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Philmont Trek

To Be Unique Event for 1,200

Next summer, the national Order of the Arrow Committee in cooperation with the Philmont Scout Ranch will sponsor a unique event in Scouting — the 1985 Order of the Arrow Philmont Trek. The Trek, to be conducted Aug. 11-21, 1985, will give 1,200 Arrowmen the opportunity to spend 7 days hiking and camping at Philmont. The Trek is scheduled because of the change to even-numbered years for national conferences. The national OA Committee planned this smaller-scale national program during the Jubilee Jamboree year to provide continuity for a smooth transition to the new conference cycle.

The treks will explore the Philmont high country with a 5-day backpacking trip. Participants will experience the isolation and solitude of a wilderness adventure — more than 300 miles of trails are available. During the individual treks, crews will take part in various activities suited to OA members. Depending on the assigned route, trained rangers and instructors will help Arrowmen experience rock climbing, archaeological excavation, black powder riflery, and fishing. Crews will backpack over mountain trails that in places reach altitudes higher than 10,000 feet. The trips are graded as typical, rugged, strenuous, or super-strenuous, but all provide a distinct challenge.

Since the treks will occur during a limited time, only 1,200 Arrowmen will be able to attend. Although the initial lodge contingent size will be two youth and one adult Arrowman, lodges may request additional spaces on their reservation form. These requests will be filled as cancellations and openings occur. It is strongly recommended that the youth participants be key lodge leaders. However, all Trek participants will have to meet the physical requirements established by Philmont.

As backpacking at Philmont is conducted in crews, four different (but nearby) lodges will comprise a crew of four to 12 Arrowmen. The assigned crews will work together before and during the Trek, as well as on the trip back home. Each crew will have an adult adviser and a youth leader who will be selected during the 1984 section conclaves.

The fee for the Trek will be \$135 per

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Informative training sessions are the highlight of National Indian Seminars.

Three Locations Prepared

Seminars Approaching Fast

Plans are well underway for three Order of the Arrow National Indian Seminars (NIS) to be held this summer. The seminars will provide Arrowmen with resources and training to improve the Indian-related activities of their home lodges and sections. Set for Aug. 5-11, the eastern NIS will be held at Camp Bud Schiele, near Rutherfordton, N.C. Services will be provided by the Piedmont Council of Gastonia. The Circle Ten Council of Dallas, Tex., will provide services for the central NIS August 12-18, at Camp Wisdom, Duncanville, Tex. During the same dates, the Chief Seattle Council of Seattle, Wash., will service the western NIS at Camp Brinkley near Monroe, Wash.

The national OA Committee is sponsoring three seminars instead of the usual one to provide opportunities for additional participants and staff members. The seminars also will reduce transportation costs for participants and staff members. The success of these three seminars will determine future programs.

Coordinating the programs and administration at each seminar will be the seminar directors. James Clough of South Glens Falls, N.Y., will direct the eastern seminar; Bill Story of Cincinnati, Ohio, will direct the central seminar; and Steve Shawley of Spalding, Idaho, will direct

the western seminar.

The basic fee for each participant in the seminars is \$160. This fee does not include transportation costs. By meeting the payment deadline of July 1, a youth Arrowman (under 21) can save \$40 off the fee for a total payment of \$120. An adult (21 or older) can save \$20 off the fee for a total payment of \$140 by meeting the fee deadline. An adult also can earn a discount of \$15 for each youth Arrowman he brings to the seminar. This offer is good for up to four Arrowmen for each adult provided payments are made by the deadline.

Applications (which have been sent to all lodges) are available through the office of the national Executive Secretary. After approval of a participant's application by the council Scout executive, Arrowmen should send their forms and fees **directly** to Order of the Arrow.

The NIS program will feature activities similar to those of past seminars as well as new areas of study. Seminar topics will include dancing, singing, fancy dance, traditional dance, straight dance, craft work, Indian food and games, starting and running a dance team, ethnology, and organizing and operating a ceremonies team. The training at the seminar will be provided by Indian and non-Indian experts.

OA Committee Structure Explained

Vice-Chief
Views OA
Retention,
Training



Brothers,

During the 9 years of my involvement with the Order, and especially during the past year and a half since my election as national vice-chief, there are two problems with which I have a growing concern. One is membership retention; the other is training on the section level.

Lately, it has been said that poor membership retention is our number one problem. Several lodges have created new programs which serve only to "hook" new members before they "get away." I have strong reservations about this assessment and approach. We must realize that the poor retention of Ordeal members is inherent with our purposes and organization. We are in a supportive role in the Scouting movement. Our first purpose is to recognize honor campers, not to take them away from their troops. Therefore, when Ordeal members do not participate in lodge activities, we must realize that the majority are still active in their troops where they are needed more. It is only after Brotherhood that a member has decided to support the OA in addition to his primary obligation to the troop.

