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# Your piece of the future: NEXT



From July 30 to August 3, Arrowmen from across the nation focused on bettering the future of the Order of the Arrow and its lodges will be convening at the University of Indiana. The topics of discussion during this event will revolve around membership, program and innovation, as Arrowmen explore ways to propel the Order into the future. With such a focus on shaping the Order's future vision, it's fitting that the event is titled, NEXT: A New Century. With the excitement and enthusiasm of NOAC 2015 still fresh in the hearts and minds of so many, NEXT promises to create meaningful action to kick

off our second century of service. However, at this moment, there is one piece to the puzzle missing. That important factor is your own personal ingenuity, creativity, drive and vision. From brainstorming new national programs, to providing feedback for use in the Order's next strategic plan, to participating in radically creative training exercises, lodge delegates at NEXT will have never-before-seen opportunities to grow as leaders in our organization.

Lodges have been allotted a total of five registration spaces for the event, two for adults and three for youth lodge leadership and change agents within the

lodge. Lodges can register now at [registration.oa-bsa.org](http://registration.oa-bsa.org) for this fantastic event to be held this summer. All lodges are to be registered by March 31, 2016 to assure their presence at NEXT, and need not choose their delegates at this moment. On the registration portal on [oa-bsa.org](http://oa-bsa.org), lodge leadership can reserve their spaces without knowing exactly who will represent the lodge at the event; that information can be updated closer to the event's date. However, even though the contingents for NEXT are rather limited, it is crucial that you keep yourself involved by sharing your own ideas for innovation with those around

you, while serving cheerfully as an Arrowman in all you do. The fee for attendance at NEXT is \$375 per delegate, if paid by May 31, 2016. After that date, the registration fee is \$450 per delegate. Upon registration, your council will be billed \$100 per delegate (non-refundable).

The ideas discussed and pioneered at NEXT promise to be cutting edge, but the puzzle is not complete yet. Talk to your lodge leadership today about how you can be more involved in creating positive, meaningful actions toward the betterment of the Order of the Arrow.

Any questions? Send them to us at [NEXT2016@oa-bsa.org](mailto:NEXT2016@oa-bsa.org).

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## History of the OA's service at the national jamboree



OA staff at the 2013 National Scout Jamboree.

**Chuck Coutteau**  
NATIONAL PROGRAM LEAD

The Order of the Arrow has been responsible for a variety of services and programs at the BSA's national jamborees. From providing guides for troops around the jamboree to putting on programs such as the Indian Village, the Order of the Arrow has demonstrated its third principle, service, at the national jamboree with pride. Since the first jamboree in 1937, the Order of the Arrow has continually grown to provide important service to over 52,000 Scouts who attend the jamboree.

The first national jamboree was held in Washington, DC from June 30 to July 9, 1937. One of the biggest highlights of this first jamboree was that President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the only president to be an Arrowman, attended. Fast forward 13 years, in 1950, to the second national jamboree where the first OA Service Troop (what today is called the OA Service Corps) was established. The second jamboree was held at Valley Forge, PA and was the largest Scouting event to date. In total, 36 Arrowmen were chosen to serve in the OA Service Troop

and provided behind-the-scenes logistics ranging from guarding dangerous locations to delivering mail to the troops. In 1953, 18 Arrowmen served in the OA Service Troop, and in 1960 the OA's support expanded to two OA Service Troops.

The national jamboree returned to Valley Forge in 1964 and the OA participation grew to over 200 Arrowmen. The OA powwow was first introduced here and was attended by approximately 15,000 Arrowmen. This event marked the launch of the OA's 50th anniversary celebration that would end at the 1965 National Order of the Arrow Conference. Furthermore, the OA increased their impact of service at the 1977 National Jamboree near Pittsburgh, PA. Not only did they provide an OA Service Troop, but it also oversaw the logistics of the youth staff sub-camp. This included housing, food, transportation and recreation for the 600-800 youth staff members at the jamboree.

Moving forward, at the 1989 and 1993 jamborees, the Order of the Arrow continued to expand the OA Service Troop involvement in service. The OA Service Troop had become a recognizable brand that was

depended on for the jamboree's success. The American Indian Village was introduced at these two jamborees and was a huge success. It introduced jamboree participants to crafts, skills and American Indian dancing. The American Indian Village also gave Scouts the opportunity to earn the Indian Lore merit badge, and nearly 200 Scouts completed it. Finally, it continued to offer an OA-specific show with attendance over 10,000 each year.

