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THE NEW RIVER EXPERIENCE



SummitCorps: *The New River Experience*

The National Order of the Arrow Committee is pleased to announce SummitCorps: *The New River Experience* - a hybrid of *ArrowCorps*⁵ and our OA High Adventure programs. During July 2011, SummitCorps: *The New River Experience* will provide service to the New River Gorge National River in West Virginia. Upgrading the trail bed of the Garden Grand Hike and Bike Trail, along with invasive species removal, will be the focus of the project. The Garden Grand Hike and Bike Trail connects the New River Gorge National River to the Boy Scout's new high adventure base and home of the Jamboree - The Summit: The Bechtel Family National Reserve.

Lodge contingents have a choice of four sessions to attend - 1) July 3 - 9, 2) July 10 - 16, 3) July 17 - 23, and 4) July 24 - 30. Similar to *ArrowCorps*⁵ and our High Adventure programs, the week will consist of service and recreation opportunities.

The projected cost for each participant is \$250. Youth and adults may participate in SummitCorps - *The New River Experience*. Lodge contingents are responsible for transportation to and from the event site. The Charleston, WV and Columbus, OH airports are convenient to the event site.

Participants will be required to meet the BSA High Adventure Height/Weight Requirements found on the BSA Annual Health and Medical Form.

More event information, registration details, and promotional materials will be available by late summer. A series of informational webinars will be held in late summer to provide more details to section and lodge leadership. You can expect another email this summer to alert you to information posted to the web and announce the dates of the webinars. 🐎

Congratulations to Our New Section Chiefs!

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Chiefly Speaking

With Fred Gross



2010 Western Region Chief Fred Gross

Dear Brothers in service,

I hope that everyone is now enjoying their summer vacation. With the summer here this is going to be our chance to get out and go to summer camps and go on high adventure. Hopefully each and every one of you will spend part of your summer camping. As I have spoken about before using the outdoors will help each of us to become strong and independent leaders through the trials

we under go.

Last week I got back from my climbing trip to Ecuador. The goal of this trip was to climb Volcano's over 19,000 feet. This did not come to pass. We started the trip by climbing volcano's that were not as high. We were able to climb two different peaks so that we were getting adjusted to the high elevation. After the first two peaks we headed to Cotopaxi to 19,000-foot peak we were hoping to climb. Go in to this climb I felt very sure we were going to summit, the weather was clear and cold, everyone was feeling great and we knew our skills. So the climb starts at 12:00 am from our base camp at 15,600 all was looking great until we got to just over 17,500feet when the glacier ice was now acting like waterfall ice. Now what is the difference you may ask? Well on the glacier ice our crampons could grip and if we had to build a system our anchors would hold. Due to warm days on the volcano the snow would warm up and melt and flow like water over the top of the ice so at night when it froze it became sheet ice. When we hit this ice our crampons on would no longer dig in our ice axes would just bounce out if we tried to place them in the ice, and on top of all that there was a half inch layer of ice over all of the crevasse making them very hard to find but very easy to fall through. At this point we as a team had to stop and analyze the situation and decide if it was safe to keep climbing. We came to the decision that if one of

us fell on the 55 degree trail we would not be able to stop our slide nor would our team mates on the rope this would put the whole rope team in danger. If one person was to fall or trip they could bring the whole rope sliding to our deaths. We made the decision to turn around and head back to camp.



Now why did I just talk about my trip? Well the point of this is the point of what I always speak of and that is how we can keep learning and developing from our skills in the outdoors. We were forced to turn around 2,000 below our summit that we had been working towards for months. When we came across the ice situation I was able to use the leaderthink model to make my decision as a member of the rope team. Turning around was a very hard thing to do but understanding the elements we as a team were able to work through the stages and come up with a new plan after we analyzed the situation.

I hope each of you has the chance to get out and express the wilderness where ever you are, but as important make sure when the time comes to be a leader that you step up and seize what is in front of you. After your trip think about in what ways you have become a stronger brother, Mother, Father and leader.

