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Meet Your 2010 National Officers!



2010 National Chief Brad Lichota

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Lodge: Chippewa
Council: Great Lakes
Section: C-2a
Hometown: Shelby Township, MI
Age: 19
School: Biochemistry major at Michigan State University
Scouting Background: Brad is an Eagle Scout from Troop 156.

OA Background: He has attended the National Order of the Arrow Conference, OA Trail Crew, OA Wilderness Voyage, ArrowCorps5, NLS and SOS. He has served on NOAC Staff and was a member of the ArrowCorps5 Instructor Corps.
Hobbies: His hobbies include mountain biking, running, triathlons, and pulling pranks on his friends.
Thoughts: "I was completely overwhelmed with the idea that we can lead the Order into the next decade of service. I'm ecstatic to have the opportunity to serve Fellow Arrowmen from across the nation."

National Vice Chief Will Swingle

Lodge: Nawakwa
Council: Heart of Virginia
Section: SR-7a
Hometown: Ashland, VA
Age: 19
School: Business Management major at Christopher Newport University
Scouting Background: Will is an Eagle Scout of Troop 521.

OA Background: He was a two term section chief and a lodge chief. He attended the 2009 National Order of the Arrow Conference, NLS, and SOS. He served as the American Indian Activities Conference Vice Chief at NOAC and on NLS staff.
Hobbies: His hobbies include rugby, mountain biking, hiking, and Native American dance.
Thoughts: "What a great opportunity it will be to service the nation for the next year. As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the BSA we as Scouts have a tremendous opportunity to serve the greater Scouting movement by



2010 National Vice-chief Will Swingle



2009 Western Region Chief Fred Gross

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Lodge: Yah-Tah-Hey-Si-Kess
Council: Great South West
Section: W-6e
Hometown: Santa Fe, NM
Age: 19
School: Outdoor Leadership major at Western State College of Colorado
Scouting Background: Fred is an Eagle Scout of Troop 57.

OA Background: He was a past chapter and lodge chief. He attended OA Trail Crew,

NLS, and two SOS. He served as the Outdoor Adventure Conference Vice Chief for the 2009 National Order of the Arrow Conference, ArrowCorps5 Crew Leader, and served four times on NLS staff.

Hobbies: His hobbies include climbing, skiing, hunting, fishing, and mountain rescue.

Thoughts: "Oh my, I re-

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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.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Fred Gross

2009 Western Region Chief

Well, 2009 is finally at an end, and what an amazing year it has been.

The Western Region is strong after a successful year where we trained almost 150 arrowmen at National Leadership Seminars, sent thousands of people to the National O.A. Conference in

Indiana (which was, by most accounts, the best one ever), and once again had a strong presence at the national high adventure programs O.A. Trail Crew, O.A. Wilderness Voyage, O.A. Canadian Odyssey, and O.A. Ocean Adventure. Most importantly, though, is this: everywhere I travelled this year—every conclave and banquet—I could see that the fire of cheerfulness, the bonds of brotherhood, and the spirit of servant leadership are strong everywhere in our Order.

This has been an extremely rewarding year for me personally, as I've gotten to travel all around the region and the country seeing the O.A. at its best. I've had a fantastic time every place I've gone, and whether or not I was fortunate enough to meet and spend time with you during the year, I want to thank you for everything you do to make the Western Region the best one.

I had many amazing advisers and youth help me out throughout the year. The region's day-to-day program, as well as its behind-the-scenes operation, succeeds not because of me or any one person at all. It works because of the fantastic advisers we all have, such as my advisers on the region committee, and the youth we work with on a regular basis, such as my committee chairmen for the year, who all did more than anyone could ask of them to make 2009 a great year. Thanks to Mike Bliss, John Van Dreesse, Jeff Posey, Gabe McHugh, Jack Chinn, Jake Knudsen, Sam Giacalone, David Petersen, Kevin Renfrow, Justin Riordan, and countless others across the region for everything you've done this year. If you've done your part to make this Order better, then I couldn't have done it without you.

In closing, I want to congratulate the new Western Region Chief, Freddy Gross. Just like anyone reading this, I look





Jamboree 2010

Brothers,

In less than 11 months, over 40,000 Boy Scouts will become a part of Jamboree City at the 2010 National Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill in Caroline County, Virginia. 2010 will mark the 100th anniversary of Scouting and you will want to be a part of this celebration.

The Order of the Arrow needs to recruit 500 youth and adults to be a part of its staff to make its programs a success at the National Scout Jamboree. The Order will run three programs – The OA Service Corps, the Mysterium Compass, and the OA Indian Village.

At the 2010 National Scout Jamboree, the OA will be celebrating its 60th anniversary of the OA Service Corps. The OA Service Corps provides assistance in the many Jamboree program and support areas.

