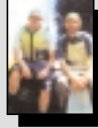
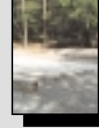

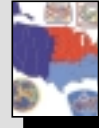


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Philbreak to Aid "High Country" Rebirth

by David Stowe

This past summer, fires damaged thousands of woodland acres in Philmont's beautiful Ponil region. In answer to Philmont's greater need for service, the Order and the Philmont Staff Association have teamed up to offer Philbreak.

The program has three major goals: to recruit more than 70 Scouters to provide service to the ranch; to provide a qualified pool of potential staff members; and to enhance and build the participants' leadership skills.

If you are a registered Scouter between the ages of 18 and 25, what better place to spend your spring break than in Cimarron, New Mexico? Three sessions will be offered: March 2-8, March 9-15



Photo taken by Linda Anderson

Some of the devastation from fire near the top of Horse Canyon.

and March 16-22. The cost is \$50 plus transportation. Participants must arrive by noon on Sunday. Shuttle service will be available from the Albuquerque airport to Philmont.

Upon arrival at the ranch, participants will meet their trained staff and immediately begin project orientation. Arrowmen should anticipate a week of cheerful service, fellowship and fun. Work

crews will perform meaningful service projects for the ranch and build their understanding of wilderness conservation and the outdoors. Participants also will have an opportunity to take a ski break at Angel Fire. By Saturday, they will be tired but satisfied that they have made a real difference.

Come to Philmont when the mountain peaks are still snow-capped and experience a side of Philmont that is not seen during the summer. More information will be available on the national OA Web site and in future issues of the National Bulletin.

Plant a seed; rekindle your spirit. As Philmont's north country goes through a period of rebirth, do not miss this exciting opportunity to make a difference! 🐾

Looking for more to do in 2003?

OA Trail Crew

Dates for summer 2003 are:

- Session 1: June 8-22
- Session 2: June 15-29
- Session 3: June 22-July 6
- Session 4: June 29-July 13
- Session 5: July 6-20
- Session 6: July 13-27
- Session 7: July 20-August 3
- Session 8: July 27-August 10
- Session 9: August 3-17

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OA Voyage

Dates for summer 2003 are:

- Session 1: June 10-23
- Session 2: June 17-30
- Session 3: June 24-July 7
- Session 4: July 1-14
- Session 5: July 8-21
- Session 6: July 15-28
- Session 7: July 22-August 4
- Session 8: July 29-August 11
- Session 9: August 15-18

see page 2 for more info...

Indian Summer: The American Indian Enthusiast's Dream!

by Andrew Zahn

Next August, Arrowmen from across the country will convene at the Ridgecrest Conference Center near Asheville, North Carolina, for the 2003 OA Indian Summer.

Indian Summer will help strengthen Arrowmen's understanding of the American Indian culture and the relationship it has in OA ceremonies.

Participants will get hands-on training from experts in American Indian dancing, singing, crafts, customs, traditions, games and pow-wows. No competition will take place outside of recreation; the Indian Summer program is designed to create a more relaxed atmosphere for youth and adult Arrowmen to spend time feeding their appetites with the rich culture of the American Indians.

Participants also will focus on the Order's ceremonies. Professional actors will be on hand

to help Arrowmen and lodges form the characters and improve the stage presence of the principal parts. Emphasis also will be placed on "dressing for success" in OA ceremonies.

Further planning will begin when the section chiefs meet in December to elect next year's leadership. Indian Summer vice chiefs will be elected to provide additional leadership for the details in program, administration and event support, including an OA memorabilia trading post.

Every OA lodge will be given 10 delegates, with a maximum of three adults aged 21 and older. Costs will vary from \$275 to \$375,



Dancing, singing, crafts, customs, games, training, pow-wows, and ceremonies will all be features of Indian Summer.



depending on accommodations. There will also be a limited number of RV camping opportunities at an additional cost.

