

Robert Gates, a native of Wichita, Kansas, attained the rank of Eagle Scout. He received the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award from the BSA as an adult, and is a Vigil Honor member. He graduated from Wichita High School East in 1961 with a 4.0 grade point average.

Bob then received a scholarship to attend the College of William & Mary, graduating in 1965 with a B.A. in history. At William & Mary, Gates was an active member and chapter president of Alpha Phi Omega, a national service fraternity, and the Young Republicans. He was also the business manager for the William & Mary Review, a literary and art magazine. At his William & Mary graduation ceremony, Bob received the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award naming him the graduate who "has made the greatest contribution to his fellow man."

Bob then pursued an M.A. in history from Indiana University in 1966. Finally, he completed his doctorate in Russian and Soviet history from Georgetown University in 1974. The title of his Georgetown doctoral dissertation is "Soviet Sinology: An

Untapped Source for Kremlin Views and Disputes Relating to Contemporary Events in China" and is available from University Microfilms International as document number 7421652. He received an L.H.D. (doctor of humane letters) from William & Mary in 1998.

Bob was very successful early in life. He was recruited by the CIA and then served in the U.S. Air Force as a second lieutenant. After he finished his duties with the Air Force, he rejoined the CIA. He then went to work for the National Security Council and served as the deputy national security adviser. He was then nominated for the second time to become the director of the CIA, which was confirmed Nov. 5, 1991, by the Senate. He was sworn in the following day. He served as director until his retirement in 1993.

After retiring, he lectured at most of his alma maters, including College of William & Mary, Georgetown, Indiana, Harvard, and Yale. He also served as the president of the National Eagle Scout Association. Bob was nominated and appointed Secretary of Defense in 2006 and currently serves in this position, working to keep America safe and strong.

As we take a look at the very accomplished life of Robert Gates and



**Robert M. Gates**

the lifetime of service he has provided for his country and to Scouting, we can see that the foundation of his successful life all started on the same trail you and your friends are on now, the trail to Eagle.

## Chiefly Speaking



Brothers,

The year 2011 marks a new era in Scouting. As Scouting's National Honor Society, our duty as Arrowmen compels us to guide this movement into its second century.

The 2010 National Scout Jamboree was a chance for us to reflect on our tenured past, but more important, to recognize our responsibility in sustaining Scouting in the years to come. Nearly 45,000 Scouts and Scouters from across America gathered to be a part of Scouting's exciting celebration.

At the jamboree, I spoke about how we must recommit ourselves, through service, to Scouting and the United States of America. I watched as the entire arena pledged their honor to the fundamentals that preserve Scouting. As Arrowmen, we must adhere to a higher calling. We must commit ourselves to a higher purpose.

Having served as this year's National Chief, and having seen the organization inside and out, I am convinced that we have a greater responsibility than what first meets the eye. We have a stake in the future of the Scouting movement. Our "solemn duty now demands" that we use our influence, experience, and ability to lead our fellows further.

It is not enough for us to make a promise with just our words. It is our obligation to urge all of Scouting to live up to ideals of the Order of the Arrow. Now, more than ever, we have a chance to strengthen the honor of this Order. It's time to provide the dedicated service to our units that they deserve.

There is no doubt in my mind that our Order is up to the challenge.

Thank you, my brothers, for this incredible experience as your National Chief. You have made me proud to be an Arrowman and a Scout. I am forever grateful for all that I have learned, and all of those whom I have met, and for the journey that is yet to come.

Yours in Service,

Brad Lichota  
2010 National Chief



### Burning Issues

**I'm responsible from my lodge's LLD this year; what training should be offered?**

You should tailor your event to your lodge's needs: [lld.oa-bsa.org](http://lld.oa-bsa.org) has resources to help you do this, and more are coming soon. But if you wanted to try something different, you could help Arrowmen to develop their own training for their troop. A training on making a troop training, per say. You could include ways in which the lodge can help the troops, and how troops can involve the OA.

