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Brothers
at the
Spring
Pow
Wow!***



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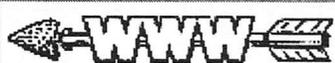


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CHIEFLY SPEAKING WITH PATRICK KERLEY

Once again I have been given the opportunity to write to you (as I established in my last correspondence) the decision makers of Aal-Pa-Tah "from where I stand." As I have said in the past, **your** lodge needs **your** support. However, this isn't a call for just one Arrowman to fill a chairman or Advisor position, it is a call to the Brotherhood.

Together, as a unit, things will happen. Section awards will be won, weekends will become progressively more successful, and maybe even our differences will mend. One must understand we are a lodge divided. We are not divided over good and evil or over the

"Your lodge needs your support."

"light side" or the "dark side" of the force or over chapter superiority (okay, maybe). However, they transcend all of these, our differences are in opinion. Divisions over the direction of the lodge have taken root and begun to grow. Previously sacred rites have become public knowledge and old friendships have seen their destruction in the midst of bitter clashes on many fronts.

"If we are to remain a nation, we must stand by one another" the wise Meteu tells us during our Ordeal. However, is this "higher vision" beyond our reach? Will political gain and popularity forever urge us to violate the ideals which our Order is founded on: Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service? I don't

think so. We have a few options, none of them will make everyone happy, but such is life. There needs to be closure of the problems that halt our lodge's development. No matter how much anyone tries to deny it, there is defiantly an underlying friction that is not conducive to the goals we are all seeking.

Therefore, as we go to section conference, which ironically has the theme of "...We must stand by one another," I urge all to come together and show the true Aal-Pa-Tah spirit.

In Brotherhood,
Patrick Kerley
Gatorchief237@yahoo.com

P.S. - Nice job at Operation First Class, and get ready for Section 2003!



ADVISOR'S CORNER WITH FRED DANAHER

Onward and into the future....

When the idea of a Campership Fund came about, the immediate reaction was that with several thousand dollars our Lodge could send a large number of Scouts to summer camp this year that might not be able to attend otherwise. However, it didn't take long for our youth to realize that if the money was invested, youth could be sent to camp for generations. Shortly after that the LEC began coming up with ideas for raising more money for this good cause.

I would like to encourage our entire lodge to participate in the fund raising efforts that will come about. More importantly, I would like to encourage all of our brothers, youth and adult, to follow the example of the LEC and move their vision and planning beyond the immediate, beyond the next event, or current publication. Scouting is changing, the Order of the Arrow is changing and we have a hand in directing that change. We can be true to our foundation and ideals while embracing our new directions.

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Our Order is considered "Scouting's Honor Society". Take the time to share your ideas with Patrick Kerley or myself or contact any one of the 40+ Officers, Chiefs and Advisors. With help and inspiration from everyone we will lay the foundation for the new millennium.

In Service,

Fred Danaher
Lodge Advisor
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VICE CHIEF'S BEEF WITH STEVE BROWN

Bothers, during our induction, we learn of the importance of Wimachtendenk, Lenape for Brotherhood. Truly, how often does one stop and think about what Brotherhood really is. The program of the order is designed to promote Brotherhood within Scouting.

Brotherhood is a very abstract term. It can only be fully defined by the individual. We have shown great evidence of our bond in Brotherhood in the last few months. At our Fall Fellowship, we met for fun and fellowship and several of our brothers sealed their membership in our order. I am always proud to see such examples at each lodge event. It warms my heart when I see, two Arrowmen working together to complete a job, Brothers gathered around a guitar sharing fellowship, or chapters engaging in friendly competition.

Now, I ask that we all make an effort to increase our spirit of Brotherhood. We should all take an extra moment to reflect on how we can accomplish the higher vision of our order. Next time you walk by an unknown brother at TK, take a moment to stop and introduce yourself, to strengthen the ties that hold our lodge together.

In Cheerful Service,
Steve Brown
Lodge Vice Chief

HISTORIAN'S REPORT FROM CHRIS MALIN

Just recently the Lodge Chief's board was refinished and hung up in the dining hall near the back doors of the dinning hall. All the past issues of the Tipi have been cataloged and placed in protective sleeves and in matching notebooks. I am in the ongoing process of sorting and dating the huge file of photos that the Lodge owns.

The LEC has issued the funds necessary to start construction of our Kings Cup

display. I hope to have a preliminary Kings Cup display at the upcoming Pow-Wow weekend.

If you have any suggestions for the Kings Cup display or any items which you would like to contribute to the Lodge archives please call me or e-mail me at submariner500@yahoo.com.