Leadership is love

Fred Gross

Fred Gross
2010 Western Region Chief 🐎

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What is NLS?

Here's what two participants had to say...

By NLS Participant Jeffrey Bouchard, Tah-Heetch Lodge

Have you gone to the NLS? I have and it was great! It was so much fun. At the National Leadership Seminar from April 30th through May 2nd, we learned a lot of new concepts. One of which was how to be an effective leader. We learned what a leader must DO, KNOW, and BE (committed to). One of the basic things of all leadership is that a leader must know trust. A leader must also know how to trust. A leader must be flexible and must be able to fit the needs of those he or she serves.

We started out for the NLS by driving to Granlibakken Lodge in Lake Tahoe California. We arrived, checked in to the conference and took our seats for the first session. During the session we learned how to be even better leaders than before. After the second session we went to our very nice, up-style hotel rooms to get a good nights sleep.

Saturday morning we woke up, ate breakfast and went into the conference room for our next couple of sessions. Each session had a lesson taught by a different instructor. Two of the instructors at the conference were our very own Western Region Chief and National Vice Chief. Later that Saturday we had lunch. After lunch we had some free time. One of the cool things about being up at Lake Tahoe was that there was still snow on the ground. Some of us went down to the snow covered hills next to the resort and had a snowball fight. After about an hour, two of the staff also joined in. Once recreation time was over we all gathered up for the Scouts Own ceremony. After the Scouts Own ceremony instructions resumed. In these instructions we learned to put ourselves last and those we lead before us. Later that night we watched a movie with a cracker barrel.

Sunday morning we finished up the sessions and had an awards ceremony. Through out the whole training much fun was had with great instructors. One comment was made that each of the participants changed that weekend. We changed in size, because of the great food, and we changed in the amount of knowledge we possessed.



Throughout the whole training the instructors were supportive, helpful, and sometimes crazy. The NLS also had a West is Best trading post throughout the event. The NLS was one of the best and most fun events I have ever been to. I recommend that all leaders and future leaders go to this training. Everyone is a leader whether they know it or not. One of the key concepts I took from this training is to seize the day. This means that once an opportunity is missed it may never happen again.

By NLS Participant Jason Edgar, Achewon Nimat Lodge

Going to a national event is probably one of the best things you can do as a youth in the OA. On the way to NLS I thought it would be just one of the other many training sessions that the OA offers, but by the end I was totally wrong. At the NLS in Lake Tahoe I met people from all over the region, who otherwise I would have never have had the chance to meet. There are so many memories and ideas that I came home with and frankly, I cannot wait to use as many of them as I can in my lodge and troop. NLS is such a great event that I would not even mind going through the training five or ten more times, actually I would really enjoy it. There is so much to learn and yet the staff makes it so much fun at the same time. They have so much enthusiasm that by the end of the week even if you are one of the calmest people in the world you will leave the conference with the confidence to yell and scream in a group of people without being embarrassed. This event will not disappoint anyone who decides to go, overall you will learn how to be, know, and do, but most importantly how you **gotta know the territory!** 🐾





The BSA is putting Scouting on the map!

That's right! The BSA is putting Scouting on the map all across the nation! In time for Join Scouting 2010, the Boy Scouts of America will have its own joining Web page with information on Scouting, plus an actual Google map application that will help potential Scouts and their parents find packs, troops, and crews in their communities. *It's real and it's coming!*

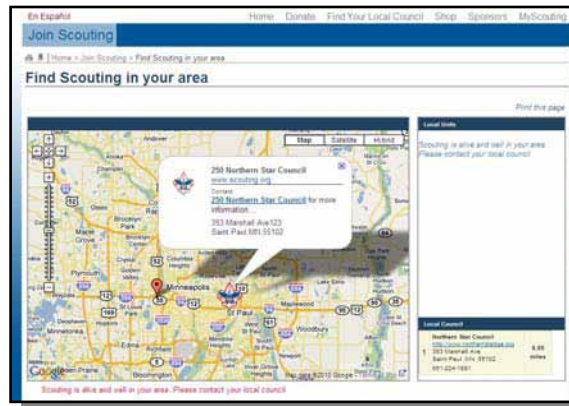
When?