Approaching the 21st century, the Order of the Arrow solidified its presence at the national jamboree in 1997 by having the Service Corps become a major component of the event. The Service Corps was tasked to re-focus its service and allowed them to take a more integral role at the 1997 jamboree. New to the national jamboree this year was the The Outdoor Adventure Place (TOAP) and an interactive show called Odyssey of the Law. This interactive show/video presentation challenged Scouts to rely on the Scout Oath and Scout Law when they had to make tough decisions in their daily lives.

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### CHIEFLY SPEAKING

## HUNTER JONES

2016 National Chief



Brothers,

In my short time as chief, it has become apparent to me just how appropriate the symbol of our Order is for the years to come. Our organization has a lofty journey ahead. Just as an arrow is propelled from behind by a bow, we are propelled forward into our next century by the victories of our past.

2015 was about celebrating our tremendous accomplishments of the last century. Without such accomplishments, over 15,000 individuals would not have gathered at Michigan State University to share in fellowship and learning. Such a great centennial year left the same question lingering through the minds of many. Where do we go in our next 100 years?

Over the past month, it has become apparent to me that we can only go one direction - up. NOAC and our centennial celebration have set lofty expectations for our future as an organization, and I am confident that we will achieve more than we have ever thought possible. This is truly an exciting time to be a part of Scouting's National Honor Society.

Our program of emphasis this year, NEXT: A New Century, will bring together the OA's current and up-and-coming leaders to discuss the future of our organization along with providing exclusive content to the NEXT delegates. This gathering of leaders will be a key moment in shaping the plans for our future.

The other national opportunity in 2016, Prism, will be a time for Arrowmen to gather at the Summit Bechtel Reserve to participate in service and experience all that the high adventure base has to offer. Those who attend Prism will also be some of the first to share in one of our Order's new homes. The Summit Circle will be a place of reflection on how far we have come as an organization and on how many lives have been affected by our high ideals of brotherhood, cheerfulness and service.

My challenge to each of you for the first year of our second century is simple. Find a part of our program that excites you and take a journey. The OA already has so much to offer, and it is up to you to create an adventure. Encourage others to do the same. As seen through our first ceremony, it is only with the help of our brothers that we can take the next step in both our daily lives and Scouting.

I look forward to sharing with each of you in all that our new century has to offer.

Yours in Cheerful Service,

Hunter Jones



# Meet your 2016 national officers

**Hunter Jones**  
2016 NATIONAL CHIEF  
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Section SR-6

*"2016 will be about developing our plan for our next 100 years. This plan will include finding how to grow our Order by meeting the needs of tomorrow's youth."*

Hunter is from Middle Tennessee Council in Nashville, TN. He is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge. Hunter has served previously as section chief for SR-6 and the lodge chief of Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge. He is the recipient of the Centurion and Founder's Awards and is a James E. West Fellow. Hunter is studying animal science and pre-med at the University of Tennessee. In his spare time, he enjoys trap shooting, boxing and traveling.

**Tyler Inberg**  
2016 NATIONAL VICE CHIEF  
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Section W-1S

*"We have such a great opportunity with NEXT to turn the enthusiasm from the centennial year into applications and ideas for the lodges! I'm excited for this next year!"*

Tyler is from the Cascade Pacific Council in Portland, OR. He is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of Wauna La-Mon'tay Lodge. Tyler has previously served as the section chief for W-1S and as the conference vice chief of the Activities and Recreation committee at NOAC 2015. He also served as the vice chief of administration for his lodge. He is a recipient of the Founder's Award. Tyler is studying electrical engineering at Oregon State University. In his spare time, he enjoys hiking, camping, mountaineering and watching Netflix.

**Logan Greene**  
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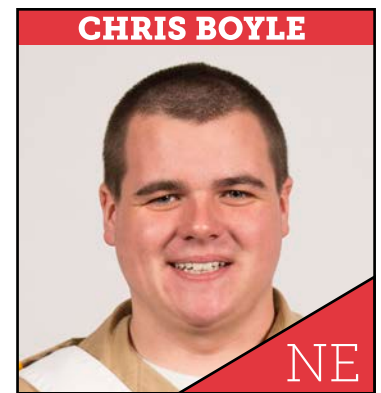
*"I am looking forward to helping set the foundation of leaders as we propel into the first year of the Order's new century!"*

Logan is from the Hoosier Trails Council in Bloomington, IN. He is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of Nischa Chuppecat Lodge. Logan has previously served three terms as the section chief of C-6A and two terms as lodge chief. He is a recipient of the Founder's Award and is a lifetime member of the National Eagle Scout Association. Logan is triple majoring in professional aviation flight technology, aviation management and unmanned systems at Indiana State University. In his free time, Logan enjoys flying in hopes to one day become an international flight captain.

