



**ORDER OF THE ARROW
HIGH ADVENTURE**

YEARBOOK

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Foreman Alumni and Other Arrowmen,

The summer of 2019 was an outstanding year for Order of the Arrow High Adventure. Over 350+ young men and women took part in one of the five programs, and this summer marked the first ever co-ed crews. Together, participants built 4,028 feet of trail with a combined 20,710 service hours given to our national parks and forests (valued at \$526,655). The foremen of the Order of the Arrow have continued to make a meaningful impact on the lives of arrowmen they lead and have given selflessly to the outdoors since 1995.

Next year, 2020, marks the 25th Anniversary of the OA High Adventure programs and we want you to join us in celebrating the history we have made, and the exciting future that lies ahead. A small team of dedicated content managers, designers, and writers helped make this publication possible. As you read the pages of this yearbook, I hope you recall fond memories of your time on the trail and remember your fellow foremen or arrowmen that shared the journey with you along the way. Please enjoy reading some of the stories from the trail, what some of our foreman alumni have accomplished in their time since staffing, and how you can help promote the programs. From one foreman to another, thank you.

Yours in Adventure,

Chuck Coutteau
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**"TO WORK AT
WHAT YOU LOVE
OR FOR THOSE YOU LOVE,
IS TO TURN WORK INTO
PLAY AND DUTY INTO
PRIVILEGE"**

-R.D. DUNKIN



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ORDER OF THE ARROW
TRAIL CREW





DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Dear Brothers,

Summer 2019 at Philmont was busy per usual, but exactly what the doctor ordered. After the cancellation of the 2018 season, the Philmont staff as a whole had a big challenge ahead of them: Deliver the highest quality program to the largest number of campers in Philmont History...with a staff that had not seen campers in almost two years.

The result was a resounding success for the Ranch, and the Order of the Arrow Trail Crew program was no exception. Eleven foremen took out their first OATC crews this summer and delivered the program to 159 participants (acting as if they had already taken out dozens of treks). The staff worked, hiked, and grew alongside their participants, and I cannot thank them enough for everything they did to make the program successful.

As we look back on the summer, there are too many accomplishments to list, but I would like to highlight one exciting point. This summer, the OATC program ran the first ever co-ed OAHA trek and had two phenomenal female foremen leading treks for the entirety of the summer. As we move into the next era of the scouting movement in America, it is exciting to see our organization grow and for our programs to reflect that growth. The OATC staff of 2019 would like to thank everyone who has supported our program in its 25 years of existence and we are beyond stoked to see it advance into the next 25 years of cheerful service.

Adventure Awaits,

Ben Harper
2019 OATC Director



2019 OATC FOREMEN



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SCOTT TOOMER	

572
TORTILLAS
CONSUMED



OATC SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

1,640
FEET
OF TRAIL
BUILT



1,321
MILES
HIKED



6,773
SERVICE
HOURS
COMPLETED





The final work week of the summer was a constant battle trying to fight rocks, stumps, and the weather. The rocks were always bigger than they appeared to be, leaving holes all over the place (which lead to a lot of backfilling and feathering). It is quite satisfying to yell "ROCK!" after pulling out a particularly large one off the back slope and watching it roll down the hill. We also struggled with many stumps in the middle of our trail that needed to be cleared. The crew got to use one of my favorite tools, the grip hoist, to pull the stumps straight out of the ground. Trying to figure out the best direction to pull and how to set it up was always challenging and it was a great learning opportunity for the participants. Finally, the weather was always changing. It seemed that every Monday and Tuesday a bad storm would roll in and everyone got soaked, but the crew was relieved to end work a little earlier that day.

On the crew's last day in the backcountry, my foreman partner and I decided to surprise our crew by meeting up with our sister crew on top of the Tooth of Time to watch the sunset together. We spent hours catching up and shared delicious pound cake. By accident, I dropped a participant's knife into some a crevice in the rock, along with his flashlight. But we were determined to get it out. Not only did we retrieve his items, but we also found a multitude of other random treasures lost by others. We even found a water bottle with a name and troop on it, and mailed it to the owner who lost it once we were back at basecamp. There is nothing better than ending a week of hard work with our daily good turn!



2019 brought the OAHA programs to a different group of Arrowmen than ever before. This past year, five women participated in the Order of the Arrow High Adventure in some capacity. Although women have worked and participated in High Adventure programs in the past, due to the Order of the Arrow's membership change back in 2018, this is the first time that the Order of the Arrow High Adventure programs have been open up to young women, creating co-ed crews. These women are now able to share their stories as one of the few first women to participate in OAHA.



