

"You were selected as pacesetters  
in cheerful service."  
-E. Urner Goodman

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## 2007 NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND CONSERVATION SUMMIT BY JOHN KONDZIOLKA

The National Conservation & Leadership Summit was held this past month at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. It only lasted five days, but it felt just as exciting as a NOAC.

The 2007 NCLS had a two-fold purpose: to train and prepare the leaders of the ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup> service project to be held in 2008, and to unveil the 2008-2012 Order of the Arrow Strategic Plan. As such, there was a Conservation Track (for ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup>) and Leadership Track (for general education and the Strategic Plan).

Conservation participants spent much time in specialized training, including an entire day in the forest, enabling them to better serve you when you attend one of the five ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup> sites next summer.

Leadership participants took training classes geared toward better serving the lodges and sections of the OA, with a special focus on implementation of the 2008-2012 Strategic Plan. At the conclusion of the summit, members of the leadership contingents for each lodge met in different places all around the campus and had hours of goal-planning for their council and lodges. The material resulting from these planning conferences will be made available in the future.

Of course, the NCLS was not *all* about service.

The opening day had games available, from blow-dart shooting to Frisbee on the

lawns and Jenga in the entrance hall. Participants for both leadership and conservation took over the Indiana University pool for, literally, a giant pool party including an eating contest (won by our own Chief – Chad Wolver) and intense games of volleyball. The following night was devoted to Region Gatherings, immediately followed by a Region versus Region Dodgeball Super-Tournament on the Indiana University football field. Imagine over a thousand people in two simultaneous games of



dodgeball covering 100 yards by 50 yards and involving more than 20 referees. It was incredibly intense and an amazing time! Overall, the Summit was a fantastic time for all who participated.

More information on ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup> and the OA Strategic Plan is available at [www.oa-bsa.org](http://www.oa-bsa.org). Be sure to visit the Region website at [www.western.oa-bsa.org](http://www.western.oa-bsa.org) for continued news regarding both. 🐎





## CHIEFLY SPEAKING

WITH CHAD WOLVER



This year has been an eye-opener for me. I have traveled to the far reaches of our Region, meeting and having a blast with Arrowmen that I have met. Some of the highlights of this year have been the Japan NLS where I met over thirty enthusiastic members of the Ach-

pateuny Lodge, the Alaskan Conclave where I ate Muktuk (whale blubber) and participated in a milk-chugging mile race, the Hawaiian conclave where I gorged my face in irresistible food and mastered the art of the Frisbee Golf, the Wiatava Lodge banquet, where I was driven into the banquet hall in a Bentley, the National Conservation and Leadership Summit where the West reigned supreme as I conquered the National food eating contest and many more Conclaves, NLS's and lodge banquets.


Throughout the year though, a few unforgettable events stick out in my memory. First and foremost, the Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage program was extraordinary. My entire crew decided to travel 126 miles, just to carry our three 75lb. canoes and our six packs (weighing anywhere from 50 to 90lbs.) over the Grand Portage (the longest portage in northern Minnesota). We spent the first week rebuilding a portage trail in the forest and then ventured out on the water to complete our journey. Even though I did the same Voyage last year, the two weeks I spent with my crew inspired me to live the ideals of our Order. Both of my foremen (shout-out to Dizzy and Pedro) taught me that whenever you set your mind to something, you can achieve it regardless of the impediments that lay in your path.

The next memorable journey that I weathered was the Order of the Arrow Trail Crew program. Like Wilderness Voyage, this was the second time I participated in this program but it was nonetheless memorable. My crew was only the second crew to work on the Dean Canyon stake line but we managed to construct close to a quarter-mile of trail. The second week we summited the second highest peak that any crew (including special treks) is allowed to climb –

– Baldy – and the highest peak that not many crews ever climb – Little Costilla. Needless to say, by the end of the trek I was sporting some pretty raw feet and some very epic scars. But my foremen – Fudge and Stephen – along with the rest of my crew, truly taught me the lesson that a group can accomplish more than any individual because positive encouragement and relentless optimism can never be overcome.

The most important thing that this year has brought me is reassurance. Traveling to these different locations to enjoy an array of events has shown me that the spirit of our Order remains just as strong in the hearts and minds of Arrowmen as Goodman envisioned. Brotherhood, cheerfulness and service have integrated themselves into a flurry of personal development, uniquely disguised in what we once called the Wimachtendienk. Brothers, I am proud to serve our Region and I want you to know that your dedication is inspiring. Just remember that whatever we do and say as leaders, defines the type of leaders we are. Be the servant leaders of your unit, district and council – let us make the difference and serve our fellow man!

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## NATIONAL LEADERSHIP SEMINAR



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## NATIONAL LODGE ADVISER TRAINING SEMINAR

NLATS, recommended for potential lodge advisers who have completed the NLS, focuses on the skills and attributes of effective lodge advisers.