**Chris Boyle**  
2016 NORTHEAST REGION CHIEF  
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Section NE-2B

*"I'm excited to see so many people coming together to make an entrance into our second century a year to remember."*

Chris is from the Theodore Roosevelt Council in Massapequa, NY. He is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of Buckskin Lodge. Chris has previously served as the section chief of NE-2B and the chairman of the Northeast Region's Cub Scout task force. Chris studies public policy at SUNY Albany. In his free time, Chris enjoys listening to music, camping, hiking and watching the NY Jets and Mets. A fun fact about Chris is that he belongs to an all-male acapella group called The Earth Tones.



**Jeff Sedlacek**  
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*"I look forward to working with all of the section chiefs throughout the year to work on NEXT, as well as the LINK program."*

Jeff is from the Old Hickory Council in Winston-Salem, NC. He is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of Wahissa Lodge. Jeff has served previously as the section chief of SR-7B and twice as lodge vice chief, once for activities and once for program. He is a recipient of the Founder's Award. Jeff attends Surry Community College, where he studies political science and public administration. In his free time, Jeff enjoys playing disc golf, backpacking and camping.

**Joe Garcia**  
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Section W-6W

*"I look forward to what NEXT has in store for all of us, in addition to working with my fellow region chiefs and my section chiefs."*

Joe is from the Grand Canyon Council in Phoenix, AZ. He is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of Wipala Wiki Lodge. Joe has previously served as the section chief of W-6W and two terms as lodge chief. Joe is a recipient of the Founder's Award and is a James E. West Fellow. Joe is a graduate of Peoria High School and plans to attend the American Musical and Dramatic Arts Academy or Northern Arizona University this fall. In his free time, Joe enjoys doing impressions, performing with his improv group, as well as reading and following politics.



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## Andy Chapman appointed Southern Region chairman

Andy Chapman was recently appointed to serve as the next Southern Region chairman. Discover more about Andy's past service and why he is excited to tackle this new role.



Pictured above: Andy Chapman

### Ben Pycraft CONTENT TEAM

When he became involved as a youth, he didn't know where his path would take him, he just wanted events to run smoothly. The incoming Southern Region chairman, Andy Chapman, is proof that opportunities within the Order of the Arrow are endless. Since his involvement as a youth, Andy has had the opportunity to serve in a variety of roles throughout Scouting. As of this December, he's excited to add the position of Southern Region chairman to that list.

The region chairman is a key adult volunteer appointed by the region director. The chairman advises the region chief, who is elected each December at the national planning

meeting. Andy has already begun forming his team that will work to enhance the OA program throughout the Southern Region this upcoming year. He's recruiting other outstanding volunteers, filling spots for the National Leadership Seminar and National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar staffs and helping to develop ways to increase Order of the Arrow High Adventure program awareness and participation. Beyond all of this, Andy is most looking forward to working with the region chief and seeing him grow in the position.

Chapman has been involved with Scouting since Cub Scouts and was very active as a youth. He served as a senior patrol leader, camp staff member, lodge chief and actively participated in his section. An Eagle Scout

and Arrowman of over 20 years, he still remembers the weekend of his Ordeal and being inspired to give service back to others. In addition to his youth service, Chapman has also served in multiple adviser positions within the Order of the Arrow. When he moved into the Southern Region, his new lodge welcomed him warmly. Right out of college he was asked to serve as an associate lodge adviser and following that served as Colonneh Lodge adviser from 2012 until December of 2015. Andy also has much experience with Scouting's many trainings, serving on staff for NLS, NLATS and serving as his council's youngest ever Wood Badge Scoutmaster at the age of 29. Along with countless other roles, he's also served his council by sitting on the Silver Beaver Award selection committee.

