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The inspiration of the Power of One



The opening show at the 2009 National Order of the Arrow Conference.

By ROBERT MASON

Program and Events Editor

This past conference saw nearly 3,700 first-time attendees, a record number. Throughout the week, delegates gathered for nightly shows that touched on humor, recognition, and personal reflection. In the final show, Arrowmen were challenged to consider how one idea, one person, or one event can change the face of history.

The thematic component of NOAC was initiated even before the conference began through the Order's own social networking site, and hopefully this communication will continue to serve as a valuable resource for Arrowmen.

Many lodges begin preparing for national conferences far in advance. Eswau Huppeday, of western North Carolina, is one such lodge that for the past three years had been training its 2009 Southern Singing Drum Team at weekly meetings in hopes that they could earn the title of national champions. Other lodges also spent significant amounts of time preparing for NOAC competitions, such as the film festival, recreational events, and Founder's Day.

Of the overall conference experience, Don Combs, a section chief from Kentucky, said, "the idea of all Arrowmen coming together to meet and learn from one another is truly what our Order stands for."

In his address to our Order, National Vice Chief Dan Higham challenged each guest to look within themselves for their own Power of One story. His personal testament encouraged Arrowmen to be the change in their community. "We all hold them, but we must decide what role they will play in our lives"

In preparation for the second century of Scouting, Arrowmen were encouraged to think of all that has been accomplished in the past and the roles we can play in the future. One of our first opportunities to do this is at the 2010 National Scout Jamboree. Details are available online at the national OA Web site. Arrowmen are encouraged to sign up for the "Navigator News Blasts" to get the most up-to-date information about this 100th Anniversary event.

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See pages 4-5 for a photo review of the 2009 National Order of the Arrow

Visit www.live.oa-bsa.org to learn more about conference life, activities, shows, and exciting programs.

ArrowCorps⁵ one year later

One of the themes that the Instructor Corps introduced to ArrowCorps⁵ participants during the projects last summer was the importance of legacy. The ensuing discussions often described the impact that parents, Scoutmasters, national heroes, or specific events had on the lives of the participants. Now, one year later, it seems appropriate to consider the legacy of ArrowCorps⁵. The most obvious impact of ArrowCorps⁵ is the physical conservation work. Below are some brief highlights and updates from each of the sites since that time.

The Mark Twain National Forest had a controlled burn to dispose of the wood cut during the project. They are planning a dedication ceremony

and reunion to celebrate an official installment of an 'Arrowmen Glade' sign in the Glade this October.

At the Manti-La-Sal National Forest, the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management have monitored the project sites where the tamarisk plants were removed and found that only 2 to 3 percent of the tamarisk has resprouted. Local Boy Scout units and OA lodges have expressed interest in follow-up work on the project to ensure that tamarisk does not return to the cleared

At the George Washington-Jefferson

see ARROWCORPS⁵, page 8

National Leadership Brad Haddock, after

at NOAC.

9 years as National Chairman, passes the torch to Ray Capp.

National Awards

49 Distinguished Service

Awards and 3 Red Arrow

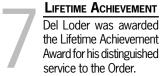
Awards were presented

NOAC 2009

The Power of One - A photo review of the 2009 National Conference at Indiana University.









2009/10 National Planning Calendar

October

OA Charter Renewal Kits Distributed

9-11 NLS. Denver. CO

BSA National Meetings, Dallas, TX

23-25 SOS, Tempe, AZ

NLS, Dayton, OH

November

NLS/NLATS. Parkville. MO

SOS, Alpine, NJ

NLS/NLATS, Covington, GA

20-22 NLS/NLATS, Portland, OR

SOS, Islamorada, FL (Central Region)

December

27-30 National OA Planning Meeting, Dallas, TX

Lodge Charters Due

February

OA Steering Comm. Meeting, Washington, DC

12-14 NLS, Japan

19-21 NLS/NLATS, Canton, MS

26-28 NLS/NLATS, Rochester, IN

27-28 BSA Report to the Nation

March

1-3 BSA Report to the Nation

26-28 NLS/NLATS, Alpine, NJ

April

9-11 NLS, Orange, CA

16-8 NLS, Plymouth, MA

23-25 NLS, High Ridge, MO

May

26-28 BSA National Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX

National OA Committee Meeting, Dallas, TX

26 June

8 Philmont OA Trail Crew Begins

9 Northern Tier OA Voyage / Odyssey Begins

OA Ocean Adventure Begins

20-26 OA Lodge Adviser Conference, Cimarron, NM

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Haddock passes torch

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People and Recognitions Editor

In 2000, past national chief Brad Haddock became a trailblazer again for the Order of the Arrow with his appointment as chairman of the national Order of the Arrow committee. As national chairman, Brad worked tirelessly to uphold the traditions upon which our organization is founded. He led the effort to expand the role of the Order in Scouting, with emphasis on leadership and outdoor stewardship.