More information will be posted on the national OA Web site at <http://www.aa-bsa.org>. 🐾

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National Chief Clay Capp

Fellow Arrowmen,

As the year draws to a close, the work of our Order does not. It has been very exciting and heartening this year to see the spirit of our Brotherhood alive and well across the country. From one corner of our country to another, and everywhere within, the Order is thriving, doing service, camping and spreading goodwill and setting the example of brotherhood, cheerfulness and service. It is worthy work by an organization of which I am proud and feel fortunate every day to be a member.

I would like to offer a closing idea. In our work and in our lives, it is good to look to the principles of the Order, as well as the Scout Oath, Scout Law, slogan and motto. Surely, to "do a good turn daily" is a wonderful slogan, if a difficult one to honor. Look back to the principles of your induction into the Order. Read the ceremony books and think about what they are saying. Valuable advice for life is what constitutes the bedrock of our Order. The founders really hit home with their admonitions. They are valuable, no matter how hard they are to implement. Remember, in the words of Dr. Goodman, those are the things "that count."

Above all, remember to have fun. The Order is nothing without fun, adventure and experiences that will create lifelong memories. As you are camping, teaching new Scouts to tie knots or attending your lodge's fellowship event, remember to have fun, and to spread that spirit to the rest of your brothers in the Wimachatendienk.

In service,

Clay Capp
2002 National Chief

Profiles In Service

by Thomas Eliopoulos

With the assistance of the National OA Service Grant program, the members of **Tutelo Lodge** have protected a beautiful grove of eastern hemlocks and established a unique Indian village for Camp Powhatan at the Blue Ridge Mountains Scout Reservation in Hiwassee, Virginia.

The reservation consists of about 17,000 acres of mountainous woodlands, including an abundance of eastern hemlocks. This species is currently under attack by the hemlock woolly adelgid, a tiny insect that is putting them in danger of extinction within the next five to ten years. As the first phase of the project, the lodge hired a certified arborist to treat the hemlocks with a chemical proven to kill the insect.

With the hemlock grove secure, the lodge began constructing an Indian village modeled after those of the Tutelo Indians, the local Indian tribe. The village was designed and built entirely by lodge members. **Greg Harman**, a Vigil Honor member of the lodge, envisioned the project and also drew up the plans. More than 60 Arrowmen contributed to the project by clearing trees, arranging the site and, most significantly, constructing a huge wigwam.

During the last two weeks of summer camp this year, the village was opened experimentally and integrated into the program. Various dances and pow-wow demonstrations were performed there



Indian dwelling in the recreated Indian Village.

throughout the week. The Indian Lore merit badge was also taught at the village. A few brothers volunteered to help run the program and live in the village, trying to replicate the lifestyle of the Tutelo Indians as accurately as possible. These brothers were called interpreters, giving demonstrations and explaining about the Tutelo culture to many groups of Scouts.

The village consists of an area about the size of a football field and located about a mile from the nearest campsite. The clearing is surrounded on one side by a steep mountain and on the other by a small stream with an abundance of native brown trout. Lodge Adviser **Kevin Bezy** described the scene as "a very impressive reproduction of Native American life in our area."

For more information, Lodge Adviser Kevin Bezy can be contacted at kbezy@frcv.k12.vz.us. Project designer Greg Harman can be reached at har-mongw@adelphia.net.

The Hidden Diamond of OA High Adventure

by Andrew Huston

Nestled in the midst of rivers, pines and islands lies one of the Order's most incredible experiences, the OA Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage. The voyage is an amazing experience of high-adventure Scout camping and cheerful service—two of the fundamental qualities of our Order—while canoeing through the wilderness of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area.

This high-adventure opportunity has two distinct elements: the rededication of Arrowmen to the spirit of cheerful service and the maintenance of portage trails and campsites within the boundary waters. One of the many rewards for your service is the immediate recognition from canoeists who pass along the portage trail you are repairing. The feeling of making a lasting contribution to the wilderness for years to come is undoubtedly satisfying.