In 2015, Andy was the deputy chairman for scheduling & facilities at the National Order of the Arrow Conference. In that role, he was tasked with ensuring no bumps in the road were encountered during the National Order of the Arrow Conference, where he was a liaison between the university and the conference. From his perspective, the conference went smoothly and the feedback was great.

Andy encourages others to continue being involved, remaining persistent in our purpose and keeping both the youth and adults around us engaged. Speaking to all Arrowman, youth or adult, he says to serve as a role model for others to see and to be a positive influence. When following great advice like that, you'll surely find yourself with the opportunity to serve in many roles in Scouting.

### CHIEFLY SPEAKING

## TYLER INBERG

2016 National Vice Chief



Brothers,

I want you all to close your eyes, take a deep breath and relax for just a second. If your centennial year was anything like mine was then this is a well needed and well deserved moment of relaxation. Think back to last year, to our ArrowFour experience all around the nation, to our largest National Order of the Arrow Conference in history, and to our centennial conclaves and lodge events carried out in local areas. So much enthusiasm and motivation erupted as we came together to celebrate our 100th anniversary. But even now you can still feel that excitement in the air can't you? How can we possibly keep that momentum rolling into the next century?

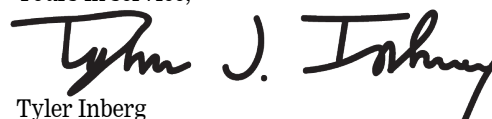
These are the questions I began to ask myself as we entered the new century of our Order. We have this amazing opportunity now to harness the excitement and enthusiasm that has risen from our centennial celebration and turn it into brand new tools and ideas that can revolutionize the way our program is run. This year is the year of innovation, of trying new things, of creating change. I implore you to take hold of your ambitions and begin to inquire with your chapter, lodge or section leadership about how you can bring your ideas to light!

Following with this idea of innovation, we are proud to bring you two brand new programs this year that have never been seen in the OA before!

- **NEXT: A New Century** - Our 2016 national event is going to be unlike anything you've ever experienced! We are bringing in the top lodge and section leadership from all around the nation to Indiana University for a week of hands on, innovative, high energy learning and fun revolving around all kinds of subjects of interest! Throughout the week, the youth and adults will be able to network with Scouts from Honolulu, Hawaii to Orlando, Florida and every city in-between. The entire purpose of NEXT is to equip our NEXT generation of leaders with the tools, knowledge and relationships necessary to lead their lodges and sections into this NEXT century!
- **Prism** - This year only, the Order of the Arrow is holding a once in a lifetime experience at the Summit Bechtel Reserve where youth and adults will be able to be a part of the inaugural rededication ceremony at the Summit Circle. Prism participants will attend SBR for four days, having access to everything the summit has to offer, partaking in a service project to give back to SBR, and experiencing the OA's new national ceremonial grounds. It's an experience you won't want to miss!

Last year may have been a rush, but with the turn of the century, this year has the chance to be so much more! We have the opportunity to turn this next century into whatever we want and it's on us to begin to create that change. Take one more deep breath, open your eyes and hit the ground running with your ambitions. This program is whatever you make out of it so why not begin creating the change that you want to see in a year that's all about innovation?

Yours in service,

  
Tyler Inberg



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8,027 VOLUNTEER  
SERVICE HOURS

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CENTURIONS  
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NOAC

- 5 days/100 hours
- 15,104 Arrowmen
- 107,000 hours of training



COMMUNICATIONS

- Increased social media followership by 10%
- 3,086,662 NOAC social media reach
- 49,194 live stream viewers

40,000+  
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# CENTENNIAL YEAR IN REVIEW

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# Meet the **NEXT** Conference Vice Chiefs

**NEXT could not be accomplished without strong youth leadership. During the 2015 National Planning Meeting, the section chiefs elected the NEXT conference vice chiefs (CVCs) that will lead the program of NEXT: A New Century. The CVCs are tasked with not only creating, but also delivering the program at NEXT. Learn more about these Arrowmen!**



**PATRICK MAPP** (EXPERIENCE)

*"I'm excited to plan and produce a top-of-the-line experience for the delegates of NEXT."*

SR-9 Section Chief Patrick Mapp is from Flint River Council in Griffin, GA. He is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of Ini-To Lodge, as well as the recipient of the Centurion and Founder's Awards. Patrick attends Gordon State College where he studies political science. In his spare time, he enjoys hiking, white water rafting and spending time with his family and friends. A fun fact about Patrick is that he spends his summers working at the Summit Bechtel Family Reserve.



