

REGION YOUTH CHAIRMEN APPOINTED FOUR YOUTH ASSUME REGION LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

With goals to achieve, Western Region Chief, Ross Armstrong, decided after the National Planning Meeting that he would appoint four youth in the region as chairmen. Charged with varying tasks, the youth chairmen are off and running, preparing for a year of success.

Appointed as the High Adventure Chairman, Joey Dworak, a third term Section Chief out of W-5A, is excited to be able to help the region. "I am ready to help the region pack the high adventure programs," said Dworak. "I am honored to be able to serve."

Leadership Development Chairman, Hendricks a past section chief from W-1C is happy to be able to better the region. "Leadership development is a major key of who we are as an organization," said Hendricks. "To be able to aid in this area is humbling."

Also joining the region as a Chairman is Andrew Kuhlmann, quality lodge taskforce chairman. In this position, Kulhmann will assist the lodges in the region attain quality lodge through various programs.

Evan Hess, past section chief from W-4A has been charged with duties as the Region's Communications Chairman. His duties include supplementing the Region's Website, being the editor of the Western Re-

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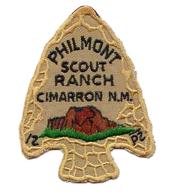
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ULTIMATE OA SUMMER VACATION HIGH ADVENTURE AWAITS!

Have you ever wanted to do Order of the Arrow Trail Crew. To most Scouters there is a

something special, unique, extraor-

dinary? There is an amazing program that is just outside our backyard in a place known as "Scouting Paradise". There are no words that are able to describe the grandeur of the land and no words can do justice to the significance of the



strong urge to experience the high adventure base of Philmont in Northern New Mexico. Its amazing sights. countless activities, and breathtaking vistas that are so sought after by scout groups that it is extremely

program. The place is Philmont difficult to get a trek at the ranch. Scout Ranch. The program is the

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RENAISSANCE MAN₁₁ **JOEY DWORAK**

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CHIEFLY SPEAKING

WITH ROSS ARMSTRONG



Brothers,

Four months have passed since the National Planning Meeting and I would like to update you

on what has happened in that time. The Western Region has accomplished much in what has seemed a short amount of time.

- Youth leaders from the region were sent to New Mexico to join members of the other regions to be trained in the delivery of the National Leadership Seminar. These youth will be a great resource for the region at the NLS weekends in March, September, and November.
- Four youth from the region were appointed to serve as youth chairmen in the areas of High Adventure Promotion, Quality Lodge Attainment, Communications, and Training Development.
- The Region Committee met to review the success and struggles of 2004 and to look ahead to 2005. I presented my goals and Matt Griffis gave his end of the year report.
- We conducted a National Leadership Seminar in Tokyo, Japan. For the first time in our Order's history a NLS was held outside US territory and the service to our brothers overseas was much appreciated. In all, 64 Arrowmen were trained and a lodge was brought together.

Indeed, we have been busy but I can assure that these first two months have set a pattern for service and success in the Western Region for the year to come.

Yours in Service,

Ross Armstrong 2005 Western Region Chief chief2005@western.oa-bsa.org

THE FINAL STEP OF LEADERSHIP: STEPPING DOWN

BY MARK HENDRICKS
Leadership Development Chairman

Leadership is one of the major focuses of our Order; our current strategic plan is entitled "A Legacy of Servant Leadership." Every arrowman understands the importance of leadership: between the leadership opportunities offered in the OA and the awesome training available, most of us have had plenty of experience with how to be an "effective leader."

The next step in leadership, and too often the neglected one, is how to instill leadership in others. You can't do it forever- *you will turn 21*. The same is true in the real world, you can't be a leader forever, eventually everyone moves on. So what about creating new leaders?

If you're a leader now, someone must have started you off... think back to that experience. It may have been an inspirational action, an influential individual, or even a motivational "push."

When a new leader is learning, whether it be running his first meeting or organizing his first event, he'll likely struggle (we all did at one point in time). This is natural, and sometimes you just have to sit back and let them mess it up, because someday you won't be there as a fallback.

