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Our National Centennial Experience

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ArrowTour, our national centennial experience, is a program of emphasis aimed at commemorating the Order of the Arrow's centennial anniversary and empowering participants to shape the organization's future. This summer, each of our four region's exhibits are traveling around the country to bring this experience to Arrowmen, Scouts and Scouters.

Each region's venues feature the same displays and activities but are coordinating with local lodges along the way to create a unique experience for every participant.

The spectrum of ArrowTour venues includes council service centers, outdoor adventure facilities, college campuses and even the Summit Bechtel Reserve. The tours will also be visiting conclaves in both Section NE-5B and Section SR2-3S. ArrowTour host lodges

have had a key role in planning and promoting the event.

In fact, the entire community is involved with ArrowTour. Whether they are Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Arrowmen, parents or even local community members - all guests are welcome at ArrowTour. This open program allows people of all ages and interests to have a great time at ArrowTour. Cub Scout activities, shooting sports, and lodge trading posts

are some common programs that many lodges are using to expand the ArrowTour program. ArrowTour also acts as a great promotional resource; a camp should be proud if it is going to serve as a host.

ArrowTour will be a blast. The road crews for each region will bring games, silk screening and much more! There will be the opportunity for everyone to connect, reflect and discover the Order of the Arrow. The centennial trading post will also be open, and for many Arrowmen,

this will be an excellent opportunity to grab some of the fantastic ArrowTour merchandise.

Our centennial is bolstered by ArrowTour - this experience is for everyone, even those who have not been inducted, and will be essential in defining our centennial celebration. So, take a chance, have some fun, and get out to your nearest ArrowTour venue to connect, reflect and discover just how amazing the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow is.

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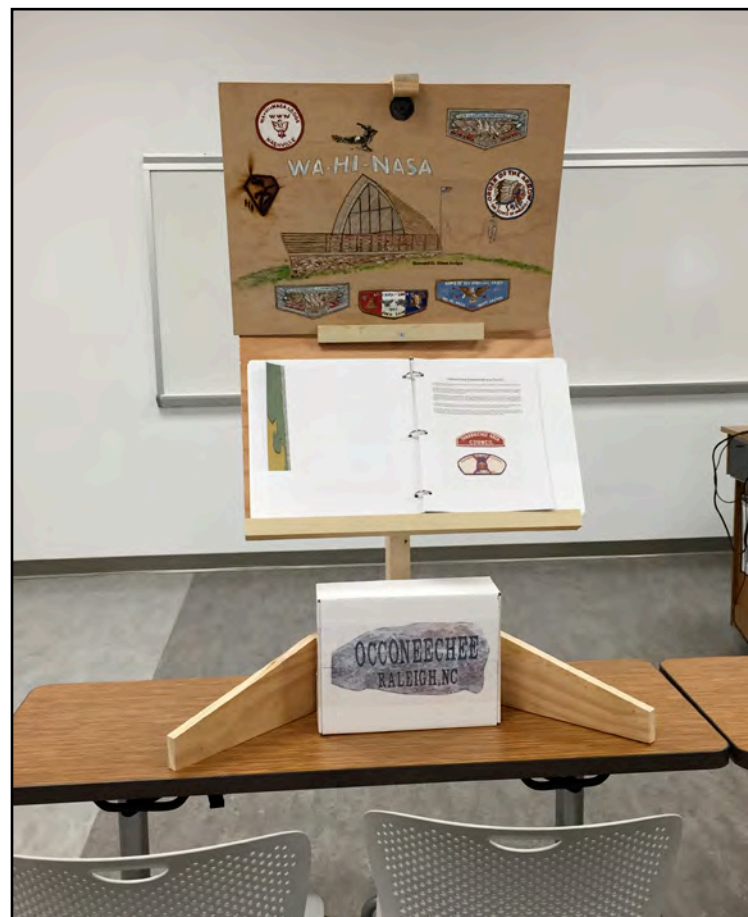
The Order of the Arrow is looking back at its roots as part of its centennial anniversary celebration at the 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference. Our 100 years of history are very important to us, and as such, each lodge was asked at the 2012 NOAC to participate in the 2015 Legacy Project. The effort involves creating and submitting four items to help celebrate the unique history of each lodge. The items are:

- **The lodge rock:** each lodge should provide a rock from its lodge's local area, engraved with its name along with the city and state that its council is headquartered in. The rocks will be placed on display at NOAC and will afterward be permanently installed at the Summit Circle at the Summit Bechtel Reserve.
- **The legacy lid:** at NOAC 2012, every lodge was given a crate with the instructions for this project. The lid to this crate was intended to be painted in a way that represents the lodge,

and to be displayed alongside the lodge rock and history book at NOAC.