**TYLER HARRIS** (INNOVATION)

*"I am super excited to see the change agents of our Order come together to explore a new style of leadership that embraces risks and failure, dares to ask new questions, and employs radical creativity."*

C-7 Section Chief Tyler Harris is from the Pathway to Adventure Council in Arlington Heights, IL. He is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of Lakota Lodge. He studies finance and theology at the University of Notre Dame. In his spare time, he enjoys jazz, camping, social entrepreneurship and cultural immersion. A fun fact about Tyler is that he has gone shark diving on the filming location for Shark Week.



**LANE RANDALL** (INSPIRATION)

*"NEXT is our chance to set the course for the Order's second century."*

SR2-3S Section Chief Lane Randall is from the Sam Houston Area Council in Houston, TX. He is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of Colonneh Lodge. He studies marketing at the University of North Texas. In his spare time, he enjoys traveling and graphic design. A fun fact about Lane is that he broke his arm playing tag when he was in the fourth grade.



**MATTHEW HENRY** (MEMBERSHIP)

*"I'm looking forward to seeing how we shape the program as we tackle membership issues that face the Order."*

NE-5B Section Chief Matt Henry is from the Minsi Trails Council in Allentown, PA. He is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of Witauchsoman Lodge, and is an assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 84. Matt is studying political science at Lock Haven University. He enjoys watching and following politics and reading in his spare time. A fun fact about Matt is that he enjoys working at his council's Cub Scout summer camp each summer.



**FORREST GERTIN** (MESSAGING)

*"I'm excited to crystallize the message of NEXT so that Arrowmen are prepared and motivated to effect meaningful change."*

NE-3A Section Chief Forrest Gertin is from the Seneca Waterways Council in Rochester, NY. He is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of Tschipey Achtu Lodge. Forrest is a senior at McQuaid Jesuit High School. He enjoys cycling and debate in his free time. A fun fact about Forrest is that he has biked around Lake Ontario.



**PRESTON PODOLSKA** (PROGRAM)

*"I am looking forward to seeing the future of the Order of the Arrow shape itself from giant rocks to well-designed sculptures in every lodge across the country."*

C-1B Section Chief Preston Podolske is from the Bay Lakes Council in Appleton, WI. He is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of Kon Wapos Lodge and is the recipient of the Founder's Award. Preston is double majoring in accounting and finance at the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire. He is a member of Alpha Phi Omega and enjoys biking and paddleboarding in his spare time. A fun fact about Preston is that he is color blind.



**NATE STEELE** (STRATEGY)

*"With a new century of excellence behind us, I look forward to the innovative thoughts and practices that will launch us into a new century of brotherhood, cheerfulness and service."*

C-4B Section Chief Nate Steele is from the Muskingum Valley Council in Zanesville, OH. He is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of Netawatees Lodge. Nate is studying mechanical engineering at Ohio State University. He enjoys skiing, backpacking and exploring in his free time. A fun fact about Nate is that he is the proud owner of a tandem bicycle that he enjoys riding with his friends around campus.





## Journey to Excellence: informing what's NEXT

information has been used in the planning of NEXT, and the NEXT conference vice chiefs were invited to attend the JTE meeting to support the program this summer.

This year the committee will seek to answer three questions for lodges:

- How can we make more Scouts Arrowmen?
- What can we do to keep them active in the lodge?
- How do we best serve councils?

The data that JTE has collected will provide lodges a blueprint for answering these questions, and ensure leadership has all the tools they need to be successful.

In line with these questions, the JTE committee is providing additional resources. The *JTE Guidebook* has been updated to reflect small operational changes for this year, and is now on the national OA website. There is a "finish line" report being designed for lodges so they can understand exactly how

close they are to each goal. The reporting for JTE performance is being revamped so it is easier to understand. And none of this includes the support of what is being rolled out at NEXT.

More exciting news will be coming from the JTE group throughout this year. The 2017 requirements will be available in the May *Lodge Ledger*, and the summer *National Bulletin* and email newsletters will contain updates on the work to help lodges.

For the past three years, the OA Journey to Excellence (JTE) team has gathered in February to review the performance of each lodge, and discuss ways to improve lodge programming. The team's emphasis in 2016 will be delivering actionable insights to each lodge.

