



The Service Adventure

Service and adventure go together like peanut butter and jelly. Milk and cookies.. map and compass.

At least that's the idea that the Order of the Arrow is exploring with SummitCorps The New River Experience in July of 2011 at the New River Gorge National River in West Virginia.

For years, the Order of the Arrow has pioneered the concept of the service adventure with the OA High Adventure Programs. In 2008, the OA had the chance to open up the service adventure to more Arrowmen with *ArrowCorps*⁵. Now, in 2011, the Order of the Arrow is providing another opportunity to blend the bliss that comes from cheerful service and the personal growth that can only come from a high adventure.

The New River

The site of the SummitCorps is a part of the National Park system, maintained by the US Department of the Interior and the National Park Service. The over 70,000 acres surrounding the river provide an abundance of flora and fauna to enhance the experience of Arrowmen attending SummitCorps in 2011.

While SummitCorps will not take place at The Summit, it will work to provide the link between the New River and the Summit, allowing a new generation of Americans to join the storied history of the New River.



American Indian Activities

Indian Summer 2011 will expand your understanding of the American Indian culture. Opportunities will be focused on learning to dance, making outfits and crafts, singing and many other areas of the American Indian culture. You will have an opportunity to gain hands on experience with some of the best craftsmen in the Scouting movement.

Pow wows and social nights will allow each Arrowman to experience singing, customs and traditions of the different geographical cultures of the American Indian. From beginner to intermediate, individual or group teams, Indian Summer 2011 will provide you with the skills you as an individual and your dance team need to be successful.

If you want to learn more about American Indian culture and expand your dance and craft skills, this is THE place to meet Arrowmen who share your interest and receive training from

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Chiefly Speaking

by Fred Gross



Besides helping improve camp, Fred shot kids with marshmallows.

core of who we are and what we hold to be close to our hearts. Over the past few years the Order of the Arrow has been setting the example of service for the nation and the Boy Scouts as a whole.

I am proud to say that I had the chance to select the Orca Lodge to visit this fall. I went to attend the last of the four work weekends that the lodge put on to support one of their local council camps. Camp Masonite Navarro was closed to Boy Scout summer camp four years ago and is now only open to Cub Scout camp for a very short amount of the summer. The lodge has had four work weekends in which they



(L to R) Fred Gross, Past W3N Section Secretary Mike Millerick, and Will Swingle

“He who serves his fellows is of all his fellows greatest.” From the Service Corps at Jamboree to the work provided by the Orca lodge to their council, the Order of the Arrow has been providing cheerful service across the nation. Service is and has been the

have provided hundreds of hours of service with nearly 120 members. The lodge is trying to help their camp become ready to reopen its doors for summer camp. This lodge and the people I have met during the weekend has highlighted how important it is to take the sash off and get dirty while remembering why

you wear that nice white sash. This camp may not be able to reopen to troops for years, but it is now providing a place for Cub Scouts, Troops, Crews, and the 2010 W-3N Section Conclave. The work put into this camp has not only made life for arrowmen better but also for Cub Scouts who will one day make up our troops.

So often we ask in what way has the troop been helpful to the OA when what we need to be asking is what can my chapter be doing to help my troop. I feel that this small lodge in Northern California has been a great example of what can be done when they put their hearts into it. I challenge all the lodges in the very best region to go out and see what service they can provide to help their councils. Beyond that, I ask each chapter chief to step up and take the OA to the doorsteps of the troops and ask what can we do to help their troop?

Leadership is love

Fred Gross

Fred Gross
2010 Western Region Chief



A race on the Climbing wall at conclave. Fred Gross on left.



Conclave featured both rifle and archery, two events that are rarely seen at conclaves.

Congrats to Our New Section Chiefs!

W-1S Trenton Williams

W-2N Jaren Hanson

W-3N Gabriel Mc Hugh

W-4S Joseph Garcia



National Chief Brad Lichota
(center) came to visit a
Western Region Conclave.

Can you name the
location of the
conclave?

Answer on page 3



The Project

This is no canned food drive. Arrowmen attending SummitCorps – The New River Experience in 2011 can expect to be treated to one tough task.

The main focus of SummitCorps will be improving the Garden Grand Hike and Bike Trail. Other projects will include the removal of invasive species.

Details

Lodges are encouraged to appoint a youth coordinator and adult adviser responsible for promoting and organizing the SummitCorps contingent. Each section and region will be appointing a coordinator responsible for promoting SummitCorps.