After a week of cheerful service, crew members spend the remainder of their time on a personally planned canoeing adventure on the boundary waters. In this setting, the wilderness defines your leadership skills while you forge many memories and strengthen the bonds of brother-



Resting in front of one of many beautiful waterfalls at the OA Voyage.

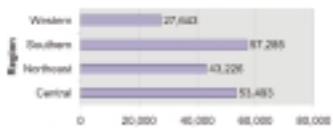
hood. This also is an opportunity for personal reflection.

The wilderness has been an integral part of the Order since its founding. OA Voyage participant **Dominic Kramer** said, "You forget all of your worries, troubles, and concerns, because you are one with nature and your new brothers from across the country."

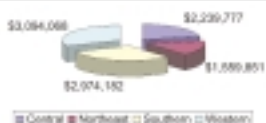
The brotherhood molded in the setting of northern Minnesota is second to none. The OA Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage is ultimately a journey that challenges Scouts mentally, physically and spiritually. For more information on this program, go to <http://www.aa-bsa.org/programs/ntvoy/>.

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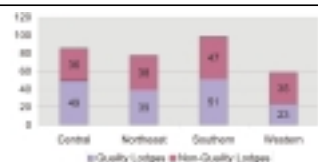
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New York Lodges Partner to Build the Shawn E. Bowman, Jr. Amphitheater

by Steve Wyszinski

Soon after the devastating events of September 11, 2001, Arrowmen in New York City were saddened to learn that **Shawn E. Bowman Jr.** was among those who lost their lives that day. Shawn was an extraordinary Scouter. He was an Eagle Scout, assistant Scoutmaster, Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow, and a five-year member of the Camp Aquehonga staff. In 1992, his fellow staff members voted Shawn as "Super Staffman" for his dedicated leadership and exemplary service to Camp Aquehonga.

Upon learning the news of Shawn's death, several of his friends decided to do some minor refurbishment of Camp Aquehonga's campfire area in his memory. Arrowmen from New York City learned of the project and immediately offered to

pitch in.

Arrowmen from **Suanhacky** (Queens) and **Shu-Shu-Gah** (Brooklyn) lodges took the lead and helped coordinate this great effort. More than 150 individuals, along with several troops and lodges contributed more than \$30,000 to the privately funded project. Arrowmen gave more than 1,600 hours of their time over the course of seven weekends in the spring to ensure that the Shawn E. Bowman Amphitheater would be a reality by the time the first Scout arrived at Camp Aquehonga in July.

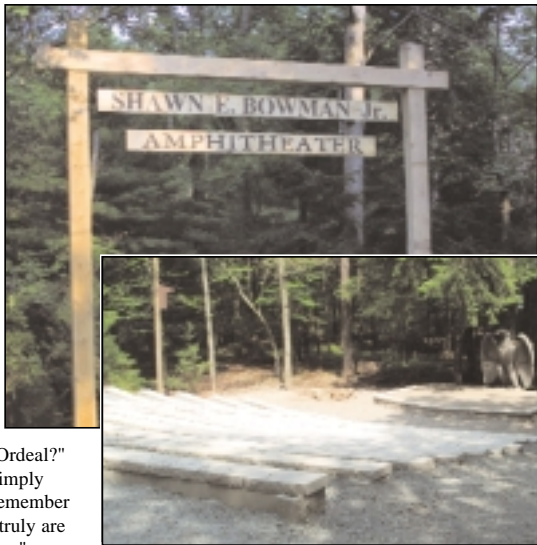
In addition to organizing the project, the lodges held several service and ordeal weekends that focused on the amphitheater project. Many of the Ordeal candidates provided service to the project and did not realize the significance of their service until they returned for summer camp and viewed

the final product.

Suanhacky Lodge Chief **Rich Wenzel** recalled the amazement on the face of one Arrowman who had assisted with the project. When he first saw the amphitheater upon his return to camp that summer, he asked, "Is this what we were working on when I took my Ordeal?" Wenzel said, "I simply smiled and just remember thinking that we truly are doing a good thing."

The new amphitheater includes a full light and sound system, which will allow it to be used as an outdoor movie theater for years to come.