Send your Burning Issues to Editor in Chief Mark Hendricks at [mphendricks@gmail.com](mailto:mphendricks@gmail.com).

# Importance of training to Central Region Chief

By **RICHIE FEROLO**  
2010 Central Region Chief

Serving as your Central Region chief has been a life-changing experience. I had many opportunities to travel and meet Arrowmen across the country while improving my skills as a leader. This year, I saw what the Order of the Arrow is truly about from many different perspectives. With the many different things I was able to do, the thing that impacted me the most were the four National Leadership Seminars I led in the Central Region.

The first NLS that I attended was in November 2006 in Kansas City, Missouri. This training experience was very special and important to me. It was R.D. Dunkin's last NLS as region chairman before his death. This year, having the opportunity to

lead four of these trainings has been very special.

NLS participants at the beginning have no clue what they have just gotten themselves into. They come into the training with an open mind and an understanding of their level of leadership, and at the end of it, they become something more than they knew before. At the end of the seminar, when they realize just how much their knowledge of leadership has grown, is when I feel like the staff and I accomplished something that would impact the region for years to come. The NLS also gave me an opportunity to reunite with friends that have gladly come to help us pull off a great event by serving as staff and trainers.

These key things are what I will remember most about my year as the Central Region chief.

# Leadership and service all throughout the Order

By **FREDDY GROSS**  
2010 Western Region Chief

First, I thank each of you for a great year. Over this past year I was able to gain a better understanding of cheerful service and weighty responsibilities. Remember, it is "he who serves his fellows is of all his fellows greatest." From the Service Corps at jamboree to the work provided by lodges to their councils, the Order of the Arrow has been providing cheerful service across the nation. Service is and has been the core of who we are and what we hold close to our hearts.

Over the past few years the Order of the Arrow has been setting the example of service for the nation and the Boy Scouts as a

whole. Not only does each person give leadership to the Order of the Arrow or to Scouting, but he also takes what he has learned within the OA and uses it to help their schools and communities, as well as people met on the trail of life.

In a time when the world and nation are looking for answers to many difficult issues, it is our job to step up and be leaders in our communities. Strong communities are the building blocks of a stronger society. These things can be done when we look beyond our differences and remember the obligation of our Order and the meaning of the admonition. When we can all do that, then we have served all of our fellows to the greatest of our capability.

Leadership is love.

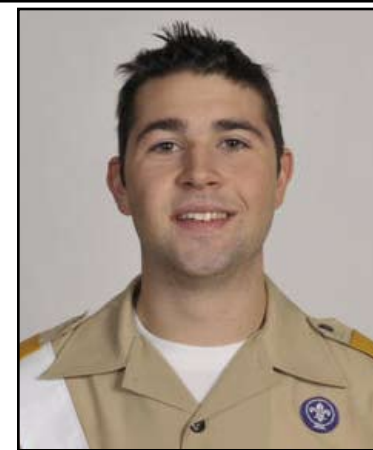
# Proud of efforts from OA Service Corps

By **BRIAN AHRENS**  
2010 Northeast Region Chief

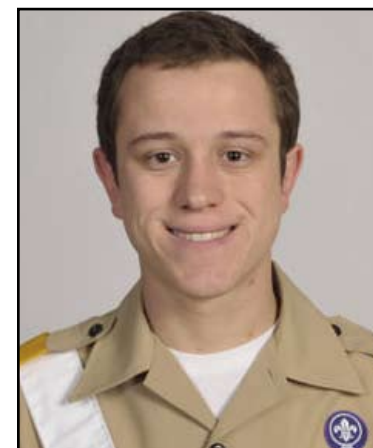
For all of you who were in Virginia for the 2010 National Scout Jamboree, this image will be easily recognizable. For the rest of you, allow me to set the scene:

More than 45,000 Scouts, family members, and friends had gathered in an open field for the jamboree closing show. Hours before, Arrowmen from the OA Service Corps had set out thousands of cases of bottled water in an attempt to avoid any heat-related problems. Cases were stacked three high in some places in a grid pattern covering an area the size of several football fields, and as the sun went down, Scouts began to fill the arena. All the trash from the water bottles and thousands of bagged lunches were strewn across the field.