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# WEST IS BEST!



## OA OCEAN ADVENTURE BY JACK CHINN


Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure has changed my life. What an incredible experience. Not only do you learn how to and become certified in scuba diving, but you spend your Adventure giving cheerful service to your Earth on, near and especially in the water. Breathing underwater is a trip. It is something you *have* to experience if you have the opportunity.

I had an amazing time down there in the Keys. The fellowship I was able to partake in and the bonds that I formed with my Brothers, whom I've never met before, are something that will stick with me for the rest



of my life. I can't go into too much detail about what actually happens, but I promise you it is a life changing experience. Something that every Arrowman should try to do before he turns 21.

Cheerful service on or near the water. A simple statement. And that's all you need to know...

For more information on the Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure or other OA High Adventure opportunities, contact your Lodge Chief or visit [www.adventure.oa-bsa.org](http://www.adventure.oa-bsa.org). 

## OA WILDERNESS VOYAGE BY KYLE PETERSON

Boy Scouting has enabled me the opportunity to go on some amazing trips including the 2005 National Jamboree. After attending the 2006 NOAC I thought nothing could be as much fun, however, this last summer I was proved wrong. I went the Wilderness Voyage in Minnesota. This amazing OA High Adventure program gave me the chance to spend two weeks in the beautiful wilderness of the boundary waters, provide cheerful service, and receive the experience of a lifetime while building friendships that will last well into the future.

I was, at first, a little skeptical to travel across the country by myself and leave my friends and family behind for two weeks. But, as soon as I met my fellow OA crewmembers I knew that this was going to be the best experience of my life. The next day we were off on our voyage and waved the base goodbye. I was excited and ready to head off into the forest.

Then, 19 miles and three portages later, I was a little skeptical of my physical ability, to say the least. The Aluma-craft canoes are a little heavier than they look. Once we arrived at our campsite we made camp and got to know each other. I was in a full crew of seven participants including myself, and two foremen. The workweek was demanding, both mentally and physically. The only way I was able to make it through was leaning on my crewmembers and enjoying the many laughs we had




along the way. Those five days flew by and I was amazed at the service we did: improving a portage trail that everyone from across the globe can appreciate for many years to come. I can truly say that without doing that service my experience would not have been the same.

Following the service portion of the trip we headed out on our voyage. It was a thrilling experience the first day when we were able to hold the canoes together, lash a tarp to two paddles and sail down the lake. The breeze through my hair and the laughter in the air will warm my heart for years to come.

Over the six days of our voyage, through beaver swamp, unkempt portages and the infamous "quagmire of doom", my crew members and I traveled an additional 170 miles, for a total of 190 miles overall. My crewmembers, once unfamiliar to me, were now a group of men that I gladly call my brothers who I will remember for the rest of my life.

I highly encourage any OA member to fill out an application to any of the three high adventure bases. If you are becoming disengaged with the OA or Boy Scouts, your experience with the high adventure program will invigorate you with such fire that your passion for cheerfulness and service will burn unlike ever before.

For more information on OA high adventure opportunities, consult your Lodge Chief or visit [www.adventure.oa-bsa.org](http://www.adventure.oa-bsa.org). 

"HE WHO SERVES HIS FELLOWS, IS, OF ALL HIS FELLOWS, GREATEST"

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## ARROWCORPS<sup>5</sup> BY STEVEN HEIMARK

# ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup>

Five Sites... Five Weeks...  
Five Thousand Volunteers




Mark it on your calendar! ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup>, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, is just around the corner. ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup> is going to be the largest service project undertaken by the Boy Scouts of America, as we work hand in hand with the National Parks to preserve their natural beauty.

The program is open to both youth and adult Arrowmen who are at least 14 years of age by June 1, 2008 and meet the Philmont height and weight requirements. As Western Region Arrowmen, we have a unique opportunity for the ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup> projects as three of the five sites are in our own backyard. The project sites and dates are as follows:

Mark Twain National Forest (June 7-14, 2008), Manti-La Sal National Forest (June 14-21, 2008), George Washington & Jefferson National Forest (June 21-28, 2008), Shasta- Trinity National Forest (July 12-19, 2008) Bridger- Teton National Forest (July 26-Aug 2, 2008).

The week a participant spends at a site will be action-packed, including training on proper safety, working at the site, and a day of recreation. Our National goal is to achieve 1,000 Arrowmen at each of the five sites. We need your help in achieving this goal. Let's show the Nation where the Western Region stands by being part of such a historical event!

The cost for the program is only \$250 per person, per site. This will cover the cost of your food, supplies, and recreation. With the limited space for each site, availability is on a first come, first served basis. Contact your Lodge and get registered today. You do not want to miss out on being a part of Scouting history. More information on ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup> can be found at: <http://event.oa-bsa.org>. 





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