Through their unselfish service, these Arrowmen transformed 65 tons of stone into a lasting tribute



Upper left is the gateway. Lower right is the newly constructed amphitheater.

to a lost brother. Hopefully, by being leaders in service, the example set by all involved in the Shawn E. Bowman Amphitheater project will help to ignite the spirit of service inside the hearts

and minds of Arrowmen across the nation.

To see photos of the project and the final results, visit the camp's Web site at: <http://aquehonga.tenmilleriver.org/bowman/photos/index.html>.

Philmont Leaves Lasting Impressions

by Andrew Zach

This summer, 126 Scouts participated in the OA Trail Crew program at the Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico. They all selflessly gave their time and service in the spirit of our Order, and the experience left an impression on all of them.

"Building a trail at Philmont is incredible because you're not just creating a path through one of the most beautiful places imaginable," 2002 National Vice Chief **Riley Berg** said. "Your crew's service is making the future experiences of Scouts possible while broadening our Order's legacy of servant leadership at the same time."

Servant leadership is a topic that is discussed often, but at Philmont this leadership style is put into practice. Section NE-1B chief **Gil Rogers**



"Building a trail at Philmont is incredible..."

said, "The service performed by the OA will stand the test of time, and really make a difference." Just as the service lasts, so does the experience of the participant.

David Yoder served with Trail Crew in 1996, and the experience is still etched in his mind. He says, "Nothing on the trail says that I put in hours of hard labor to build it, and I'm happy with that. I know I did it, and the reason I did it is to help others who pass that way after I do."

The OA Trail Crew

program will have nine sessions in the summer of 2003. Participants will spend the first week of their two-week adventure providing service to the trails of Philmont. The second week is reserved for a crew-customized trek, enabling Arrowmen to see the beauty of Philmont firsthand.

For more information, visit the national OA Web site at <http://www.ou-bsa.org/programs/tcrew> or contact the national office at 972-580-2438.

Goal Setting Leads Lodge to National Service Award

by John Zapfel

The 1,300-member **Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge**, headquartered in Greensboro, North Carolina, worked more than 6,990 service hours and provided \$7,810 in financial support for its council. The most meaningful project for the year was at the Cub World Camp at the Woodfield Scout Reservation. This marked the first time Tsoiotsi Tsogalii lodge had ever conducted an event at the facility. One of the lodge's goals for the year was to provide more service and support to Cub Scouting in the council.

Established in 1999, the National Service Award recognizes lodges that have performed outstanding service to their councils. Each year, two lodges per region are honored. These lodges must be certified National Quality Lodges the same

year they apply for the National Service Award.

To apply for the National Service Award, a national petition must be submitted with the lodge recharter application. Because lodge size is a factor when evaluating the service provided, lodge membership totals must be included on the petition. Also required are a detailed description of the major service projects the lodge completed for the council plus a record of all service performed since the last charter was submitted. Service for this award is defined as any project that directly benefits the Scouting program in the council.

More information about the National Service Award can be obtained from the national OA Web site at <http://www.ou-bsa.org>, or by contacting the national office at 972-580-2438.



by Dominique Baker

Section C-6B, online at <http://www.sectionc6b.org>, recently held its conclave. Members of the Delaware Tribe from Tulsa, Oklahoma, attended. Tribe members spoke about the language and history of the Lenni Lenape and taught present-day customs, traditions and dances.

Visit the **Konepaka Ketiwa Lodge** of Davenport, Iowa, online at <http://www.konepaka.org> to see a great "frequently asked questions" page.

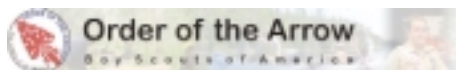
The **Langundowi Lodge** of Erie, Pennsylvania, is preparing to host the 29th annual De-Un-Da-Ga Pow-Wow at the local council camp. To learn more, visit the lodge online at <http://www.langundowi.org>.

