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Service to Our Brothers Arrowmen Enrich Jamboree Experience By: Ryan Bajan, Section Vice Chief

The Order of the Arrow played a highly active and rather exciting role at the 2005 National Jamboree. There were four main ways the OA was involved with the jamboree: Indian Village, Service Corps, Shows, and TOAP.



Ryan Bajan, entertaining scouts at the OA Indian Village

The OA Indian Village was a place for folks all over Jamboree to come and learn about American Indians from every region of this nation. The village

well as the dance and sing judges, including other additional staff members.

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High Adventure Hat Trick

Reflections on One of the OA's Most Successful Programs

By: Dane Grismer, Section Secretary

Philosopher Bertrand Russell said, "The happiness that is genuinely satisfying is accompanied by the fullest exercise of our faculties and the fullest realization of the world in which we live." That seems to be a core motivation of humanity; we are all endlessly seeking a more satisfying happiness, but it's something that few seem to ever find. You watch the news, read the papers, or just pay attention to those around you, and you see



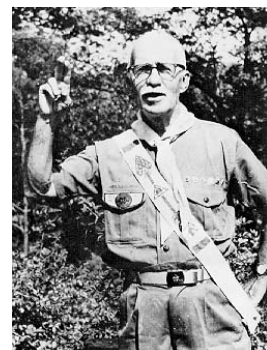
that in trying to find happiness, people look to power, wealth, and vices that breed conflict and misery for all parties involved. I suspect that for many, the search doesn't end because they never come close to grasping the reality of "the world in which we live."

My journey began in the Order of the Arrow High Adventure Program in the summer of 2004. I heard great things about

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Better With Age OA Celebrates 90th

Through its 90 year history the Order of the Arrow has set an example for all Scouts and Scouters, calling them to embrace something greater than themselves. Only a view years younger than the American scouting movement, the Order has been intertwined with the development of nearly all aspects of the scouting program. Founder E. Urner Goodman's vision guided the Order to revolutionize the way the values expressed in the Scout Oath and Law are developed in youth. The focus on cheerful service and brotherhood laid the foundation for the many facets of the OA which facilitate living out the Scout Oath and Law rather than



OA Founder E. Urner Goodman

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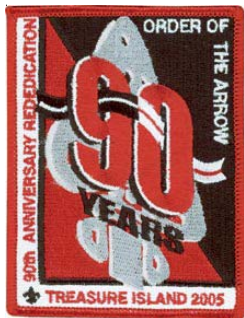
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just blind recitation of it.

From the time of its inception, the Order has focused, especially at summer camp, on character development. English historian James A. Froude summed up the character development process with, "You cannot dream yourself into character; you must hammer and forge yourself one." The challenges and opportunities presented by the Order offers youth the "hammer" that enables them to develop socially and gain a deep sense of responsibility and commitment to others.

Part of Goodman's vision was for the organization to be youth led, something that is as true today as it ever was. Beyond character development, the OA has prepared youth to be leaders in their churches, communities, careers, and elsewhere. Few other places entrust a



90th Anniversary Patch

group of 12 to 20 year olds with responsibilities that Arrowmen around the nation have. From yearly budgets of up to \$100,000, to the planning of events for thousands of Scouts

from across the nation, and establishing ties with hundreds of organizations around the nation and world, Arrowmen have taken up their burden and are still carrying when it is easier than ever to submit to the trappings of an often selfish society.

I would dare say that Goodman would be happy with the progression that his brothers bound in cheerful service have made in 90 years. With the ever-changing world of the 21st Century, the Order will face new challenges, but nothing which it can't overcome and prove that some things just get better with age.

Chiefly Speaking

It's Never Too Early to Act



Section Officers 2005-2006

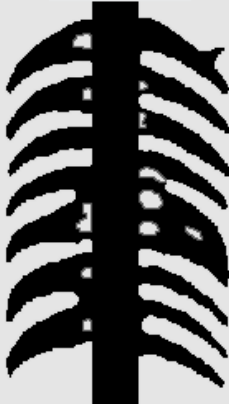
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Dear Brothers,

We often talk about the fact that the Order of the Arrow is a youth run organization. This is an easy concept to talk about, but many times we forget to what it implies. To me a youth run organization means that the youth make the decisions, the plan, and set it into action. A favorite quote of

mine is from 1 Timothy 4:12 which says "Let no man despise thy youth, but be thou an example..." This quote challenges us to not allow others to hold our age against us. Often we allow people to convince us that we do not have enough experience to accomplish a task. We are the leaders and the ones who must make it happen. I challenge you as the youth to never settle. Always remember you can do anything to which you set your mind.