As the show came to a close and the spectators filed out, they left behind enough trash to classify the area as a federal Superfund Site. A steady rain began to fall, and the OA Service Corps was left behind to deal with the aftermath. Lights from the stage cut through the midnight darkness, and teams of Arrowmen formed patrol lines, filling hundreds of trash bags full of garbage. The work continued into the early morning hours, but no one complained. The Arrowmen in the Service Corps could have written the book on cheerful service that night, working a thankless job under less than ideal circumstances. Those Scouts showed the entire jamboree what the Order of the Arrow is—a Brotherhood of Cheerful Service, and I am proud to be a part of it.



Richie Ferolo



Brian Ahrens

# Cheerful service and hard work at Northern Tier

By **DON COMBS**  
2010 Southern Region Chief

Life as a national officer has been very interesting and exciting. I have done so much that it is impossible to be able to tell someone about the whole experience. Even if I tried, I would only skim the surface of what it really means to be a national Order of the Arrow officer. However, I would like to tell you one story from my year as Southern Region chief. This is about my experience at Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage.

I decided to go to Northern Tier during my summer as chief because it was the only high-adventure base that I had not attended and I had heard a lot about it. Before going, I made all the necessary preparations. I knew we would be spending some of our time working on portage trails. One of these days was very rainy and cold. We woke up facing a brisk wind and a mile paddle to our

work site, which greeted us with a muddy trail.

We knew it would be a long day's work. But what really shocked me was that as we worked, I looked around and under all the raincoats was a smiling face. It was one of the best days of the trip. At that moment, I realized that an event like this affects an Arrowman differently than an ordinary person. We like to work, not because it is hard, but because it is fun!

I tell you this not only to inspire you to try an OA high adventure because it is an awesome experience, but to remind each of you that to serve cheerfully does not mean only when it's easy. I have had a great year and I could not have asked for a better Scouting experience.

The people I have met this year are still making an impact on my life every day, and they have become close friends that will last a lifetime!



Don Combs



Freddy Gross

## Region Websites

Visit your region website for information on national events, region training sessions, region resources, and region updates.



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# Camp coordinator helps lodge at summer camp

By **ROBERT MASON**  
Past Section Chief

Each summer, councils open their camp gates to droves of eager Scouts. The Order of the Arrow takes on an interesting role at camp, often multifaceted. In 2008, the National OA Committee evaluated the evolution of the Order of the Arrow Camp Coordinator (OAC) program.

For nearly 50 years, camps have utilized this position to conduct OA

activities and to serve the traditional summer camp program.

The position of camp chief or camp coordinator dates back to the early 1960s. Wahissa Lodge member and former national Chairman G. Kellock Hale Jr. encouraged the development of an initiative in the 1950s to aid his summer camp. In consultation with the local council, a lodge member was hired to plan and execute OA events each week of summer camp. Callout ceremonies, summer ordeals, and lodge fellowships were

responsibilities of the early OACs. In subsequent decades, virtually every council has an established OA presence at camp. Many camps have added the coordinator position and have experienced a positive council/lodge partnership. While the responsibilities have grown over the years, lodges have always accepted the challenges as ways to serve.

In 2007, a survey was compiled that studied the Order's involvement at summer camp. The OA's presence had dramatically increased and

included such events as family night callouts, chapter fellowships, lodge pow wows, an OA color guard, Brotherhood opportunities, Indian Lore merit badge, training sessions, and regalia workshops. These programs, planned by Arrowmen, were further developing the council relationship and providing important service for the summer camp program. The survey also found that events planned by the lodge help build pride in the camp and provide older Scouts with more opportunities.