Aracoma Lodge of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, is marking its 50th anniversary this year and will cap its celebration with an event at its council camp. Visit Aracoma online at <http://www.aracoma481.net>.

Visit the **Sikhs Mox Lamonti Lodge** of northwest Washington online at <http://www.sml338.org> to learn more about its Elangomat Service Award. This award is used to recognize Arrowmen who cheerfully serve as Elangomats.

If your lodge conducts a service project, celebrates an anniversary or starts a new program that is noteworthy, e-mail Dominique Baker at dfbaker@hotmail.com and we will feature your article in the "Around the Nation" column.

Surf the Web!



National Web Site has gone NOAC

by Brian Cutino

The national OA Web site has done it again, covering the National OA Conference with rave reviews. The site was updated at least twice a day during the conference and this year unveiled the new technology of 360-degree panoramic photos. With NOAC now behind us, the Web site is growing quickly, and its staff is expanding. Former National Chief **Carey Mignerey** will be the Web site youth coordinator for 2003, joined by former Central Region Chief **Dominique Baker**, who will be assistant youth coordinator, and **Ray Capp**, national OA committee Web site lead adviser.

On January 1, 2003, the OA Web site will present Jumpstart, a new interactive program for new members. Former Northeast Region Chief **Brian Favat** is heading up this operation.

Numerous projects already are on the table for the Web site. From September to November, the theme was "Memories of Brotherhood". You will soon see feature stories on "Brotherhood on the Trail" and "A Focus on Sections". As usual, you will be able to review rechartering information. Find the OA online at <http://www.oa-bsa.org>.

Where Are They Now?

by Ben Janke

Cliff Harmon served as National OA Conference chief from 1972 to 1974, a time when the Order experienced major changes in its leadership structure. He was the last of the area chiefs from 1970 to 1971, when he served as chief of area 4-D. He then served as section chief of SE2A, from 1972 to 1973. As National OA Conference chief, Cliff worked with the national OA committee in 1973 to create the region chief position.

Cliff joined Scouting in 1961 as a Cub Scout. He earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 1966 and was inducted into the Order the same year by Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge of Middle Tennessee Council, Nashville, Tennessee. When elected national chief, he was a member of Pellissippi Lodge of the Great Smoky Mountain Council in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Since receiving the

Distinguished Service Award in 1975, Cliff worked closely with international Scouting in various positions, including director of the International Scouting course at Philmont Scout Ranch, a member of the InterAmerican Scout committee, vice president of the InterAmerican Scout region, and president and vice president of the InterAmerican Scout Foundation.

Cliff resides in Dallas, Texas, where he volunteers with Circle Ten Council in Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting and international Scouting. His son, Taylor Harmon, is a Star Scout.

Professionally, Cliff is the owner of Harmon Law Firm, P.C., a managing partner of Harmon & Gharib, and a founding shareholder of HomeVestors of America Inc. Cliff has a degree from Yale University, New



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Haven, Connecticut, as well as business and law degrees from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee.

Through Cliff's many experiences in and out of Scouting, he would like to leave Arrowmen with a reminder: "Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity. So be prepared: Take advantage of every chance you have to learn, to increase your skills, to experience new and different challenges, and to meet and know people from all cultures and walks of life. Constantly push yourself beyond what is comfortable and easy. Then when the opportunity you have been waiting for comes along, you will be ready."

Consensus Building: The Key to Solving It All

by Andy Newberry

Youth leaders in the Order often face difficult decisions and complex situations. One effective but often overlooked way of dealing with these challenges is to use a process called consensus building.

Some people might think that consensus building means "agreeing to disagree." But true consensus building is finding a solution that all members of the group agree upon.

Try these three guidelines for consensus building. First, build a strong group for your discussion by bringing together many people with a variety of views, backgrounds and ideas. A diverse group will help to spawn new and different ideas.

Second, make sure that you build a team environment within your group. Once people feel that they are part of a team, they have a greater sense of responsibility for the outcome of the team's work. They feel less like individuals striving to fulfill their own cause.



