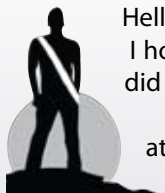


## NOAC Given a Rating of "E" for Epic



Hello all,  
I hope summer went well for everybody—I know it did for me!

The biggest reason for that is the week I spent at Indiana University with 8,000 of our brothers for the 2009 National OA Conference! Anybody who was there will understand, and hopefully agree with me, that this was the best NOAC

ever.

The theme of this NOAC, "The Power of One," was unifying and present in all areas of this vast conference. Everything from the first-rate training classes to the mind-blowing shows in the auditorium showcased how we each hold within us the Power of One: the power that can make a difference in the lives of others.

I have many fond memories of this NOAC. I had a chance to sit in on a couple of classes, including the Power of One "Signature Session," and it was probably some of the best training that an arrowman could get. Unlike NLS, where the focus is on developing high-level leaders for the Order, this training was centered on how any arrowman can go back home and make a difference in the lodge, no matter what title they hold, or what experience they've had.

The American Indian activities were also excellent. Arrowmen at NOAC had the opportunity to see some of the best dancers in the OA performing in homage to American Indian culture. Another fixture at every NOAC is the ceremony evaluations. I've been a dedicated ceremonialist since my induction into the



Order in 2002, so seeing other ceremonialists perform is always an inspiring thing for me.

There was so much to do at NOAC that I didn't have time to see it all! I'm sure many of you are in the same boat. One place I did get to

spend a bit of time, though, was The Experience. That air-conditioned tent was one of the best places at NOAC, not just because of the shade, but because of all the amazing opportunities that were being showcased inside! Everybody from product vendors to the Philmont Staff Association had a booth with something fun to do or promotional material to take home. I also stopped by The Outdoor Adventure Place (TOAP) one day, and tried my hand at the ice climbing course and the rock wall. It's hard for a scout not to be physically fit if they're doing stuff like that every day!

Founder's Day was also an amazing experience, as it always is. I was at the Western Region booth most of the day, and got to meet hundreds of you who stopped by the booth to get a picture taken, get something signed, order something from the trading post, or just say hi! Walking around to all the other booths, I saw that there was a lot of fun stuff to do. Some lodges had games at their booths, some were giving away free beverages, and all of them were showcasing great stuff about the OA and their lodge.

Finally, NOAC concluded on the final night with probably the best closing theme show in the history of NOACs. Anybody who was in the arena will not soon forget the inspiring and awesome show, and the deeply meaningful and personal message it gave to all of us. I saw the shows staff hard at work firsthand on many occasions, and they deserve a hearty "thank you" for the experience they gave us. After all, who could forget 8,000 arrowmen singing "Don't Stop Believing" and the OA song?

Yours in Brotherhood,

David Harrell 🐾



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## Chiefly Speaking with Dave Harrell



I hope everybody had a fantastic summer, and that your autumn is off to great start. The best part of my summer was also probably the best part for about 8,000 other people's summers as well.

I'm talking, of course, about one week at Indiana University with 8,000 of our brothers at the 2009 National OA Conference! Anybody who was there understands, and hopefully agrees with me, that this was the best NOAC ever.

The theme of this NOAC, "The Power of One," was unifying and present in all areas of this vast conference. Everything from the first-rate training classes to the mind-blowing shows in the auditorium showcased how we each hold within us the Power of One: the power that can make a difference in the lives of others.



If you want to hear about all the other great things that went on, but that you may not have had a chance to experience, just read about it on the region website, or check out some of the other articles in this Mustang.

Easily the second-best part of my summer

was the two weeks I spent at Philmont doing OA Trail Crew. It was my first OA High Adventure experience, and even though I was apprehensive beforehand, I can say with certainty that every arrowman who can should do an OA High Adventure trek at least once. Between the friends I made and the fun I had, it's something I'm never going to forget, and I promise you'll regret it if you pass on the opportunity.



As we move into the homestretch of 2009, I also want to congratulate all the new Western Region section chiefs. Almost every section in the region has now elected its new officers, and it looks like 2009-2010 is going to be a great year for the West. I'm having a ton of fun going to conclaves and lodge weekends this fall, and meeting so many awesome people, and you should too! Get out and be active with your lodge, keep the bonds of brotherhood strong and the fire burning cheerfully, and never forget that WEST IS BEST!