Chris Malin, Lodge Historian
Lodge Historian

EDITORIAL COMMENTS FROM RANDY WERTEPNY

Year after year our lodge strives to do more and more for Scouting and our community. Whether it be Operation First Class or Operation One-Day. However, this year we are starting the Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge Campership Fund to help scouts pay for summer camp. Applications will be given to scoutmasters and will be available at the council office soon. There will be various fundraisers throughout the year contributing to the campership fund.

From the founding of Scouting in America through the present day, there have been many changes in the Scouting program. As the 20th century comes to a close, the Tipi Staff felt that it was important for the lodge to look at the history of Scouting as we chart the course for Scouting in the 21st century. Thus, in this

issue of the Tipi, we start a series of nine articles about the growth in scouting during the 20th century. We begin with the 1910's.

As you all know, Spring Pow Wow is right around the corner. There will be stuff to do for everybody. Chapter Chiefs, don't forget there will be a training for unit election committees after on Sunday afternoon following Spring Pow Wow.

Finally, on May 15, we will be having our annual pig roast at the Mega Scout Show. Last year it was a lot of fun and this year it will be even better. If you would like to be a part of this please contact Ryan Wertepny at 795-7453.

Randy Wertepny
Tipi Editor, Lodge Secretary

REPORT FROM THE ORDEAL MASTER

BY CHRIS MALIN

This year we inducted 172 new members. This is a great amount of the 200+ eligible candidates. Both Ordeals went very well but as always we can improve. The induction chairman is always looking for guides and elangomats for ordeals. I would like to congratulate everyone that has gone through the

ordeal in the last year. Everyone did a great job. Also, the ordeals could not of happened without the members help. Thank you everyone. There is always room for more members to help. Finally I challenge all the new members to come back, and seal their membership with brotherhood after 10 months.



MAKE-UP ORDEAL



The Make-Up Ordeal went great. We had nice weather and no problems with mosquitoes. I would like to thank everyone who helped make this possible. We now have 11 new members to welcome, and a lot of work done. The service chairman and the ceremonial team did a great job. Congratulations to everyone. If anyone would like to be an elangomat in the future, please call me, Chris Malin at 627-3816. I hope to see all our new members at the Spring Pow -Wow.

Congratulations to Our New Members!

Harold Jackson

Chris Robert

Andrew Barton

Ryan Weller

Andrew Mcciong

Thomas Willis

Brad Maizner

Richard Bloom

Austin Craig

John Morgan

Charles Cumberland

A WORD WITH THE CEREMONIAL TEAM CHIEF

BY BRAD ELLIS



Ah, the job of a ceremonialist is never done. So far this year our team has performed two Ordeals, two Brotherhoods, and a handful of Eagle Ceremonies with more to come. And I must say, each of these have been breathtakingly, awe inspiring. Aal-Pa-Tah has always had ceremonies as a strong suit, ranking as a honor lodge for the last sixteen consecutive years (Hopefully this will be the seventeenth).

We have made arrangements for O-Shot-Caw's team to come visit and give each other some points. In addition, we have procured a sufficient sum of money from the LEC to begin construction on new outfits. Since ceremonies are a key part of our order, I urge each and every new member to come watch the ceremonies and share in the welcoming of new brothers into our order; I also urge all

who are eligible to become a brotherhood member to seal their membership in the order. Brotherhood is now offered at every weekend, so act now, offer ends soon, void where prohibited.

In a final note, I would like to add that I am very proud of the members that comprise our team; the numerous hours of practice and dedication, which they selflessly spend in making our ceremonies as inspirational as possible is undoubtedly above and beyond the call of duty and is much appreciated.

WWW,

Brad J. Ellis, Ceremonial Team Chief

PS Anyone interested in becoming a ceremonialist or in need of our services for an Eagle Ceremony should contact me at 747-2262, ask for Brad.



THE NEWEST B.S.A. PROGRAM: VENTURING

Venturing is a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women who are 14 (and have completed the eighth grade) through 20 years of age.

Venturing's purpose is to provide positive experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults.

Venturing is based on a unique and dynamic relationship between youth, adult leaders, and organizations in their communities. Local community organizations establish a Venturing crew by matching their people and program resources to the interests of young people in the community. The result is a program of exciting and meaningful activities that helps youth pursue their special interests, to grow, to develop leadership skills, and to become good citizens.

