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THE ORDER'S PART IN CAMPING PROMOTION

"To promote Scout camping, which reaches its greatest effectiveness as a part of the unit's camping program, and to help strengthen the district and council camping program both year around and in the summer camp, as directed by the camping and activities committee of the council . . ."

Let's analyze this part of the purpose of the Order of the Arrow as it appears in our handbook. The promotion of Scout camping has always been one of the major purposes of our Order.

How can we achieve meaningful results in this area?

There are four things that each lodge can do that will bring results in the form of more units going camping year round and more boys taking part in the outdoor program of Scouting.

1. It is the personal responsibility of each Arrowman to be a camping promotion man in his own troop or Explorer unit. He should be enthusiastic about planning for short-term hikes and camps and be the first one to sign up for the unit's long-term camp. He should make it his business to know all about the camping program in his unit, his district, and his council; and, thus, be able to answer the questions of his fellow Scouts or Explorers and to explain the camping program to parents of boys in the unit.

2. It is the responsibility of the lodge to cooperate with the council and the camping and activities committee in carrying out the promotion plans for the council. The chapters of the lodge work closely with the district camping and activities committees.

Arrowmen should be available to call on units in their district to talk camping on a boy-to-boy basis. They can show color slides, filmstrips, and movies; tell about the fun they have had in camp; answer questions; and encourage everyone to get out and hit the camping trail.

3. Order of the Arrow lodges have adopted the nationwide objective of producing "where to go camping" booklets for the use of Scout and Explorer units in their councils. There are many places in and around each council for overnight hikes, short-term camping trips, day hikes, and exploration trips.

While one third of the lodges in the country have completed this service project and many lodges are making preparations to produce an outdoor information pamphlet, there is much to be done in keeping these booklets up to date and adding new information as it becomes available. Certainly, if unit leaders have information about hiking and camping places at their fingertips, they will be much more inclined to get out in the open and do a great deal more camping year round.

4. It is the responsibility of the lodge to make sure that every Explorer unit and Scout troop that has five or more Scout campers conduct an election for Order of the Arrow candidates. Reports show that a number of lodges are falling down on this responsibility. Far too many boys are missing the opportunity to become brothers in our Order because their unit does not hold Arrow elections or because they simply don't know about the requirements and procedures.

Here is one of our best opportunities to promote more camping, to stimulate more interest in units, and, at the same time, to strengthen our lodges by inducting new members.

In addition, there are a number of things that lodges can do to promote camping. They can improve camping facilities through service projects, add to the color and tradition of Scout camping, help with camporees and training events, and set an example of good Scouting and cheerful service for their fellow Scouts and Explorers "even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities."

NATIONAL CONFERENCE—1963

Arrangements have been made to hold the Forty-Eighth Anniversary National Conference of the Order of the Arrow at the University of Illinois. The 1963 conference will start on Tuesday, August 20, and close on Friday, August 23. The campus of the University is in Champaign and Urbana about one hundred miles south of Chicago. Illini Lodge No. 92 of the Arrowhead Council will be the host lodge, while Area 7-F will be host area.

Your national committee studied the invitations of fifteen universities from the Pacific coast to Ohio in reaching the decision to accept the invitation from Illinois. Principle considerations, involving selection of this conference site, were campus accommodations and facilities, costs, dates available, accessibility, and an analysis of possible attendance.

A meeting of the area conference chiefs and the national Order of the Arrow Committee is planned for December 27, 28, and 29, 1962, at the University of Illinois. During this meeting, the program for the conference will be planned and assignments made to members of the 1963 Conference Committee. Also a national conference chief will be elected by the area chiefs.

The elected chiefs of areas not represented on the 1961 Conference Committee will make up the committee for 1963. Areas entitled to send their chiefs to Illinois are:

Region One Areas A and B.

Region Two Areas A, C, E, G, and J.

Region Three Areas B, C, and F.

Region Four Areas A, B, D, and F.

Region Five Areas A, B, and E.

Region Six Areas A, B, and C.

Region Seven Areas B, C, D, E, and F.

Region Eight Areas B, D, and E.

Region Nine Areas C and D.

Region Ten Area A.

Region Eleven Areas A, C, and E.