"Order of the Arrow High Adventure taught me lessons that changed me as a person. The backcountry provided me more lessons than I can count"

CHRISTIANE - MOWOGO LODGE

Christiane is one of two young women who attended Order of the Arrow Trail Crew as participants this past summer at Philmont Scout Ranch. Prior to attending OATC, Christiane had very limited high adventure experience, but was ready to push herself to overcome any challenges in her way. Christiane joined venturing right after her 14th birthday, but until recent policy changes, never had the opportunity to become a member of the Scouting's National Honor Society. After completing her ordeal in early March, she was eager to find opportunities in the OA that she couldn't find anywhere else. This search led her to OA High Adventure. While speaking with her, Christiane shared that throughout the trip, "the pack just began to feel heavier and heavier" but having a group full of Arrowmen that were dedicated and willing to persevere allowed them to overcome even the worst physical conditions. Christiane's favorite



memory from the trip was waking up at 4:45 AM to see the most beautiful sunrise of her life over Inspiration Point. She would like to encourage all eligible Arrowmen to attend Order of the Arrow High Adventure because it taught her positivity.

KAYLEIGH - TUKU'UT LODGE

Kayleigh served as an Order of the Arrow High Adventure Foreman this past summer at Northern Tier and led three treks out into the Boundary Waters of Northern Minnesota. Kayleigh is the first female foreman in the program's history and had an exciting summer full of unique experiences. Kayleigh has a background in high adventure, having served on Philmont's Trading Post staff in both 2017 and 2018. However, when first hired, Kayleigh knew very little about the Order of the Arrow, or even OA High Adventure for that matter.

Kayleigh reflected on the moments when she first became a member of the OA saying, "My ordeal opened my eyes to the basic elements of the OA, the history, prestige, and high ideals it stressed. I liked a lot of things about it: The emphasis placed on brotherhood, hard work, and cheerful service." Kayleigh kept these ideas in mind throughout each of her three treks this summer. Although each trek brought difficulty in different forms, Kayleigh says she would not trade her summer for the world. When first arriving at Northern Tier, Kayleigh described that she felt a little uneasy being the only female in a predominantly male program. However, from the moment she got there, she felt treated just like every other Foreman. During her time in the boundary waters, Kayleigh experienced big crews, small crews, motivated Arrowmen, Arrowmen who needed a little mid-trail encouragement, and everything in between. Each trek was different, but they were all amazing experiences where she got to see the principles of the OA come to life.



"I learned the importance of remembering my place in the world, I am not too good for any task, and I learned to cheerfully and genuinely do even the jobs that no one else wanted to"

HANNAH - HO-DE-NO-SAU-NEE LODGE

Hannah had the experience of serving as one of the first female staff members of the Order of the Arrow Trail Crew Program, along with Emma Penczek. Prior to serving as an OATC Foreman, Hannah worked at the ranch the four previous summers starting in 2014 with the Backcountry Department and eventually becoming a Ranger. This summer, Hannah led three Order of the Arrow crews out into the backcountry. She shared that the most difficult thing about the trips was that each group was different, and some participants were not as prepared as she might have hoped. However, having different groups made up of different personalities and a wide range of individuals allowed each trek to be unique. Philmont has always held a special place in Hannah's heart. After hearing of Philmont from her brother, Hannah decided to register in Scouting to visit the High Adventure Base she had heard so much about.



Once arriving for her first trek at Philmont, she immediately fell in love with the land, as well as the scouting program. Since being inducted into the OA in 2019, she returned to Philmont this past year and was hired as an Order of the Arrow Foreman so she was able to experience not just one of her favorite places, but she got to experience Philmont from a different point of view. One of Hannah's favorite parts about OAHA is that the program allows for a lot of intersection of people, and allows scouts, both boys and girls, from all over the country to work together.

"THE MERGING OF THE OA AND PHILMONT, IT'S JUST PERFECT"
-HANNAH STEWART, 2019 OATC FOREMAN

As the Order of the Arrow High Adventure moves into the 25th year in 2020, the program will continue to provide amazing life changes experiences for both young men and young women. The program has already impacted so many lives, and it will be exciting to see how many additional lives are changed due to the variety of Arrowmen with these programs right at their fingertips. Each and every Arrowmen have the opportunity to take advantage of these programs, and the hope is to have even more young women take part in these life-changing experiences in the future.



**"I THINK THAT
PASSION IS THE SECRET
INGREDIENT THAT
DRIVES HARD WORK
AND SUCCESS"**

- KELLY AYOTTE



ORDER OF THE ARROW

CANADIAN ODYSSEY



ORDER OF THE ARROW

WILDERNESS VOYAGE



Dear Brothers,

The OAWV Foreman led a work project this summer on Crooked Lake's Friday Bay to Papoose Lake. This 98-rod portage was extremely muddy and difficult to walk along, let alone portage. Through the season the Foreman and their participants decided to change that. They made a significant reroute, along with many rock features that will last more than a lifetime. On the other side of the



border, the OACO Foreman led work project on Canada's Meadows lake to Agnes Lake. They were tasked with making Canada's entry lakes as smooth and beautiful as possible, and they did. We are currently two-thirds the way through this portage and aim to have it completed by the end of next summer.