Consider developing a camp coordinator program for your summer camp. This places the OA with considerable responsibility and high visibility among Scouts, leaders, and parents. Most important, it provides valuable leadership development opportunities for the youth of your lodge.

Find more information and a training session on the revised Order of the Arrow camp coordinator program at [www.oa-bsa.org](http://www.oa-bsa.org)

# Support your troop and team as the OA representative

By **JONATHAN HILLIS**  
Section Chief

After the 2010 National Scout Jamboree, many OA leaders were thinking if Scouting can bring together 100,000 people for the 100th Anniversary Celebration arena show, how can my chapter or lodge increase turnouts at events in a similar way? Despite a difference in scale between the national jamboree and a chapter meeting or lodge ordeal weekend, we can learn a few key lessons from this year's centennial celebration.

The Boy Scout program is organized into independent, highly active Scouting units. These units are effective because they have face-to-face, weekly contact with Scouts, which allows for communication that is direct, personal, and constant, thus leading to two conclusions: the importance of OA troop/team representatives and a way of modeling chapters after troops.

The OA troop/team representative program can be a crucial method of delivering information to individual Arrowmen and getting feedback from them. Every active Boy Scout attends meetings of his unit, usually on a weekly basis. So, instead of using chapter meetings as the primary way of getting information out to chapter members, communicate information through the OA troop/team reps and have them share it with their troops directly. That way, the message gets out to many more people than would typically attend a chapter meeting, and it happens on a more personal level. By making information personal, you make it meaningful.

This is no easy task. Highly effective TTR programs don't exist in every lodge because it takes time and effort to find individuals to fill that role within each troop. However, by approaching



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[www.oa-bsa.org/programs/ttr](http://www.oa-bsa.org/programs/ttr)

Scoutmasters individually at your district roundtable and discussing the importance of putting a dependable youth in the TTR position, you can fill your chapter with representatives from every troop and team in the district.

Beyond using the organization of units to promote the OA through troop/team reps, we can use troops as an example of how to better organize our chapters.

First, you must try to give every member a specific role to fill. People are more likely to attend and participate if they have a reason to

(for example, if they are a member of a chapter ceremony or election team, or are in charge of an outing). Second, good troops use meetings to focus on a specific topic, not just announcements and to discuss business. Some chapters could meet less frequently and focus their energy on turning the meeting into a great event by delivering a quality program.

In the words of our founder, Dr. E. Uner Goodman, "Let us realize the significance of the Order in the unit, for the unit is our best hope in Scouting."

# Ocean adventure back in session in 2011 at Florida Sea Base

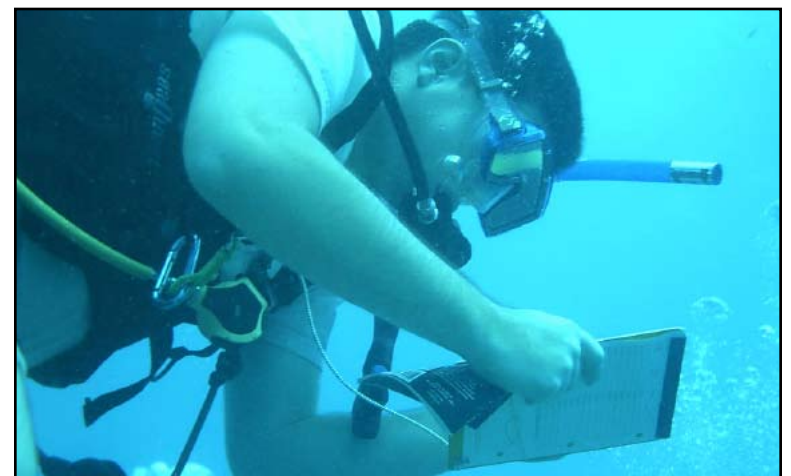
By **JAKE WELLMAN**  
2011 OAOA Director

After a year without an Order of the Arrow high-adventure program at the Florida Sea Base, the base will offer an Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure program to service-oriented Arrowmen in the summer of 2011. The new Ocean Adventure has been revamped and will provide a significantly different experience to participants. The new OAOA will introduce Scouts to an environment found only in the unique world of the Florida Keys. Working among tropical islands, coral reefs, and majestic shores, Arrowmen will grow and learn together with Scouts from across the nation, working as one in cheerful service.