1 Timothy 4:12 also speaks of being an example. I believe this is one of the most important aspects of leadership, how can you ask someone to do a task you won't do yourself? We must be an example for others in the way we wear our uniform, how we provide service for others, and the manner in which we conduct ourselves. Setting the example for others is a challenge that we all struggle with. I know how hard it can be to set the example, but I challenge you all to do your best in the example you set.

I would like to thank you all for the opportunity you have given me to serve our great section. I look forward to working with the officers around me as we plan the National Leadership Seminar this November and next year's Dixie Fellowship. I hope to see many of you there.

Gratefully yours,

Dustin Counts

Editor's Note

The Power of Words: Lift up Your Brothers

Brothers,

Lately, I've found myself spending more and more time reading my school's student newspaper, the *Technician*. The thoroughly researched articles on important student issues, intelligent articles discussing challenges our sports teams will face this week, and captivating spotlights of students making an impact in our community and around the world are a few of the many reasons to read our paper. Unfortunately, those articles aren't always in there, and when they are, they seem to extend little beyond the front page. Why am I reading the paper more often and more fully now? It provides some of the best entertainment around. More portable than an iPod and with better plot lines than the latest New York Times Best-seller, our paper showcases what the Greeks called the "human tragedy." Its contents are about people we can relate to and sometimes even people we know. The Greek tragedies feature a hero who attempts to succeed at a noble goal, only to inevitably fall short.

In the Grecian tradition, it was human weakness, the "gods," or nature that thwarted the heroes. Here at NC State, it is something much more vile and feared, the volatile critic. With fingers on the keyboard ready to go, the volatile critic is predictable only in that they plan to disagree and discourage. They are hot-tempered sensationalists who will string together a list of opinions, write them off as facts, and assert their would be superior reason for all to read. Masters of twisting of the truth, our critics are relentless and try to create more news rather than report it. Rarely, is there a viewpoint column or an editorial viewpoint that has anything positive to say. Instead, blame for various things is shifted from one person or organization to the next under a false banner, claiming that justice is its goal.

Though amazingly entertaining to read, these forums of bickering and conceit, have a dangerous consequence. The impressions that many members of our student body have of various campus events, organizations, and individuals comes from the *Technician*. With a daily reader base in the thousands, our paper too often misses the opportunity to support people who are working for the benefit of our student community and to set a positive tone through its articles. The power for change, misused to ruin reputations and spark controversy, what a waste of potential.

Criticism itself is not evil, but it is if its purpose is to tear down, to discourage, and to make a personal gain. Should we not make the best of our current situation, encourage each other to achieve, and enact the changes we want to see in positive ways? Next time, before you pass judgment, ask yourself what your true motivation is and ask yourself what you can do to make things better. Will you pull your brother down or lift him up?



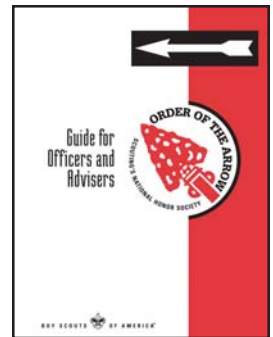
In the Joy of Service,

Dane Grismer

GOA Goes Online

By: Adam Kuykendall

We are all familiar with the *Order of the Arrow Guide for Officers and Advisers*. Most of us have the guide but don't always use it in the man-



ner it was intended. To make it easier for us as Arrowmen to access the booklet at any time, the publication is now available online for downloading and printing. Unlike past years, the guide will no longer be issued through the BSA's National Supply Division. This is intended to not only save on costs, but also make this resource more accessible for all Arrowmen. In planning for your upcoming LLDs, keep in mind that in order to issue the *Guide* to your Officers and Advisers, you must now download and print them offline.