We learn best from experience, and often times we learn more from a failed experience than a successful one. Every leader, be it in our Order or in the world, must step down eventually; and to be a truly successful leader they must leave a "legacy of servant leaders" to follow in their footsteps.

2005 WESTERN REGION TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP SEMINAR —



NLS is a leadership development training program, focusing on how those skills can be applied to your role in the OA and other aspects of your life.



NATIONAL LODGE ADVISER TRAINING SEMINAR

NLATS, recommended for potential lodge advisers who have completed the NLS, focuses on the skills and attributes of effective lodge advisers.

FOR DATES AND MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL YOUR SECTION CHIEF OR VISIT WWW.WESTERN.OA-BSA.ORG

LODGE WEBSITE

In this day and age, nearly all organi-



zations are turning to the Internet publicly display their presence. Whether a lodge has al-

ready established a website or is considering building one from the ground up, this article is aimed to give pointers on what a quality website should include.

What is it about a lodge website that makes it useful for a broad range of users? There are many answers to this question, but above all, a website must stay updated with a multitude of content that will help to keep all members informed; users should be able to quickly and easily find the resources for which they are looking.

One of the first tasks of any webmaster is to create a site map – a roadmap of each page on the site. Most established websites have a site map published online as an additional method to navigate about the site. A good site map should include in outline format a listing of each main section of the site as well as all other pages within each of those sections. The site map need not necessarily be published online on the site, but it is a very useful tool when envisioning the structure and purpose of the website as a whole.

Some key features of a lodge website that lodge members may find useful include: a calendar of events, a roster of the current lodge officers and advisers, recent issues of lodge newsletters, registration information for upcoming events and high adventure opportunities, a photo gallery of recent events, a form to join an e-mail list, information on the Jumpstart program, and links to chapter, council, section, region, and national websites.

A constant challenge among webmasters is keeping the website up to date. When visiting a site, most users expect that it will have been updated fairly recently. If the calendar alone still has dates from two year previous, then it is likely that the rest of the site has not been updated either. A site that people can depend upon to be updated will receive more traffic, and, therefore, be that much more useful to its members whom it serves.

One helpful resource for improving the quality of a lodge website is the 2002 NOAC Lodge Website Competition page on the National website, available at www.oa-bsa.org/events/n2002/live/monaft/ websitejudging.htm. The "NOAC Honor Sites" linked from this page are good examples of quality lodge websites. In addition, the judging criteria have also been posted online. Of course the items in the criteria list are not required of a lodge website, but they do serve as helpful pointers when building the site.

The OA has published a set of guidelines for use when publishing an official OA website to the Internet. These guidelines, effective since 1999, lay out what is appropriate for online content. They are available at www.oa-bsa.org/resources/wsguide.htm. In addition, the BSA has a series of privacy and youth protection standards for Internet publishing. Any official OA website must comply with the policies available at www.scouting.org/webmasters/standards/03.html.

NOAC 2006... IS IT HERE ALREADY?

The National Order of the Arrow Conference is the biggest, most exciting OA Event in the nation. This summer at Michigan State University, you can experience the training, the adventure, the FUN that can only be found at a National Order of the Arrow event that happens every other

Make new friends from across the country,

learn how to run the number one lodge or chapter in the nation, compete in events, and make the most of

the summer of 2006. If you haven't been to a NOAC before. you're missing



out. The number one Boy Scout Show's Team in the country puts on several NOAC Shows that top anything else scouting has to offer.

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BY MICHAEL GOLLNER

This summer the largest and most exciting Scouting conference in the United States, the National Scout Jamboree will be held at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia. This week-long adventure incorporates all aspects of the Scouting program, from camping and merit badges, to high adventure and of course - the Order of the Arrow.