After arriving at the Sea Base's Brinton Environmental Center on Summerland Key, Arrowmen will embark on a trip marked with various service experiences in the Keys. Mobilized by boat, sea kayak, and war canoe, OAOA work crews will provide service and conservation work to a number of different

environments, working on trails, islands, and fragile habitats for tropical fauna and flora. After five days of island hopping and cheerful service, Arrowmen will depart on a five-day cruise of the world's largest wilderness—the deep blue sea. With the help of OA staff members and a boat captain, Scouts will navigate the Gulf of Mexico in a sailing yacht, developing team skills and leadership while learning more about themselves, their crew, and life at sea aboard a sailing vessel (e.g., fishing, snorkeling, swimming, celestial navigation). The world's oceans remain its largest mystery. Your ocean adventure will lead you to new discoveries about yourself and the world.

A 10-day adventure in the Florida Keys awaits you. Discover what servant leadership means to you. All Arrowmen who will be at least 16 and under 21 next summer are invited to apply. Applications are available online at <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org>. Spots are limited in this inaugural year, so don't wait to apply. The 10-day program costs \$400.



An Arrowman completes an underwater survey.

# Traditions of the Chief and Vice Chief bonnet

By **TIMOTHY BROWN**

*History, Preservation and 100th Anniversary*

The original golden eagle feather bonnet worn by the national chief of the Order of the Arrow was made in 1938. The bonnet was worn for the first time by Joseph A. Brunton Jr., who had recently been elected chief of the national lodge. At the Order's 25th anniversary meeting, Chief Brunton ceremoniously passed the bonnet to the newly elected national chief, George Mozealous, a tradition which continues to this day. The original bonnet was used by the Order for its national chief for over 40 years.

Tragically, the original bonnet was destroyed in a fire at the BSA's national office on November 6, 1980. The need for the tradition of a national chief's bonnet was so significant that the National OA Committee immediately announced the decision to construct two new bonnets for its national officers: one to replace the chief's bonnet and, for the first time, a bonnet for the national vice chief. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service allowed for the replacement of the original bonnet with ones constructed of a similar nature, and they provided the authentic golden eagle feathers via a special permit/loan agreement for scientific and educational purposes.

Former Region Chief Ed Benz was commissioned to construct the two replacement bonnets, and he did so using the feathers provided by the federal agency. The bonnets were completed sometime late in 1982, and

they were worn for the first time by the national officers at the National Planning Meeting in December of that same year. Of special note: The National OA Committee attached a yellow memorial ribbon to the bonnet of the national vice chief in memory of Josh Sain. Josh was serving as the national vice chief when he was tragically killed in an auto accident on October 24, 1997. The memorial ribbon is a permanent reminder of Josh's cheerful service and his lifelong dedication to servant leadership.

The replacement bonnets were used on a regular basis by the national officers for over 20 years. However, in keeping with its "Protected Feather Clarifications" policy of 1976, the National OA Committee decided to retire the authentic golden eagle feather bonnets and to acquire new bonnets made from imitation eagle feathers. In keeping with tradition, it was decided that the new bonnets had to be exact replicas of their predecessors, and the construction of these bonnets was assigned to Ron Bell and Wayne Dukes of the National OA Committee.

The replica bonnets were first worn by the national officers at the National Planning Meeting in December 2005, and they are still in use today. The retired bonnets that were created as replacements for the original bonnet were last used by the national officers at the 2004 National Order of the Arrow Conference, and are on permanent display at the National Scouting Museum in Irving, Texas.



