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ArrowCorps⁵

This upcoming summer, you are invited to serve in what will be the largest service project in the history of the Boy Scouts of America: ArrowCorps⁵ (AC5)! This project will consist of sending a total of 5,000 Arrowmen to five different National Forests across the nation. The service projects will range from invasive species removal to campsite improvement. However, ArrowCorps⁵ will not be all work; participants will be able to enjoy a wide variety of recreation activities between projects. White water rafting, mountain biking, water skiing, horseback riding, canoeing, kayaking, and mountain climbing should suffice to keep even the most adventurous occupied, while the less audacious can go fishing, visit nearby historic sites and towns, tour a dinosaur quarry, or simply enjoy the National Forests.

- ✓ For more information regarding AC5, go to event.oa-bsa.org.
- ✓ For more information regarding how to sign up, please email: hoymfamily@comcast.net.

-Yours in Brotherhood,
Adam Hoy

Section NE-1B ArrowCorps⁵ Coordinator



2007-2008 Council of Chiefs Meetings*

Conclave Walkthrough & Fall COC:

October 14, 2007

Quality Lodge Summit & Winter COC:

January 20, 2008

Spring COC:

April 13, 2008

*Times and locations of COC meetings will be posted on the section website and sent out through the Yahoo group as soon as finalized.

2007-2008 National Leadership Seminars:

- ❖ March 28-30, 2008 Alpine, NJ
- ❖ May 2-4, 2008 Guyasuta, PA
- ❖ September 12 - 14, 2008 Alpine, NJ

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Chiefly Speaking

Fellow Arrowmen,

Welcome back from the summer! I hope all of you had the time you needed to rest and recuperate before another busy year in school, work, and scouting.

A lot has been going on in the Order of the Arrow since we gathered in June at Camp Moses. The new Strategic Plan was unveiled and preparations for next summer's ArrowCorps5 began at NCLS this past July. In September, Arrowmen gathered from all over the Northeast Region to participate in the National Leadership Seminar, which was a great success. Those of you who attended these events know how rewarding they have been.

The Section Leadership has also been hard at work, putting together programs to help support the nine lodges we serve. Communication is the key to success for all of us as leaders, and as a result we have been compiling a roster for all Arrowmen in the Section to make contact information more accessible. Through a master calendar, we will also be able to work on the Lodge to Lodge communication which will help all of the Lodges support each other in developing their programs.

The Section has also developed a new form of recognition for those Arrowmen who attain the rank of Eagle Scout. The Section Eagle Scout Certificates will be available to any new Eagle who requests one from a Section Officer.

If there are ever any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me. The Section Leadership is only able to help if we know what the Lodges' needs are, so please keep the communication constant.

I am excited to have the opportunity to serve you this year as your Section Chief. Together we can strengthen the Lodge programs and carry on the proud tradition of excellence that the lodges of Section NE-1B possess.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Greg Burke
NE-1B Section Chief



National OA High Adventure Programs



OA Wilderness Voyage - Northern Tier High Adventure Base

The first week of the OA Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage focuses on portage trail and campsite maintenance within the Boundary Waters. The second week is spent on a canoeing adventure that is planned and chosen by the participants in the program. The Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage program is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience the principles of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service in action.

OA Trail Crew - Philmont Scout Ranch

The OA Trail Crew program is a fourteen day experience. The first week focuses on trail construction and maintenance under the guidance of Philmont trail crew foremen. This service week is followed by a seven day backpacking trek that is designed by the participants. The program is not simply building trail and hiking though, the OA Trail Crew is ultimately a journey that challenges Scouts mentally, physically, and spiritually.

OA Ocean Adventure - Florida National High Adventure Sea Base

The program is a 13 day experience in which participants will have the opportunity to explore and serve the undersea world. One-half of the Ocean Adventure program will be PADI SCUBA training and certification, which will be held at the Florida Sea Base. The remaining portion of the program will focus on rendering cheerful service to the ocean marine life and coral reefs of the Florida Keys. The Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure program is the OA's newest and hottest High Adventure program. Don't miss out on your chance to join the adventure!

For more information, go to: <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/>

National Conservation and Leadership Summit Preps Nation's Leaders for Years to Come!

This summer, almost 2,000 arrowmen gathered at Indiana University to receive information about the new national strategic plan and next summer's service project, ArrowCorps5.

Over half of the nation's lodges sent contingents of youth and adult leaders to receive 4 days of training on the new national strategic plan and how to implement it in their home lodges. The national officers introduced the plan in a comical but informative presentation dubbed "The Trailhead". This presentation featured a rowdy bunch of region chiefs who underwent OA boot camp to turn into the national officers we know and respect. From their, lodge leaders attended specific training on the parts of the new strategic plan and certain specific programs that will help them achieve success such as Lodge Leadership Development classes and OA Troop/Team Representative development classes. The leadership track participants wrapped up the Summit by making a 5-year plan for their lodge tailored to fulfill the national strategic plan.

The new plan, titled "Living the Legacy", was divided into 4 main sections: Serve and Support Scouting, Develop Leaders of Character, Promote Outdoor Adventure, and Be an Active, Honored Brotherhood. This plan, developed by the National Committee, is a reflection of the Boy Scouts of America's national strategic plan, and should be implemented in every lodge and council. The National Committee will use input collected from lodge contingents at the summit to create resources to enable lodges to fulfill the new plan in their councils. To further assist with this, lodges are encouraged to create their own strategic plan to meet their council's needs.