This year the Order will be cheerfully serving in four main areas. The now famous OA Indian Vil-

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SPOTLIGHT ON JAMBOREE: SERVICE CORPS

Servant Leadership is no longer something we hear about at conclave or in training sessions. Servant leadership is more than a mentality; it is something real. You can be a part of this servant leadership as it put into action at the 2005 National Scout Jamboree with the OA Service Corps. The OA Service Corps is a chance to become an example of what the OA stands for, to become an Arrowman full of cheerful service. All Arrowmen will work together as one with no titles, no awards, and no regrets. This is a time for the Order of The Arrow to rededicate itself to our principles of cheerful service through positive applications.

The OA Service Corps' purpose is to provide servant leadership through cheerful service while providing kev assistance to program areas of need. Our mission is to create conducive to servant leadership,



cheerful service and a memorable experience while facilitating the needs of the 2005 National Jamboree. Finally, the OA Service Corps is a brotherhood of arrowmen. We, of course, want to be an example of unselfish aim, but we also want to have a whole lot of fun! We will definitely have a good time. The only way for you to find out is to come be a part of something that you will never forget. Join the OA Service Corps today.

GO TO PHILMONT AND NORTHERN TIER FOR A REDUCED PRICE... **OA HIGH ADVENTURE:** http://oa-bsa.org/highadventure/

OVERCOMING ROADBLOCKS TO QUALITY LODGE

As you work throughout this year on the ongoing quest to make your lodge a Quality Lodge, pay special attention to three requirements that have fouled up Western Region lodges in the past few years: #1, #2, and #8. Each of these conditions is usually missed by at least 25% of region lodges each year, and yet each is mandatory to achieve Quality Lodge status. All three take time and coordination, and can be difficult to complete. Then again, no one would miss them if they weren't hard; and that doesn't mean that your lodge can't meet the challenge and help to change the trend.

So here's a short explanation of the Big Three and a few ways your lodge can master each one: Requirement #1 – Positive growth in lodge membership

This issue has a variety of solutions. Keep your chapters healthy and have your elangomats stay in contact with their past clans. Look around your districts and encourage old members who still wear a lodge flap to come be active again and pay their dues. You'd be surprised how many people will respond favorably if you just personally invite them to participate.

Requirement #2 – Brotherhood conversion rate of 30% or more

Using your chapters and the extended elangomat program is usually the best way to meet this challenge. One idea is to have chapter chiefs and elangomats contact all eligible Ordeal members and invite them to a special chapter function. Use the event as a way to welcome the members into their chapter and introduce them to the meaning and purpose of Brotherhood membership. Going over requirements at this time is a good way to overcome any nervousness about the next step. At the end of the meeting, be sure to invite them to the next chapter event and the next Brotherhood ceremony. Hopefully, completing this

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MORE JAMBOREE INFORMATION AVAILABLE

http://www.scouting.org/jamboree

A WORD FROM THE NATIONAL CHIEF



Western Region-

It has been seven years since the last National Chief hailed from the Western Region. When I was first elected countless Western Region Arrowmen told me that it was great to have a chief again. And, as

I remember that thought I realize how fast time flies.

Serving as National Chief is an amazing feeling because of the vast opportunities I am given, but it is also a huge responsibility as well. The loops that I wear are the heaviest loops I will ever wear. National Chief is a position that I discovered five years ago and was so moved by the National Chief at the time I decided that it would be my goal to reach that level.

In my short time as a national officer I have seen the power and inspiration associated with this position. I attended a conclave a couple weeks ago where a newly inducted Arrowman approached me and wanted to learn what it takes to be a national officer because that is his goal in five years. During the conversation I realized how I had come full circle and truly how many Scouts look up to the national officers.

In closing, I want to say thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the Order in such a capacity and reaching my goal. Everyone reading this article might not want to become a national officer but every reader has a goal. I challenge you to never lose sight of the goal. With hard work, determination, and a little bit of luck you will reach your goal.

Yours in Service,

Patrick Murphy National Chief foolufast@vahoo.com



Section Chiefs, being chief-like at the 2004 Western Region Gathering in Phoenix, Arizona.