**The National Chief's bonnet (now retired, 1982-2004)**



**The National Vice Chief's bonnet (now retired, 1982-2004)**



**The National Chief's bonnet (2005-present)**



**National Vice Chief's bonnet (2005-present)**

## Arrowhead of Service Award presented to Reddin



**Tom Reddin**

By **TONY FIORI**

*Lead Adviser, National Bulletin*

At the National Boy Scouts Meetings held earlier this year, Ray Capp, chairman of the national Order of the Arrow committee, announced a new special recognition. Intended for those Arrowmen who go above and beyond the call of service, Capp presented the first Arrowhead of Service Award to Tom Reddin. When Capp was lodge adviser for Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge in Nashville, TN, he created a special award for recognizing those lodge leaders who provided that extra service

beyond his or her assigned lodge duties. Capp's intention is to bring this same operating theory to the national organization for those who epitomize the spirit of volunteerism.

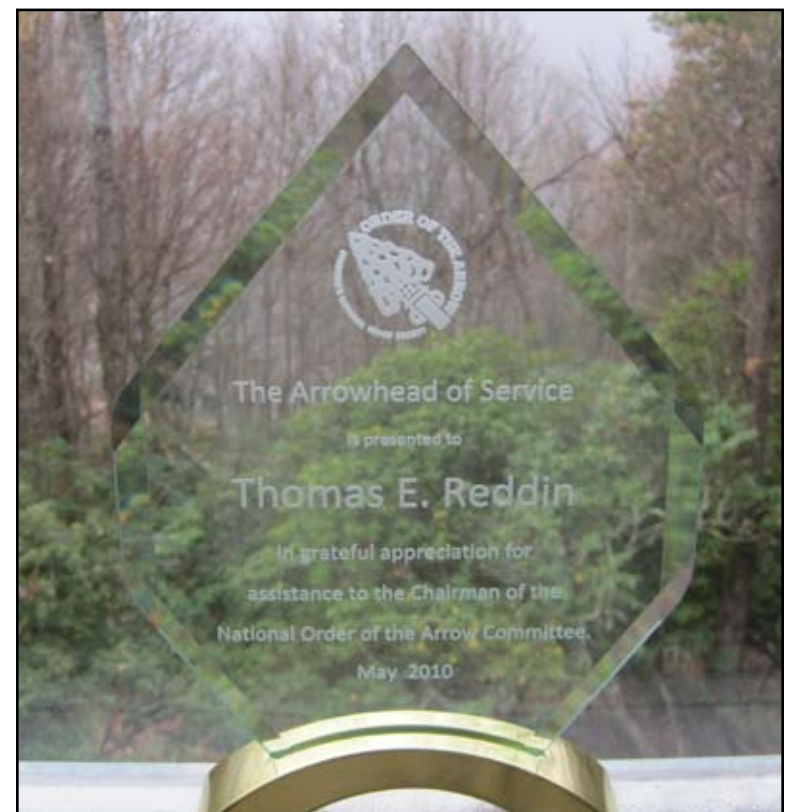
*"He was willing to step into any task, do it well, and not receive any recognition. I'm incredibly grateful for his service."*

*— Ray Capp,  
National Chairman*

When Capp became national chairman in September 2009, he relied on a number of key volunteers during the transition. Reddin was one of them. A long time member of the national committee, vice chairman for field operations, and a former Northeast Region chairman, Reddin has amassed an incredible amount of knowledge about the Order's policies and operations. According to Capp, "He could answer the toughest and most

complicated questions from the field in the most meticulous manner; I relied on him daily to help me respond to the hundreds of emails and inquiries about the Order." In addition to this, Reddin has proofread every major national publication (for years) and continues to help shape the Order's national policy in many respects. He is a well admired member of the national committee.