The OA Indian Village will have representations of various tribes of North America, will assist Scouts in earning the Indian Lore Merit Badge, and will have tribal vignettes of dancers and singers traveling throughout the Jamboree. The Mysterium Compass



will offer a patrol based activity that will take Scouts through a series of challenges with special effects and theatrical acting similar to the previous OA shows including 123, Scoutopia, and Odyssey of the Law.

This email provides the necessary information about applying for OA staff. Continue reading and sign up today!

I look forward to seeing you at the 2010 National Scout Jamboree as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of Scouting!

Yours in Service,

Jack O'Neill
2009 National Chief



New Program at the 2010 Jamboree: PACEsetters

Do you love sports, physical fitness, teaching others about healthy lifestyle choices? If so, the PACEsetters want you! On the PACEsetters staff you will be a part of something truly exciting. A pacesetter is a person who “leads the pack”, and sets the standard by which others will follow, so, as we embark on a new century of Scouting, we will call our youth participants to be “PACEsetters – Leaders... for Life.”

The PACEsetters program will:


- Encourage, incentivize, and facilitate each Jamboree participant to earn Personal Fitness Merit Badge
- Provide a mechanism to encourage participants to compete against each other in personal fitness competition

- Create a method to teach specific tenets of health education that are relevant and memorable to our Jamboree participants

Through all this, cause our participants to understand Personal Accountability, and Commit to Excellence as they make decisions that will affect their overall health and fitness over their lifetime.

Of course these are our goals, but as with all aspects of the order we will strive to enjoy great fellowship, and provide cheerful service to our fellow scouts.



So, if this sounds like YOUR thing @ the 2010 Jamboree, sign up today to join our PACEsetters Staff! 



2010 Service Grants Recipients

For the past several years, the National Order of the Arrow Committee has provided matching service grants for a limited number of projects submitted by application to the national OA office. The evaluators considered the innovative scope and design of the project, the number of Scouts impacted by the project, and how the project enhances Cub Scouting or Boy Scouting in the council.

Congratulations to the following lodges selected as the service grant recipients for 2010:



Kola Lodge, Longs Peak Council #62 received \$2,500 for building an additional BB gun range and a Creative Shooting Sports range at Camp Jack Nicol to support the council's cub scout program.



Chumash Lodge, Los Padres Council #53 received \$1,125 for refurbishing and expanding the low COPE course at Camp Rancho Alegre.



Boy Scouts of America

100th Anniversary

Engagement Programs

Why a Purpose-Driven Celebration?

Celebrating the impact that a century of Scouting has had on the lives of millions needs more than a single date on the calendar. So, we are launching a series of programs that span two years and invite **everyone** in America to get involved. In addition to national engagement opportunities, BSA councils across America are bringing the anniversary celebration to life through unique local activities.

100th Anniversary Major Engagement Programs

100th Anniversary National Hall of Leadership

The BSA 100th Anniversary National Hall of Leadership is a one-time opportunity to recognize and thank Scouts, their leaders, and Scouting volunteers (past and present) for the extraordinary difference they make in the lives of others through their demonstrated leadership. When the nomination period closes in February 2010, each of 302 BSA local councils and the national office will forward 12 semi-finalists to a national judging panel. Ultimately, one inductee will be selected from each for this once in a century honor.


Get in the Game!

Through Get in the Game! geocaching events, Scouts and non-Scouts alike will enjoy a fast-paced, high-tech treasure hunt. Players hide containers (called "caches") outdoors and post where they hid them online. Then, others seek out the goods using GPS navigation devices. When players find a cache, they go online to report what they found and their experiences during the search. It's fun, exciting, fast-paced, and a great way to share Scouting skills—and outdoor adventure—with the today's tech savvy kids.

A Year of Celebration, A Century of Making a Difference

During our centennial, we honor the enormous impact made by a century of living by the Scout Oath and Law. By showing dedication to five of Scouting's core values, Scouts, leaders, and Scouting alumni can earn a BSA 100th Anniversary commemorative patch. Those values are: Leadership, Character, Community Service, Achievement, and the Outdoors. As part of this program, the BSA is also partnering with national and international organizations to offer unique 100th Anniversary service projects.

Jamboree 2010/A Shining Light Across America

Over 43,000 Scouts and leaders will come together for Jamboree 2010—where adventure waits around every corner. This year, everyone can join the excitement. Using virtual hookups, we'll broadcast (and webcast) "A Shining Light Across America." This amazing stage show will transmit from the Jamboree to satellite locations across the country and bring back local participation from a few of the sites. This marks the first time in history that the entire Scouting family has come together for a single, nationwide opportunity to celebrate and reflect. 



