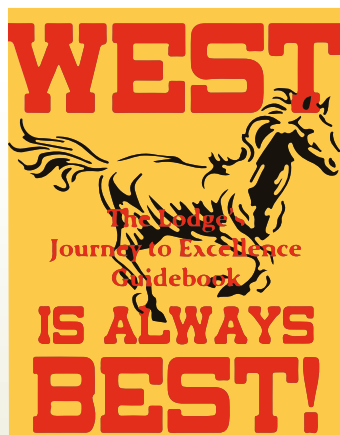




New JTE Guide Book

By Sam Bellomy
JTE Chairman

Everyone knows that JTE can be confusing. With formulas and multiple levels of success, this new program has caused some frustration. But not anymore! The Western Region is proud to release the Western Region JTE Guidebook to assist our region's lodges! The National Committee and a few of the other Regions have also published guidebooks, and they're great tools for you to use! So why did we published our own?



The Western Region is completely different from all the Regions. Our lodges cover a larger land mass than the rest of the nation while also varying greatly in Lodge size. This being said, Western Region lodges don't function the same way as the other lodges across the country. That is why the Region has developed it's own guidebook, to give a greater perspective for these smaller, more spread out lodges. We carefully explain each requirement while also providing examples for success. Why reinvent the wheel? Even if our examples don't give you exactly what you need, you will at least have somewhere to start and move forward. And we've also included a basic backdating calendar to track your progress to the three levels of JTE.

So if JTE seems big and scary, don't fear! We're here to help you! And in no time, you'll be a JTE champ too!

West is Best,

Sam Bellomy
JTE Chairman
Western Region, Order of the Arrow

Hurricane Sandy's Wrath

By: Joe Barton and Mike Bliss
Western Region Chief and Chairman

Brothers of the Western Region,

Hurricane Sandy caused lots of damage all across the Northeast Region, and we, as Arrowmen, feel that we need to help. In addition to homes being affected, Scout camps across the region have also suffered severe damage. Many camps are closed until further notice as it is too soon for the extent of the damage and destruction to even be assessed.

Your Regional Key 3 is calling upon individual Arrowmen, Lodges, and Sections to join us in our aggressive campaign to raise money that will be awarded to lodges to help their councils complete projects at their camps. We believe that the powerful combination of money and manpower from members of the Order of the Arrow can overcome any devastation that Sandy left behind. This money will be awarded in a process similar to the National Order of the Arrow Service Grants.

Our goal is to raise at least \$20,000, and we strongly believe that we can do more if everyone helps in some way. Please go the Western Region web site at www.western.oa-bsa.org for details on how you can play a part and join us in our campaign.

We are calling it Scouts Helping Scouts, because that's what we are all about.

Yours In Service,

Joe and Mike

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Getting to Know Me with David Dye



Brothers,
I would like to introduce myself. My name is David Dye and I was recently elected as the 2013 Western Region Chief. Just a little bit about myself, I grew up in Torrance California and currently am attending Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. I am a Vigil member of Siwinis Lodge out of the Los Angeles Area Council (Section W4N).

As an Arrowman, I cannot be more excited for the upcoming year. This year's program of emphasis is the inaugural Jamboree at its new permanent location, The Summit. The Order of the Arrow is playing an integral roll, once again, in the Jamboree's execution and we need YOU to help. Please ask your Lodge or Section Chief for more

information about how you can take part in this once in a lifetime event. I hope to see you there.

The Jamboree is not the only thing that we have going on this year. In addition, we are continuing to bring high quality training to youth and adults across the region through the NLS/NLATS program. Please see the region website for more information.

As an Order, we have a great year ahead of us and I am humbled and honored to be able to lead this region through it. I am really looking forward to meeting many of you at various events throughout the year. As always, if there is anything you need, please feel free to contact me. Until next time, WEST IS BEST!