The only proper action to boost membership is to improve the quality of our inductions and leadership. In the same light, I feel we should refrain from programs that serve only to "hook" new members.

The other area I am concerned with is the quantity and quality of training that takes place on the section level. Training should be the primary activity at your section conclave, followed by inspiration and fellowship (Indian events qualify as fellowship). There is no better time to improve the quality of the lodge programs within your section than at the conclave. This would, in turn, strengthen the section and give it a strong direction to follow. The challenge to improve is out there — it is up to you to meet it.

Naturally, I cannot address the possible ways to improve upon these areas in this short letter, but if I can ever be of assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

As always,

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Arrowmen may think that the national Order of the Arrow committee deals only with programs on the national level. Actually national policies and programs are only a few of the many concerns of the committee. Much of the work in the committee is devoted to improving lodge programs and providing helpful resources for lodges, in addition to providing recommendations to Arrowmen on topics such as training and ceremonies.

The national Order of the Arrow Committee is a subcommittee of the national Boy Scout Committee. The committee is charged with keeping the program of the Order consistent with the policies of the Boy Scouts of America.

The committee is made up of 37 members who are as diversified as the members of the Order. Professions of the members vary from attorneys and doctors to engineers and marketing executives. Due to the many facets of the Order, the committee's work is carried on through subcommittees. Currently, there are 20 subcommittees, each with the responsibility of dealing with a different aspect of the Order.

Audiovisual Subcommittee — oversees the national conference and National Leadership Seminar slide shows in addition to promoting and distributing the "See the Need" film.

Awards — evaluates petitions for the Distinguished Service Award and the Red Arrow Award, reports to the committee on those approved, and makes the presentations at the national conference.

Bulletin — defines what is covered in the **National Bulletin** along with acting in an advisory capacity to the national conference bulletin committee.

Camping — originates and promotes ideas for lodge camp promotions and relations between lodges, councils, and camps.

Ceremonies — evaluates the ceremonies and makes revisions when necessary. In addition, the subcommittee updates the **Manual for the Ordeal** and acts as an adviser to the national conference ceremonies committee.

Conference Site Selection — conducts research and then makes recommendations to the committee for sites of future national conferences.

E. Urner Goodman Camping Award — updates requirements in addition to judging the annual lodge applications.

Finance — develops the national OA operating budget as well as the national conference and national Indian seminar budgets. The subcommittee also maintains the trust fund and updates the lodge financial record book.

Founder's Advisory Council — provides counsel and advice on matters of history, purpose, and goals to the committee.

History — researches and maintains a documented history of the OA.

Indian Events — gives direction to the planning of national Indian seminars, serves as an adviser to the national conference Indian events committee, and

deals with the relationship between the Order and native Americans and promotes the Maury Clancy Indian Camper-ship Fund.

Insignia — operates in liaison with the national Insignia and Uniform Committee and defines the standards and regulations for OA insignia wear.

Literature — evaluates and revises the **Order of the Arrow Handbook, Section Manual, Spirit of the Arrow Booklet**, and other national OA literature.

Lodge recognition — evaluates and revises the lodge achievement program.

Membership — mandates election and membership requirements and maintains national membership statistics.

Museum — acts as a liaison with the national Boy Scout Museum Committee.

Scholarship — oversees and awards the E. Urner Goodman Scholarships.

Section Operations — maintains and revises the **Section Manual** and provides conclave training suggestions and section operation recommendations.

Steering — meets between national committee meetings to address "day to day" needs of the Order. This subcommittee votes on matters requiring immediate action, but its decisions are subject to approval by the national committee.

Training — defines the content of the National Leadership Seminar and the training sessions at section conclaves and acts as an adviser to the national conference training committee.

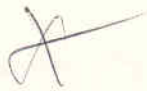
OA Ceremonies:

Not a 'Social Event'

Who should witness Order of the Arrow ceremonies? This is a question that occasionally confronts us. The answer can be found on page 86 of the 1984 printing of the **Order of the Arrow Handbook**. This section, titled "Why Ceremonies?," states the OA policy and gives the appropriate rationale.

The only ceremony considered "public" by the national OA Committee is the calling-out ceremony. Since the mysticism of the ceremonies is vital to their effectiveness, the national Committee has determined that parents, Scout leaders, or religious leaders can review the ceremony **only if there is a genuine concern about the content**. As stated in the **OA Handbook**, the lodge adviser should first discuss the concerns presented to him, and if a request to attend the ceremony is made by a **sincerely interested** adult, permission should be granted with the understanding that the person will not interfere with the ceremony.