Venturing crews can specialize in a variety of avocation or hobby interests. Venturing programs are developed around six experience areas of emphasis:

Citizenship



- Developing a better understanding of America's social, economic, and governmental systems
- Encouraging a pride in our American heritage

Leadership



- Developing leadership skills
- Preparing to give leadership and fulfill our responsibilities to American society and to the people of the world

Fitness



- Improving mental, emotional, and physical fitness and an appreciation for sports
- Developing ethical decision-making skills

Social



- Instilling stable personal values firmly based on religious concepts
- Developing skill in dealing with all people and encouraging a sense of family and community responsibility

Outdoor



- Developing a degree of self-reliance based on courage, initiative, and resourcefulness
- Understanding and appreciating the wise use of resources and the protection of our environment

Service



- Encouraging the skill and desire to help others
- Gaining a keen respect for the basic rights of others

Goals

Young adults involved in Venturing will:

- Learn to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling the values in the Venturing Oath and Code.
- Experience a program that is fun and full of challenge and adventure.
- Become a skilled training and program resource for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and other groups.
- Acquire skills in the areas of high adventure, sports, arts and hobbies, youth ministries, or Sea Scouting.
- Experience positive leadership from adult and youth leaders and be given opportunities to take on leadership roles.

- Have a chance to learn and grow in a supportive, caring, and fun environment.

Methods

The methods of Venturing have been carefully chosen to meet the needs of young adults.

- **Voluntary association between youth and adults.** Because Venturing is voluntary, youth are receptive to new ideas, experiences, and relationships. For the youth members, these relationships provide a connection to new ways of thinking and acting, and a new identity as a responsible young adult.
- **Ethical decision-making.** By asking young people to be responsible for themselves, for a program of positive activities and experiences, and for other people, Venturing provides numerous opportunities for making decisions and ethical choices. With the influence of positive adult role models and structured activities, youth learn to make effective and ethical decisions.
- **Group activities.** Venturing activities are interdependent group experiences in which success is dependent on the cooperation of all youth and adults.
- **Recognition of achievement.** Recognition might come through the achievement of one of the many awards available to youth members, but peers and adults also achieve it through the acknowledgement of a young person's competence and abilities.
- **Democratic process.** Venturing crews provide exposure to democratic ideas and skills that are needed throughout life.
- **Curiosity, exploration, and adventure.** New experiences and Venturing activities provide an excellent opportunity for acquiring new skills and participating in action-oriented activities.

Ethics in Action

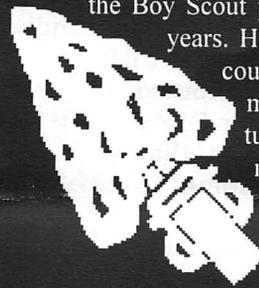
An important goal of Venturing is to help young adults be responsible and caring persons, both now and in the future. Venturing uses "ethical controversies" to help young adults develop the ability to make responsible choices that reflect their

concern for what is a risk and how it will affect others involved. Because an ethical controversy is a problem-solving situation, leaders expect young adults to employ empathy, invention, and selection when they think through their position and work toward a solution of an ethical controversy.

Order of the Arrow

Official Position on the Venturing Program

The National Order of the Arrow Committee currently has no plans of conducting Order of the Arrow elections in Venturing crews. The Order of the Arrow is a program element of the Boy Scout program only, as it has been for 83 years. However, the Order of the Arrow encourages all of its members to find out more about all of the exciting opportunities that can be experienced as a member of a Venturing crew. For information about a Venturing crew in your area contact the Council Service Center.



Are you ready for this?

WEB HYPERLINK!
www.bsa-scouting.org/venturing

- ✓ Test your limits.
- ✓ Meet new friends.
- ✓ Make a difference.
- ✓ Go Venturing!

VENTURING-BSA

1998 SECTION S-4 SEMINARS & COUNCIL OF CHIEFS REPORT

BY BRAD ELLIS

For those of you who missed the action packed Section Seminars weekend of November 13th, 14th, and 15th, lets do a brief recap. Section Seminars... Section Seminars...It's like Section Conference, only different. This year Seminars was held at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida and was hosted by Seminole Lodge 85. This year Aal-Pa-Tah sent a whopping seven representatives to meet with the other lodges, which is actually an increase from years past. Representing our most gracious lodge, in order from least to greatest, where: Ryan Durocher, Eric Mason, Brad Ellis, David English, Mr. Ekle and Mr. Chewning, and Stephen Brown (who was the acting lodge chief for the duration of the event). During Saturday, a multitude of thirty-seven seminars were offered throughout the day, all of them fitting under four categories: Ceremonies, Quality Lodge Program, Plains' American Indian Activities, and Southeastern American Indian Activities. Part of what also made this weekend so exciting can be contributed to the fact that we were on an Air Force base and that was the weekend that President Clinton was threatening to launch a military attack against Iraq. Another important part of the Seminars/Council of Chief weekend is of course the Council of Chiefs. For those of you who don't know what the COC is, well it is essentially just that, a council of all the lodge chiefs in our section, so it's more than just a clever name. Lasting all day long, the council of chiefs made seven decisions worth bringing to your attention:

- 1) They are looking to do a better coordinated Section Day of Service, actually all occurring on just one day. Evidently this year each lodge, and sometimes each chapter, did their own thing, sometimes even a multi-day event. As this is not what was originally intended by the single day of service, they hope to refocus the effort onto the one day.
- 2) The OA Trek at Philmont continues for one more summer and a new OA Trek in the Northern Tier begins next year.
- 3) There was a reminder that the Key 3 Summit is scheduled for July 31st-Aug. 3 in Fort Collins.
- 4) It seems at least three lodges, including us, were unable to attend the NLS due to the tight deadline window. As a solution, they are looking to provide an additional regional course.
- 5) The Section Conference rotation was open to bids with the following results:

1999 – Osceola Lodge
 2000 – Echockotee Lodge
 2001 – Timuquan Lodge
 2002 – Seminole Lodge

2003 – Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge

2004 – Tomo-Chi-Chi Lodge
 2005 – O-Shot-Caw Lodge
 2006 – Tipisa Lodge
 2007 – Semialachee Lodge
 2008 – Immockolee Lodge
 2009 – Osceola Lodge
 2010 – Echoneechee Lodge

- 6) They are looking for someone to host the Section Seminars in 2000.
- 7) All of the above items took a little over an hour to cover, the remaining six hours of the COC were spent on the Section Conference 99 presentation/budget. In the end, the final price for conference registration was set at \$17 dollars, a \$1 increase from last year.

All in all Section Seminars 1998 was a weekend to remember. It was a new experience for this arrowman and I'm sure I will be in attendance at next year's Seminars. I encourage all arrowmen to attend at least one of these weekends in the future, as it will surely provide you with a little more understanding to the foundations of our order. If anyone has any further questions concerning Section Seminars please feel free to call me or accost me at any of our weekends.

Clear Your Calendar Now for April 2003!

AAL-PA-TAH
will be Hosting
the 2003 S-4
Section Conference
at Tanah Keeta!

TREASURER'S REPORT

BY PRESTON BARBOUR

I would like to thank the weekend committee for such a good weekend at Fall Fellowship, there was enormous turn out of Ordeal members which I was very glad to see. I would also like to say that due to the purchases made by an anonymous buyer, most of the old patches that were in the lodge box are gone, there are only a few of them left. The lodge just received a shipment of the current green flaps, I know we did not have many at the weekend, but the box does have tons of them now. The LEC is looking for a new flap design, for a new Once in a Life Time flap, if you have any designs please send them to me or give them to Patrick Kerley at the Spring Pow-Wow. I hope to see all of you at the Spring Pow-Wow.

NE-KE-WA CHAPTER REPORT

BY JOSH SAAD

Ne Ke Wa had an excellent turnout at the recent Fall Fellowship weekend. During the Lodge Executive Committee Meeting at Fall Fellowship, a vote was called to approve the Ne Ke Wa Chapter dangle patch, which was approved. The design will be a remake of the original, which can be seen on the patch board in the dining hall of Camp Tanah Keeta.

Your Chapter Chief,
Josh Saad

**Register today for the
1999 Section Conference
April 16-18, 1999**

Hosted by Osceola Lodge

The Lodge Executive Committee is looking for two new flap designs, a new member flap and a trading flap.

Your
Design

Bring any sketches, drawings or computer generated artwork to the Spring Pow-Wow. This is your chance to see your idea for a flap come to life.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

If you are an Ordeal member who has been in the lodge for more than ten months read the following information carefully:

The Spring Pow-Wow, March 19-21, is now about a month away. Ordeal members who have been with the lodge for at least 10 months are now eligible to take the next step in service to the Lodge by becoming Brotherhood members. All that you need to do is write a letter to the Lodge Secretary stating what the obligation means to you and how you plan to provide service to your Troop and the Lodge. On Saturday, March 20, you will be assigned a Brotherhood counselor who work with you to make sure that you understand everything that happened at the Ordeal Ceremony and that you can also recite the Song and the Obligation from memory.

Once you have completed the Brotherhood Ceremony, you will be showing everyone else your dedication to the Lodge to provide service and devotion to the welfare of others even in the mist of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities.

Please call Debbie at the Council Office (561-694-8585) to register for Brotherhood for the Spring Powwow. The cost for Brotherhood is an additional \$12.00 beyond the cost of the weekend.

THE HISTORY OF SCOUTING: THE 1910'S

1910

The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated on February 8 under the laws of the District of Columbia by W. D. Boyce. On June 21, a group of 34 national representatives of boys' work agencies met, developed organization plans, and opened a temporary national headquarters in a YMCA office in New York. In September, Robert S.S. Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, visited America and interpreted the program. President William Howard Taft accepted the office of honorary president; Theodore Roosevelt became honorary vice-president and chief Scout citizen; Colin H. Livingstone was elected president; Mortimer L. Schiff, Milton A. McRae, and Benjamin L. Dulaney, vice-presidents; George D. Pratt, treasurer; Daniel Carter Beard, National Scout Commissioner; Ernest Thompson Seton, Chief Scout; and John Sherman Hoyt, Jeremiah W. Jenks, William D. Murray, and Frank Presbrey, members of the Executive Board. James E. West was appointed executive officer.