This season saw 72 participants that experienced something that has changed many lives before them. These participants are the reason our program functions and the reason we come back year after year. The north woods is beautiful, and I will show it to all who are willing, But the real reason I come back, year after year, is to see those young Arrowman step onto the landing smiling ear to ear, covered in dirt and grime, and telling stories of adventures that sound familiar but are special only to them. Seeing how happy they are from the Voyage or Odyssey gives me immense joy and I have shared some of the most extraordinary memories with all of them.

Adventure Awaits,

Andrew Price

OAWV/CO Director



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WILDERNESS VOYAGE



ORDER OF THE ARROW

CANADIAN ODYSSEY



2019 OAWV & OACO FOREMEN



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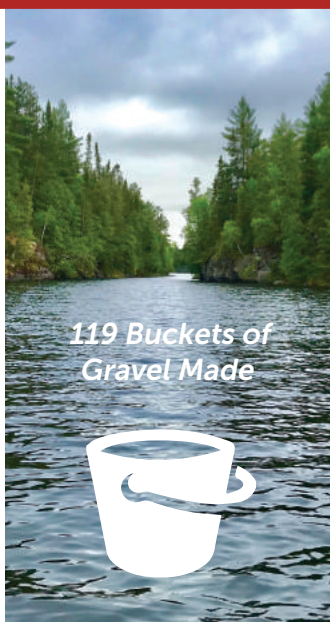
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CHARLIE TODD
CRAIG POWELL
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SAM ROGERS

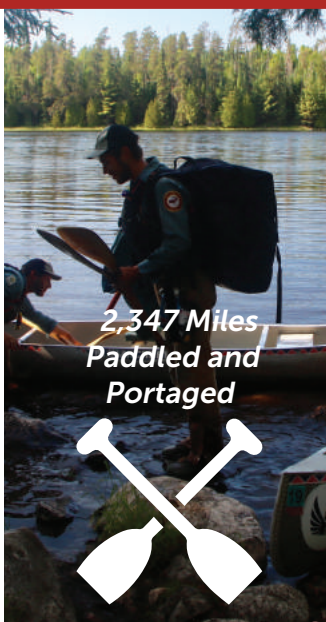
OAWV & OACO SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS



2,880 Hours of Service Completed



119 Buckets of Gravel Made



2,347 Miles Paddled and Portaged



26

Different States & All 4 Regions Represented





What I enjoyed most from my second summer working as a Foreman at Northern Tier was the sense of adventure I still got on each of my treks through the Quetico Provincial Park in Ontario, Canada. A few days into the voyage week on my second trip, we made it to the Cache River. The day started out dreary after a long night of strong thunderstorms that lit up our tents. The entrance to the river from Kawnipi was beautiful with a handful of portages that took us around rapids and into the marshy area of Cache River. While we paddled through the river, we had the privilege to see two moose grazing along the tree line.

Our maps contradicted each other as to where the mile-long portage that took us out of the river was, but after investigating the area, we found what looked like a barely used moose trail. What gave it away as the portage were the numerous logs that lined the trail and rose it out of the dense swamp and moss. As I led the crew through the portage I could tell that no one had been through this way in at least a year since the trail almost disappeared in some places, we had to clear through three fallen trees to pass through. After our crew made it through safely we aptly nicknamed it the "Moose Mile" and we all had smiles on our faces while washing the mud off ourselves in a lake where we were the only visitors.

CONGRATULATIONS

TO THESE NOTABLE ALUMNI

Mr. Tyler Stepanek & Mrs. Katie Stepanek
 OAOA '12, '14
 Married on
 May 18, 2019



Matt Brown
 OAOA '12, OASE '14
 A.T. Through-Hiker



Mr. Jimmy Dickson & Mrs. Katy Dickson
 OAWV 2010
 Married on
 Oct. 12, 2019



Shawn Johnson
 OATC 1995
 Running for 14th
 Circuit Judge in
 Arkansas



Mr. Andy Widmann & Mrs. Sophie Widmann
 OAOA 2015
 Married on
 April 20, 2019



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 OATC '13, '15-'18
 MS in Structural
 Engineering from
 CU Boulder



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 OATC '11-'13
 Rocky Mountain
 Youth Corps
 Coordinator



Bradley Ellis
 OAWV '04-'06
 American Hiking
 Society Board
 Chairman



ALUMNI MEET-UPS

BROTHERHOOD HAS NO BORDERS

Chuck Coutteau & Mitch Andrews (Chicago)



Dave N, Chris S, Phil V, Alex H, & Travis M.