While these contributions to the Order are above and beyond Reddin's national assignment, Capp particularly points out that it was Reddin's commitment to unselfish service that made him the perfect recipient of the first Arrowhead of Services recognition. Capp says "Reddin helped me move heaven and earth. He was willing to step into any task, do it well, and not receive any recognition. I'm incredibly grateful for his service." For his commitment to the Order and to the spirit of volunteerism, Capp presented this new award to Tom Reddin. He intends to present it annually at the national BSA meetings. The recipient receives a crystal arrowhead and is invited to join the steering committee of the Order of the Arrow for one year.



**The Arrowhead of Service Award**

# Remember when you became an Arrowman?

By **MICHAEL MILLERICK**  
Staff Writer

The article "An Opportunity for Cheerful Service" was first printed in the fall 1962 edition of the National Bulletin. The article invited each Arrowman in the country to invite someone they knew to join the Scouting movement.

Arrowmen need to continue what this article asked and help today's Scouting community grow by letting non-Scouters see the joys that Scouting has to offer. The Order of the Arrow is also obligated to help the Scouts we know join and be active members of our organization.

The Order of the Arrow can be thought of as Scouting's version of the "gift that keeps on giving." We as Arrowmen have numerous opportunities not available to our fellow Scouts. These opportunities range from the fellowship of NOAC, to the service opportunities at Philmont, Northern Tier, and the Sea Base. We must always remember the lasting leadership skills that can be developed from the chapter level to the national

level. All of these programs will leave life-long impressions on those who take advantage of them.

We need to spread the joys we as Arrowmen have to the Scouting community. We can also spread these joys beyond the Scouting community to our own neighborhoods. Do not hesitate at any opportunity to promote Scouting or the Order of the Arrow to your friends and family. The constant recruitment of new members is crucial to maintaining both organizations. Each new Scout is another potential member of our Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. Each Ordeal candidate that is personally contacted is infinitely more likely to attend an Ordeal and become our brother in the Order of the Arrow. Similarly, each inactive Arrowman that is contacted is more likely to become active again. All of these causes are meaningful and ought to be championed by each and every Arrowman in the nation.

Don't keep your friends waiting—personally invite each Ordeal candidate you know to an Ordeal, and invite another friend to join the Scouting community

## Support continues

### KOLA LODGE

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was dedicated on October 9, 2010, and was named in honor of J. Reed Brannon, the lodge's recently retired supreme

chief of the fire and council Scout executive. The first Tiger Cubs began shooting there the same afternoon. A plaque on the complex pays tribute to the leadership and service of the members of the Kola Lodge.



The new shooting sports complex at Longs Peak Council's Jack Nicol Cub Scout Camp

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## ORDER OF THE ARROW

# BULLETIN

NATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF SCOUT HONOR CAMPERS  
CAMPING SERVICE • BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

FALL 1962

### AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CHEERFUL SERVICE

*We request that you reprint this message in your local lodge bulletin for every Arrowman.*

Can you remember when you first became a Scout?

Chances are that someone invited you to visit a meeting with him or you were part of a gang that formed a new troop. A good many of you graduated from a Cub pack into a Scout troop along with some of your friends. The important thing is that you had an opportunity to become a part of the greatest boys' movement on earth.

Many boys want in their hearts to become members of the Boy Scouts of America, but somehow they never get invited. Here's your real opportunity to do a Good Turn that will have lasting values for many years to come. If each Arrowman invited only one boy to join a pack, a troop, or a post, it would mean that nearly 200,000 new boys

would see one of their dreams come true.

How about that boy across the street, your little brother, or the fellow you go to school with? You can open the door for him to enjoy the fun and thrill of Scouting. Take him to your next meeting and sign him up.

Not only will you be doing a Good Turn for your friend, you will be helping to strengthen America by giving another boy a chance to grow in character, citizenship, and physical fitness. There are no patches, badges, or special recognitions for this Good Turn. But you will sense a warm glow in inner satisfaction, knowing that you have helped another boy. "Remember that it was not so much for what you have done that you became an Arrowman, but for what you are expected to do."

Don't keep your friend waiting. Invite him to join up today.