Scouts mobilized for the first of a series of national civic Good Turns, including the promotion of a safe and sane Fourth of July. Other community Good Turns began. Sea Scouting for older Scouts was started. Boys' Life was purchased to become an official BSA magazine. Membership during the year, Scouts and Scouters, 97,495. Total members to date, 126,860.

1913

The first local council charters were issued to first-class and second-class councils. Local supervision was facilitated by dividing the United States into eight districts—the forerunner of 12 regions. Scouting, the official magazine for Scouters, was started. Boy Scout Week was observed. A registration plan for Scouts was adopted. Scouts demonstrated the motto "Be Prepared" in first aid during spring floods in Ohio and Indiana. Scouts rendered service at the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg reunion of veterans. The first Children's Book Week was observed. Membership during the year, 115,364. Total members to date, 188,964.

1911

The National Council office was established at 200 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y., on January 2, 1911, with seven employees. The first annual meeting was held at the White House, Washington, D.C., and was addressed by President Taft. The Scout Oath, Law, badges, and fundamental policies were adopted. The first awards for heroism were presented by the National Court of Honor. Membership to date, Scouts and Scouters, 61,495.

1912

By now Scouts were enrolled in every state.

1914

The troop committee plan was created. The first Scout Sunday observance took place. Training for Scout leaders was developed. The first William T. Hornaday gold medal for the conservation of wildlife was presented. The first tree-planting project was held in New York. Membership, December 31, was 127,685. Total members to date, 275,304.

1915

The Department of Education established a national office to train all Scouters. Expansion of merit badge work prompted issuance

of 57 merit badge pamphlets. The Handbook for Scoutmasters was issued. Military policy was adopted. Scouting was extended on the Pacific coast. **The Order of the Arrow was founded.** Membership, December 31, was 182,303. Total members to date, 409,662.

1916

Congress granted a Federal Charter on June 15, giving special protection to the name and insignia and limiting membership to American citizens. An act of Congress, June 3, authorized a Scout uniform similar to the Army, Navy, or Marine uniform. The Constitution and Bylaws were adopted. The first college course in Scouting was held at Teachers College, New York. Veteran and associate Scout classifications were created. Scouting in rural areas emphasized Pioneer Scouts (later Lone Scouts). A Department of Camping was established at the national office to help local councils maintain camping standards and promote camping. Membership, December 31, was 245,183. Total members to date, 571,649.

1917

Scouting's full resources were placed at the service of the government, under the slogan "Help Win the War," and, within 24 hours, Scouts throughout the United States were so advised. Significant demonstration of boy-power, trained and organized for service, followed for the duration of the war and drew thousands of boys into the movement. The first winter camp was held by Chicago Scouts. Membership, December 31, was 363,837. Total members to date, 812,586.

1918

After the signing of the armistice, the slogan "The War Is Over, but Our Work Is Not" was adopted. Scouts rendered nationwide service in the influenza epidemic. The first service club sponsorship of troops was inaugurated by Rotary International. A Scout executives' training conference was held at Cranberry Lake. National standards were established for Boy Scout camps. As part of the war effort, 1917-18, Scouts sold 2,350,977 Liberty Loan bonds, totaling \$147,876,902; war savings stamps, to a value of \$53,043,698. More

than 300 million pieces of government literature were distributed, and services rendered included food and fuel conservation and Boy Scout war gardens. Membership, December 31, was 418,984. Total members to date, 1,065,495.

1919

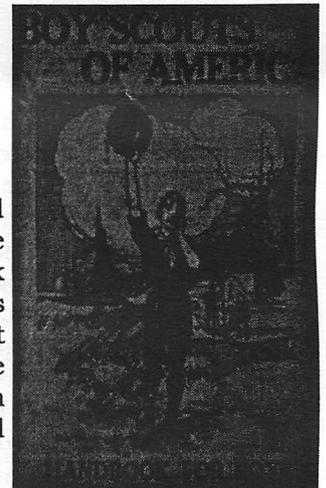
A systematic method of developing cooperation with churches of all faiths was adopted. Boy Scouts were invited to aid the Department of Labor in its Americanization program. Following the death of Chief Scout Citizen Theodore Roosevelt on January 6, Scouts began the practice of planting Roosevelt memorial trees and making pilgrimages to his grave at Oyster Bay. The first gold Honor Medals were awarded by the National Court of Honor for saving life at risk of the rescuer's own, replacing the silver and bronze awards. Membership, December 31, was 462,060. Total members to date, 1,325,878.