The projected cost per Arrowman is \$250. Lodges will be responsible for all transportation to and from base camp.

SummitCorps will take place over four weeks during July 2011: July 3-9, July 10-16, July 17-23, and July 24-30. Each week will be a separate session of SummitCorps, providing exciting opportunities for service, adventure, and recreation. SummitCorps will be held at the New River Gorge National River in West Virginia.

some of the best in the Order of the Arrow. Don't miss your chance to attend this awesome and inspiring experience.

Cost for Indian Summer

Arrowmen will be able to choose from two housing options at Indian Summer:

- \$325 per Arrowman for dormitory style rooms (4-8 per room) with air conditioning and 1 bathroom.
- \$425 per Arrowman for hotel style rooms (2 per room) with air conditioning and 1 bathroom

Both fees include housing, meals, recreation, training, program recognitions, and more.

Indian Summer will take place at the Ridgecrest Conference Center, Asheville NC on August 1-6, 2011

Sign up now for the 2011 Indian Summer – you won't want to miss it.



OA Repairs BWCAW and Quetico Park Portages

by Daniel "Vern" Miller & Matthew Kaney

While celebrating the 100th anniversary of one of the nation's largest youth organizations, the Boy Scouts of America continues to provide life changing experiences through the Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage and Canadian Odyssey programs at the Northern Tier High Adventure Bases based out of Ely.

The Order of the Arrow (OA) is the national honor society of the Boy Scouts of America.

The organization recognizes scouts chosen by their peers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Scout Law in their daily lives.

At the heart of the OA are the ideals of brotherhood and cheerful service.

The OA Wilderness Voyage and Canadian Odyssey programs put these ideals to the test by gathering honored Scouts from across the United States to provide high quality repair work to frequently used portage trails of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and the Quetico Provincial Park.

The OA Wilderness Voyage program started building a partnership through various service projects with the Kawishiwi Ranger District of the United States Forest Service in 1999.

Since that time over 900 scouts have had the opportunity to serve the Northwoods through this program.



Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage foremen Chris Rollins and Kevin Sylvester inspecting their newly built turnpike!

Last summer the OA Wilderness Voyage was presented with the 25th Anniversary Region 8 Silver Award from the US Forest Service for connecting citizens to the land.

This award is given to one group or organization through out the entire eastern 19 states of the country who have given countless man hours to restoring our Nation's most precious natural resources.

The OA Wilderness Voyage accepted the award and strives to maintain this high standard of volunteerism and service again this summer.

Now in the 12th summer of the program and after one million dollars worth of trail work, the program has been asked to expand its reach of service to the La Croix District of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

The Scouts are currently working on the Elm Portage at Little Indian Sioux and the Little Loon Lake to Slim Lake portage.

Because of the OA Wilderness Voyage program's unique reputation of cheerful and diligent selfless service in the BWCAW, the program has developed into an international alliance with the Order of the Arrow and the Quetico Provincial Park.

The two organizations formed the extension of the OA Wilderness Voyage program aptly named the OA Canadian Odyssey in the summer of 2009.

In this second summer of OA Canadian Odyssey the Scouts are working on the Maria Lake to Jesse Lake Portage in the Quetico Provincial Park.

Both programs incorporate a week of portage trail rehabilitation and construction and a week of wilderness canoe trekking throughout the Boundary Waters or Quetico.

If anyone has worked on a portage trail before, they know it comes with many long hours and sometimes tedious tasks.

The OA programs are no different. They use what the wilderness provides them. This means moving heavy boulders, smashing their own gravel with sledge hammers, and applying the right mix of soil, sand and granite dust to make a trail that will last another 100 years.

Ground Broken on Boy Scouts W.Va. Adventure Camp

October 22, 2010

From the Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) - More than \$100 million has been donated toward construction of a Boy Scouts of America adventure camp and the permanent home of the group's national jamboree in southern West Virginia, Scouts officials announced Friday.

Ground was broken on the 10,600-acre project Friday. The camp will take advantage of the New River Gorge National River and the area's recreational opportunities, including whitewater rafting, mountain biking and rock climbing.

Officials said the project will be completed in time to host the national jamboree from July 15-24, 2013.