David Stowe, Dave Nguyen, & James Williamson (Ohio)



Crag Foremen Reunion: Scott Johnston, Michael Salciccioli, Dan Asleson, Ted Weiland, Christopher Merck, Sean Ferrier, Joey Dierdorf, & Chuck Coutteau



Ben Winter & Joey Dierdorf (Germany)



Two OAOA foremen definitely not in the Florida Keys



James Williamson & Dan Apuan (Colorado)





OAOA



ORDER OF THE ARROW

OCEAN ADVENTURE





Dear Brothers,

The 2019 Summer season for the Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure (OAOA) program was the third year working with the Dry Tortugas National Park. Being the third year, we began to really see the program strive. Our relationships have strengthened with all of our partnering organizations, such as the National Park Service, The Yankee Freedom III, and the Truman Little White House. This summer 73

Arrowmen guided by four great Foremen totaled 2,425 hours of service given to the National Park. Every day nearly 175 tourists visit Fort Jefferson on Garden Key in the Dry Tortugas National Park, making the OAOA program the most publicly viewed BSA high adventure program in the country.

While the service projects varied with each crew, some of our projects this year included: Identifying a major water leak, replacing dock decking on finger piers, digging out a small watercraft trapped under a pier, and much more. Each crew enjoyed snorkeling in some of the most pristine reefs in the keys, kayaking out to sea to fish or explore other islands in the park and most even fished for at least one tasty home-caught seafood dinner. With time our program has become better at fishing than ever before, proven by the 25 sharks caught this summer. New this year we included time for the participants to experience Key West, FL. Nearly every crew went to Fort Zackary Taylor, the Truman Little White House, the Eco-Discovery Center, and the infamous Sunset Festival in Mallory Square. I am so grateful for all of those that made this summer possible and most importantly the four outstanding Foreman that guided our Arrowmen through the adventure.

Adventure Awaits,

Davis Kellogg
2019 OAOA Director



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OCEAN ADVENTURE



2019 OAOA FOREMEN



DAVIS KELLOGG | Director
 BRANDON BODONY
 MIKE BRIGNOLA
 ZACK ISLEIB
 MATT KUSCHE

OAOA SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS



73
Participants



2,400+ Hours
of Service
Provided



54 Trips to
Key West, Florida



25 Sharks
Caught





While at the Dry Tortugas National Park, you just never know what to expect on any given day. We had a range of service projects ranging from capturing wildlife to reinforcing structures within Fort Jefferson. One of the most memorable days from this summer was when the crew was tasked with service on a small remote island in the area. The day started out with my foreman partner and I finding out that we were going to go to Loggerhead Key to dig out a dinghy that got trapped underneath the docks. My partner Zack and I proceeded to gather the crew and prepare them for the trip, gathering any necessary equipment such as shovels, snorkeling gear, and lunch for the day. We meet with one of the NPS Rangers at his vessel and we all climbed aboard and loaded our gear onto the boat to get ready to go. He took us over to Loggerhead Key and we jumped right into examining the dinghy from beneath the dock. Realizing quickly that our inclinations that this was going to be a relatively short project quickly change, this was going to take awhile.

The entire dinghy had filled up with sand from the ocean waves crashing into it and that it was going to require more than just removing a few scoops of sand to lodge it free. After several hours of the crew battling the incoming waves crashing into us and removing the sand that had buried the entire boat, we finally were able to remove it from beneath the dock and drag it up onto the beach. After finishing this task, we were all extremely exhausted from this work. Zach and I decided that this would be a good time for a break and give the participants time to go explore (and put the snorkel gear to good use). We spent a couple of hours snorkeling and saw some beautiful wildlife while out there!

Before long it was about time to head back and go get some lunch. However, instead of taking the pathway we came on, the crew decided to go around the entire island to take it all in. After a little bit of walking, we happened upon an intact seaplane rudder lying on the sand. The entire crew was astonished at the fact that we found it just lying in the sand. We proceeded to carry it back to the NPS vessel to ask the Ranger about it. We were ecstatic to hear that he thought it was most likely from the wreckage that had gone down last month. After lunch we headed back to base camp, loaded with the dinghy and plane rudder. As we pull into the dock (thinking we had enough surprises for one day), we saw a U.S. Coast Guard vessel was docking on the Dry Tortugas for the night! The crew finished unloading the boat, we thought it would be cool to head over to the USCG vessel to check it out. After a little discussion with the U.S. Coast Guard, we were able to get a full tour of their vessel. This was one of the wildest experiences any of us have ever had and the day wasn't finished, as each crew member was able to help reel in three sharks later that night!