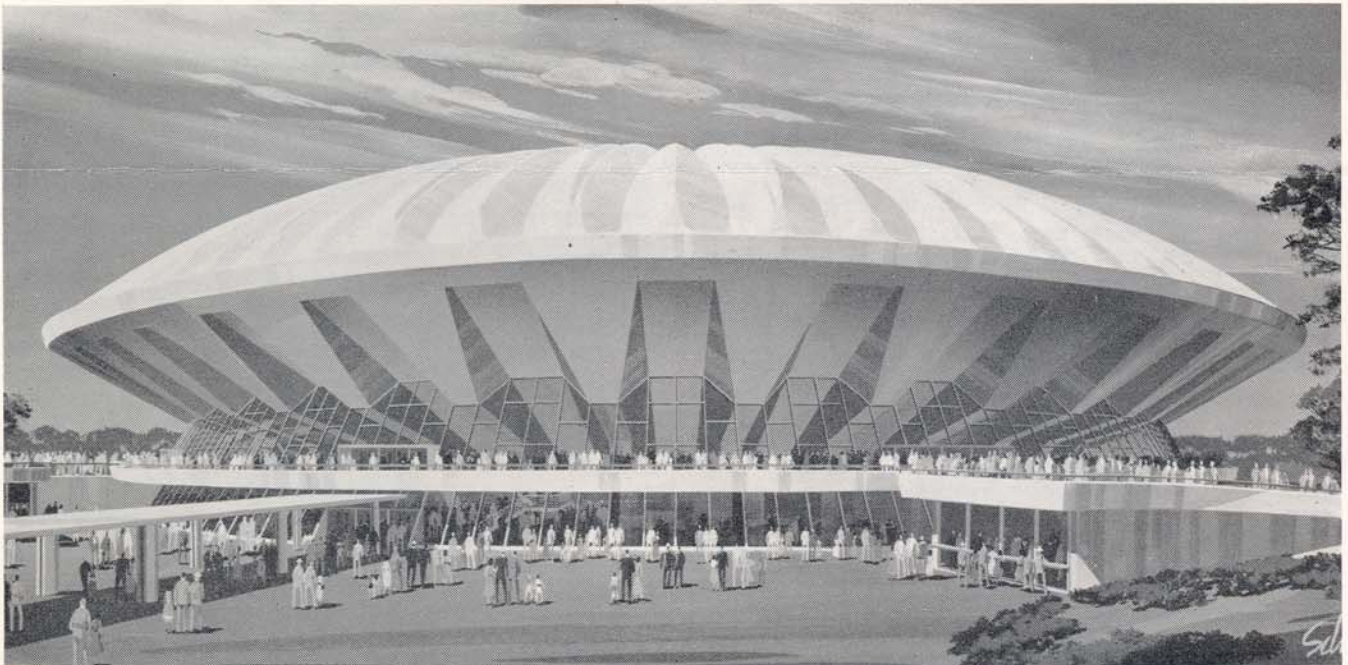
Region Twelve Areas B, D, and F.

The national Order of the Arrow Committee will pay all transportation expenses for the area chiefs from their homes to the University of Illinois and return.

The cost of the national conference for each delegate will not be determined until after the planning meeting in December. It is anticipated that the conference fee will be between \$25.00 and \$30.00 depending on the program to be presented.

Arrowmen are urged to take particular care in electing their area conference chiefs for 1963, since the leadership ability of these young men will determine the success of the national conference as well as of their own area.

The University of Illinois offers exceptionally fine facilities for conferences. The dormitories, classrooms, meeting rooms, and the gigantic new assembly hall, together with the best food ever, will help to make this the greatest of national conferences for 3,000 or more Arrowmen.



The gigantic new assembly hall at the University of Illinois will be the scene of the Forty-Eighth Anniversary National Conference of the Order of the Arrow. This is one of the most unusual buildings in the world, seating as many as 18,000 people.

A WORD FROM THE FOUNDER

By Dr. E. Urner Goodman

I have always thought of Scouting in terms of a ladder. Now any good ladder has two uprights with a series of rungs connecting them. We mount the ladder to new heights by the simple process of climbing up those rungs.

Those two uprights have names. One is SCOUTCRAFT and it relates to the *skills* of a Scout: *the things he can do*. The other relates to the qualities of character that the Scout achieves. We call that upright SCOUTHOOD.

As a Scout climbs the ladder of Scouting, he makes progress then, both in SCOUTCRAFT and SCOUTHOOD.

So it was that in the spring of 1915, as we were planning for the camp season at Treasure Island, we were faced with the question as to what we could do to stress the SCOUTHOOD side of Scouting in a way that boys and young men would appreciate. We knew that it took more than a knowledge of how to pitch a tent and cook a meal in the open to make a good Scout camper. We knew that a happy and successful camp depended upon the inner qualities of the camper, especially their willingness to serve cheerfully for the common good.

Our thinking on this point led to the formation of the Order of the Arrow in its mother lodge. To the Order, each troop in camp was privileged to send its best Scout camper or campers in terms of Scouthood, especially those who demonstrated cheerful service.

Out of this beginning grew the Order as it is today, the national brotherhood of Scout campers, noted for cheerful service.

My greetings and best wishes to all of you, my brothers, who continue in the noble tradition of cheerful service to our fellow men.

CHAPTERS? YES OR NO

Questions arise from time to time regarding the formation of chapters within an Order of the Arrow lodge. The new handbook should be used as a guide for local council advisers and lodge officers when considering the desirability of organizing a lodge on the chapter plan. Pages 50 to 55 of the new handbook present some pertinent information regarding chapter organization. In addition, there are other considerations.