Yours in Service,
David Dye
2013 Western Region Chief

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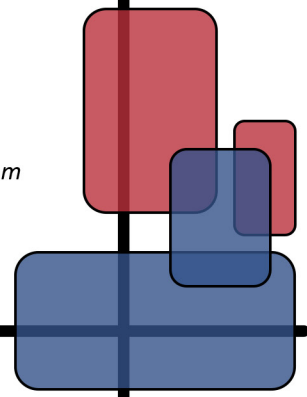
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New at the Western Region Trading Post



Hey everyone! Have you seen the newest, hottest, coolest item in the Western Region's store? Joe Barton, Western Region Chief says that these glasses here will win you all the ladies. On our online store you can find these glasses and much, much more, so check it out! Hey everyone! Have you seen the newest, hottest, coolest item in the Western Region's store? Joe Barton, Western Region Chief says that these glasses here will win you all the ladies. On our online store you can find these glasses and much, much more, so check it out!

Western Region Chief's Farewell

Dear Brothers of the West,

2012. What a fantastic year! It is a year that will go down in Region history! I could not be any more proud of the West this year; for you and your fellow Arrowmen have once again proven to the country how devoted you all are to the high ideals of the OA and the BSA. As we say goodbye to 2012, let me just take some time to say goodbye to you all, and highlight some of the key accomplishments that you have made this year.

First: The Western Region had the highest attendance at NLS and NLATS this year in the entire country. Who is the Best? The West certainly is.

Second: The newest lodge in the country was formed in Long Beach Area Council. Puvunga Lodge had its first ordeal in May, where approximately 40 new OA brothers were inducted. Congratulations to the new lodge! Here in the Western Region we don't just improve our lodges, we create brand new ones!

Third: The Western Region had over 1,000 Arrowmen in attendance at NOAC 2012. We took home second place in Region Dodgeball, a feat that has not been attained for several NOACs. Congrats guys!

Fourth: This year's Gathering in Phoenix was a huge success! We had a ton of fun with the staff and Chiefs at a special pre-opening event, and instilled a new value set in them to make sure that they are SUPER CHIEFS, from a SUPER REGION. From learning how they have the ONE THING, to seeing my staff and I dress up in Superhero costumes, the chiefs learned that being a Servant is the most important thing about being Super. The last thing they learned was to never, ever, mess with their Western Region Chief.

Lastly: The West had a membership increase this year. As well, your lodges have all improved significantly. It just goes to show the true spirit of the Western Region and your belief that we are the best! Keep it up!

Thank you all so much for a great year! I have been humbled and honored to serve you as your Western Region Chief. It was a pleasure to visit your lodges and sections and to get to know as many of you as I could. You and your lodges are what make this region the best; you all believe in the values of the Oath, Law, and Obligation. In my travels to other regions, I have never found such spirit and dedication then when I visited our own lodges and sections. Stay true to the values that you hold in your hearts, and remember that WEST IS ALWAYS BEST!

With that, I want to wish David Dye, the 2013 WR Chief the best of luck on his journey in serving this SUPER Region!

WWW,
Joe Barton
2012 WR Chief
West is Best

OA High Adventure

Greetings Brothers!

I'm the Region High Adventure Promotions Coordinator. There are currently 26 Wilderness Voyage slots, and six Canadian Odyssey slots open. I encourage any interested Arrowmen to learn more and fill out an application today. Don't wait, times almost up! Everyone knows the saying, "West is Best." Let's show the other regions that it is in fact true. How you may ask? Make sure all of these remaining slots are filled by Arrowmen from the Western Region! Trail Crew and Ocean Adventure are currently full, but if they interest you, be sure to sign up next year when applications become available. For those feeling especially adventurous, I challenge you to earn the Triple Crown.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Will Smith



Are You Trained?

Are you A Lodge or Chapter Adviser and TRAINED?

I'll bet that most of you have never thought about it, but recently someone ask Ray Capps, the National Chairman if they could wear a "Trained" patch with the OA position patch. The answer? Yes! The adviser is entitled to wear the "TRAINED" patch under his position patch as Lodge or Chapter Adviser if he/she has completed Lodge Leader Development course (lodge based training) as well as the National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar (NLATS), completed his/her course contract, and met with the Supreme Chief of the Fire to discuss his/her commitment to the lodge and the lodge or chapter adviser's role for the agreed upon term.