W-4A: QUALITY SECTION

BY DAVID CARSON

Section W-4A has much to be proud of in the past year. With the leadership of **Evan Hess** as the Section Chief this last '04-'05 year, our section rose up the section rank in the nation about 10 rankings. With three of our six lodges reaching the national standard of Quality Lodge, our section also obtained Quality Section which was a major goal for the sections council of chiefs.

The section held our Conclave at Citrus Community College successfully with 345 attendees this last March. Attendees included W-4B Chief **Michael Gollnar**, W-4C Chief **Kieran Thompson** and their Vice-Chief **Jeremy Scott**, Western Region Chief **Ross** Armstrong and National Chief **Patrick Murphy**.

Our section, in it's spirit of self-improvement, has sought out to continue to move up the region totem pole and to do that help all six of our lodges reach quality lodge. To do this our Section's vice-chief has already started planning lodge visitations for all our lodges. Another important goal is obtaining quality section again. The Section's conclave planning has hit the ground running with a site already selected and approved for our next conclave. It will be held at a high school in Oxnard, CA March 17 to 19.

A section retreat has been planned to be held at a council camp in Santa Barbara to build fellowship in our Section Council of Chiefs and to get a big jump on the planning of our 2006 Section Conclave. I can be said with confidence this will be one of the best conclaves our section has ever had.

Recently the section has been fervently promoting the National High Adventure Bases and selected past section chief, **Evan Hess**, as High Adventure Chairman.

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gion Mustang, and aiding in region communication.

"Providing for, aiding, and serving my brothers is a part of why we are Arrowmen," said Hess. "I am thankful for the opportunity to give back to my fellow scouts."

The youth chairman will aid the region chief by acting as a support staff. With an experienced and excited team of youth, the region will live up to it's slogan: WEST IS BEST!

Jamboree: its for everyone

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lage will once again available. Headed by **Matt Argarwala**, the NE-3A Section Chief, the Indian Village will teach Scouts how to dance, create crafts, construct regalia, work on the Indian Lore merit badge, and of course daily dancing and other demonstrations for Scouts.

Remember all those exciting NOAC shows you get to see every two years? Well at NOAC the OA Shows team will be putting on an exciting, interactive show called 123 - A Formula For Values. The show will be held throughout the Jamboree letting all participants have a chance to interact with this exciting, air-conditioned event. Jameson A. O'Guinn, C-5C Section Chief will be heading up the 12³ production at the Jamboree. The "Total Outdoor Adventure Place" seen at pervious NOAC's and Jamborees will once again excite Scouts with camping and high adventure activities and demonstrations throughout the week at the Jamboree. Scouts will be able to learn about everything from "Leave No Trace Camping" to Leadership Training, and this year will have presentations from the National Park Service about the Order of the Arrow's Future nationwide service project. This exciting area will be headed-up by Scott Robin, Section SR-3.

The last and by far the most important area the Order of the Arrow will be serving at the National Scout Jamboree will be the OA Service Corps, organized by **Scotty Keenan**, SR-4N Section Chief. This group of over 100 Arrowmen will help to deliver the Jamboree program across all areas, serving cheerfully where service is needed most.

Hopefully you've already signed up for the National Scout Jamboree this summer. It is going to be one of the most exciting Scouting events in current Scout history. To be able to experience a National Scouting Event in any one year is awesome but to be able to experience one in a National Jamboree year is spectacular. If you are one of the 40,000 Scouts that will be in attendance look to have a great time and if not be sure to sign up in 2009.

GO TO ORDER OF THE ARROW TRAIL CREW THIS SUMMER AT PHILMONT!

WIKI DISHES OUT FUN

BY JEREMY SCOTT

Wipala Wiki Lodge, based out of Phoenix, Arizona, is one of the largest lodges in the west, both in size and



in membership. Despite the challenges of running a large Lodge that they face on a daily basis, they are quite successful. The reason for their success is attributed to their camp-based lodge program. While all OA lodges should be like that, Wiki members take it to the next level. Their four council camps are the heart and soul of their lodge, and they hope always keep their association with their camps as strong as they are today.

