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DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR THE 2007 SECTION SR-7A CONCLAVE TO BE HOSTED BY BLUE HERON LODGE FROM APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup> TO 29<sup>TH</sup>!

THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>. A LATE FEE APPLIES FOR REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THAT DATE. NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>!

REGISTRATION FORMS MAY BE FOUND AT WWW.NAWAKWA.ORG IN THE "UPCOMING EVENTS" SECTION OR AT THE COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER.

## Legend Strips *NOT* for Sash

Quite a few Nawakwa brothers have purchased patches depicting the Order of the Arrow legend from the lodge trading post. However, these legend strips are NOT to be worn on the OA sash. In fact, national policy states that nothing can be placed onto the backside of the sash at all.

According to policy, there are only two patches which can be placed on the front side of the sash: the two anniversary patches (the 50th and 60th anniversary emblems) that were made specifically for

the OA sash. If you earned one or both of these special patches, they are to be displayed above the arrow point and/or top red bar on your sash.

If you have placed a legend strip on your OA sash, please be advised that this is against policy and as a LOYAL and OBEDIENT Scout, you should remove it right away. The proper location for a legend strip (and any other unofficial patch) is on a patch blanket, backpack, or other non-uniform-related item.



## Nawakwa Sends Six to NLS

The National Leadership Seminar (NLS) is a training weekend for members of the Order of the Arrow; it has been compared to a Wood Badge course for adult leaders. On the weekend of October 27-29 six lodge members, Thomas Howard, Tommy Sharpe, Andy Spicknall, Will Swingle, Matt Nixon, and Jeff Wilson, attended the NLS in Ridgecrest, North Carolina with 60 other members from the Southern Region. At NLS these members learned many different leadership techniques and different types of leadership. Throughout the weekend they were shown how to apply these leadership styles and techniques to their lodges.

Through various games and exercises the participants learned how to help their lodge and make it more effective.

The course was taught by some of the best trainers in the Southern Region, including the National Vice Chief, Chris Schildknecht. The contingent hopes to apply what they have learned to make our lodge better and serve the needs of the members more effectively. NLS was a great experience and a lot of fun, it is an experience that you will never forget. If you are interested in going in the future or would like more information, please contact one of the contingent members or the Lodge Adviser, Mack Ruffin.

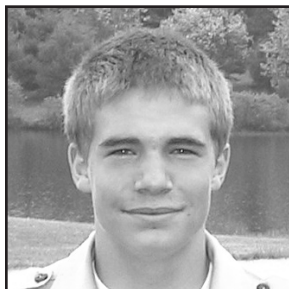


# Chief's Bonnet

My Fellow Arrowmen:

First, I hope everyone had a safe and joyous holiday season. I would like to extend a special thank you for all those who participated at the Carillon as well as those who attended the Lodge Executive Committee meeting in January.

The first ever service weekend is coming up soon. We have had our break time and it is now time for us to step up to the plate and become involved in our lodge. Brothers, I hope all of you have used this time to figure out what you want from this lodge and what you can contribute to it. There are numerous opportunities available to you. If you are interested in a committee, the chairman's information is located in the handbook insert. The Order is a thing of the spirit and of the individual. What do you want the Order of the Arrow to be in your life?



I challenge you to reflect upon the legacy you wish to leave for this lodge and those who come after you. How will you be remembered? Will you be remembered as the brother that not only followed the principles of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service but also lead others in fulfilling these principles? I challenge you brothers of Nawakwa Lodge...create your own destiny!

Yours in Service,  
Joe Orr

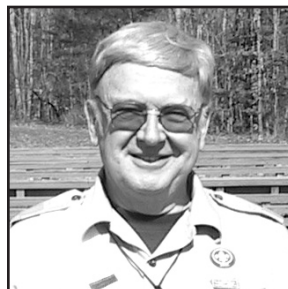
# Adviser's Minute



Brethren,

"The Order of the Arrow is a thing of the out of doors rather than the indoors. It was born in an island wilderness. It needs the sun and rain, the woods and the plains, the water and the starlit sky." [E. Urner Goodman]

Are you ready for the high adventure of a life time? The OA is offering four choices this year; Ocean Adventure at the Florida Sea Base, Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage at Ely Minnesota; Trail Crew at Philmont Scout Ranch and 2007 Philbreak at Philmont Scout Ranch. Additional information and applications are available online at [www.oa-bsa.org](http://www.oa-bsa.org). There are financial scholarships available if needed.