TYLER ALLEN

Tyler Allen was an OAWV and OATC participant, and an OAOA Foreman in 2012. In 2013 he was the Northeast Region Chief, and in 2014 and 2015 Tyler served as the first Director of the OASE program. He is currently a Mountain Guide and a Researcher in the Earth Science Department at Dartmouth College.

Q: What are you doing now?

Tyler: I currently split my time between guiding rock, ice, and alpine climbing, and working as a geologist/researcher at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire.

Q: What is your fondest memory of OA High Adventure as a foreman?

Tyler: One of my most vivid memories from my OAHA career is a day Matt Brown, a fellow OAOA Foreman, and I paddled war canoes back from Big Munson Island in a totally heinous storm. Our crew loved it and so did we.

Q: Do you have any advice for foremen after they are done with OAHA?

Tyler: Write down all of the crazy stories and lasting memories from your time in the backcountry, they will help you remember the good ol' days!

Q: What is the biggest lesson you learned from being a foreman or director that you still lean on today?

Tyler: Take pride in a day's work - hard work pays off for years to come, and days spent building trail can be some of the most physical. After years of trail work, I always know that I have a little more in the tank than I think. Push yourself to be proud of what you have done and don't be ashamed to put your name on it.

Q: What would you tell someone who was unsure if they should spend a summer as an OAHA foreman?

Tyler: "Life happens pretty fast, if you don't stop and look around once and awhile, you could miss it" — Ferris Bueller... When the opportunity for an adventure knocks at my door, nine times out of ten I take it, whether it's a climbing expedition, a morning trail run, or spending the summer in the backcountry.







JOE DWORAK

Joe Dworak was a two-time OATC participant and OAWV participant and an OATC Foreman in 2005, 2006, & 2009, as well as an ArrowCorp5 instructor in 2008. He is currently an Assistant Attorney General in New Mexico and Director of the Civil Litigation Division.

Q: What are you doing now?

Joe: This past April I finished my third and final year as Section Adviser to the section I served in as a youth. It was not a job I was looking for, at all, but felt it was important to give back and also set an example serving as a young(ish) adviser. Looking forward, I'm currently working on the OA's sustainability initiative and connecting our strong conservation themes into a larger context to be incorporated at next year's NOAC.

Professionally, I started a new position this year supervising over a dozen lawyers plus support staff at the Office of the Attorney General in Santa Fe, New Mexico. It's a unique challenge working in government and also working with staff mostly older than me, but Scouting has been invaluable training for my work.

Q: What is your fondest memory of OA High Adventure as a foreman?

Joe: Seeing one of our participants off at the bus early in the morning at the Philmont Welcome Center. He was one of our more challenging participants and was notorious for lacking that good ol' PMA (Positive Mental Attitude), but he broke down and told me how much the experience meant to him and how it really changed his life. He and I both left without dry eyes. I'd also have to say

waking up on the top of the Tooth of Time with a crew was pretty spectacular, maybe even more so since I know you can't get permission to do it anymore.

Q: Do you have any advice for foremen after they are done with OAHA?

Joe: OAHA programs teach participants to take their passion of the program back home, and we should all do the same. There's no reason why any program should not be completely full each summer. Whether it's donating time to promote the program or donating money to support it, I think it's critical to maintain a robust alumni network that supports OAHA.

Q: What is the biggest lesson you learned from being a foreman or director that you still lean on today?

Joe: Details! Trail building is a lesson in life - if you don't pay attention to the details, your project will suck and someone (the next crew) will have to fix your mess.



WHIT CULVER

Whit Culver was a two-time OATC participant, and an OATC Foreman in 1997 and 1998. In 1999 he was the OATC Assistant Director and in 2000 he was the OATC Director. Whit also advised a group of Section Chiefs who created the Philbreak program. Currently, he is a Senior Vice President and Wealth Management Advisor at Merrill Lynch where he has worked since 2001.

Q: What are you doing now?

Whit: I have lived in Tulsa, OK ever since graduating from college. Outside of work, I'm married to Tiffany and have two kids, Waite and Emeline. Waite is almost a second class Scout, and I serve as an assistant scoutmaster in his troop, as well as a position on the district committee. I'm the president of the House Corporation Board of the Sigma Chi Fraternity at Oklahoma State and try to play as much golf as possible with any free time I have.

Q: What is the biggest lesson you learned from being a foreman or director that you still lean on today?