The Boy Scout Handbook in the 1910's

1911

First Edition 300,000 Copies

The invitation to join shouted by the Scout camper on the cover of the first handbook was accepted by thousands of youngsters. They wore that cover thin duplicating the handbook's frontier skills in countless city vacant lots and on hikes into the country.



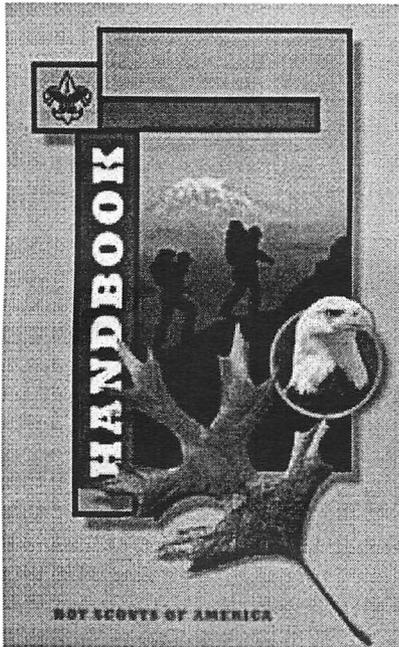
1914

Second Edition 3,000,000 Copies

From 1914 to 1927, the cover of the handbook for Boys featured a semaphore signaling team. The Scouts who patterned their signaling stance from the cover and their behavior and development from the book itself created a great record of service to the nation in World War I.



THE NEW BOY SCOUT HANDBOOK: A GUIDE FOR LIFE



More than ever, the new edition of *The Boy Scout Handbook* is not just a guide to the outdoors - but a guide for life. *The Boy Scout Handbook*, now in its 11th edition, addresses issues such as alcohol and drug abuse, respecting others, and using the Internet appropriately.

A new section, "Preparing for Life," provides advice to Scouts on a spectrum of social issues. Scouts are encouraged to read books, to help around the home, to listen with respect to others, and to prepare for responsible parenthood.

"Scouting has always been about preparing boys for life," says Chief Scout Executive Jere B. Ratcliffe. "Through the Scout Oath and Law, almost 99 million youngsters have learned to help and respect other people, exercise their minds and bodies and know right from wrong. The new handbook connects those basic tenets of our beliefs and practices more directly to the situations boys face today."

The handbook's 11th edition was originally planned for a February release, but was shipped early because demand had stripped shelves of the current edition. Some 36 million copies of the familiar handbook are already in print.

Demand for *The Boy Scout Handbook* demonstrates the relevance of Scouting in today's society. A recent study by Louis Harris & Associates found that three-fourths or more of Boy Scouts believe the program teaches them right from wrong, helps them feel more self-confident and provides them with new skills.

The new handbook, the first revision made since 1990, resulted from talks with hundreds of Boy Scouts and Scout leaders across the country. Features include:

- A new emphasis on low-impact and no-trace camping, which means that Scouts leave camping areas in better shape than when they arrived. Included is a code of outdoor ethics for Scouts to follow when camping called, the "Principles of Leave No Trace."
- A more logical sequence of the book based on the familiar Boy Scout ranks of Tenderfoot to Eagle, containing the same information on first aid, camping, knot-tying and flag-raising that has helped millions advance through Scouting and learn skills for life. The book now has a color-coded page index to help a boy find and work on the requirements more easily.
- Fewer pages, with material dealing with mammals, insects, plants and pioneering removed from the handbook but expected to be placed in the next edition of the *Fieldbook*.
- More information on programs for older boys including camping opportunities and other high-adventure opportunities at BSA high-adventure bases. **Information on programs such as the Order of the Arrow - Scouting's National Honor Society - also has been included.**

The slimmed-down, easier-to-use handbook is made from recycled biodegradable paper and is available at Gulf Stream Council Scout Shop for only \$7.95.

Stop by the Scout Shop at the Council Office and
pickup a copy of the new *Boy Scout Handbook*.
You will not be disappointed!

REPORT FROM THE SERVICE CHAIRMAN: OPERATION FIRST CLASS WAS A SUCCESS!

BY RYAN WERTEPNY

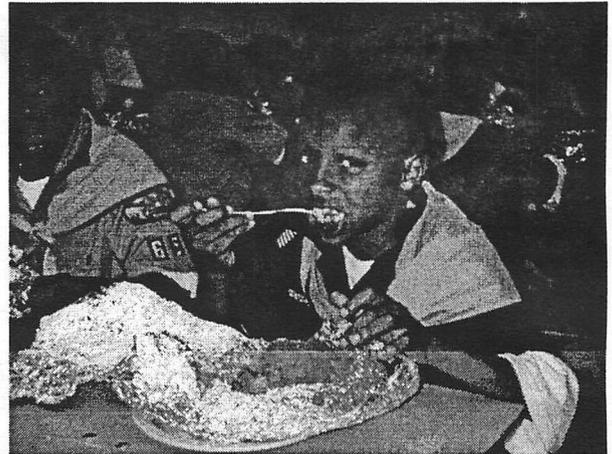


Operation First Class was great success. I want to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication. All the scouts and scoutmasters that attended had a great time. Mr. Oats would like me to express his deep appreciation to each member of the staff, for providing this very valuable community service to our council.