Third, use effective communication skills. Reliable communication ensures that even though your group members may come to the table with individual ideas, they will all understand and respect solutions that may be new to them. Whenever brainstorming and discussion are used, quality communication is a necessity.

By following these guidelines, you can add consensus building to your leadership toolbox. While getting complete agreement on an issue by everyone in the group may sound difficult, consensus building will feel incredibly fulfilling for everyone involved once the solution is reached.

Andy Newberry is a member of Mawat Woakus Lodge of the Black Swamp Area Council in Findlay, Ohio. He is a student at Ohio State University and is a past section C-2A chief. Andy can be reached at newberry.14@osu.edu.

Central Region

by Brian Herren

This year more than 270 Arrowmen attended NLS's held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Rochester, Minnesota; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Toledo, Ohio. These Arrowmen took home a lot of information, but they also left with a stronger spirit of our Order, all from just one weekend.

Thousands of Arrowmen participated in friendship, fellowship, and fun to make the region's 12 section conclaves a success. At each conclave, there was great training, good food, cowboys, fireworks, helicopters and pies in the face. Dunk tanks were not uncommon sights.

The Central Region also hosts its Section Officer Seminar December 6-8 at the Geneva Center in Rochester, Indiana. The region's section officers and advisers gather to exchange ideas on how to better serve the lodges in their sections.

To find out more about what is new in the Central Region, check out the region's Web site at <http://www.central.oa-bsa.org>.



Central Region NLS Staff. Back Row L to R: RD Dunkin, Jeff Simmons, Quinn Ryan, Rich Moore, David Yoder, Jerry McCurley. Front Row L to R: Riley Berg, Tom Wright, Adam Enerson, Brian Favat, Brian Herren, Andy Newberry, Sam Stocker.

Northeast Region

by Brian Favat

The Northeast Region held its annual Section Officers Seminar Nov. 1-3 at Alpine Scout Camp in Alpine, New Jersey. Nearly 90 section officers, conclave coordinators and advisers from across the region descended upon the camp for a weekend of training and fellowship.

Training sessions ranged from conclave planning and programming to the Lodge Assistance Program. Various breakout sessions emphasized the implementation of our Order's new strategic plan, conclave spirit and working with troubled/inactive lodges. After a full day of training, sections had the opportunity to put the plan into action. The evening concluded with plenty of fellowship during the cracker barrel. A Region Council of Chiefs breakfast meeting on Sunday concluded the weekend, featuring formal reports from each section chief and year-end recognitions.

For more information on the Northeast Region, visit us online at <http://northeast.oa-bsa.org>.



Training session at Northeast Region's Section Officers Seminar.

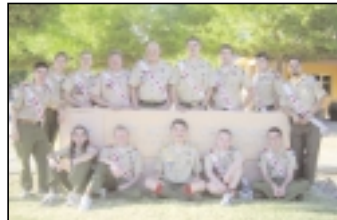
Western Region

by Dominic Pascucci

By year's end the Western Region will have held five NLS's, including our trip to Alaska. Each NLS featured some of the best trainers our region has to offer. During the summer, the West had record-breaking numbers attend both Philmont OA Trail Crew and Northern Tier OA Voyage. We ended the summer with one of the best NOACs ever, and the West was louder and more spirited than ever.

In the fall, the region was still active, finishing up the last two NLS's, two conclaves and our region gathering for all section chiefs and advisers.

We are redesigning our Web site, <http://www.oawest.org>. One of the new features will be a "camp of the month" section that we hope will draw viewers to the site and, show why camp promotions are important.



Front Row L to R: Loren Brown, Mike Kirby, Dominic Pascucci, Rob Rosamond, Tim Wallace. Back Row L to R: Matt Griffis, David Uhl, Westin Hatch, David Lockley, Chris Schoenthal, Matt Dodson, Matt Swan, Tyler LeBrun, Gabe Rendon.