Whit: How to think through moderately complicated tasks and execute them efficiently. The commissary run was one of my favorite jobs while working at OATC. Figuring out how to get it done correctly, and as fast as possible, was a great challenge. The rotation that would help with the run always went on days off as soon as we were done, so it was a race to get it done, but done right!

Q: Do you have any advice for foremen after they are done with OAHA?

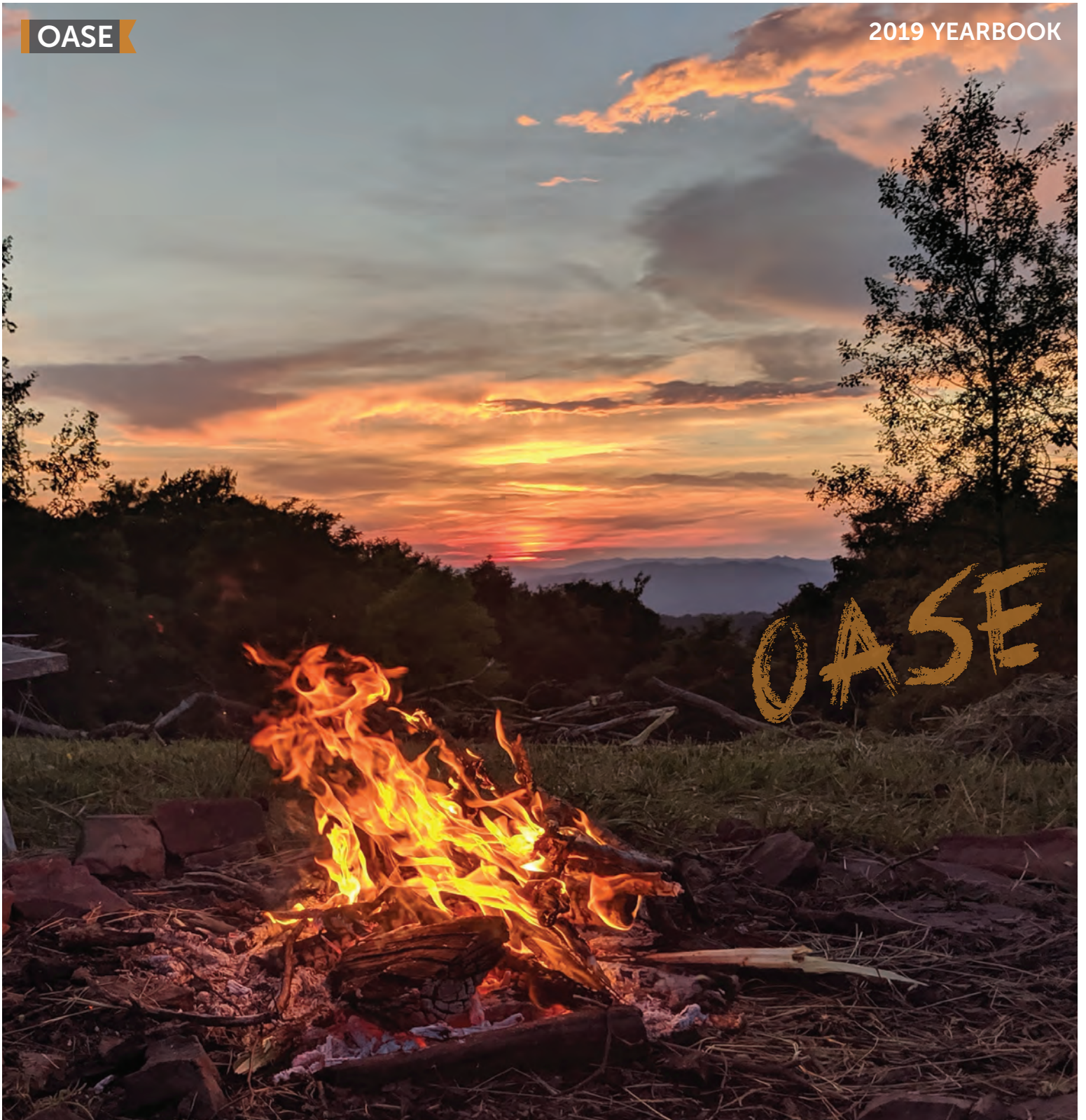
Whit: Stay in contact with the guys you built relationships with while you were working in the program, they'll be a great resource for you going forward, in business, etc. Use the skills and experience you received working in the program to give back to scouting locally. The scouting program has never been more necessary for youth than it is right now, it provides so many experiences that kids simply cannot get anywhere else, we have to do all we can to support it.

Q: Is there anything you'd have done differently looking back, or wish the programs would do differently?

Whit: I'm sure there are things that could be done better, but I've long contended that the OAHA programs are the best in the entire scouting program.