2009 Region Gathering

by Samuel M. Giacalone

Section W-1N Chief



Over the weekend of October 23-25, Section Chiefs, Section Advisers, and Region Committee Members from across the Region met at the Heard Scout Pueblo

in Phoenix, Arizona to discuss upcoming events, new national programs and resources, and have a weekend of fellowship and brotherhood.

On Friday Night, introductions were made to start things off. After that, the Chiefs went bowling for a night of fun and watched in dismay our Region Chief losing a frame to one of our region committee members.

The next day we got down to more serious business, the Chiefs gave our closing reports from our most recent conclave, our section status, and updates. We then had sessions about being involved in promoting cub scouting in our sections, recruiting advisers as commissioners, and the



Scoutmaster Support packet that was sent to every registered scoutmaster in the nation. Later in the day we broke out into breakout sessions to discuss High Adventure programs, Publications, Lodge Assistance Program, and Quality Lodge; sharing ideas and information that would benefit each program. We then

took a dip in the cold pool water there at the Heard before we had dinner. This was followed by some wonderful story telling by the famous Del Loder, a National Committee Member, and a quiet evening of relaxation.



Sunday contained a Scout's Own Service and

a thank you/farewell session hosted by David Harrell. After this, it was time to depart and say farewell. This year's Region Gathering was a great time and was informative as it was productive for the leaders involved. This gathering rolled out a great many resources from both the Region and National

Committees, and will be available shortly. Talk to your Section Chief for more information about these resources and stay tuned to www.oa-bsa.org and www.western.oa-bsa.org as these resources become available. If you have any more questions about the Region Gathering, contact your Section Chief.





The Philmont OA Adviser Conference is for any currently registered adult member of the OA, including professional Scouters. While at the conference, participants can enjoy the many benefits of Philmont.

The Conference is tailored to address the specific needs of the participants, to share information from successful lodges across the Nation, and to discuss possible solutions to some of the common challenges faced by many chapters and lodges. Our goals are to challenge, educate and inspire the participants and staff!



Cost:

PTC participant : \$470.00 (Spouses and/or children with a PTC participant for a reduced fee)

Where:

Philmont Training Center Cimarron, New Mexico

When:

June 20 – 26, 2010

Registration:

Register before December 31, 2009

To Register and Pay:

Log on to <https://myscouting.scouting.org>. Under “event registration”

*Conference Slots
will fill up quickly*

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Boy Scouts to Bring World-Class Center of Scouting Excellence to West Virginia

Project Comes on Cusp of the Organization’s Centennial Anniversary; Governor Manchin and Stephen D. Bechtel, Jr. Lead Partnership Effort

11.18.2009 – Glen Jean, W.Va (Nov. 18, 2009) - In a room filled with hundreds of supporters and local leaders, the [Boy Scouts of America](#) today unveiled its plans for a world-class, national center of scouting excellence in the New River Gorge region of West Virginia. The site will serve as a premier Scouting destination, offering a new [high-adventure base](#) and national leadership programs and will become the permanent home of the [National Scout Jamboree](#).

The BSA’s selection of the [10,600-acre site near Beckley](#) was chosen after an extensive, nationwide process that lasted more than 18 months aimed at finding the perfect location for realizing the vision of a national center of Scouting excellence. The development of the site is made possible by a \$50 million gift, the largest in BSA history, from the [S. D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation](#).

The [new site](#), to be named “[The Summit: Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve](#),” will help the BSA fulfill its mission of serving America’s youth for another 100 years, providing character-building opportunities, a respect and appreciation for the outdoors, physical fitness, and leadership development. With its extensive and diverse program offerings, the site will become a pinnacle of the [Scouting experience](#).

“Today is a great day for Scouting. Thanks to the generosity of the S. D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation, the



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Western Region Calendar

Event

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

Date

April 9-11, 2010
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April 16-18, 2010
April 23-25, 2010
April 30-May 2, 2010
April 30 - May 2, 2010
July 26-August 4, 2010
August 27-29, 2010
September 10-12, 2010
September 10-12, 2010
September 17-19, 2010
September 17-19, 2010
September 24-26, 2010
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October 8-10, 2010
October 22-24, 2010
October 29-31, 2010

Location

Alamogordo, NM
Irvine Ranch, Orange County, CA
Delta, UT
Camp Hahobas, WA
Location TBD
Lake Tahoe, NV
Ft AP Hill, VA
Camp Morrison, McCall, ID
Camp Maluhia, Maui, HI
Camp Rilea, Astoria, OR
NASA Research Center, CA
Camp Masonite Navarro, CA
Location TBD
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Philmont Scout Ranch, NM
Tentative date and location TBD