It is important to note that this is not to say that one cannot serve as a Chapter or Lodge Adviser without being officially trained, AND one can attend NLATS and still not wear the "trained" patch, because they do not fill the Chapter or Lodge Adviser position.

To wear both the position patch and the "trained" patch, the incumbent needs to meet all the conditions in paragraph one, above.





NOAC 2012



NOAC 2012 was an amazing event at Michigan State University in East Lansing. The theme was “United: We Leave A Legacy.” This means that one person cannot make a difference, or a legacy on their own. We all need help to accomplish our goals. There were many trainings offered by the best trainers from around the country. In addition, there were many craft ideas and projects as well as Fancy, Grass, and other dance competitions. At the National Conference of Chiefs Meetings, Lodge Chiefs from around the country met. At this meeting, the new Strategic Plan for the Order of the Arrow was released for the next three years. Also released were Operation Updates involving Unit Elections.

In all, NOAC 2012 was an outstanding event, and if you couldn't make it for whatever reason, or even if you were there in 2012, I hope to see you all in 2015!

Yours in Wimachdiendink,

Nathaniel W. Brown





2011 National Service Award Recipients

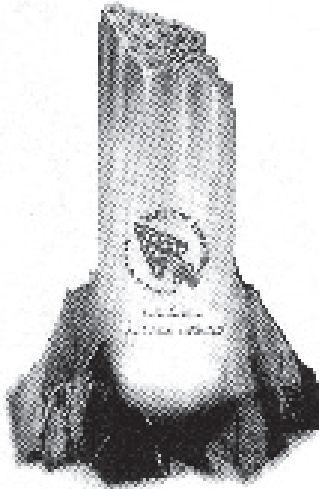
The Order of the Arrow is pleased to announce the selection of eight lodges for the National Service Award. Established in 1999, the National Service Award recognizes up to two lodges in each Region that have performed outstanding qualitative and quantitative service for their council. The following lodges are being recognized for their 2011 accomplishments.

Cahuilla Lodge

California Inland Empire Council #45
Redlands, California

Wiatava Lodge

Orange County Council #39
Santa Ana, California



Yowlumne Lodge

Southern Sierra Council #30
Bakersfield, California

Toloma Lodge

Greater Yosemite Council #59
Modesto, California

2011 E. Urner Goodman Camping Award Recipients

The E. Urner Goodman Award was established in 1969 as a tribute and testimonial to the Order's founder. Its purpose is to encourage and challenge Order of the Arrow members and lodges to increase their effectiveness in promoting and increasing Scout camping in each council. Awards are presented to two outstanding lodges in each Region annually. The following lodges are being recognized for their 2011 accomplishments.

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Western Region Calendar

Event	Date	Location
National Leadership Seminar	April 5-7, 2013	Phoenix, AZ
W-6E Conclave	April 12-14, 2013	Rio Rancho, NM
W-5N Conclave	April 19-21, 2013	Douglas High School, Box Elder, SD
W-5S Conclave	April 19-21, 2013	Gunnison High School, CO
W-1N Conclave	April 26-28, 2013	Camp Pigott, Snohomish, WA
W-2N Conclave	April 26-28, 2013	Glenns Ferry High School, Glenns Ferry ID
W-3S Conclave	April 26-28, 2013	Cutter Scout Reservation, Boulder Creek, CA
Philmont OA Adviser Conference	June 16-22, 2013	The Philmont Training Center, Cimarron, NM
2013 National Scout Jamboree	July 15-24, 2013	The Summit Bechtel Reserve, WV
W-1S Conclave	September 6-8, 2013	Douglas County Fairgrounds Roseburg, OR
W-3N Conclave	September 6-8, 2013	Churchill County Fairgrounds, NV
W-6P Conclave	September 6-8, 2013	Honolulu, HI
W-1E Conclave	September 20-22, 2013	Camp Cowles, WA
National Leadership Seminar/NLATS	October 11-13, 2013	Camp Tracy, Salt Lake City, UT
Western Region Gathering	October 24-27, 2013	Philmont, Cimarron, NM
National Leadership Seminar/NLATS	November 22-24, 2013	Portland, OR