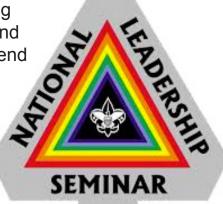


## NATIONAL LEADERSHIP SEMINAR Jake Ammons

The National Leadership Seminar (NLS) is the premiere training opportunity of the Order of the Arrow. The seminar provides extensive and meaningful training for those interested in improving their leadership skills. NLS is a Region sponsored training weekend instructed completely by section youth leadership. Those who attend NLS learn about how to handle leadership situations and how to develop themselves in both the Order of the Arrow and scouting. For more info on how to register, visit sr5.org/nls.



# **FEATURE ARTICLE**

#### Nate Flowers

Joining us for this year's Dixie Fellowship are Arrowmen Frankie Gonzalen, Brian Dunn, and Johnathan Carter. They are all members of Tsali Lodge and have been members of a Scout Troop in Asheville, NC for many years. All three of these Arrowmen danced today during our Grass Dance competition. These brothers all have Down Syndrome. Because of their age, they are inelligible to compete, but they are skilled dancers. These Arrowmen radiate Cheerfulness. It is contagious to all of those around them. They had a great time dancing today, and the crowd was energized when they took the stage.

If we take nothing else from this event, let us honor our Brotherhood by using these three Arrowmen as a proud example of the Cheerfulness that the Order brings to Scouting.



### CONTINUE THE ADVENTURE AT OAHA

#### Nate Flowers

Do you need an escape from that 9-5 job, summer classes or the monotony of staring out of your bedroom window longing for something new? If your answer is yes, the Order of the Arrow has the answer for you.

Each summer, the Order of the Arrow offers a myriad of different High Adventure opportunities to meet your summer needs whether its wetting your appetite by going for a plunge in the Atlantic Ocean with the Ocean Adventure at the Florida Sea Base; maybe hiking is your passion, what better place to go than the Philmont Scout Ranch where you can hike the same trails as your Scoutmaster or Scouting ancestors as a part of your Trail Crew experience.

Have you ever given thought about what the Native Americans and early explorers did to be avid traders, maybe the OA Voyage is for calling. Whatever your summer aspirations may be, these National High Adventure bases have put together a multitude of options for you.

Along with your one week trek completely designed by you, each Arrowmen will be afforded the opportunity to leave their mark in history by helping to sure up portage trails, backpacking trails or coral reefs. Aside from providing a good deed to each of these high adventure bases, every participant will have the opportunity to work closely with Arrowmen from across the country, who have a similar interest in the future of both the program and the adventure base.

You may be thinking that this is a daunting task but it is an experience unlike any other afforded to you in scouting in that it takes you out of your world and places with people, who want to do something different. It's not everyday that you can tell your friends that you climbed into Cypher's Mine, watched the Northern Lights from a canoe or went scuba diving in the Florida Keys.

These programs help to insure that the future of scouting has a place to live, work and interact. This summer, try something new or do something you thoroughly enjoy, but do something with the Order of the Arrow High adventure opportunities. For more information about these High Adventure programs, please visit adventure.oa-bsa.org or talk to your lodge chief. Your destiny awaits you...