I would like to invite all of you to help with this years' **Mega Scout Show Pig Roast** on May 15, 1999. Please let me know if you are interested.

OPERATION FIRST CLASS PATCHES: For everyone who didn't get a chance to buy their extra patches, I will have them at the spring Pow-Wow Friday night during registration. Once again thank you, and see you at Spring Pow Wow.

Ryan Wertepny
795-7453



Gourmet Dining at Operation First Class – Tin Foil Dinner Style



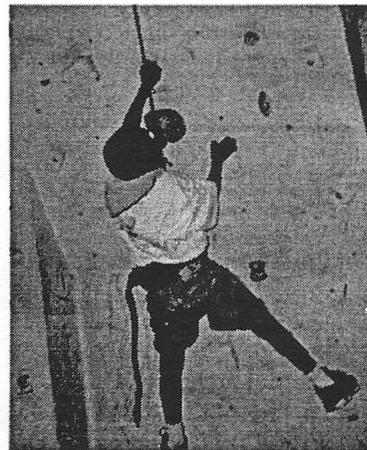
Not to be out done, even the Operation First Class Staff prepared tin foil dinners.



The Lodge Chief and Lodge Advisor held a cotton candy eating contest. Can you tell who won?



Don Kirk teaches scouts the art of silk screening.



Scouts were literally climbing the walls at On the Rocks.



Vice Chief Steve Brown lending a helping hand with silk screening.

NATIONAL ORDER OF THE ARROW HIGH ADVENTURE 1999

Philmont
SCOUT RANCH



Philmont Trail Crew

Philmont Scout Ranch - Cimarron, New Mexico

The Order of the Arrow is offering you an opportunity to join other Arrowmen in cheerful service and the formation of lasting brotherhood on the trails of Philmont Scout Ranch. Under the direction of the Philmont Conservation Department, experienced Philmont staff members with strong Order of the Arrow backgrounds will lead participants on the two week trail crew and trek. The program is a fourteen day experience. The first week focuses on trail construction and maintenance under the guidance of Philmont trail crew foremen. The second week is 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.

Trail building is tough. The worksite experience is full of long, strenuous days requiring a great deal of physical effort. Participants are expected to work with great diligence as the trail that is being built is designed to last over 75 years and protect the beautiful landscape of Philmont Scout Ranch. Other than trail building techniques, Scouts will strengthen their leadership skills, learn advanced wilderness and low-impact camping skills, observe and participate in group wilderness safety, good judgment, and motivation activities, and receive special OA instruction.

The project's mission is to maintain, reinforce, and enhance the purpose of the Order of the Arrow by using Scout camping traditions. Participants are expected to use their experience to benefit their troop, chapter, lodge and council programs. Camping is a method of Scouting that enhances and builds stronger programs and people.

REQUIREMENTS

- Be at least 16 years old the day your program begins, but not 21 by its conclusion.
- Be physically fit, able to lift and handle materials up to 50 pounds. (Philmont height and weight guidelines will be strictly enforced.)
- Be a registered member of both the BSA and a local OA lodge.
- Scouts from the same unit, or otherwise ac-

quainted, will be placed in separate crews. No Exceptions!

No exceptions can be made to these requirements. Selection for this program is competitive and is both an honor and a privilege.

PROGRAM COST

Participant cost is \$100 for the two week experience. **A \$25 non-refundable deposit is required with the application.** The balance of the fee is due at the time of acceptance as a participant in the program. Additional expenses, including travel to and from Philmont as well as miscellaneous purchases, are the responsibility of the participant.

A shuttle is available from the Albuquerque, New Mexico, Airport to Philmont. The shuttle leaves the airport at 4:00 pm the day **before** your scheduled starting date, arriving at Philmont at 8:00 pm (four hour trip). The return trip leaves at 6:00 am on your last scheduled day, arriving at the Albuquerque Airport at 10:00 am. Busses and trains arrive at Raton, New Mexico (40 miles from Philmont). A shuttle is also available from Raton. Plan to arrive at Philmont between 8:00 - 11:00 am of your starting date.

Those applicants not accepted as participants in the program will have their deposit returned. Participants canceling acceptance will be eligible for a refund if notification is received to the national office by May 14, 1999. No shows are not eligible for a refund.