The results of this effort are obvious in projects such as Philbreak, the OA high-adventure programs, and ArrowCorps⁵. Implementation of strategic plans and changes to the mission and purpose of the OA enhanced servant leadership. Nine years later, the legacy that he has helped to create illustrates his unprecedented commitment.

Under Brad's leadership, the Order of the Arrow has experienced five national OA conferences. Attendance at each was more than 6,500 with a record 8,000 participants at the 2006 NOAC. Nonconference years also boasted elaborate national programs: Indian Summer in 2003 focused on Native American culture within the Order, and the National Conservation and Leadership Summit in 2007 prepared the OA for ArrowCorps⁵ and the current strategic plan.

In both 2001 and 2005, the Order of the Arrow made its mark at the national jamborees through successful mobilization of the OA Service Corps, execution of the American Indian Village and The Outdoor Adventure Place, as well as two unforgettable

On September 1, Ray Capp, the outgoing vice chairman for technology







Brad Haddock

"Brad has been the ideal person to lead the committee during this new millennium. His experience, vision, energy, dedication, and approach through servant leadership has made us a stronger, more viable, and engaged organization. Our program, events, and vitality to our councils, communities, and the nation have all grown dramatically during the time of his leadership."

- Ray Capp, National Chairman

"Brad's license plate says it all: SRVTLDR." - Jake Wellman, 2008 National Chief

and special projects, stepped into his new role as national chairman. Ray, on behalf of our entire organization, expressed a sincere gratitude for the weighty responsibilities Brad Haddock had assumed on behalf of the Order of the Arrow during the past decade. He looks forward to Brad's continued service with the national Order of the Arrow committee.

NATIONAL UPDATES

Multicultural Markets replaces Scoutreach

OA mentoring will continue to serve with the Multicultural Markets Team. Visit scouting.org/MultiCultural.aspx for more information.

Online OA Trading Post

Click on the OA Trading Post banner on

the home page of the OA Web site to purchase great recognition items and gifts. Click on the National Endowment page to review the selection of coins, figurines and prints.

Fill-able OA Forms online

OA forms are available on oa-bsa.org that include text fields that allow them

to be filled out online. Forms include high adventure applications, national award applications, the Vigil Honor petition, and the Distinguished Service Award nomination form.

2008 Quality Lodge pins

Pins are now available for ordering. Lodges may purchase pins for \$1.50.

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Resisting stereotypes

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The recent national OA conference offered a chance to observe not only a congregation of nearly 7000 Arrowmen, but also how they interacted with one another, responded to challenges, and carried themselves. Without a doubt there were many similarities among us Brothers; after all, we are all role models in Scouting and in our communities. When so many men and women who occupy these roles come together in one place, a degree of commonality is only to be expected. However, at the same time, the differences between us are equally as important to emphasize because these individualities are what make our organization such a dynamic one.

In groups large and small, politics can often play an important role in helping us achieve our goals of getting elected to an office or swaying public opinion and having our ideas adopted by the rest of the group. However, it is important to recognize that there is no set formula to be an effective and inspirational leader-no universal manner of dressing, behaving, or even set of background characteristics which exists that will allow you to typecast yourself as the 'ideal' role model. Often, and especially for younger Arrowmen, it is easy to look up to someone like an adviser or OA Section Chief and believe that mimicking their leadership style or adopting similar mannerisms is necessary to achieve our own success or to follow in their footsteps. This



is not always the case. Evidence of this is found even in the highest offices of our government, where our current president and the most recently appointed Supreme Court justice have both had pasts more atypical than any of their predecessors—but nevertheless

"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference."

 The Road Not Taken, by Robert Frost

have still maintained a very high degree of success as leaders.

Several years ago, I encountered a young man who often liked to quote

a line from the famous Robert Frost poem, The Road Not Taken, in his speeches when running for elected offices in the OA. "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference." By far, this is a pattern that has proved itself true time and time again. It is important to remember that we are all distinct leaders, each with unique strengths and weaknesses, and that because of this there are always several roads that can lead us to achieve the same goal.