If and when chapters are formed, they are usually formed within a district of the local council. Under certain circumstances more than one district may be included in a chapter.

The decision to form chapters rests in the hands of the Scout executive (the Supreme Chief of the Fire). He appoints chapter advisers who are then members of district camping and activities committees. Standards should be established by the council before granting a district the right to form a chapter.

Here are some suggested standards. Each council should set its own criteria depending on local circumstances.

1. There should be a minimum of twenty-five or more active Arrowmen living in the district, two-thirds of these members must be under twenty-one years of age.
2. The chairman, commissioner, district executive, and the camping and activities committee all agree that the formation of a chapter would be advantageous in their district.
3. The proposed program of the chapter for one year should be submitted for approval by the district officers and the Scout executive.
4. The chapter officers agree to operate the chapter within the policies set forth in the 1961 revision of the *Order of the Arrow Handbook*.
5. All chapter funds must be handled through the lodge treasury in the local council office.
6. The chapter officers agree to organize and train ceremonial teams, capable of conducting calling out ceremonies, the Ordeal ceremonies, and the Brotherhood ceremonies.
7. The chapter officers agree to be responsible for conducting the annual membership election in each eligible Scout troop and Explorer unit in their district.
8. The chapter officers agree to do their best to carry out the service projects adopted by the lodge and the council camping and activities committee.
9. The chapter shall establish rules and procedures that are to be approved by the lodge executive committee and the Scout executive.

Bear in mind that it is far better to have a strong lodge than to have a number of weak chapters. Chapters should only be formed when it is determined that it will make the Order of the Arrow more effective for all concerned.

SNAPSHOTS OF SUCCESS

From *Smoke Signals*, Wopsononock Lodge, No. 347, Altoona, Pennsylvania:

CHIEF YELLOW LARK'S PRAYER

"Oh Great Spirit—whose voice I hear in the winds, and whose breath gives life to all the world, hear me. I am a man before you, one of your many children—I am small and weak. I need your strength and wisdom. Let me walk in beauty and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset. Make my hands respect the things you have made, my ears sharp to hear your voice. Make me wise, so that I may know the things you have taught my people. The lesson, you have hidden in every leaf and rock. I seek strength, not to be superior to my brothers, but to be able to fight my greatest enemy—myself. Make me ever ready to come to you with clean hands and straight eyes, so when life fades as a fading sunset my spirit may come to you without shame."

Since 1915, over 300,000 members of the Boy Scouts of America have taken the Obligation of the Order of the Arrow—"He alone is worthy to wear the arrow, who will continue faithfully to serve his fellow men."

CAMP IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



Memeu Lodge No. 125 of the Appalachian Trail Council, Pottsville, Pennsylvania, dedicated this all-faiths chapel at Camp Nisatin during October, 1961. Clergymen of Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Jewish faiths all participated in the ceremony. Members of the lodge worked on this camp improvement project for several months. George Berezwick, lodge chief, and John S. Hill, adviser, presented the chapel to the council in behalf of all members of Memeu Lodge.



SMOKE SIGNALS

FROM YOUR NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Those who are interested in Indian lore will want to subscribe to *American Indian Tradition*. This is the only magazine of its kind. It features articles on Indian crafts and costumes, art, photographs, dance steps, music, and all sorts of Indian handicrafts.

This magazine is highly recommended by Order of the Arrow leaders across the country. It is a most useful source of information in carrying out our objective to build in local lodges a particular interest in the lore of local Indian tribes.

Write to P.O. Box 136, Alton, Illinois. Subscription \$3.00 one year, \$5.00 two years. (Group subscriptions 10 or more @ \$2.50 each.)

During the past year, training conferences for lodge officers and advisers were held at Squaw Valley and Los Angeles, California; Tucson, Arizona; and at Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Nearly six hundred Arrowmen were given orientation in lodge organization and administration, lodge program planning, and lodge membership requirements.

In 1962, similar courses have been held in Region Two at Schiff Scout Reservation, Mendham, New Jersey, on April 13-14; and at Griffis Air Force Base, Rome, New York, on April 28-29. Dates have been set for a training conference in Region Ten on September 29-30; Region Eleven on October 6-7 at Portland, Oregon; and at Lewiston, Idaho, on October 13-14.

At the request of many lodges, the Supply Service has produced a special Order of the Arrow display poster. These are now available, No. 4504 @ 25 cents each. Use them to promote lodge activities, area conferences, and for decoration at various activities.

The words . . . or may be taught at any future time. . . have been deleted from "The Obligation" in the Ordeal Ceremony pamphlet and on the new membership cards. Certain changes have also been made in the Ordeal ceremony to bring it into line with recent changes in the Brotherhood and Vigil Honor ceremonies. Your national Order of the Arrow Committee requests your cooperation in making these changes as ceremonial teams are trained for their responsibilities.