Wiki leadership knows that camp is a great soapbox to promote the OA. The lodge puts on one event or another every night for OA members and non-OA members alike. From campfires, honor trails, call-out ceremonies, troop elections, brotherhood ceremonies and OA gatherings; these nightly programs enhance the camp experience as a whole while also building up the Lodge. Camp staff members are eager to don their sash every night and they tirelessly dedicate their nights off to put on these programs. "As an average OA member, you don't get interact with many more than a couple hundred scouts a year through elections and such, but if you are a part of the camp OA program, you are reaching out to 800 scouts a week. "It is quite rewarding!" said Stephen Bowser, a former Camp Chief.

Included in this schedule are OA member gatherings. At the meetings, which get large attendance (thanks in part to a friendly announcement at the SPL meeting,) OA members are told about upcoming Ordeals, Conclaves, Fellowships and such, and are given opportunities to serve the Camp OA program. "These scouts become excited again at these meetings and are eager to become involved," said Stephen, "and coincidentally, August chapter meetings usually have a flood of new faces."

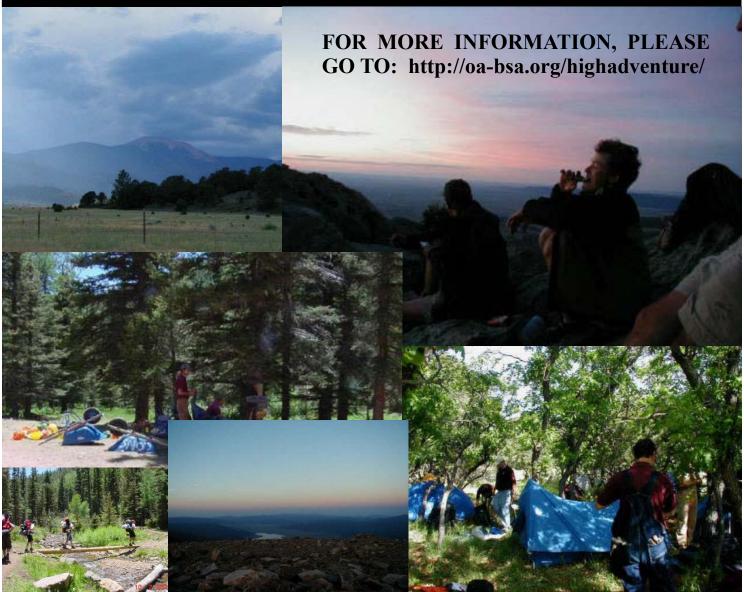
The lodge members also rally around their camps. Recently, the pine forest around Geronimo was utterly destroyed by bark beetle infestation, which killed most of the trees and created a very dangerous situation. The camp was in danger of not opening, but

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THIS IS THE ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME... PHILMONT TRAILCREW



NOAC IS AROUND THE BEND

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Stay in a college dorm room with friends in your lodge and have fun with the best activities in the nation including: Scuba Diving, Rock Climbing, Swimming, Shows, Concerts, Pow Wows, Ceremonies, and so much more! Ask any scout that has been to NOAC and you'll find out just how much fun it is. Check back to

the National OA Website at www.oa-bsa.org in October for more information on the best National OA Program.

To sign up for NOAC, contact your lodge advisor and he or she will direct you to your lodges' contingent leader. A new taskforce, the National Events Promotion Taskforce (NEPT) has also been formed comprised of a group

of high-energy section chiefs that are creating new promotional tools for your lodge. Keep watching for new promotional tools set to be distributed after October. Also, don't forget to look for the OA at the National Jamboree THIS summer, at the 12³ show, OA Indian Village, and all around with the OA Service Corps.

WIPALA WIKI: THE MERCEDES OF LODGES

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Lodge members wouldn't hear of it. They organized a clean up effort called the Bark Beetle Battle. The Lodge recruited troops to go to camp off season nearly every weekend during the spring, and some during the winter, to clean up the camp. Some weekends had as many as 400 scouts present, clearing cut trees and moving debris to burn piles. The camp opened on time. In central Arizona, the Lodge continually upkeeps and protects Heard Scout Pueblo, located on an island of desert surrounded by the growing city of Phoenix. Paul "Wipala" Wiki, the Lodge's namesake, was the ranger at Heard Scout Pueblo, on South Mountain, before his death. When the council considered the sale of the camp, lodge Vigil members came together to save their camp and then rebuild all of its run-down buildings. These camp projects have brought the lodge together and form a bond between its close membership.