Don't be afraid to take on a challenge or to try something new just because it is hard or has never been done before. In the end, it will be these differences—this individuality in the choices you make—that will distinguish you as a leader and a friend. In this way it is possible, then, that by simply not blending into the crowd as much you can render yourself an even greater service to others.

Adviser training at Philmont

Next summer, from June 20–26, members of the National Order of the Arrow Committee will facilitate a think-tank at the 2010 Lodge Adviser Conference. Seminars at this event will be geared toward topics such as improving membership retention, techniques for improving lodge and chapter communication, and insights regarding the Quality Lodge Recognition program. Unlike traditional educational events, participant input will largely

direct the topics that get discussed at this week-long conference.

A 2009 Lodge Adviser Conference participant, Bob Rooney, of Wipala Wiki lodge offered the National Bulletin some comments on his experience, noting that the event was "very informative and the free flow of ideas helped everyone feel comfortable and get the most out of their time at Philmont."

While at the training center, participants and their families will

also have several opportunities for extracurricular activities at Philmont Scout Ranch and the surrounding area. Activities such as hiking, fishing, and horseback riding will all be offered mid-week at this conference.

Adult Arrowmen can register for this event through myscouting. scouting.org beginning in October 2009. For more information, please contact Michael Thompson at Thompson1994@msn.com.



The revised purpose talks less about camping; does that mean we don't support or partake in camping as much?

BurningIssues

Not at all. The updated purpose combines the old points that referred to camping into a single, streamlined statement that also highlights environmental stewardship. This allowed us to include a point about leadership development - something that has always been important to the Order but not officially reflected in the purpose (until now).

Send your Burning Issues to Editor in Chief Mark Hendricks at mphendricks@gmail.com.

Chiefly Speaking



Brothers,

With a dedicated staff, strong leadership, and enthusiastic guests, we cannot be more elated about having successfully conducted the 30th National Order of the Arrow Conference in our great Order's history. On behalf of the conference committee, we thank each staff member who helped to make this NOAC unforgettable. They truly embodied the spirit of cheerful service. As tribute to the dedication that these Arrowmen showed, we were able to leave Indiana this summer with a legacy worth recounting in our Order for years to come.

The theme, "The Power of One," was chosen as a "guide phrase" that Arrowmen can grasp—as confirmation that within each of us exists the power to bring about a world of difference. Take this message back to your lodges and show others how they too can find strength not only within masses, but also as individuals.

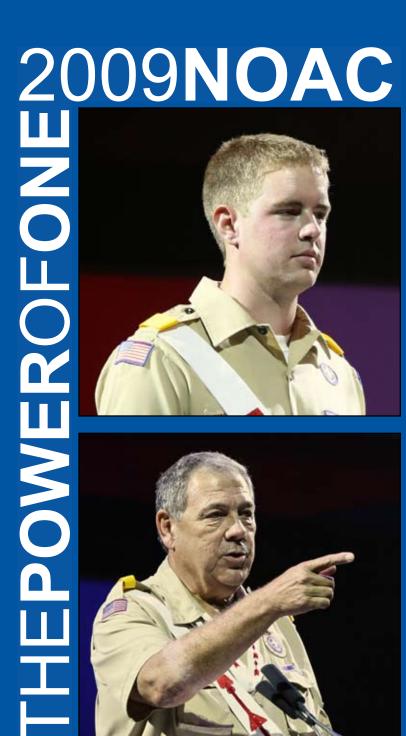
As your national chief and vice chief were honored to share this NOAC with you and help bring your vision for this experience to life. After meeting so many Arrowmen this summer who were attending their first conference, it is clear to us that the future of our Order is very bright.

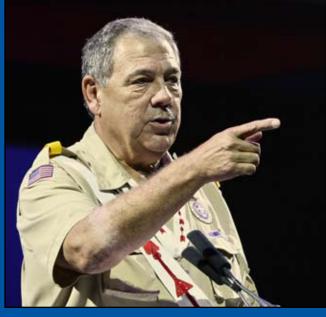
Over the past nine years, Chairman Brad Haddock's service to the National Committee and to the Order of the Arrow has laid a foundation for a future of unparalleled servant leadership. He has been an inspiration to all who have worked with him and a personal mentor to many youth national officers—for which we personally would like to extend our thanks. This transition of leadership, as is often the case, further begs the question of what difference do you hope to make in our Order? Who will you impact? How will you live to embody "The Power of One," now and in the future? The opportunities are endless for us as citizens and as members of our brotherhood to make a true difference and to be that power.