The *Guide* reflects current policies concerning the organization and administration of the Order of the Arrow. Topics covered include Lodge Organization and Program, Communications, Camping Promotion, Service, Membership Requirements, Unit Elections, OA Structure, Awards and other information. The *Guide* is intended for use of all officers in the lodge, from Lodge Chiefs to Chapter Secretaries, and their Advisers. For more information, check out the resource page at www.oa-bsa.org.



The *Five Feathers* is published quarterly. If you have an article and/or picture (with caption) for submission, please send it to Dane Grismer at secretary@sr5.org. The next submission deadline is Friday, November 11th.

Jamboree Continued...

SR-5 made up nearly 13% of the staff this year.

Service Corps could be found all over the Jamboree site. These young men assisted the other OA programs in whatever they needed, but also helped in many other ways. For example, the Service Corps directed traffic at every show. This group passed out water at the shows when temperatures hovered around 110. The Corps assisted in a



Section members visit Dustin Counts who was on twelve cubed staff

great way with the tragic accident that occurred with a troop from Alaska. Cheerful Service was upheld in the highest at the '05 Jamboree by the Service Corps.

OA Shows performed several shows every day of the Jambo to all scouts. Their show, titled 12³, exhibited the core values of scouting, which rests in the Scout Oath and Law. This staff used innovative ideas to both entertain but also teach all scouts the importance of the Scout Oath and Law.

TOAP, Total Outdoor Adventure Place, had a highly active area. Scouts

could go to the TOAP area and try out high adventure activities, practice skills in building different scoutcraft projects, as well as learn about Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics. TOAP staff promoted the 2006 NOAC and had opportunities for Arrowmen to learn more about the Order.

The Order of the Arrow showed out, yet again, with great programs and top notch staff. Many scouts benefited greatly and had a more exciting experience at the National Jamboree by participating and being served by the Order of the Arrow programs. SR-5 proudly had staff in every program the OA held at the Jamboree and continued to play an active role in National OA programs.



Adventure Continued...

Philmont and Northern Tier and knew a handful of people who had been to either and encouraged me to follow their lead. You could always see the excitement in them when they told of their experiences, but those were their experiences and not mine. Their stories were wonderful, but words and pictures fail when trying to communicate something that cannot be understood in any other way than actually having done it. I knew that I would have to make my own experiences.



(left) What a strange rock! (right) Enjoying the view from the Tooth of Time.

has a reputation that extends beyond the Scout world and I wanted to know personally if it would live up to all that it was made out to be...

I don't like waking up. I really don't like waking up early. And please do not wake me up if it is still dark

outside. I do make exceptions though, I don't mind waking up if I am about to do something that I am excited about. One day, several hours before sunrise at Philmont, I made an exception. By

flashlight, we took down our tents and packed our gear. We filled our Nalgens and headed out, covered from head to toe in our cool weather gear, all anxious to make progress. Half of our group were equipped with head lamps, and we kept a tight formation as we

moved up the switchbacks of Mt. Phillips on Philmont's western edge. Within thirty minutes, most of us were down to shorts and a t-shirt, our constant movement keeping us warm from the cold. During the past two weeks, we had learned one important lesson about ascending mountains: a mountain's summit is a very simple thing; it's the false summits that are tricky. As the soft early morning light began to glow through the trees, each false summit gave us more deter-



Philmont, the National Scout Ranch,

mination to increase our pace. We had begun this hike with a mission, and we had every intention of fulfilling that mission. Joy overcame us as



Though I had spent a lot of time in my new environment playing around and “getting a feel” for it, this time hovering had a purpose. I, along with my divemaster and fellow Arrowmen, was peeking under the ledge of a large coral reef



Photo by: Brian Gorman

Dane's crews from OAV, OATC and OAOA.

gravity, to have the freedom that so many of God's creatures have—their speed, agility, and grace in their movements, all so effortless. Though humans are not completely void of these



characteristics, most have to work years to attain any level of proficiency near that of nature's creatures. Growing up, I admired Mark Spitz for his speed, Michael Jordan for his ability to “defy” gravity, and Michelle Kwan for her ability to move seamlessly across the ice. I'm not a super athlete and doubt that I ever will be, but I was experiencing a new feeling of agility and grace and, in a way, I was able to defy gravity.

to watch a nurse shark tear into the remains of a barracuda. Fortunately, nurse sharks are rarely aggressive towards humans, so we were able to get within a few feet of the underwater feast; only intentional provocation such as pulling on their tails causes trouble. Amazed, I knew I would never see it all, but that wasn't going to stop me from

we approached the pile of rocks that marked the true summit. We set our packs down, pulled out our breakfast, and watched in awe at the sunrise on Mt. Phillips. Little did I know the adventures that day would have in store for me and my crew...