Lodge Elections will be held at the Summer OA Service Weekend [June 1-3] on Saturday after lunch. If you are interested in running for office, please bring the following to the Spring OA Service Weekend [March 16-18]:

- Your picture for *The Tom-Tom*. If you do not have one, a photographer from *The Tom-Tom* will take one for you.
- An article/letter about your qualifications for office and your plan for the next Nawakwa year to be published in *The Tom-Tom*.
- Parent/Guardian written permission slip for you to run for office.

You will also need to meet with Bill Givler and me at the Ordeal to discuss your plan for the 2007-2008 lodge year. This is a very easy and simple process. It is our hope that we will have at least two candidates for each office. If you are not interested in running for office, please encourage the Brother who, in your opinion, would be the best one for the job. The offices to be filled are Lodge Chief, Vice-Chief of Administration, Vice-Chief of Program, and Secretary/Treasurer. Nawakwa's future is dependent upon your active participation.

In W.W.W.,  
Mack Ruffin

**Spring OA Service Weekend Campsite Assignments**

<u>Site</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Chapter</u>
Newlon #4	19	McLaughlin #13	4 & 5
Frise #5	60 & 70	Saunders #14	8
Turner #6	2 & 3	Overstreet #15	7

*All meals will be served in the Cub Adventure Camp Dining Hall.*

**Thank you Nawakwa Brothers!**

Thanks to all of the Nawakwa Brothers who helped move sets and assisted with crowd control at the 2006 Carillon Christmas Pageant Service Project. With another large turn-out this past year, our annual community service project for the Richmond area was definitely a success. If you were unable to attend last year, plan to help us out this year on December 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**2007 Lodge Dues are Due TODAY!!!**

If you have not yet paid your 2007 Lodge Dues of \$10, then please do so TODAY! Dues forms can be found on the lodge web site at <http://www.Nawakwa.org/> or at the Council Service Center. Please check your mailing label to see if your dues are current...if 2007 or later appears on your label, then your dues are current...if 2006 or before appears, then your need to pay your dues immediately! Those who don't pay immediately will cease to receive mailings from the Lodge, including *The Tom-Tom*.

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Individuals who are not current members of Nawakwa Lodge may subscribe to *The Tom-Tom* for an annual fee of \$10. Mail your address to the council office (see return address above the mailing label) with a check made out to "OA/BSA." Members receive copies as a part of their yearly dues paid. This service is provided as an effort to keep our brothers who may have moved away in touch with the activities of Nawakwa Lodge.

**Chapter Notes**

**Nagatamen Chapter 5**

Nagatamen Chapter 5 holds meetings on the third Monday of each month at Aldersgate United Methodist Church on Laburnum Avenue, just south of Mechanicsville Turnpike, at the same time as the Battlefield District Committee. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and usually run around an hour.

Meetings will consist of a short business meeting, followed by some type of program and end with refreshments.

All arrowmen are invited to attend the Chapter 5 meetings. We would like, at a minimum, to have a representative (your OA Troop representative) from each Troop present to convey important information back to the arrowmen in your Troop.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Chapter Chief Brian Cook or Chapter Adviser David DeJan.

**Monacan Chapter 60**

We hold our Monthly Chapter Meeting on the Third Tuesday of the month. That is the same time as the Weyanoke District Roundtable. It is located at the Wesley Foundation in Farmville. It is open to all members especially youth (under 21) and OA Troop Reps.

On Saturday October 21 the chapter ran the Fishing Derby for the Cub Scouts in the district. At the Derby we had 12 Chapter Members on Staff, 34 Scouts and 23 Adults attended the event. A special thanks to Austin, Bill C., Bill J., Brandon, Cody, Dennis, Jerry, Jimmy, Johnny, Karl, Matt, and Tom for all your help at the derby and all that could not make the derby but helped with the planning.

Our Annual Klondike Derby that was planned for the weekend of January 19-21, 2007 with actual Derby on the 20<sup>th</sup>, went off as planned. It was held at Sailor's Creek Historical Battlefield State Park in Amelia County. Special thanks goes to Chapter Members Ben, Bill C., Bill J., Cody, Dennis, Hosea, Jerry, Karl, Matt, Tom and all others that were on staff who made this event possible. We look forward seeing everyone next year at the Klondike Derby on the weekend of January 18-20, 2008.