Yours in Service,

Jack O'Neill 2009 National Chief

Daniel Higham 2009 National Vice Chief









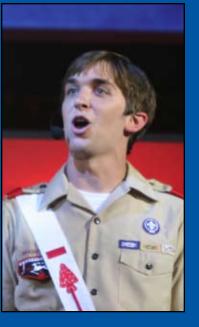






















2009NOAC

Arrowmen recognized for their service

The Distinguished Service Award was created in 1940 to honor Arrowmen for their service to the Order beyond the lodge level. The award is presented to those Arrowmen who have rendered distinguished and outstanding service to the Order on an area, regional, or national basis. The award is presented at National Order of the Arrow Conferences. Since the time the first award was presented, 839 Arrowmen have been recognized with this honor.

The award consists of a sterling silver arrowhead, bearing an arrow pointing upward and to the wearer's right, suspended from a white neckribbon upon which are embroidered red arrows.

At the 2009 National Order of the Arrow Conference, the following Arrowmen were presented with the Distinguished Service Award. The Order of the Arrow hereby recognizes these Arrowmen and thanks them again for their service:

Kevin Lloyd Anderson, South Plainfield, NJ Kyle Wayne Becker, Bismarck, ND Michael D. Bliss, Klamath Falls, OR Forrest I. Bolles, Raymore, MO Alexander F. Braden, Covina, CA Russell A. Bresnahan, St. Louis, MO Wayne Brock, Irving, TX Toby D. Capps, Renton, WA Evan P. Chaffee, San Juan Capistrano, CA Jay H. Corpening II, Wilmington, NC Dustin James Counts, Charlotte, NC Darrell Woodley Donahue, Old Town, ME S. Tyler Elliott, Fairborn, OH Thomas H. Fitzgibbon, Tempe, AZ James A. Flatt, Huntsville, AL Jonathan Eric Fuller, Columbia Cross Roads, PA T. Alex Gomez, Miami, FL John H. Green, Irving, TX Kenneth James Hager, Smock, PA Adam D. Heaps, New Holland, PA Mark Patrick Hendricks, Richland, WA Douglas G. Hirdler. Ely, MN Burl E. Holland, Charlotte, NC



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The Class of 2009 at the Sunday evening show at the 2009 National Order of the Arrow Conference.

Red Arrow Awarded for unselfish commitment

The Red Arrow Award was created in 1967 to recognize individuals who are not members of the Order of the Arrow for their outstanding service to the Order.

It is awarded by action of the National Order of the Arrow Committee, and typically only presented for service contributions over a significant period of time.

The Order of the Arrow congratulates these 2009 recipients of the Red Arrow Award and again thanks them for their service to the Order.

Rosetta LeClair, Ponca City, OK Sandra Reti, Parlin, NJ Patricia Swedenburg, Dallas, GA



Left to Right: Patricia Swedenburg, Ron Bell, Sandra Reti, Brad Haddock, and Rosetta LeClair during the presentation of the Red Arrow Awards.

Loder receives Lifetime Achievement Award

By GRAHAM RAPIER Staff Writer

This year Del Loder became the fourth person, ever, to be awarded the Order of the Arrow's Lifetime Achievement Award. Del is a Vigil Honor member of T'Kope Kwiskwis lodge in Seattle, Washington and has been involved in Scouting for more than 60 years.

At age 7, Del went with his father to a Boy Scout Circus Jubilee Program near their hometown in Washington, and at its conclusion he had the lucky opportunity to shake hands with Sir Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scouts of America.

Again at age 19, he was afforded yet another rare opportunity to meet one of Scouting's great innovators-Dr. E. Urner Goodman, founder of the Order of the Arrow. At their meeting, however, he did not talk to Goodman about the OA—instead he was more eager to hear

about how he went about organizing the first national Scout jamboree in the United States

During their discussion, Goodman inquired as to why he was not yet a member of the Order of the Arrow. Del explained that no OA lodge existed in his council for him to join. Soon after that meeting, a lodge was chartered to Del Loder's council, and on July 3, 1954, he was inducted into the Order of the Arrow.