OASE



ORDER OF THE ARROW

SUMMIT EXPERIENCE



Dear Brothers,

The 2019 season for OASE was a huge success for the program. Despite running the program with half the normal amount of staff, the two foremen from this summer did a phenomenal job at ensuring the success of the program from week one to week five. The summer had a bit of a rocky start, but we quickly found our footing and excelled as a department. This particular season, we were able to complete almost 2,000 feet of trail: far more than previous seasons in five weeks of work. This could not have happened without the program's long standing relationship with the National Park Service and their trail building insight and expertise.



In late July, the Summit transformed into the largest city in West Virginia nearly overnight. The 2019 World Jamboree was just as rewarding as the regular season for the staff. We were able to provide meaningful service for the Rover Brigade and Summit Trading Post all while soaking in the world jamboree ourselves. This summer could not have happened without the tireless work of so many individuals and staff at the Summit and beyond. Finally, I want to give a huge shout out to our guest foremen Matt, Max, Jon, and Luke for volunteering to help us out this summer!

Adventure Awaits,

Taylor Giles
2019 OASE Director



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SUMMIT EXPERIENCE



2019 OASE FOREMEN



MACKENZIE
BURKE

TAYLOR
GILES
Director

JOSH
SQUIRRELL

SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS



17
Bear
Sightings



1,876
Feet of
Trail Built



56
Participants



4.567
Program
Avg. Rating



7,670
Service
Hours





During the last session of the summer, I experienced something that I believe none of the OASE foremen before me have. After an insanely productive first two days with my guest foreman partner Luke (400 feet of trail cut and nearly finished) ... I came face to face with a bear.

It was a good morning of work and the participants were starting to bond instead of being just crew-mates. We had moved our lunch spot the day before and were excited to eat closer to where we were working that day, but we did not expect someone else being as excited. It was a typical lunch at OASE, peanut butter and jelly with other trail food, but afterward, my stomach wasn't feeling too great. Upon finishing lunch, my foreman partner and I got everyone energized for the afternoon of work ahead and I went off into the woods to dig a cat-hole. On my way back, I heard some rustling by our tool cache and did not pay any attention to it, when I finally looked over, an eight-foot bear was staring me down.

Throughout the summer, the rest of the OASE staff and I had seen many bears near our worksite and almost every time there were cubs around. I immediately went into panic mode, with a broken shovel in one hand and a roll of toilet paper in the other, I searched as best I could for any cubs. The bear moved toward me and after 15 minutes of a staring contest, it turned around and started eating what's left of lunch. I sprint down the trail past the bear and get out of sight. I grab my partner and another shovel and we drive the bear away. This turned out to be a struggle as no matter how much yelling and banging we could muster up, the bear just would not leave.

The crew could not believe there was a bear at the worksite and they made sure to tell everyone we crossed paths with the epic tale. They and I will surely remember the experience of that day at the worksite as Luke and I ran down the trail with pulaskis and shovels to scare off a bear from putting a damper on the day.

SUPPORTING COUNCILS/UNITS/LODGES

WITH TRAVIS MCCORMICK



If you have been on a high adventure trek before, whether, through the Order of the Arrow or a scouting unit, you know that the experiences you have are ones that last a lifetime. But this huge impact only happens over a 1-2 week period. Can you imagine the impact it would have on your life if you worked at a High Adventure base for five summers?

Travis McCormick can.

Travis had the opportunity to serve at Northern Tier as a foreman from 2004-2008, impacting the lives of hundreds of Arrowmen week after week. He loved his time as a Foreman, but eventually, he moved on with his life and career. But when the call came to volunteer for his local council, Travis knew he wanted to use his skills back home to continue to better Scouting and the OAHA program.

Through his experience leading others in the outdoors, Travis gained a variety of skill sets that he now uses to assist with Dan Beard Council's Leave No Trace Awareness Training. People always connect/learn better when the presenter has stories to share about their own personal experiences, and between his stories and his passion for the program, Travis has been able to excel as a Leave No Trace Trainer - all thanks to his time as an Order of the Arrow High Adventure Foreman.

Working on the trails of Philmont or the open water at Sea Base instills the high values of preserving nature into an individual, and Travis is no exception. He has also helped with Cub Scout BALOO courses, as well as Outdoor Ethics Education, using his knowledge to encourage environmental stewardship and share his experience as a Foreman with others.

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- TRAVIS MCCORMICK

The unique experiences that OAHA Foreman have make them valuable resources that each council in the nation needs. From helping train others in outdoor skills, supporting a council camporee, being a Unit Commissioner, Friends of Scouting presenter, and so much more, there will always be a place for an OAHA Foreman's leadership skills and environmental conscientiousness.