Because of its strong ties with its camps, the Lodge naturally spends a lot of time at the camps. All but four of the fourteen lodge gatherings held at our camps, with many at the special Kiva building at Heard Scout Pueblo. "I look forward to visits to Kiva, it is a peaceful place, even during the most intense LEC meetings, and I always feel at home there," said **Chad Wolver**. When an event is on the calendar, Lodge members expect it to be at a camp, and are usually very excited to have an excuse to visit their homes away from home.

The success of the large Wipala Wiki Lodge is attributed to its unending connection with its camps. Wiki members hope to always keep their connections with their camps strong, after all, the OA was founded by Goodman and Edson at a Summer Camp. As an outreach opportunity, a service opportunity or a home away from home, members of Wipala Wiki encourage all OA lodges to keep their camp connections strong; not only will it strengthen your lodges, it will bring you closer to the ideals of the first OA members of the early 1910's.

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO: http://old.grandcanyonbsa.org/oa/

SPOTLIGHT ON JAMBOREE: INDIAN VILLAGE

BY PETE WHITING

This year at the National Scout Jamboree the American Indian activities are looking at a change. In addition to teaching and fulfilling requirements for the Indian lore merit badge we are featuring a large dance show as well a mock villages from all over the nation so scouts can glimpse into the lives of several native American tribes. Tribes from across the nation will be represented. To assist the scouts, counselors will be leading tours through the villages; in addition an electronic and paper library will be available to scouts. We have a great staff, and look forward to running the area near the merit badge midway.

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requirement will not only provide your lodge with more committed members, but stronger and more energized chapters, as well.

Requirement #8 – Contact 75% of council troops and teams to promote long-term camping by June 30th

Time is of the essence here. Offering to do a camping promotion visit along with elections is the easy way out, but try to make a special effort. Arrowmen are honor campers after all, so really push your chapters to call and make separate visits. Camping promotion visits help support your council's camps; and a greater OA presence in district units can help increase their support of the Order and our program.

If you haven't already, start working now on these requirements, and remember: Every lodge should be a Quality Lodge every year. The effort you put into earning the award will improve your lodge and the Order.

Have a funny OA Picture? We want them! Send in your photographs of fun times with the OA, and we may publish them!

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WHAT IS THE NATIONAL PLANNING MEETING? A PHOTOGRAPHIC STORY...



"HE WHO SERVES HIS FELLOWS, IS, OF ALL HIS FELLOWS, GREATEST"



HIGH ADVENTURE HAS MUCH TO OFFER... IT'S FUN!

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The OA Trail Crew program was started just over 10 years ago by the national OA committee to provide an opportunity for Arrowmen to experience the base while strengthening their understanding of the true meaning of our Order and the words Wimachtendink, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui.

The OA Trail Crew program is two weeks long, consisting of one week of trail building in the northern Philmont area and another week of trekking a route which the crew members plan. Crew members are between the ages of 16 and 20 and come as individuals from across the country. Crews start out at base camp where they are guided by two OA Trail Crew Foreman who work as a part of the conservation department. After arriving at the worksite the crew members learn the importance of trail building and maintenance. But the lessons taught go far beyond the trail work. Throughout the entire session participants learn to test themselves and each other to find the true meaning of unselfish service.

After their time building trail the crew visits base camp before the start of their trek. A Trail Crew trek is like no other at Philmont. The crew's participants get to plan their trek and decide what they want to go, see, and do throughout the ranch. Along with having the luxury of deciding the nature of their expedition the members of the crew are fortunate to have their foremen demonstrate valuable lessons along the way.