The conservation participants at the NCLS consisted of two important groups. The first group, select members of the ArrowCorps5 A-Team, arrived 2 days early to undergo training from the US Forest Service. When the conservation participants, individuals designated as ArrowCorps5 staff members, the A-Team trained them in the skills necessary to carry out their duties and be competent in the trail work they will be leading others in next summer. The participants traveled out to Hoosier National Forest Monday, July 30th to receive practical training in the physical knowledge required to make the projects a success.

Other highlights of the Summit included a regional dodgeball competition where the Central Region (holding the home team advantage) emerged victorious, inspirational gatherings featuring National Chief Evan Chaffee and Vice Chief Larry Newton, and a Summit-wide pool party.

All in all, the Summit was a great success that prepared lodges to be successful in their home councils and prepared the nation to provide the greatest service project this organization has ever seen. To get more info on how you can be a part of ArrowCorps5, contact your lodge leadership, or visit the event portal of the national website (www.oabsa.org).



-Jake Wellman
W-5A Section Chief

LAP Update

The Lodge Assistance Program (LAP) is running great so far. The LAP consists of visitations to three lodges in the section each year by a group of designated visitation team. The visitation team will go and meet with the lodge officers to see how each lodge is operating and how the section can best assist them in providing an excellent program. The three lodges that will be visited during the 2008 scouting year are Grand Monadnock Lodge, Tulpe Lodge, and Tisquantum Lodge. If you have any questions about the LAP program please email me at vice-chief@ne-1b.org.

-Anthony Cuoco
NE-1B Section Vice Chief

Save the Date: Section NE-1B's 2008 Conclave!

This year's Conclave will be held from June 13th to June 15th at Camp Greenough in Yarmouth Port, MA! All arrowmen from our section are invited and encouraged to attend. This year's Conclave is sure to be an enjoyable weekend for all; filled with fun games/activities, nightly shows, training cells, lodge and individual competitions, the annual business meeting, and much more! More details will be made available as soon as possible on the Section Website (www.ne1b.org) and in the next version of Beaver Tales.

Technology Information

✓ As many of you know, the Section Website (www.ne1b.org) has been lacking as far as updates are concerned. On October 9, 2007, a whole new website was put up with an entirely new design. This new site was "under construction" in private for a long time, but it was finally ready to be made public. It contains all the same content as the old site. Some important items that can be found on the website are: information about upcoming events, section history, Conclave details, links, profiles & emails of each of the section officers & advisors, and much more! There is still some information that needs to be updated, but that will be taken care of in the near future. Explore the new site tonight!

✓ Also, there are many emails sent out through the section's Yahoo group containing important information (details about COCs, rosters, calendars, info. regarding Conclave...). Some of this information cannot be published on the website due to individuals' privacy. The Yahoo group provides the section with an easy, secure passage for pertinent information. In order to join the group, go to the section website. Towards the bottom of the homepage, you will see a box to enter your email address. Once you do so, you will receive an email from Yahoo. Follow the link in this email, log into Yahoo (or create a new account *free*), and click on the link "Join this group." Scroll down to the box titled "Comment to Owner." In this box, enter your name, position, lodge name, council name, and the 4th word in the official OA Song. Once you have completed these steps, a moderator of the group (Section Chief, Section Advisor, or Section Staff Advisor) will have to approve your membership. Once you are a member of the Yahoo group, you can access files on the group page and you will begin to receive emails containing important information.

-Tommy Taricano, NE-1B Section Secretary

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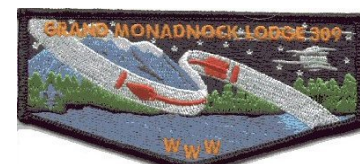
Greg Burke, Section Chief

Greg is an Eagle Scout and Brotherhood Honor member of Tisquantum Lodge, Old Colony Council 249. He currently serves as the Section NE-1B Chief. Greg has served the Order as Lodge Chief, Lodge 1st Vice Chief, Chapter Vice Chief, and many other chairmanship roles. He has participated in and served on staff at the National Leadership Seminar. He is a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 44 in Walpole, MA. Greg has staffed the 2006 NOAC at Michigan State University, attended Order of the Arrow Trail Crew in 2006, and staffed the 2007 NCLS at Indiana University. Greg is currently a Senior at Xaverian Brothers High School in Westwood, MA. In school, Greg serves as Student Body Secretary and Editor in Chief of the Yearbook. He is interested in pursuing a degree in Business Management in college. You can email Greg at chief@ne1b.org.



Anthony Cuoco, Section Vice Chief

Anthony is a Life Scout and a brotherhood member of Grand Monadnock Lodge of Nashua Valley Council. He is currently serving as Section NE -1B Vice-Chief. In previous years, Anthony has served as the Grand Monadnock Lodge Vice-Chief, camp promotions chair, and troop rep chair. He has also served on camp staff at his council camp, Wanocksett, for 3 years. He has been a participant of the the National Leadership Seminar. Currently, Anthony is a Junior at Littleton High School in Ayer, Massachusetts and seeks a law education following his graduation in June of 2009. He is involved with plays and musicals as well as running track and the Massachusetts State Student Advisory Council. You can e-mail Anthony at vice-chief@ne1b.org.



Tommy Taricano, Section Secretary

Tommy is a Life Scout and Brotherhood member of Tisquantum Lodge of Old Colony Council 249. He is currently serving as Section NE-1B Secretary. In previous years, Tommy has served as the Tisquantum Lodge Treasurer, as well as numerous event/committee positions. He has participated in the National Leadership Seminar. He attended the 2006 NOAC at Michigan State University and staffed the 2007 NCLS at Indiana University. Currently, Tommy is a Senior at Medfield High School in Medfield, Massachusetts and seeks a hospitality administration/management education following his graduation in June of 2008. He enjoys band and is very involved in his school and local community. You can e-mail Tommy at secretary@ne1b.org.