Prior to JTE, it was difficult to understand what made some lodges succeed or why other lodges struggled. With three full years of data, the OA is starting to see trends that illuminate the underlying causes for lodge performance. This

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## E. Urner Goodman Camping Award orients for the next century

Ever since its inception in 1969 as a tribute to Dr. Goodman, the E. Urner Goodman Camping Award has recognized lodges who have given efficient and innovative promotion of Scout camping within their councils. Despite the award's long-lasting legacy, the requirements to receive the unique recognition have changed little since its first year. As the Order celebrated its first century of service, the National Order of the Arrow Committee questioned if the award was still relevant within the boundaries of the current requirements.

Recognizing a significant drop in petition submittal by lodges as well as that the award had not been updated within the last decade, it was time for review.

Bill Loebke was appointed to lead the task force which would endeavor to revise the award. Along with Mr. Loebke, participating were Ken Davis (Northeast Region), Matt Walker (Southern Region), Dan Segersin (Central Region) and Steve Gaines (Western Region). Another member, Charlie Harbin, served as a resource authority and has worked with the E. Urner Goodman

Camping Award for over 25 years. After discussing the previous requirements and observing the current trends of Scouting, the task force reached a revision consensus which was subsequently approved by the national committee.

In the updated award requirements, several new and unprecedented changes have been implemented to orient the award for this new century. Overall, they place increased emphasis on quality as well as material and manpower support the lodge contributes to the council camping program.

These revisions include:

1. JTE status is no longer a requirement.
2. Chapter and lodge promotional activity is heavily emphasized.
3. The award is neutral on the size of the lodge.
4. A *Where To Go Camping* publication is no longer emphasized to the previous extent.
5. Improvement with camp promotional and project support endeavors is stressed
6. It addresses not only the summer camp experience, but year-round Boy Scout, Cub

Scout and Venturing camping as well.

7. The cumbersome analysis of council long-term camping statistics and ratios has been removed.

With this historic transition, an award which has stood as a testament to Dr. Goodman for several decades is now prepared to enter the next century of the Order. Each region grants two awards yearly. This year, become a part of the E. Urner Goodman Camping Award's legacy and apply! The petition can be found at <http://www.oa-bsa.org/uploads/resources/forms/eugcamping-2016.pdf>.

# Pennacook Lodge charters for the first time

**Gabriel Martinez**  
CONTENT TEAM

In January 2016, Pennacook Lodge was chartered following the merging of two lodges and their respective councils. Following a year long process, Pennacook Lodge is now the youngest lodge in the OA. Justin St Louis, Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor member and chief of Pennacook Lodge, recounted the last year leading up to the charter. Reflecting on the journey, Justin notes, "We first found out in November 2014 by an email that our two councils were to be merged."

This led to a dream about the future of the lodges and what was to become of them. Over the next six months, both lodges would assemble a task force of four youth delegates that would come together and endeavor to preserve the legacies of their lodges. The committee decided to host monthly meetings for the general membership where any member could present ideas for the new lodge.

Justin remarked, "We took notes from all those meetings, and



*Pennacook Lodge members at their inaugural lodge banquet.*

compiled them into a strategic recommendations book, a sort of operations guide for the first round of officers." This guide includes suggested bylaws and officer positions along with other procedural suggestions.

In September, a joint business meeting was held between the two lodges to elect officers, establish

the name and other outstanding business. Additionally, a set of seven committees were formed to support the newly-formed executive committee. Once merged, a second key committee was formed solely to enforce the strategic recommendations that were presented earlier in the year.

Fast forward to 2016, the lodge celebrated its first event with a banquet in January, and Justin remains confident in the new lodge's future. "As long as we are resolved to preserve the mission and purpose of the OA, we should be just fine in working out any other issues down the line," he said.

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**Justin St. Louis**

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## OA service at jamboree

With an attendance of more than 20,000 Scouts, the Odyssey of the Law show was one of the most popular programs at the jamboree. The huge enthusiasm for the OA interactive show prompted the jamboree to commit sustainable resources to continue this impactful program. After this huge success, the Order of the Arrow continued to put on interactive shows at future jamborees including: Scoutopia in 2001, Twelve Cubed in 2005 and the Mysterium Compass in 2010.