The Scouts' 100th anniversary was marked at this year's jamboree in Fort A.P. Hill, Va. The jamboree attracts nearly 30,000 Scouts from around the United States and 12,000 staff and volunteers.

The new camp, being built in Fayette County between Glen Jean, Prince and Mount Hope, will complement existing Scout adventure bases in Minnesota, New Mexico and Florida.

Scout officials said the camp also will be a contender to host the 2019



Construction at the Summit stopped just long enough for the official groundbreaking ceremony, Oct. 22, 2010.

World Scout Jamboree, which is held every four years. The event will be held in Sweden in 2011 and in Japan in 2015.

Retired engineering and construction magnate Stephen Bechtel Jr. kicked off the project a year ago with a \$50 million gift. The camp is being called The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve.

Among the additional gifts announced Friday was a \$25 million donation from the Suzanne and Walter Scott Foundation of Omaha, Neb.

Walter Scott Jr., former CEO of Omaha-based construction contractor Peter Kiewit Sons' Inc., said his success in business had its roots in the Boy Scouts.



Dirt flies at the official groundbreaking of the Summit, the Boy Scouts of America's newest high adventure base and home of the national jamboree.

"I enjoyed the opportunity to learn new things, I enjoyed the camaraderie with my fellow Scouts, and I especially enjoyed the camping," Scott said. "The love and respect for the outdoors and our natural environment that Scouting instilled in me continues to this day."

More than \$20 million in construction contracts have been awarded on the project, which is expected to generate 600 jobs.



Each dignitary on hand received a golden shovel to turn the ceremonial dirt at the Summit groundbreaking ceremony.



BSA National President and Exxon Mobil CEO Rex Tillerson helped officiate the Summit groundbreaking ceremony.



Scouts stand ready to hand-off groundbreaking shovels to the participating dignitaries.



2011 Lodge Chief Incentive Program

This year the Order of the Arrow is once again challenging lodge chiefs across the country to maximize their lodge's high adventure participation. In return for their promotional efforts we are waiving the program fee to OA Trail Crew, OA Wilderness Voyage, OA Voyage: Canadian Odyssey or OA Ocean Adventure, for the two lodge chiefs from each region that recruit the most high adventure participants from their lodge (minimum of four) to a high adventure program for summer 2011 as of December 1, 2010.



lodge chief will be able to take advantage of the incentive.

- All incentive winners must meet Philmont height and weight requirements and be of the appropriate age at the time of their OAHA participation.
- All lodge chiefs are encouraged to sign up for a high adventure program before the end of the contest so we can better accommodate their summer schedules. Incentive winners having already sent in their deposit or program fee will have it refunded by the national office.

Rules and Deadlines:

- The two lodge chiefs in each region that have the most arrowmen signed up for OA High Adventure as of **December 1, 2010** will have their program fee for OATC, OAWV, OAWV:CO, or OAOA waived for 2011.
- Participants must be from the **same** lodge as the lodge chief claiming them.
- The winning lodge chiefs will have until **January 15, 2011** to submit their OAHA applications or they forfeit the right to have their program fee waived.
- If a winning lodge has recently had elections, it will be up to the lodge adviser to determine whether or not the new or old

You can download this application by going to:
<http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/files/applications/LodgeChiefIncentive.pdf>



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Western Region Calendar

Event	Date	Location
Western Region LLD	November 5-7, 2010	Tokyo, Japan
W-1 Area 1 Section Officer Training	November 12-14, 2010	
National Planning Meeting	December 27-30, 2010	Dallas, TX
Lodge Charters Due	December 31, 2010	
W-3 Area 3 Section Officer Training	January 8, 2011	
Double Vigil Golf Classic	January 28, 2011	Phoenix, AZ
Western Region Committee Meeting	January 29, 2011	Phoenix, AZ
W-6E Conclave	April 8-10, 2011	NM Junior College (Tentative)
W-2S Conclave	April 15-17, 2011	IPP man camp, Delta, UT
W-1N Conclave	April 29 - May 1, 2011	Colony High School, Palmer, AK
SummitCorps:	July 3-30	The Bechtel Summit, WV
The New River Experience	4 One Week Sessions	
OA Indian Summer	August 1-6	Ridgecrest, NC
W-2N Conclave	August 26-28, 2011	
W-1S Conclave	September 9-11, 2011	
W-6P Conclave	September 9-11, 2011	
W-3N Conclave	September 16-18, 2011	Two Rock, CA