Given that the OA was primarily run by adults at that time, he was able to work closely with the ceremonies team of his lodge and even play the part of Meteu in subsequent ceremonies as an adult member. In his opinion, ceremonies are the most important part of our Order because they explain so much about our purpose as an organization, as leaders and as Brothers. Del's best advice to young Arrowmen is, "learn the ceremonies; they are the core of the Order of the Arrow."



Left to right: Thomas McBride and Dr. E. Urner Goodman

The passing of a true servant leader

When Thomas G. McBride passed away on February 7, 2009, the Order of the Arrow lost a living legend and true leader who had devoted much of his life to the OA. He was introduced to the higher levels of the Order when he served as the Scout bugler at the 1940 meeting of the National Lodge, held at Camp Twin Echo near Ligonier, Pennsylvania.

He became youth leader in the OA and later served as chairman of the National OA Committee. He was the first recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award. Tom served on the OA committee for more than 55 years, a record not soon to be exceeded.

Tom succeeded George Feil as chairman of the National OA Committee on February 1, 1978. Throughout his six-year tenure, he saw the importance of making the OA a more relevant and integrated part of the Scouting program. Tom empowered the regions to enhance the operations of lodges and sections by holding regular, firstversion National Leadership Seminars. Tom's stewardship led to a significant increase in the Order's endowment. NOAC attendance continued to grow during Tom's tenure with the creation of additional committees to expand program opportunities for all Arrowmen. These are a few of Tom's extraordinary accomplishments during his term as chairman.

Tom McBride grew up in the early days of the Order, caught the vision of our founders first-hand, and served Scouting tirelessly throughout his lifetime. Moreover, Tom was a wonderful friend and mentor to many, including countless youth leaders. For those who had the privilege of knowing and working with Tom, they will never forget his sense of humor, storytelling, and quick smile.

Tom loved to have fun, but he was always serious about the business at



Del Loder, left, and Dabney Kennedy, right, on stage during the Lifetime Achievement Award recgonition.

An excerpt from Del Loder's speech

spite of fear, to stand up for the find the truth. right against coaxings of friends or jeers and threats of enemies. Defeat does him down. With this in mind and in your habit memory again." you can begin to use the power

"To employ the Power of One be brave. You will know that in the you first have to understand, know beginning of the Power of One, and actively believe and follow you must understand that in each the Tenth point of the Scout Law, one of us there burns a flame of a Scout is Brave. As I remember independence and integrity that as I memorized it over 65 years must never be allowed to go out. ago: A SCOUT IS BRAVE. He has That as long as it burns within us the courage to face danger in we cannot be destroyed. We will

> Good night. Thank you for coming. God Bless you all. We will meet

– Del Loder Adapted from The Power of One of one. But remember you must By Bruce Courtenay - Random House - New York, 1989

hand. Based on his own experience and what he had heard from Urner Goodman in his youth, Tom also knew that the OA was all about young people—supporting them, listening to them, and allowing their natural enthusiasm to carry the Order in new and more supportive directions in its relations with the BSA.

He was a man everyone got along with and who everyone wanted to count as their friend. Past National Chairman Brad Haddock recalled, "Tom was a wise mentor, dedicated volunteer, and steadfast friend. He made a difference in the lives of those he met along the trail."



Carl M. Marchetti, 2004 recipient



Dabney Kennedy, 2006 recipient

Staff needed for OA programs at Jamboree

Boy Scouts will become a part of Jamboree City at the 2010 National Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill in Caroline County, Virginia. 2010 will mark the 100th anniversary of Scouting and you will want to be a part of this celebration.

recruit 500 youth and adults to be a part of its staff to make its programs a success at the National Scout Jamboree. The Order will run three programs - The OA Service Corps, the Mysterium Compass, and the OA Indian Village.

Jamboree, the OA will be celebrating its 60th anniversary of the OA Service Corps. The OA Service Corps provides assistance in the many Jamboree program and support

The OA Indian Village will have representations of various tribes of North America, will assist Scouts in earning the Indian Lore Merit Badge, and will have tribal vignettes of dancers and singers traveling throughout the Jamboree.

a patrol based activity that will take Scouts through a series of challenges with special effects and theatrical acting similar to the previous OA shows including 123, Scoutopia, and Odyssey of the Law.

To learn more about the Order of the Arrow staffing oppurtunities, visit www.event.oa-bsa.org. Instructions on how to register are also available along with promotional materials for Order of the Arrow Lodges.