Yours in Brotherhood,

*David Harrell*

David Harrell

2009 Western Region Chief 🐎







# SEEKING OA STAFF FOR THE JAMBOREE



**Indian Village**



**Service Corps**



**"Mysterium Compass"**



If you can dance, have dance outfits, make crafts, know Indian history, we want you as a part of our staff

Features of the Jamboree Indian Village include:

1. Village vignettes: Our village will be filled with American Indian village areas representing several tribes from across North America which will depict life for these tribes.

2. American Indian Craft zone: Craft area where some of the most capable crafters in the OA will be on hand to help Jamboree participants learn particular crafts (sewing, beadwork, quillwork, fingerweaving, singing and the like)

3. Indian Lore Merit Badge: Jamboree participants will be able to work on the Indian Lore Merit Badge nestled in the OA Indian Village against the backdrop of American Indian villages. The instructors of the Indian Lore merit badge will use the resources provided by their brothers among the various Indian villages to create a fantastic delivery of the merit badge requirements. The Indian Lore Merit Badge will be located in the Indian Village.

And, of course: Having FUN!



Since 1950 the Order of the Arrow Service Corps has provided the example for how Arrowmen should act and cheerfully serve others. The Service Corps seeks to provide servant leadership through cheerful service to the program areas of the Jamboree.

We seek to create an environment conducive to servant leadership, cheerful service, and a memorable experience while facilitating the needs of the 2010 National Jamboree. We live out our obligation daily. The OA Service Corps represents what the OA stands for: we represent servant leadership. The 2010 National Scout Jamboree is our time to show the nation that we are fulfilling our obligation; we are putting into practice its meaning.

The OA Service Corps is about representing the OA and having fun. All arrowmen will work together with no titles, no awards, and no regrets. This experience will be one that you will never forget. Join our team and you will make friends to keep for the rest of your life. If you want to have the best time of your life while wearing a sash at the 2010 National Scout Jamboree, then come join the OA Service Corps.



At Jamboree 2010, the National Order of the Arrow Committee will present the Mysterium Compass. Staff recruitment for The Mysterium Compass is now underway. We will need people of all skill levels for our team. We like to think of everyone as being a "cast" member because everyone plays a critical role in our ability to be successful. How do we determine success? By delivering a fantastic and fun message to Scouts.

We will need youth and adult members of the OA on our staff of over three hundred: Actors, "game" managers, ticketing and public relations, theatre technical crew like tv/video, sound and light technicians, stage managers, special effects operators, scenic crew; and more.

Jamboree staff positions are open to Scouts and adults who meet required qualifications. Adult staff members must have been born before July 26, 1984. Youth staff members must have been born between July 26, 1984 and July 26, 1994. All must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. 🐎





NOAC was, quite simply, amazing. Every Arrowman should go to at least one, because otherwise, you haven't fully known what our brotherhood is capable of.

~ David Harrell



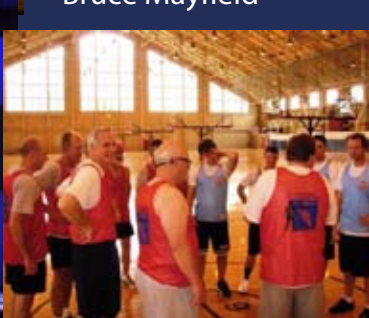
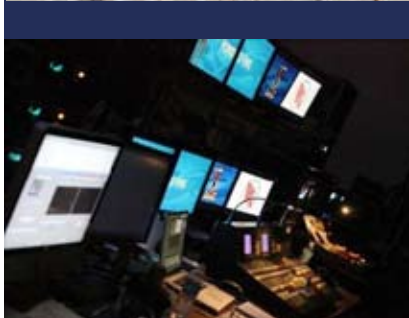
A few of my best memories: Steak-n-Shake runs at 1 am in the morning. Watching Lodge teams determined to beat their NOSC (National Outdoor Skills Competition) score, and succeeding. Turning a corner, meeting someone knew who is just as friendly as your best friend at home.

~ Evan Sawyer



My favorite part of NOAC was The Experience. What was in that Tent? A multi-dimensional circus of just about everything an arrowman could imagine....and a few he couldn't.