During the Chapter Meeting on May 22<sup>nd</sup> we will hold our yearly elections for the Chapter Youth Officers. They are for the offices of Chief, Vice Chief, and Secretary. If you are interested, please contact Chapter Adviser Tom Smith.



# ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup> Offers Great Ways to Serve

*Michael Gollner*

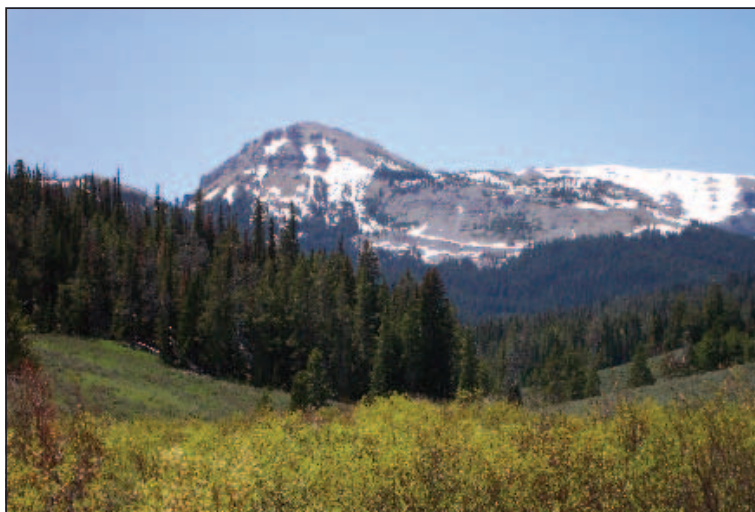
During the summer of 2008, the Order of the Arrow will embark on the largest service project in its history: ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup>. After years of collaboration, the OA and the United States Forest Service will work together to provide meaningful and lasting service to some of our nation's most treasured natural resources.

During five weeks in the summer of 2008, at five sites across the nation, 5,000 physically fit and able volunteers will descend on our national forests to perform cheerful service that will benefit Americans for decades to come. ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup> is the largest opportunity for servant

leadership our Order has ever undertaken.

The program will include eight days of life-changing cheerful service as well as a host of recreational activities at every site. At least one day will be spent enjoying the diverse recreational facilities available at each site.

More information about ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup> can be found at <http://www.oa-bsa.org>. Detailed information on each of the five sites will be released quarterly throughout the next year. Keep checking the Web site for frequent updates and information on how and when to sign up. Lodge leadership should start informing members now of the exciting opportunities available in 2008!



ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup> will take place at various designated US Forest Service work sites, such as Bridger-Teton National Forest in Wyoming (above).

## Weekly ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup> Schedule

**DAY 1:** Arrive on Saturday, check-in, and physical requirement confirmation all day. Evening diner is first meal served, followed by the opening assembly.

**DAY 2:** Crew assignments, work-site/safety training, and shakedown.

**DAY 3:** Service at work-site with trained foremen.

**DAY 4:** Service at work-site with trained foremen.\*

**DAY 5:** Service at work-site with trained foremen.\*

**DAY 6:** Service at work-site with trained foremen.\*

**DAY 7:** Half day of service at work-site with trained foremen. Clean-up, rest, and evening dinner, followed by closing assembly and recognitions.

**DAY 8:** Departure after breakfast.

\* Participants will experience one full day of recreational activities on day 4, 5 or 6.

**If you are interested in participating in ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup>, please contact Lodge Adviser Mack Ruffin for more information.**