One thing a ceremony is not, is a social event. Therefore, parents, relatives, girlfriends, wives, and other nonmembers are not to be in attendance. Remember, you should always be able to answer "yes" to Allowat Sakima's question, "Are you brothers satisfied that all present are members?"



Steering Committee Reviews Programs

The approval of the revised Lodge Achievement Program was one of many accomplishments at the national Order of the Arrow Steering Committee meeting on February 8. The Steering Committee, which provides direction for the Order between national committee meetings, is composed of Tom McBride, national committee chairman; Carl Marchetti and Jack Obermeyer, national committee vice-chairmen; George Feil, Founder's Advisory Council chairman; Bob Wade and William O'Tuel, national chief and vice-chief; and Bill Downs, national Executive Secretary.

The revised Lodge Achievement Program (LAP) will take effect for the charter year 1985, and will first be used with the January 1986 charter renewal

application. The 1984 LAP (to be submitted in January 1985) will still follow the old system. The committee felt that it was necessary to approve the program immediately, rather than wait for the scheduled vote before the national OA Committee meeting in May, so that copies of the new LAP could be sent to lodges as soon as possible. William Slesnick chairs the subcommittee for lodge recognition. Subcommittee members are Michael Coyle, John Dowe, and Del Loder.

The National Leadership Seminar (NLS) program also was reviewed by the committee. Due to questions posed by several Arrowmen, the following policy was reaffirmed:

The national Order of the Arrow Committee, when it established the National Leadership Seminar program in 1975, determined that an NLS is a national event conducted by region personnel at the area, section or even cluster level. The region OA chief, the region OA chairman, and the region OA staff adviser were given this important responsibility. The involvement by section personnel is on a basis of need and invitation by the region. The Region Key 3 (region chairman, region chief, and region staff adviser) determine personnel needs, staffing appointments, physical arrangements, and provide for the administering of each NLS.

It also was noted that cluster or multiple-lodge programs, such as multi-area NLS's or inter-section Indian seminars, require approval of council Scout executives and area directors of all lodges and sections involved.

The Steering Committee concurred that the Varsity Scout crew-neck shirt and jacket are not proper uniforms for displaying OA insignia such as the sash. A Varsity Scout can wear the official Scout uniform with blaze-colored shoulder loops, in which case all OA insignia can be worn.

The committee concurred with Supply Division's lengthening of the Vigil Honor sash by 8 inches. The new sashes will include two snaps for adjustment.

It was announced that, subject to the approval of the national OA Committee, \$6,000 will be available for the E. Urner Goodman Scholarship program this year. It was also stated that the upcoming national events (the National Indian Seminars, Philmont Trek, and 1986 National OA Conference) are moving ahead as planned.

The Steering Committee concluded its meeting by passing a resolution commending and thanking I. Craig Uncapher for his work on behalf of the Order as he retires from the professional service of the BSA. Uncapher served as associate director, North Central Region, and as regional OA staff adviser.

The next Steering Committee meeting is planned for early October in Dallas, Tex.

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person in addition to transportation costs, which will vary from area to area. The deadline for registration is December 3, 1984. After this date, openings will be given to lodges that requested additional spaces on their reservation form. All lodges will receive registration forms along with a general information packet from the section chief. Included in this packet is the specific date for your lodge's arrival. (Since 300 Arrowmen will arrive each day, there are four separate arrival dates between August 11 and August 14. Lodges will depart 7 days later, between August 18 and August 21, depending on the arrival date.)

All lodges should take advantage of this opportunity for an OA experience at Philmont Scout Ranch. This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance for any Arrowman. Arrowmen with questions should contact their lodge leaders. Section chiefs also will conduct a Philmont Trek presentation at the 1984 conclaves designed to answer any additional questions.

Region Update

SOUTH CENTRAL — The region will conduct a section leaders meeting at the national office in Irving, Tex., on September 15.

SOUTHEAST — The region's NLS schedule is as follows:

June 22-24: Valdosta State College, Valdosta, Ga., for Areas 1 and 4.

July 27-29: Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C., for Areas 5, 7, and 8.

August 3-5: Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Ala., for Areas 2, 3, and 6.

WESTERN — An NLS for Area 6, Alaska, is tentatively scheduled for June in Fairbanks.

NORTH CENTRAL — Robert E. Burt, assistant regional director for the North Central Region, is the new regional OA staff adviser. Robert is a Vigil Honor member of Shawnee Lodge 51 and is a former Scout executive of the Lake Superior Council in Duluth, Minn.

NORTHEAST — An NLS is tentatively scheduled for Area 5 (Pennsylvania) in September.