The 2010 National Jamboree marked the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. This

jamboree was one of the largest in history and the Order of the Arrow once again provided a wide variety of programs and support for the jamboree. A total of over 500 Arrowmen served on the OA staff including the OA Service Corps, the interactive show Mysterium Compass, the American Indian Village and a new program called PACEsetters (Personal Accountability and Commitment to Excellence).

Finally, in 2013, the BSA moved the national jamboree to its permanent home: The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve. The OA again provided a large Service

Corps, as well as Trek Guides, Messengers of Peace Day of Service project leaders and the Indian Village. Trek Guides were tasked with a huge project - guiding every single troop and participants to the top of Garden Ground Mountain. The Trek Guides lead an interactive experience while hiking participants 3-5 miles. They were also the first face every Scout saw when they entered the jamboree. The Messengers of Peace Day of Service project leaders was tasked with helping complete meaningful service projects in Glen Jean, WV and the surrounding area. These Arrowmen helped Scouts



take ownership of the local community while attending the jamboree. Again over 600 Arrowmen served with the Order of the Arrow staff and helped set the precedent for future jamborees to be held at SBR.

The Order of the Arrow has provided service to the BSA jamboree for over 60 years. It has made major impacts on creating unique and exciting programs for Scouts

from around the country to enjoy and learn leadership skills. In 2017, the Order of the Arrow is launching Operation Arrow, the largest OA staff ever assembled for a national jamboree. For more information on how to join this staff visit [oa-bsa.org/jamboree](http://oa-bsa.org/jamboree). The OA is proud to be serving in its 18th consecutive jamboree and to continue to provide unprecedented cheerful service in West Virginia.



# Lodge Leadership Development tip sheet

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With every OA function comes the need for planning and leadership. The Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) program offers lodges the chance to provide trainings aimed at improving leadership and teaching about the many facets of the Order. Planning your own LLD? Take a look at these tips to make your next LLD a memorable one.

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## 1: PLAN AHEAD

Success starts early. Don't wait until the last minute to plan your event.

- **The LLD committee** – Under the guidance of a committee chair and adviser, an LLD committee is responsible for planning and carrying out an LLD.
- **Organize** - Divide responsibilities among the committee to break up important tasks and to ensure their completion.
- **Promotion** – Once a date and location for the LLD are set, utilize your resources to promote the event well in advance. Strong attendance greatly enhances the training environment.

## 2: CHOOSE THE RIGHT TRAININGS

Be sure to offer the right trainings that will make your event a success.

- **Set goals** – What do you want Arrowmen to get out of the LLD? Tailor your trainings to help your lodge achieve these goals.
- **Mix it up** – Have a range of topics to reach the interests

of a wide audience. Choose trainings that appeal to a variety of Arrowmen.

- **Find the time** – Cramming too much information into a brief session can be overwhelming. On the contrary, dragging a topic on for too long can ruin even the best session. Allot an appropriate amount of time to each training.
- **Prepare** – Once you've chosen your trainings, find the right trainers for each session. Put time into these trainings to make them the best they can be.

## 3: KNOW YOUR LOCATION

Familiarizing yourself with the location of your trainings is key.

- **Utilize your space** - trainings don't need to be two-dimensional. Proper use of the tools and location available can bring trainings to life.
- **Avoid the classroom feel** – In addition to being about brotherhood, cheerfulness and service, the OA is also about having fun. Trainings don't have to be

boring. Find creative ways to make sessions engaging, like using a hands-on workshop or leadership role play.

- **Be prepared** – Don't let a last minute issue ruin a training. Know how to use your equipment and always have a backup plan.

## 4: INCORPORATE WHAT YOU LEARNED

- Training sessions at your Lodge Leadership Development can be informative and inspiring. However, they are nothing if what you learned never leaves the training room. Look ahead to upcoming lodge affairs, activities, and events to figure out how you can get the most out of your training and apply it to bettering the leadership in your lodge!