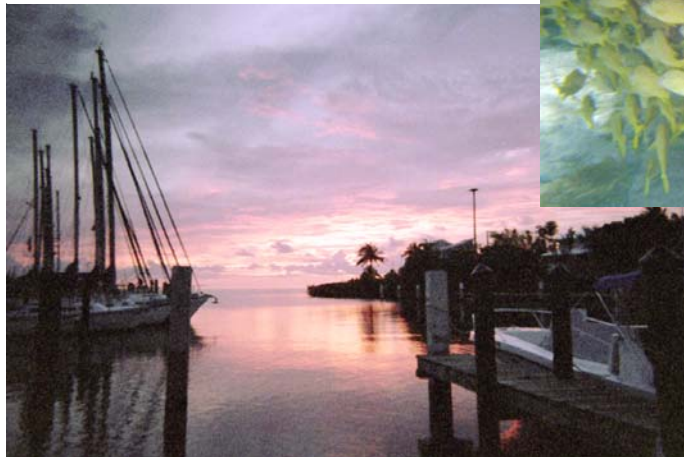
How exotic the ocean is to us. We know more about the surface of the moon than we do about the depths of the

(right) School of fish on a coral reef, (below) Sunset at Seabase



ocean. I wasn't out to make any great discoveries, but I wanted to experience something akin to learning to fly...

There I was, suspended upside down, hovering and totally relaxed. Since the time I was a small child, I had always wanted to defy



trying as I moved further along the reef...

A land of lakes and waterfalls, sunrises and sunsets, elk and otter, Northern Tier opens up the Boundary Water Canoe Area Wilderness and lets us choose how

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Photo by: Brian Gorman



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to enjoy it...

The thought had never really occurred to me before. I mean it's not really something I tend to think about

on an idle Sunday: lakes can have waves, waves with whitecaps. I don't really know how high waves on lakes can be and I don't care to guess, but I do know that they can be more than two feet from trough to crest. Two foot waves are barely noticed on the beach at the ocean, but when you're trying to cut through them in the bow of a canoe you tend to notice them. Having not backed

(above) Minnesotan sunset, (right) Anyone else ready to go down
Curtain falls?

down from a challenge yet as a crew, we were almost halfway to the island we were shooting for when our canoe turned sideways. Before the bowman could correct our course, another wave hit, and we were forced to go for a swim. Unable to rescue our canoe, the other two canoes in our crew had to head for shore. For nearly an hour, we rode the waves to shore keeping our gear with the swamped canoe. I've rarely felt more alive and happy to be alive in the hours

that followed, eating wild blueberries, swapping stories, and waiting for nightfall and the challenges that we would face into the morning hours...

I am not the same person inside that I was a year and a half ago. I've seen and I've experienced what it means to be bound as brothers, fighting for something that you all want, and helping each other to achieve it. I served alongside Arrowmen from around the nation and deepened my passion for service, becoming far more thankful with each passing day for the blessings and responsibilities that God has bestowed on me. I know more than ever about "the world in which we live," though I have only skimmed the surface of what it offers. I have told you one part of my story. I can tell you more, but it will be only that to you: stories and pictures. I encourage all of you to seek out to experience that which only you can. There is a nation of brothers ready to answer the call to serve a higher purpose—will you be one of them?



Well I am lookin'
I am searchin'
I have found near the ground
My soul, Myself
Beneath this trail
Cause there's no other place I'd rather be,
can't you see me out here walkin'
in the rain and hail.
- The Tobasco Donkeys, I Don't Mind

Focus On...



These are the first two articles in a year-long series of articles about topics that lodges have picked to discuss. Lodges and individual Arrowmen are encouraged to think about the concepts that are presented and use them for positive change within your lodge.