On June 1, the National Council will stage a new national Web page address and roll out training on the new BeAScout Google map unit locator.

How will it work?

In a nutshell, unit leaders will be able to update their unit's Google "pin" – the bubble you see on Google maps – through MyScouting. They can add their unit meeting time, location, phone number, unit Web site address if they have one, as well as a contact name for the unit. *It's easy!*

The Google Pin. The information in the "pins" will be tied to unit records in the BSA's database. Unit leaders will have the ability to update this information to keep it accurate and up to date. They will be able to edit it as often as they like.



"Ask Us! We can help." A new feature allows people interested in a particular unit to e-mail questions to the unit leaders. For instance, say a potential Scout parent wants to know, *"What night does your den meet?"*

The parent would click on the "For More Information" link. The site will open up a "blind" email window (the sender never sees the actual email address.) He or she types the

question and presses Enter. The leader receives the question and can respond.

BeAScout keeps a record of the question and the person requesting the information and whether or not they receive a response. Plus, unit leaders, district personnel, council staff, area, region, and national-level staff can run reports to see the requests coming in and whether or not responses are being sent. 🐎

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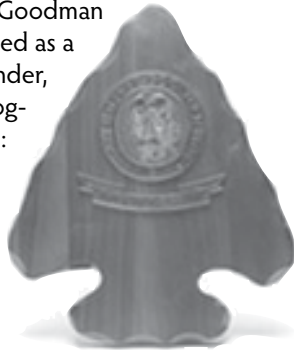
- Why is this important for the BSA?**
- 1. Consistent marketing.** One national Web site (not 300) we can use in marketing materials, PSAs, etc., that directs potential Scouts to local units.
 - 2. Find Scouting Near You!** It's a great way to find Scouting in your community.
 - 3. "Join Now!"** An easier way to invite families to join.



2010 E. URNER GOODMAN CAMPING AWARD AND NATIONAL SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

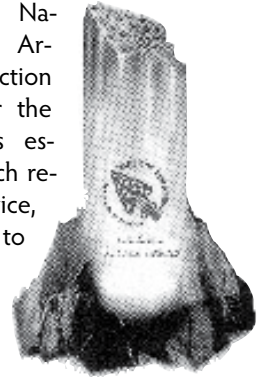
The Recognitions Subcommittee of the National Committee of the Order of the Arrow is pleased to announce the selection of two lodges in the Western Region for the E. Urner Goodman Camping Award. The award was established as a tribute and testimonial to the Order's founder, E. Urner Goodman. The lodges being recognized for their 2008 accomplishments are:

- **CAHUILLA LODGE**, California Inland Empire Council #45, Redlands, Ca
- **ORCA LODGE**, Redwood Empire Council #41, Santa Rosa, Ca



The Recognitions Subcommittee of the National Committee of the Order of the Arrow is also pleased to announce the selection of two lodges in the Western Region for the National Service Award. The award was established in 1999 to recognize lodges in each region that have performed outstanding service, both in a qualitative and quantitative sense, to their councils. The lodges being recognized for their 2008 accomplishments are:

- **CAHUILLA LODGE**, California Inland Empire Council #45, Redlands, CA
- **WIATAVA LODGE**, Orange County Council #39, Santa Anna Ca



Celebrating the Adventure ★ *Continuing the Journey*



A Train!

The BSA and Union Pacific Railroad unveiled the UP No. 2010 Boy Scouts of America Locomotive, created as a tribute to the BSA's centennial celebration. Only the 14th time in UP history that it has created a commemorative locomotive, the UP No. 2010 honors Scouting's 100-year impact. More info and fact sheets available at: www.up.com/boyscouts.