For a more in depth look at your Lodge Leadership Development, be sure to check out the *LLD Planning Guide* here: <http://www.oa-bsa.org/pages/content/publications#lldpg>

# 2016

## NATIONAL SERVICE GRANT RECIPIENTS

### CENTRAL REGION:

- Wenasa Quenhotan Lodge, headquartered in Peoria, IL
- Michigamea Lodge, headquartered in Munster, IN
- Kit-Ke-Hak-O-Kut Lodge, headquartered in Omaha, NE
- Nampa-Tsi Lodge, headquartered in Columbia, MO

### NORTHEAST REGION:

- Lenapehoking Lodge, headquartered in Oakland, NJ
- Na Tsi Hi Lodge, headquartered in Morganville, NJ
- Kittan Lodge, headquartered in Albany, NY
- Buckskin Lodge, headquartered in Massapequa, NY
- Monaken Lodge, headquartered in Reedsville, PA
- Witauchsoman Lodge, headquartered in Lehigh Valley, PA
- Wunita Gokhos Lodge, headquartered in Lancaster, PA
- Unami Lodge, headquartered in Philadelphia, PA
- Octoraro Lodge, headquartered in West Chester, PA

### SOUTHERN REGION:

- Cowikee Lodge, headquartered in Dothan, AL
- Alibamu Lodge, headquartered in Montgomery, AL
- Aal-Pa-Tah, headquartered in Palm Beach Garden, FL
- Echockotee Lodge, headquartered in Jacksonville, FL
- Unali'yi Lodge, headquartered in Charleston, SC
- Klahican Lodge, headquartered in Wilmington, NC
- Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge, headquartered in Greenville, SC
- Mikanakawa Lodge, headquartered in Dallas, TX
- Shenshawpotoo Lodge, headquartered in Winchester, VA
- Shenandoah Lodge, headquartered in Waynesboro, VA

### WESTERN REGION:

- Orca Lodge, headquartered in Santa Rosa, CA
- Amangi Nacha Lodge, headquartered in Sacramento, CA
- Sikhs Mox Lamonti Lodge, headquartered in Everett, WA
- Nanuk Lodge, headquartered in Anchorage, AK
- Tatokainyanka Lodge, headquartered in Casper, WY
- Tsisqan Lodge, headquartered in Eugene, OR

More information on the grants and the recipients can be found on [oa-bsa.org](http://oa-bsa.org). The national OA endowment is the primary financial source for the lodge service grants. This program supports lodges in their efforts to serve their local councils in a meaningful way. If you would like to learn more about the endowment or how to support it, please visit [endowment.oa-bsa.org](http://endowment.oa-bsa.org). Applications for the 2016 granting cycle are due by October 31, 2016 and can be found by visiting [oa-bsa.org](http://oa-bsa.org).

# Developing Youth Leaders Conference

Join us June 19-25, 2016 as we move forward into the Order's second century of developing youth leadership. Facilitated by national Order of the Arrow committee members, the Developing Youth Leadership Conference will deepen an adviser's capacity to develop youth leadership within the lodge and chapter. Conference topics will include fostering a growth mindset, promoting resilience, providing constructive feedback that leads to changes in youth behavior and creating a life-long coaching / mentoring relationship. Conference participants will gain insights

necessary to successfully coach youth applying the leadership skills they gained during the National Leadership Seminar. The Developing Youth Leadership Conference will move us beyond lodge mechanics and operations to establishing a lodge and chapter culture that grows youth who are capable of establishing goals, building teams, and guiding the lodge's work to achieve Journey to Excellence. This workshop targets advisers who have participated in the National Leadership Seminar since 1994. Visit [oa-bsa.org/DYLC](http://oa-bsa.org/DYLC) for more information on how to sign up today!

## LOOKING AHEAD

- » April 1-3 NLS/NLATS - WR (Los Angeles, CA)
- » April 1-3 NLS/DYLC - SR (Browns Summit, NC)
- » April 22-24 NLS/NLATS - NER (Camp Squanto, Plymouth, MA)
- » April 29-May 1 NLS - CR (Marine on St. Croix, MN)
- » June 3-5 NLS - WR (Anchorage, AK)
- » June 19-25 Philmont OA Developing Youth Leaders Conference
- » October 7-9 NLS/NLATS - WR (Cimarron, NM)
- » October 14-16 NLS/NLATS - CR (Parkville, MO)
- » Nov. 11-13 NLS/NLATS - SR (Anniston, AL)
- » Nov. 11-13 NLS/NLATS - NER (Alpine, NJ)
- » Nov. 18-20 NLS/DYLC - WR (Lake Tahoe, CA)

### KEY:

- DYLC** - Developing Youth Leaders Conference
- NLS** - National Leadership Seminar
- NLATS** - National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar

Other important dates can be found at  
[www.oa-bsa.org/pages/content/national-calendar](http://www.oa-bsa.org/pages/content/national-calendar)