Service Corps to celebrate 60th anniversary

Since 1950 the Order of the Arrow Service Corps has set the example for how Arrowmen should act and cheerfully serve others. The Service Corps will cheerfully provide servant leadership to several program areas at the Jamboree.

The OA Service Corps creates an environment conducive to servant leadership, cheerful service and a memorable experience while facilitating

the needs of the 2010 National Jamboree. We live out our obligation daily.

The OA Service Corps represents the true meaning of servant leadership. The 2010 National Scout Jamboree is our time to show the nation that we are fulfilling our obligation and are putting its meaning into practice.

The OA Service Corps is about representing the OA and having fun. There will be time for work, play,

food, and fellowship. This experience will certainly make many long-lasting friendships along the way. If you want have the best time of your life while wearing a sash at the 2010 National Scout Jamboree, then come join the OA

youth who will be under the age of 21 through the last day of the 2010 National

Service Corps. The OA Service Corps is recruiting

OA Indian Village to have representations of tribes

If you enjoy dancing, have Native American dance regalia, like making crafts, or even simply know a lot about this culture's history then you should look into joining the OA Indian Village staff. The OA Indian Village will recreate how many of the North American Indian tribes used to live. The American Indian Craft Zone will be where some of the most skilled craftsmen in the Order will help Jamboree participants to learn beadwork, quillwork, finger weaving and participate in Indian games.

Jamboree participants will also be able to work on the Indian Lore merit badge nestled in the OA Indian Village. The instructors of the Indian Lore merit badge will use the resources provided by

their brothers among the various Indian villages to create a fantastic educational program to meet badge requirements.

A traditional flag ceremony will occur daily in the Indian Village. Indian dancers and singers will travel throughout the Jamboree area to provide demonstrations to Jamboree participants.



The OA Indian Village



The Mysterium Compass



The OA Service Corps

Mysterium Compass to offer patrol based challenges

At the 2010 National Scout Jamboree the Order of the Arrow will present the Mysterium Compass, an inter-active ethical game. Staff recruitment for The Mysterium Compass is now underway. The Mysterium Compass will need Arrowmen of all skill levels for our team

and each staff member will be a part of the cast; every role is critical to our success as a whole. How do we determine success? By delivering a program with a fantastic and fun message to Scouts.

Youth and adult Arrowmen will be needed to fill more than 300 staff positions required to support the Mysterium Compass. Some of these roles include game managers, ushers, audio-video and lighting crew members, stage managers, special effects staff and people to build and manage the background scenery for

OA High Adventure in 2010

Oppurtunities available at 3 high adventure bases



The OA High Adventure programs are preparing for their largest summer ever with over 425 slots open to arrowmen age 16-20 who are looking for a cost efficient way to experience any of the BSA's three high adventure bases. In addition to OA Trail Crew and OA Voyage, this year marks the debut of



the newly revamped OA Ocean Adventure and OA Voyage: Canadian Odyssey all of which will run nine sessions. For applications, promotional material and up to date information on all OAHA programs, visit www.adventure.oa-bsa.org. Choose your adventure today.

The legacy carries on from 2008

ARROWCORPS⁵

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National Forests, a fire this past August, concentrated just north of the Arrow Loop trail, prompted construction of a fire line across the area-- part of which extends across this trail. Two local lodges, Shenandoah and Tutelo, continued work on the trail system this spring, constructing and repairing several hundred feet of trail.

At the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, the trails repaired during ArrowCorps⁵ have held up well. They were heavily used during this past hiking season, and even so only required minimal additional upkeep to maintain their integrity.

At Bridger-Teton National Forest, the Arrow trail has become a destination trail and Big Rocks has become a popular morning and evening stopping point for hikers and horse riders. Wildlife and vegetation have already returned with vigor to the Goosewing and Gros Ventre areas thanks to the fence removal, and the Soda Lake campground has seen a surge in usage.

The legacy of ArrowCorps⁵ lives on in other ways as well. Lodges from around the nation are undertaking their own conservation projects, many utilizing skills learned at the Arrowmen Conservation School at NOAC. The OA continues to receive awards highlighting our efforts, including the William T. Hornaday. Gold Certificate and the Exemplary Volunteer Service Award.

However, it might be the more subtle legacies that are even greater: an ArrowCorps⁵ participant whose interest in conservation was so great that he has joined the National Forest Service. The lifelong friendships started at ArrowCorps⁵ and continued at NOAC, or simply the memories of a week well spent that consistently renew an enthusiasm for cheerful service.