A Car!

BSA Motorsports and Dale Coyne Racing this week unveiled a striking new paint job for their No. 19 IndyCar. The special edition replaces the traditional Scouting fleur-de-lis with the BSA 2010 logo. Also gone is the red, white, and blue styling—replaced by the rich, eye-catching gold color you see above. The timing of the announcement is perfect. You know all about the 100th Anniversary of Scouting, but 2010 also marks the 100th birthday of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.



In Memory of Esten Grubb



The Western region has lost a great Arrowman. It is with great sadness for so many members of the Boy Scouts of America of which he was a proud and dedicated member for 75 years, and the literally thousands of boys whose futures he found it his calling to help shape over those many decades, that we note Esten passed peacefully and humbly after a very brief illness in the Whittier, California home which he shared with his beloved Midge (Gloria) for over 58 of their 63 years of marriage. Gloria and his two sons, Travis and Tim were with him as he began his "adventure" to see what's "on the other side". It was a "quest" of which he spoke often, contemplated for several years, and now no doubt, pursues with the vigor of a new life and a freshly pressed Boy Scout uniform, compass in hand. 🐎





World Scout Jamboree



Overview

The World Scout Jamboree (WSJ) is held every four years and this will be the first WSJ with an OA contingent. The event will bring 40,000 Scouts from 114 countries together

to share international friendship and provide adventure for personal growth and development. Imagine camping next to a Scout unit from Poland, eating lunch with Scouts from Chile, trading uniforms and insignia with Scouts from Greece, and playing games with Scouts from Thailand. The possibilities are endless and the memories are forever!

The theme for the 2011 WSJ is "Simply Scouting" which will focus on camping and basic scouting skills. The Order is Scouting's National Honor Society and is rooted in the outdoors. The theme of the event will be a great opportunity to showcase the Order.

In order to attend this event as a Scout, you must have been born between July 25, 1993 and July 27, 1997, no exceptions.

OA Contingent

The Western Region will be sending several troops to the WSJ based on geographic location. Scouts from neighboring councils will join together in representing the BSA to the world. This jamboree will include an opportunity for Western Region Arrowmen to attend the event as one unit! As part of the unit, Scouts will have the opportunity to develop region wide brotherhood, participate in leadership development and share ideas to strengthen the region.

Sign up Today!

For more information or to register visit: www.scouting.org/worldjamboree

As part of the application process, please put on form that you would like to join the OA contingent and email Patrick Murphy after submitting the proper documentation.

Questions?

Email Patrick Murphy at pmurphy59@yahoo.com or visit: www.scouting.org/worldjamboree





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Western Region Calendar

Event

Date

Location

National Scout Jamboree	July 26–August 4, 2010	Ft. AP Hill, VA
W-2N Conclave	August 27-29, 2010	Camp Morrison, McCall, ID
W-6P Conclave	September 10-12, 2010	Camp Maluhia, Maui, HI
W-1S Conclave	September 10-12, 2010	Willamette Pass Ski Resort, OR
W-3N Conclave	September 17-19, 2010	Camp Masonite Navarro, CA
W-3S Conclave	September 24-26, 2010	Camp Chesebrough, CA
W-4N Conclave	September 24-26, 2010	Oak View Resource Center, CA
W-1E Conclave	September 24-26, 2010	Camp Easton, CA
W-4S Conclave	October 1-3, 2010	El Monte High School, CA
Western Region NLS/NLATS	October 22-24, 2010	Philmont Scout Ranch, NM
Western Region Gathering	October 29-31, 2010	Heard Scout Pueblo, Phoenix, AZ
Western Region LLD	November 5-7, 2010	Tokyo, Japan
W-5 Conclave	April 29 - May 1, 2011	Regis Jesuit High School, CO
W-1N Conclave	April 29 - May 1, 2011	Colony High School Palmer, AK