Southern Region

by Nathan Finnin

With 11 section conclaves behind us and the completion of an outstanding NOAC, 50 Arrowmen gathered September 6-8 at the Florida Sea Base for our annual Section Officers Seminar. Participants enjoyed a weekend of great fellowship, top-quality training and beautiful weather.

Training topics included promoting high-adventure programs, the section assistance team program, improving Brotherhood conversion, conclave planning and running effective meetings.

Saturday afternoon, Arrowmen enjoyed a fantastic snorkeling trip to Alligator Reef. They managed to see a shark, and some participants got to see unique fish. That evening, participants divided into breakout discussion groups based on their job positions. Attendees also received an update on the Scoutreach program from Region Chairman Bill Loebke.

For more information about the Southern Region, visit the region Web site at <http://www.southern.oa-bsa.org>.



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- (1) Provide names and lodges of all individuals in photographs. Identify the people from left to right, starting with the front row if there are multiple rows.
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2003 Planning Calendar

February 7-9	Central Region NLS, Rochester, IN
March 2	Philbreak Begins
March 7-9	Southern Region NLS / NLATS, Damascus, AR
March 7-9	Western Region NLS, Whittier, CA
March 22	Philbreak Ends
March 28-30	Northeast Region NLS / NLATS, Alpine, NJ
March 28-30	Central Region NLS, St. Louis, MO
May 2-5	Northeast Region NLS, Constantia, NY
May 16-18	Central Region NLATS, Milwaukee, WI
May 28-30	National BSA Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
June 1-7	Philmont NLATS
June 8	Philmont OA Trail Crew Begins
June 10	Northern Tier OA Voyage Begins
August 2-7	Indian Summer, Ridgcrest, NC
August 17	Philmont OA Trail Crew Ends
August 18	Northern Tier OA Voyage Ends
September 5-7	Southern Region SOS, Location TBA
September 19-21	Northeast Region NLS, Alpine, NJ
September 19-21	Western Region NLS, Logan, UT
September 26-28	Central Region NLS, Loveland, OH
October 1	OA Charter Renewal Kits Available
October 3-5	Western Region NLS, Hawaii
October 17-19	Western Region SOS, Phoenix, AZ
October 17-19	Southern Region NLS, Haines City, FL
November 7-9	Northeast Region SOS, Alpine, NJ
November 7-9	Southern Region NLS / NLATS, Leesville, SC
November 14-16	Central Region NLS, Parkville, MO
November 14-16	Western Region NLS / NLATS, Portland, OR
December 5-7	Central Region SOS, Parkville, MO
December 27-30	OA National Planning Meeting, Dallas, TX
December 31	Lodge Charter Renewal Deadline
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BURNING ISSUES

by Slater Rhea

Question: What is the OA Jumpstart resource, and how can it help my lodge?

Answer: Jumpstart is a guide to orienting new members at the Ordeal and beyond in an effort to retain new Arrowmen. Starting January 1, a new Jumpstart resource will be available through the national OA Web site to help new Arrowmen get a "jumpstart" in their knowledge of our Order. Lodges that implement Jumpstart will see an increase in Brotherhood conversion and

membership retention, and will notice a renewed excitement in all Arrowmen.

The Jumpstart Resource Lodge Administration Guide, which explains the Jumpstart philosophy and provides a script for new-member orientations, was introduced at NOAC 2002. Also, it is available on the Arrowman's Resource disk. After January 1, more information will be available on the national OA Website site, <http://www.oe-bsa.org>. Be sure to log on for further details. 🐿

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National Notes

- ➔ **Lodge Charter Renewal.** 2003 Lodge Charter Renewal Applications are due December 31, 2002.
- ➔ **2003 Lodge Support Pak.** Paks will be mailed to each lodge after its charter renewal forms and fees are received at the national office.
- ➔ **E. Urner Goodman Scholarship.** Scholarship applications are due January 15, 2003.
- ➔ **Arrowman Service Award.** Awards for 2002 may be ordered through March 31, 2003.

More information can be found on the OA Web page at <http://www.oe-bsa.org>. Select "Operations Updates." 🐿