5 UNIQUE WAYS OF PROMOTING OAHA

INFO IN UNIT RECHARTER PACKAGE



Utilize your Council to reach all units through the recharter package. Consider including an Order of the Arrow brochure in unit recharter packages all about OAHA.

Direct contact is one of the most efficient ways of informing others about OAHA: personally fielding questions with parents allows for a much clearer and positive image to be presented.



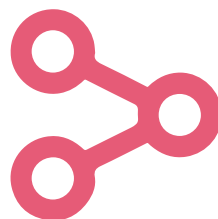
TALK TO PARENTS DIRECTLY AT ROUNDTABLE

EMPHASIZE INCENTIVES



A cheaper price to see a High Adventure Base or the development of good morals and the ideals of cheerful service during a trek might just be the call to action for an Arrowman to attend.

Promote OAHA through word of mouth by painting a brighter picture in the minds of potential participants. This can also get Alumni involved and utilizing their experiences for future Arrowmen.



SHARE EXPERIENCES

ENCOURAGE ARROWMEN TO ATTEND WITH A BUDDY



Get your whole Lodge interested and involved in OAHA, by setting up a lodge trek. This might make the experience more comforting for Parents and Scouts who are on the fence about attending.

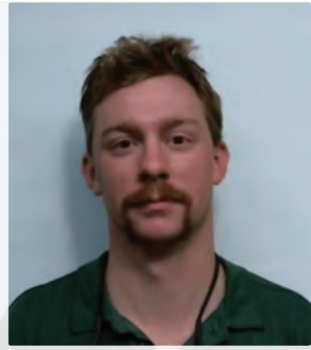
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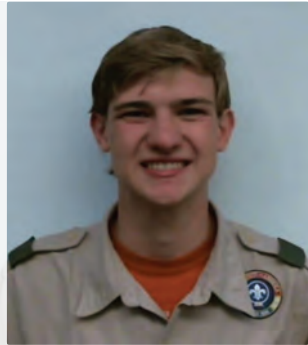
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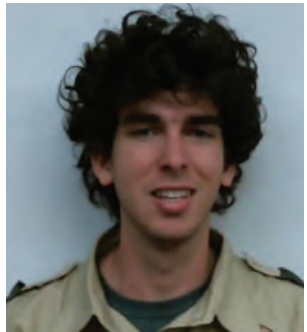
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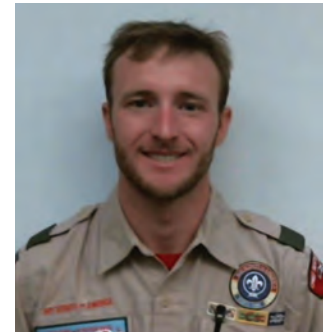
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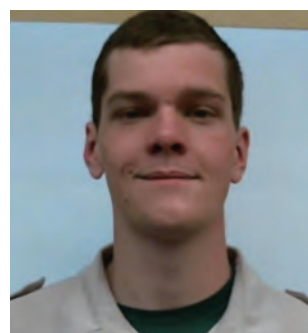
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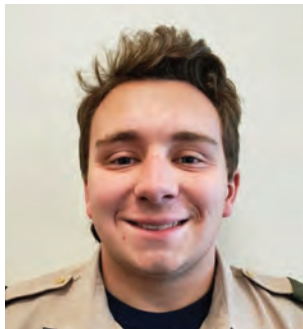
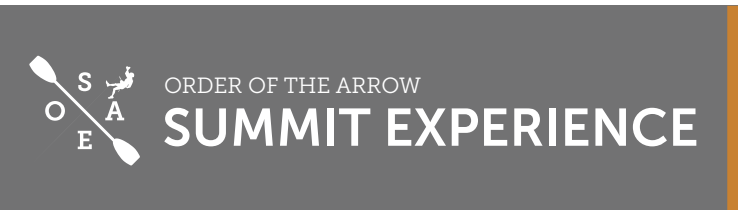
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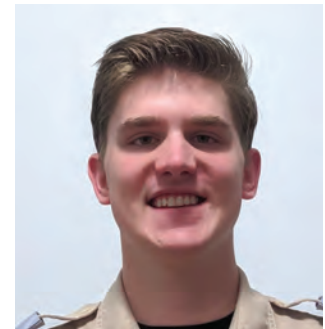
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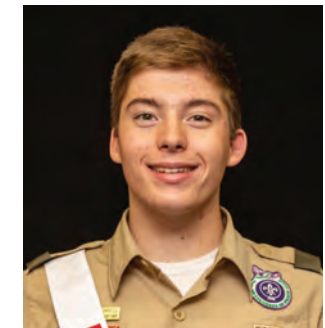
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