SE Trains NLS Staff

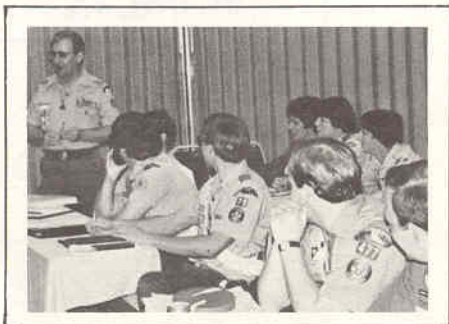


To properly plan and prepare for the upcoming National Leadership Seminars (NLS), the Southeast Region conducted its biannual NLS staff coordination meeting in Atlanta, Ga., March 2-3. The meeting was attended by 49 Arrowmen from throughout the region who will be serving on the staffs of the various seminars.

The program began Friday night with a meeting for the key NLS leaders, including Region Chief Jason Hood, Region OA Chairman H.H. "Dusty" Sparks, the seminar advisers, and the program and facilities coordinators and advisers of the respective seminars.

Saturday began with a review of regional and national news. Outstanding discussions on the tone of the NLS and the content of the program were led by the region chief. A spirited "Train the Trainer" session then was conducted. The three individual NLS staffs were then split up in order to complete plans for each seminar.

According to Region Chief Hood, "Enthusiasm was at a great high. It was like being at a revival. Everyone was getting into that NLS spirit." Hood thanked everyone involved and said he hoped that the spirit would carry over into each NLS.



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When requesting a subscription, please include your name, full address including zip code, your region and section designation, and the fee.

Next Issue Submission Deadline: July 1, 1984

O'Tuel Represents Order

BSA Report to Nation Delivered

Each year the Boy Scouts of America submits its Report to the Nation to the President and both houses of Congress. National Vice-Chief William O'Tuel was one of the youth representatives assisting in the presentation in Washington, D.C., during the week of January 28 to February 3.

The BSA delegation included O'Tuel, Cub Scout Frederick Heinrich, Eagle Scout Todd Clard, National Explorer President Chilly White, and Youth Leadership in America winners Senior Patrol Leader Malcolm McLellan and Explorer Post President Andrea Elger. National OA Committee member Bradley Haddock and his wife, Terri, served as co-chairpersons and chaperones for the event.

The week began with a tour of Williamsburg, Va., and attending services at the Brunton Parish Church, the oldest church in continuous use in the United States. The group then traveled to Washington and visited the Washington Monument and the National Air and Space Museum. The Report was given to

the House and Senate on February 1.

Thursday morning began with breakfast with BSA President Edward Joullian and Chief Scout Executive J.L. Tarr, followed by tours of the White House and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. After the tours each member of the delegation met with his representative in Congress.

The highlight of the trip, the meeting with President Ronald Reagan, occurred on Thursday afternoon. The President was presented the Report and his membership card as Honorary President of the BSA.

The annual Report contains the goals, policies, methods, and financial status of the BSA. The report states that 1983 was the fourth consecutive year of membership growth and that 24,357 Eagle Scout Awards were earned during the year. Of special interest to President Reagan was the list of Distinguished Eagle Award recipients, which included James Brady, Reagan's press secretary who was wounded in the attempt on the President's life in March 1981.

OA to Serve at Jamboree

At the 1985 National Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Va., the Order of the Arrow will provide a service corps. There will be 128 positions for youth and 12 for adults.

Youth staff qualifications are: at least 16 years old by July 1, 1985, and under 21 on September 1, 1985. The fee for youth service corps members will be one half the normal jamboree fee or \$123. Staff members must provide their own transportation.

Staff applications are available to interested Arrowmen at the local council service centers. Place a "1" in the box under "Jamboree Headquarters" and print "OA Service Corps" on the line. Applications must be received early since the size of the corps is limited.

There are other youth staff opportunities for service at the jamboree in program, band, food services, the **Jamboree Journal** and other areas.

The jamboree dates are July 24-30, 1985. Service corps members will arrive early and remain after the jamboree closes. Plan now to attend for this excellent service opportunity.

National News

All section chiefs will be invited to participate in the national chief election and in the 1985 Philmont Trek planning meeting scheduled for December 27-30, 1984. Look to future issues of the **Bulletin** for more information. Participation will be by invitation.

Two errors are in the 1984 printing of the **Manual for the Ordeal**. On page 35, Kichkinet's second part should read, "By continuing so to live and act in the service of others as to deserve it." The **as** is missing. On the pronunciation guide in the inside back cover, Wimachtendienk is misspelled Wimochtendienk.

National Executive Secretary William Downs has announced that the E. Urner Goodman Scholarship applications are due on May 15 in order to be considered for the fall semester.



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