- **The lodge history book:** since the centennial celebration is all about the history of the Order, each lodge was asked to put together a book detailing the history of its lodge and those that came before it. This book will also be part of the lodge display at NOAC, and we hope that it will become a great resource for Arrowmen to discover their lodge's history.
- **The wood:** the crate given to each lodge should be filled with wood to be placed on the centennial fire at NOAC. The wood will be exchanged for the red centennial sashes at orientation. Please ensure that the wood your lodge brings is kiln dried, free of disease and insects and, ideally, commemorative in some way.

Three of these items - the legacy lid, the rock and the history book - will be displayed at the 2015 NOAC before becoming a permanent part of each lodge's history. The wood will be burned in a Centennial Fire, with every lodge



Example lodge legacy display

taking home a commemorative vial of ash afterwards. These items are due at NOAC, so be sure to get the items complete and

bring them along! Make sure that your lodge is not left out from this opportunity to be remembered by future Arrowmen!

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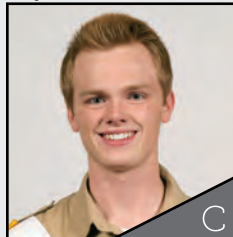
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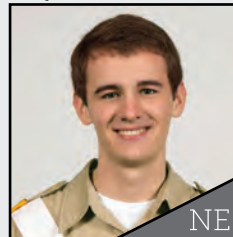
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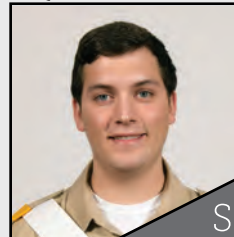
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Arrowman Service Award



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As the four ArrowTour road crews journey throughout the country, the excitement surrounding the celebration of the Order of the Arrow's centennial anniversary continues to

mount in anticipation of the 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference. Hopefully, Arrowmen across the country feel rejuvenated and excited to continue our Order's legacy as we commence our second century.

The deadline for earning the Arrowman Service Award is quickly approaching. The Arrowman Service Award was created to inspire Arrowmen to recommit themselves to the principles of our Order, as well as to encourage participation in centennial events at all levels of our organization. The award has three different categories of requirements, including participation in the 100th anniversary celebration, service to Scouting and personal growth. The requirements for the Arrowman Service Award must be completed by December 31st, 2015 in order for the award to be earned.

This recognition for the award is significant. It is one of the few patches in the Order's history that are approved to

be sewn on to the Order of the Arrow sash. Other patches include past anniversary celebrations: the first, an award for youth Arrowmen in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow, and the second, the Bicentennial Award, available to youth Arrowmen to celebrate the both the 60th anniversary of the Order and the bicentennial of the United States. Like these, the Arrowman Service Award patch can be worn proudly well after the centennial anniversary has passed, as a demonstration of your active role in a historical celebration!

Further information on this unique award can be found on the Order of the Arrow website, including progress trackers, a FAQ page and patch order forms for lodge leadership. Any additional questions about the award can be sent to oa100@oa-bsa.org. Don't miss out on earning this once-in-a-lifetime sash patch!

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Friends,

Take a look around. Can you see it? Listen closely. Can you hear it? There's something in the air around us today. It's been 100 years in the making. And for the next few hours, it's yours to discover.

We are pleased to welcome you to ArrowTour, a traveling showcase that encapsulates the Order of the Arrow's past, present and future. This summer, ArrowTour will share the excitement of our centennial with Scouts, Arrowmen and Scouting alumni in every corner of the country.

Whether you are well acquainted with Scouting's National Honor Society, or whether you are hearing about us for the first time, ArrowTour is your opportunity to uncover the moments that give meaning to the Order's century and to see just how Arrowmen make a difference in their units, their communities and in the Scouting movement today.

Most of all, ArrowTour is your opportunity to discover the feeling that binds all of us together: the spirit of the Order of the Arrow, for that is what is in the air today. As you take part in today's activities, we hope that you will see, hear and feel the spirit that has connected generations of Arrowmen in a century of service, and that will empower us to continue our efforts in the next.

Welcome aboard! We are glad to have you with us.