National Bulletin, Fall 1962, [www.archive.oa-bsa.org](http://www.archive.oa-bsa.org)

## Section SR-1B sponsor service grant programs

The Section SR-1B Service Grant program is designed to provide financial assistance to lodges for specific camp improvement projects within their councils. Applications are due in January each year. The national OA officers and members of the national committee are invited to serve as members of the selection committee. All council and camp-specific information is removed from the applications before it is sent to the committee. No members of the section are allowed to serve on this committee. The grant is awarded at conclave each year in April.

The Section Service Grant program actually began in the old section, SR-4N, in 2003, under the leadership of Section Chief Jason Adams and adviser Steve Willis. From 2003 to 2008, the section awarded \$14,000 in service grants to councils within the section. This grant program was carried over to the new section, SR-1B, in 2009, and thus far the section has awarded \$4,000 in service grants.

The grant is funded through numerous sources, including the sale of an annual Section Service Fund



The construction of this shower house at the Maubila Scout Reservation in Jackson, Alabama was partially funded by the SR-1B grant

patch, which is similar in design to the conclave patch for that year. The section also conducts a patch auction on the Saturday evening of conclave. Lodges and their members are invited to make donations to the auction and to attend the auction and make purchases.

Since 2003, \$18,000 has been

awarded to councils in Southern Georgia, the Florida Panhandle, South Alabama, and South Mississippi. The COC members are unanimously behind the program, and agree that it is a great way for the section to help its lodges become a more integral part of their councils by providing financial assistance for necessary projects.

# Arrowmen may still register for 2011 national events

## SUMMITCORPS

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the new national scout jamboree site, with the New River. This critical link will give Scouts and Scouters access to outdoor recreation adjacent to The Summit as well as various activities on the river. The removal of invasive species will be a key component of this service project.

Participants at SummitCorp will be actively involved in both of these projects and still have plenty of time for recreation. Brotherhood will be strengthened as Arrowmen work and

play together. Arrowmen will not want to miss out on this experience.

Arrowmen participating in SummitCorps will be able to experience a deeper understanding of the Scout Oath and Law and the Obligation of the Order of the Arrow. Arrowmen will also learn about the importance of the service project and skills needed to develop and execute similar projects back in their home community. Over the course of a week, Arrowmen will meet, network, and leave with memories of the cheerful service that will last a lifetime.

SummitCorps will be staffed by youth and adult Arrowmen. The leadership for the month-long project will be provided by members of the National Order of the Arrow Committee using the Incident Command structure. The Order of the Arrow will hire approximately 40 Arrowmen to serve on the Instructor Corps who will lead and train SummitCorps participants working on the service projects.

Interested Arrowmen should talk with their lodge key 3 to sign up today! To learn more about SummitCorps, visit [event.oa-bsa.org](http://event.oa-bsa.org) today.

## INDIAN SUMMER

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knowledgeable members of our organization and the best craftsmen in the Scouting movement.

If you are a new Arrowman don't be deterred because it's a national event. Talk to your lodge leadership about your interest in attending and start saving now. And if you are a seasoned veteran of Indian Affairs committees Indian Summer will be the perfect forum to share ideas, learn something new, and inspire the same enthusiasm in others.

While Indian Summer 2011 will focus on building your dance or ceremony skills, there will also

be plenty of time to participate in other recreation. The Activities and Recreation Committee will sponsor a number of programs and events throughout the conference for all Arrowmen to enjoy. Participants will be divided into nations, each consisting of tribes and clans. Clans will be grouped by age while maintaining the diversity of our organization, giving you the chance to network and gain knowledge from numerous Arrowmen across the country.

You can learn more about Indian Summer at [event.oa-bsa.org](http://event.oa-bsa.org) and talk to your lodge or chapter leadership. Don't miss the opportunity to move your feet, catch your rhythm, or awake your principal!

WHAT WILL YOU BE DOING NEXT SUMMER?

DIG IN WITH SUMMITCORPS

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