I speak for many who have experienced the program when I say that it is the best opportunity available to arrowmen that scouting has to offer. Some argue that it is the single most gratifying experience in their entire scouting careers. This program, along with the other High Adventure programs offered through the Order of the Arrow, are a chance of a lifetime and should not be passed up by anyone. Spots in the 2005 summer are still available, so apply now!

JOEY DWORAK — RENAISSANCE MAN

BY EVAN HESS

Joey Dworak has entered his third term as Section Chief of section W-5A. He is an extraordinary leader who strives to meet a higher standard of success in all

he does. An inspiration to other Section Chiefs, Dworak continues to embody cheerful service in all he does. His passion for servant leadership cannot be overlooked, as this young man is the member of more than two committees on both he Region and National Levels. This quarter, the Western Region Mustang salutes **Joey Dworak**.

Interesting Facts:

Leadership Positions Held - Lodge Vice Chief, Lodge Chief, Section Chief

OA Info - Gila Lodge, Yucca Council, Section W5A **Vigil Name** - wischixin- one who exerts himself

Hometown - El Paso, Texas - farthest southeast corner of the Western Region

Goes to School in Albuquerque New Mexico at UNM **Scouting Experiences** - 2001 Jamboree, 2002-04 NOACs, 02,04 OA Trail Crew, 03 OA Wilderness Voyage participants, 2005 OATC Foreman

Awards - Arrow of Light, Eagle Scout, Founders Award, Lodge's Lou Duncan Service Award

Activities - HS Student Council and Football, member

of UNM Honors Program, Phi Eta Sigma National Honors Society, The National Society of Collegiate Scholars

For Fun - Hiking/backpacking, Skiing, Snowboarding, Scuba diving, skydiving, rock climbing, mountain biking, mountaineering, traveling (have been to England-farthest away from home)

Most Interesting Scouting Experience - Meeting Tommy Lee Jones at a charity polo

match.

Best OA Experience - My times at the BSA Bases participating in the OA High Adventure Programs.

Career Aspirations - be an independent entrepreneur, opening up a company that builds leadership and confidence of participants through outdoor experiences while also learning skills.

Biggest Pet Peeve - people driving in the left (passing!) lane, when they aren't passing.

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2005 WESTERN REGION CALENDAR

SECTION CONCLAVES

Event	Date	Location
Section W-1A	September 9-11	Hoodoo Mountain Resort, Sisters, OR
Section W-1B	April 22-24	Cascade Scout Reservation, Monroe, WA
Section W-1C	September 23-25	Big Bend Community College, Moses Lake, WA
Section W-3A	April 22-24	Napa County Fair Grounds, Calistoga, CA
Section W-3B	September 16-18	Santa Rosa, CA
Section W-3C	February 11-13	Camp Pupukea, Oahu, HI
Section W-4A	March 18-20	Citrus College, Glendora, CA
Section W-4B	April 29 - May 1	San Diego, CA
Section W-4C	November 11-13	Phoenix, AZ
Section W-5A	April 8-10	Koshare Kiva, La Junt, CO
Section W-5B	April 15-17	Colorado Springs, CO
Section W-5C	April 22-24	Rapid City, SD
Section W-5D	April 15-17	Ogden High School, Ogden, UT

NATIONAL/REGIONAL EVENTS

EventDateLocationNational Planning Meeting December 27-30, 2005Marriott Solana, Southlake, TXNational JamboreeJuly 25—August 2, 2005Caroline County, VirginiaOA Trail CrewSESSIONS ALL SUMMERPhilmont Scout Ranch, Cimarron, NMOA Wilderness Adventure SESSIONS ALL SUMMERNorthern Tier, MinnesotaNational OA ConferenceJuly 29—August 6, 2006Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

Region Gathering October 21-23 2005 Phoenix, AZ

LEADERSHIP TRAINING OPPERTUNITIES

EventDateLocationNLSMarch 11-13Lost Valley Scout ReservationNLSSeptember 30-October 2Phoenix, AZ

NLS/NLATS November 18-22 Camp Pigott, Monroe, WA

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