With excitement for the adventure ahead,

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NEXT: A New Century

Nick Dannemiller
NEXT Team

The 2016 national event, NEXT: A New Century, will be truly unlike anything the Order of the Arrow has ever seen. Youth leaders from across the nation will gather at Indiana University from July 30 - August 3 in order to learn, grow and be inspired about how they can be the driving force behind the Order's second century. This hands-on, high-energy event will focus on membership, program and innovation at the local level,

which will subsequently empower participants to return home and be powerful agents of change. Attendees will experience a model induction process, comprised of best practices and innovative methods from around the country. Similarly, youth leaders will be provided with feedback about current programs within their lodge and aided in brainstorming new ones. Youth and adults leaders who attend will be able to work with Arrowmen from all across the country, providing a unique opportunity to discuss lodge

operations and network. Each lodge will be able to send 3 youth, its lodge chief, another lodge officer and one additional youth member, as well as 2 adults, the lodge adviser and one associate adviser. For those interested in attending this event, talk to your lodge chief and adviser today! Stay tuned for more information on this event towards the end of 2015. With a new century before us, the Order has limitless possibilities. Will you be responsible for the NEXT big thing in our history?



Operation Arrow: Fueling Scouting's Adventure

Preston Marquis
OPERATION ARROW TEAM

In 2017, the Order of the Arrow will continue its tradition of providing cheerful service to the national Scout jamboree. Over 750 Arrowmen will answer the call to serve in Operation Arrow by staffing one of the OA's program areas, including the Service Corps, Trek Guides and Indian Village.

Each program component of Operation Arrow carries a unique legacy of jamboree service and caters to various types of Arrowmen. The OA Service Corps, a tradition dating back to 1950, provides reliable manpower support to other essential jamboree programs. Service Corps staffers work tirelessly to accomplish projects, big and small, and exemplify the OA's commitment to "service with a smile." The OA Trek Guides lead units on their day-long jamboree trek to the summit of Garden Ground Mountain, where participants spend a day enjoying unique programming. Trek Guides enjoy rugged, outdoor adventures and help their crews find fulfillment in their jamboree experience. The OA Indian Village serves as the hub for American Indian programming. Indian Village staffers educate Scouts on



OA staff at the 2013 National Scout Jamboree

American Indian life by teaching dance, craft, song and drumming. Additionally, the OA will have a small exhibit, shows, program and non-emergency medical transportation staffs.

Experienced Arrowmen will steer Operation Arrow planning over the next two years. Mackie Zewalk, a key volunteer (KV) for the unit, chapter and lodge support subcommittee of the National Order of the Arrow Committee, will serve as the lead adviser, ably assisted by Deputy Lead Adviser Dan O'Rourke, also a KV, who served as Northeast Region Chief during the 2005 National Scout Jamboree. Matt Dukeman, national director-designate of the Order of the Arrow, will serve as the professional staff adviser. These

advisers will work with the youth leadership (to be elected at the December 2016 National Planning Meeting) and program lead advisers to shape Operation Arrow.

The 2017 National Scout Jamboree staff experience promises to be even more rewarding in 2017, based on improvements made in response to feedback received in 2013. Among other improvements, staff members will have greater access to on-site transportation to shorten the commute between staff lodging and work stations. Additionally, the jamboree leadership is committed to ensuring that all staff members receive at least one full day off to explore other jamboree areas. Finally, staff dining will be improved

to include stronger lunchtime offerings and the incorporation of retail food stands in the design of staff villages. These changes are welcome news for new and returning OA staffers, who work in intense, highly active programs.

At the 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC), we will be offering several opportunities for highly qualified youth Arrowmen to join us as a part of the Operation Arrow team. Arrowmen are encouraged to stop by Operation Arrow's exhibit in the NOAC Experience to learn about the application process and staff responsibilities. There will even be an opportunity to sign up/register for jamboree staff right there at the exhibit! Operation

Arrow will also host a reunion for Project 2013 staffers. Lastly, members of the Operation Arrow Street Team will be on hand throughout the conference to share their experiences from the 2013 National Scout Jamboree with NOAC guests. More concrete activity details will be included in guest schedule booklets.

Arrowmen may apply to join Operation Arrow today by registering online via the Summit Bechtel Reserve's website (<http://www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/overview/>). Those Arrowmen who register before or during NOAC will receive a special recognition. Prospective staff members should be able to commit to Session 1 (the full two week period), must be at least 16 years old by the start of the Jamboree and must meet current BSA membership, training and fitness requirements.

The summer of 2017 seems like a long time away, but planning for the next national Scout jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve (SBR) is already well underway. The Order of the Arrow will continue to release information about Operation Arrow staff opportunities and how to become involved in the coming months.

We look forward to meeting you at NOAC and serving alongside you at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in 2017!