Catawba
John Mickey Jr.,
Past Lodge Chief

Where do you Stand?

Leadership: Ethics and Integrity

As you look around today, you may notice that many people are missing something. The two things many people are missing are ethics and integrity. It is a foundation that, as a member of the

Order of the Arrow and of the Boy Scouts of America, you should have both of these character traits. Ethics and integrity are two fundamental qualities which should be the moral foundation of any human being.

In reference to ethics, Albert Einstein said, "The ideals which have always shone before me and filled me with the joy of living are goodness,

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beauty, and truth. To make a goal of comfort or happiness has never appealed to me; a system of ethics built on this basis would be sufficient only for a herd of cattle.” In this, Einstein used the terms truth and ethics. Let’s focus on the term “ethics.”

Ethics are defined as, “the principles of conduct governing an individual or a group.” Think for a second about your personal set of ethics. With what do they most closely align? The Scout Law? Oath? Obligation? Modern Culture? That

of your friends? That set up by your religion? The concept of having a set of ethics is a very personal and thought provoking notion, but having this set of ethics is step number one both as a Scout and in becoming a leader. As a leader your set of ethics should

be able to be seen by those you lead as to more easily build their trust in your leadership. One thing to remember is that, no matter what, someone is always watching.

Step two is integrating integrity into

your set of ethics. In a sense, they should almost be one and the same. With both ethics and integrity, the only one you have to report to is yourself. “Real integrity is doing the right thing, knowing that nobody’s going to know whether you did it or not.” As a leader you should be able to rest assured that it does not matter whether or not someone is looking because you are going to do the right thing every time.

Ethics and integrity will come up often throughout your life, and there is only one question: Where do you stand?



Unali’yi
Matt Carroll
Lodge Chief

Unali’yi Lodge’s Trail Crew

We all know about the excellent deal that Philmont Scout Camp offers the Order of the Arrow brothers, in which the camp gives a huge discount to brothers in return for service in the form of aid in trail maintenance. However, not everyone has the ability to travel to New Mexico for two weeks. Instead, the Unali’yi Lodge Activities Committee, headed up by chairmen Andy Waxel and his adviser Micah Donaldson, have devised an ingenious idea to combine National’s Leadership in Service Plan with Philmont’s Trail Crew. The result is the first phase of Unali’yi Lodge’s Trail Crew.

This October, brothers from each of Coastal Carolina’s OA chapters will converge on the Swamp Fox trail, part of South Carolina’s Palmetto Trail, in order to clear away brush overgrowth, and rebuild decayed bridges. The majority

of the tools are being supplied by the lodge’s partner and the trail’s overseers, the See Wee Visitor Center, while other equipment needs are being furnished by local corporations.

The planned time period is scheduled for October 15th or 22nd. The initial



estimated number of brothers is around 50 to 75 boys, which will most likely max out the center’s largest campsite.

Unali’yi Lodge has a history with

this particular portion of the Palmetto Trail. The lodge was responsible for its creation over forty years ago. All scouts who completed the nearly forty mile stretch earned a trail medal which was supplied by the lodge. It was one of the more unique trail medals, depicting the Swamp Fox, Francis Marion, on a fat little pony, clutching a sword in one hand, and the pony’s reins in the other. The ribbon is light blue with a crescent moon in the center. Unfortunately, the lodge let the upkeep of the trail go into lapse, and until now, the responsibility has been left to the See Wee Visitor Center.

The Leadership in Service award is a three year plan, and Unali’yi Lodge is looking forward to further revamping the trail in the upcoming years. This renewed friendship between Unali’yi Lodge and the See Wee Center will bring much needed help to an understaffed Department of Natural Resources, and will surely be appreciated by the trails future hikers.



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Section Calendar

Upcoming Section & National Events & Deadlines...

November 1	Lodge Program Support Pak Available
November 4-6	National Leadership Seminar - Leesville, SC
December 31	Lodge Charter Renewal Deadline
March 1	NOAC Deposit Due
March 15	Notification of High Adventure program acceptance begins
May 31	NOAC Final Payment Due
April 28-30, 2006	2006 Dixie Fellowship - Camp Knox, GA
July 29- August 3, 2006	2006 NOAC, Michigan State University