Trail Crew Session Dates

Philmont Scout Ranch, Cimarron, New Mexico

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| #1 June 13 - 27 | #6 July 18 - August 1 |
| #2 June 20 - July 4 | #7 July 25 - August 8 |
| #3 June 27 - July 11 | #8 August 1 - 15 |
| #4 July 4 - 18 | #9 August 8 - 22 |
| #5 July 11 - 25 | |

Wilderness Voyage Session Dates

**Charles L. Sommers
High Adventure Canoe Base- Ely, Minnesota**

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| #1 June 9 - June 21 | #6 July 14 - July 26 |
| #2 June 16 - June 28 | #7 July 21 - August 2 |
| #3 June 23 - July 5 | #8 July 28 - August 9 |
| #4 June 30 - July 12 | #9 August 4 - August 16 |
| #5 July 7 - July 19 | #10 August 11 - August 23 |



Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage

Charles L. Sommers High Adventure
Canoe Base- Ely, Minnesota

The National Order of the Arrow is offering you an opportunity to join Arrowmen from across the country in cheerful service and the formation of lasting brotherhood on the pristine US/Canadian Boundary Waters. Under the direction of the United States Forest Service, experienced Charles L. Sommers staff members with strong Order of the Arrow backgrounds will lead participants on a two week voyage into the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW).

The program is a thirteen-day experience inspired by the traditions of the French and Canadian Voyageurs who ventured the northern wilderness during the 1700-1800s. Traveling thousands of miles by water and portage, these Voyageurs were hired to haul goods and furs to trade with Native Americans and Europeans. In the spirit of these adventurers, Arrowmen will embark on a voyage that is twofold. One-half of the OA Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage focuses on portage trail and campsite maintenance within the Boundary Waters. The remaining expedition is spent on a canoeing adventure that is planned and chosen by the participants in the program. In other words, each crew plans their own voyage! However, the program is not simply portage trail work, camping, and canoeing. The OA Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage is ultimately a journey that challenges Scouts mentally, physically, and spiritually.

Portage trail work is tough and serious. The worksite experience is full of long, strenuous days requiring a great deal of physical effort. Participants are expected to work with great diligence as the tasks being accomplished are designed to benefit generations of Scouts and non-Scouts in the Boundary Waters Wilderness. In addition to mastering portage trail maintenance techniques, Scouts will strengthen their leadership skills, learn advanced wilderness and low-impact camping skills, learn wilderness safety techniques, participate in many motivational activities, and receive special OA instruction. The project's mission is to maintain, reinforce, and intensify the purpose of the Order of the Arrow through Scout camping traditions. Camping enhances and builds stronger programs and people. Participants are expected to use their experience to benefit their troop, chapter, lodge, and council programs.

REQUIREMENTS

- Be at least 16 years old the day your program begins, but not yet 21 by its conclusion

- Be strong and robust (Charles L. Sommers height and weight guidelines will be strictly enforced.)
- Be a registered member of both the BSA and a local OA lodge.
- No exceptions can be made to these requirements. This program is voluntary and selection for the Order of the Arrow Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage is both an honor and a privilege.



PROGRAM COST

Participant cost is \$100 for the two-week experience. A \$25 non-refundable deposit is required with the application. The balance of the fee is due at the time of acceptance as a participant in the program. Additional expenses, including travel to and from Charles L. Sommers as well as miscellaneous purchases, are the responsibility of the participant.

A shuttle van is available from the Duluth, Minnesota Airport. The shuttle leaves the airport at 5:00 pm. *the day before your scheduled starting date*, and arrives at Charles L. Sommers at 7:30 p.m. (2 ½ hour trip). The return trip leaves at 7:00 am on your last scheduled day, arriving at the Duluth Airport at 9:30 am. **IMPORTANT:** Plan to be at Charles L. Sommers by 7:30 pm *the day before your scheduled trek*.

Those applicants not accepted as participants in the program will have their deposit returned. Participants canceling acceptance will be eligible for a refund if notification is received in the National Office by May 10, 1999.

The Second Annual Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge Mega Scout Show Pig Roast May 14-15, 1999



The Lodge Service Corp is now recruiting for this special event. If you have what it takes to stay up all night to slow roast a pig to perfection, sign-up today.

For more information contact Ryan Wertepny (795-7453) or fill out an application at Spring Pow-Wow.

Aal-Pa-Tah Winter High Adventure Trek



Have you ever wanted to drive a dog sled, camp in a snow shelter, snowshoe, cross country ski, or just have a snowball fight with your favorite friends from Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge? Well, now you can! The Lodge is planning its first ever Winter High Adventure Trip for next Winter. The initial planning meeting will be at the Spring Pow-Wow. For more information contact Ryan Wertepny (795-7453).

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