1	<p><b>JUNE 7-14, 2008 / MISSOURI</b>  <b>Mark Twain National Forest</b>  <b>Project Description:</b> Cedar tree removal from glade areas in the wilderness to help restore native grasses.  <b>Recreational Opportunities:</b> Canoeing, horseback riding, fishing, and Branson, Missouri</p>
2	<p><b>June 14-21, 2008 / UTAH</b>  <b>Manti-La Sal National Forest</b>  <b>Project Description:</b> Tamarisk (invasive species) removal along the Buckhorn Wash. Each day of work will push the Tamarisk invasion back 30 years.  <b>Recreational Opportunities:</b> Green River float trips, national parks, dinosaur quarry and museums, fishing, mountain biking, and whitewater rafting.</p>
3	<p><b>JUNE 21-28, 2008 / VIRGINIA</b>  <b>George Washington and Jefferson National Forests</b>  <b>Project Description:</b> Campsite improvements and construction of seven miles of new multi-user trail north of Covington, Virginia.  <b>Recreational Opportunities:</b> Whitewater rafting, fishing, mountain biking, and nearby historical sites.</p>
4	<p><b>JULY 12-19, 2008 / CALIFORNIA</b>  <b>Shasta-Trinity National Forest</b>  <b>Project Description:</b> Significant trail maintenance and reconstruction to avoid soil erosion.  <b>Recreational Opportunities:</b> Whitewater rafting and kayaking, fishing, mountain climbing (Mt. Shasta), house boating and water skiing (Lake Shasta).</p>
5	<p><b>JULY 26 - AUGUST 2, 2008 / WYOMING</b>  <b>Bridger-Teton National Forest</b>  <b>Project Description:</b> Bridge work, campsite improvements, fence building, erosion control projects, and weed control.  <b>Recreational Opportunities:</b> Whitewater rafting and kayaking, canoeing, fishing, sightseeing in both Teton and Yellowstone National Parks.</p>

# OA High Adventure Triple Crown

## Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage, Philmont Trail Crew, Sea Base Ocean Adventure

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.

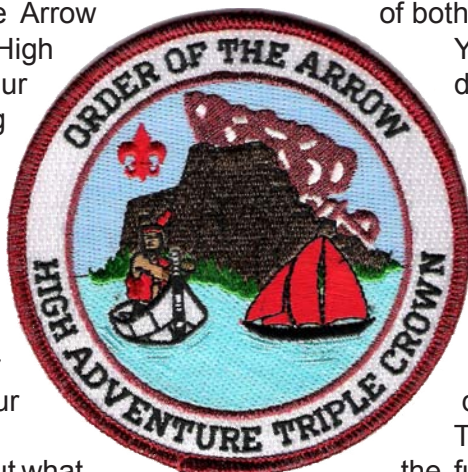
Have you ever given thought about what the Native Americans and early explorers did to be avid traders, maybe the OA Voyage is for calling. Whatever your summer aspirations may be, these National High Adventure bases have put together a multitude of options for you.

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 (including the Triple Crown patch for those who attend all three programs), please visit <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/> or talk to Lodge Adviser Mack Ruffin. Register now, as selection begins March 15<sup>th</sup>. Your destiny awaits you...



## Dance Team Seeks Interested Arrowmen

The Nawakwa Lodge Dance Team is devoted to reliving the ways of the Native Americans through singing, dancing, dress, crafting, and sleeping under the stars or in a Tipi.

We make sure that our regalia is crafted according to the tribe and time period that we represent, and it is our top priority that our regalia is non-offensive to Native Americans.

The Team performs at many events ranging from lodge events (service weekends and Fall Fellowships) to Cub Scout cross-overs and even camporees. The team has traveled across the state to dance and compete.

The Dance Team focuses on Native American culture and dance. Not only do new members of the team learn how to dance they will soon be surrounded by the Native American history and culture. The team is blessed to have such a great advisor that knows so much about the Native American ways.

The team is a brotherhood within the Order we have grown into a family over the past few years and we hope that you will want to be part of our family. If you would like to join please see us at the next event.



2007 NLS Attendees: Back: Jeff Wilson, Tommy Sharpe  
Front: Andy Spicknall, Will Swingle, Thomas Howard, Matt Nixon



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**Sons of Uncas**

**By Randy VanNess**



The deadline for submissions to the next issue of the *Tom-Tom* is March 30<sup>th</sup>. Please send your submissions to the Council Office (return address, below) or to [TheTom-Tom@Nawakwa.org](mailto:TheTom-Tom@Nawakwa.org).



**THE LOOKOUT**

June 1-3..... Summer Service Wknd  
 Camp T. Brady Saunders  
*Lodge Officer Elections & Lodge Officer Training Conference*

March 16-18.....Spring Service Wknd  
 Camp T. Brady Saunders

July 28-Aug 1 .....Nat'l Ldrshp Summit  
 Indiana University

April 27-29 .....SR-7A Conclave  
 Camp Lions

Sept 7-9 ..... Fall Service Wknd  
 Camp T. Brady Saunders

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