~ Bruce Mayfield







A truly life-changing experience. Every Arrowman should have the opportunity to experience NOAC. The sheer magnitude and impact of such an event cannot be fully described through words. Much like the OA Trail Crew, you just have to experience it.  
~ Jack Chinn

Do every little (and big) thing you can. You never know how it might affect someone or cause a change for the betterment of the world. That's what "The Power of One" means to me.  
~ Bruce Mayfield

I took home friendship, memories, and experience. Experience to interact with new people and adapt to new ideas, Memories to build upon and keep life exciting as we all grow up, and Friendships to keep and maintain as we all divide into our own paths in life."  
~ Jack Chinn



Readers of the *Mustang*,

This year, we, the staff of the *Mustang*, want to make a special effort to reach out to the Western Region's lodges and sections in an effort to collect more articles and news thereby enriching our newsletter.

So, if your section, or a lodge in your section has done anything worth note, please sent it up to the *Mustang*. Whether it be a service project or any extra-ordinary event we would love to hear about it. Just sent us a nice article 100-300 words with some pictures, and we will work it into an upcoming *Mustang*. Or, if that is too much to ask, just get us in contact with a person who could tell us about the event.

Also, if you or anyone you know has any inspirational or informational thoughts or articles, please sent it our way or get us in contact with the author. We at the *Mustang* love creative articles!

So please sent us any content you may have. There is never to many ideas!

Feel free to write us if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

The *Mustang* Staff

## New Trading Post Items Available for NOAC



WEST is BEST Boxers



New WEST IS BEST T-shirts in blue



Beanie

Check out the Western Region Trading Post for these great deals:

- \* New WEST IS BEST T-shirts in blue - get yours now for NOAC!
- \* WEST is BEST BOXERS - be the best dressed around
- \* Keychains - very nice
- \* Beanie Caps

In addition there are TWO new Western Region Chenille collector patches that are available right now in very limited quantities. They won't last long, so get yours now.

Please share this information with your lodges and sections.



Keychains

## Congratulations to Our New Section Chiefs!

W-6E Frederick Gross

W-4N Charles Pickering

W-1N Sam Giacalone

W-1S Ben DeRemer

W-5 Jimmy Dickson

W-3N Benjamin LeRoy

W-2S Ellis Hunsaker

W-3S Alan Camarillo

W-2N Anthony Drewicz III

W-1E Taylor Blanc

W-6P Mark Ishizu

W-4S Kyle Sitarski

## Our Bad!

In the last edition of the *Mustang* the list of DSA recipents was featured. Unfortunately one of these outstanding arrowmen was omitted.



**Alex Braden** is an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor, and Founders Award recipient from San Gabriel Valley Council and Ta Tanka Lodge. Alex served as the 2007-2008 W4A Section Chief. President Bush presented the President's Call to Service Voluntarism Award directly to Alex after his work on ArrowCorps5. Alex



currently attends the University of La Verne. According to his DSA nomination form, "Alex Braden is a fine example of an Arrowman providing dedicated service to the Order and to Scouting."



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### ***Western Region Calendar***

#### **Event**

W-4S Conclave  
Western Region Gathering  
W-6W Conclave  
Western Region NLS/NLATS  
Western Region NLS  
W-2S Conclave  
W-2N Conclave  
W-1N Conclave  
W-5 Conclave  
National Scout Jamboree  
W-6P Conclave  
W-1S Conclave  
W-3S Conclave  
W-3N Conclave  
W-4N Conclave  
W-1E Conclave  
Western Region NLS/NLATS

#### **Date**

Oct. 16-18, 2009  
October 23-25, 2009  
November 13-15, 2009  
November 20-22, 2009  
April 9-11, 2010  
April 23-25, 2010  
April 23-25, 2010  
April 23-25, 2010  
April 30-May 2, 2010  
July 26–August 4, 2010  
September 3-5, 2010  
September 10-12, 2010  
September 17-19, 2010  
September 17-19, 2010  
September 24-26, 2010  
September 24-26, 2010  
October 22 - 24, 2010

#### **Location**

Schoepe Scout Reservation, CA  
Heard Scout Pueblo, Phoenix, Ax  
Del Sol High School, Las Vegas, NV  
Evangelical Center, Milwaukie, OR  
Irvine Ranch, Orange County, CA  
Location TBD  
Location TBD  
Camp Hahobas, WA  
Location TBD  
Ft AP Hill, VA  
Camp Maluhia, Maui, HI  
Camp Rilea, OR  
Location TBD  
Camp Masonite Navarro, CA  
To be determined  
Camp Easton, Idaho  
Philmont, Cimarron, NM