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## Lodge Events

### *Winter Gathering*

Lodge Winter Gathering is devoted to ceremonial and inductions training and Indian crafts.



### *Spring Fellowship*

Lodge Spring Fellowship is a time to get together for fun and fellowship.



### *Lodge Ordeal*

Lodge Ordeal is held in the fall for all Ordeal candidates who have not been able to attend an Ordeal. The eleven chapters of the Lodge hold at least one Ordeal, usually in May, and several chapters also hold a second Ordeal in the late summer or early fall. The lodge holds its Vigil and Vigil Honor Ceremony and elections for Lodge Officers at the Lodge Ordeal.



## ***Lodge Leadership Development***

Lodge Leadership Development or LLD is a lodge level training that develops leadership skills and friendships in the Lodge. LLD uses games and speakers to excite, inform, and train Arrowmen in leadership. Jaccos Towne Lodge holds an annual LLD in November for all Arrowmen but especially for newly elected Lodge and Chapter Officers.



## ***Lodge Banquet***

The Lodge Banquet is the annual dinner and get-together to celebrate the OA year. Founder's Awards are presented and achievements are celebrated. New Lodge Officers are sworn in. There is a guest speaker, which may be a National Officer or a local dignitary, and there are usually patch auctions.



## ***Service Projects***

In 2014, Arrowmen of Jaccos Towne Lodge did over 28,000 hours of service to Scouting and to the community. Arrowmen help with camp maintenance through the various ordeals held each year. The majority of the members of the camp staff at council camps are Arrowmen. Chapters help staff and run district camporees throughout the year. Several districts have very active ceremonial teams that do crossover ceremonies for Cub Scout packs. Arrowmen help with the University of Scouting and at the annual Trade-O-Ree at the State Fairgrounds. Chapters do projects in the community such as park clean-up and placing flags on veterans graves for Veterans Day. Arrowmen help to staff the Boy Scout area at the Indiana State Fair in August.

On a national level, the lodge has had many Arrowmen serve on staff at BSA National Jamborees, NOAC, and BSA High Adventure camps. Youth Arrowmen have participated in the various OA High Adventure programs. The Lodge has also had members serve on Philmont staff.

## Area / Section Events

### *Section Conclave*

Each April, the OA Section holds a Section Conclave. All Arrowmen from the six lodges of C-6A are invited for fun, fellowship, training, shows, and American Indian Activities. Jaccos Towne Lodge was the Host Lodge for the 2015 Section Conclave held at Camp Belzer.



### *NLS and NLATS Trainings*

The Central Region holds National Leadership Seminars (NLS) and National Lodge Adviser Training Sessions (NLATS) annually either in Indiana or within a reasonable distance. The Lodge requires elected Officers and their Advisers to attend NLS. Chapter Chiefs and Chapter Advisers are also encouraged to attend. Prospective or serving Lodge Advisers are required to attend NLATS, and Associate Lodge Advisers are encouraged to attend. The Lodge pays for these Arrowmen to attend NLS and/or NLATS.



## National Events

### *NOAC*

The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is a multi-day event which usually takes place on a university campus east of the Mississippi River, bringing together thousands of delegates from Order of the Arrow lodges around the nation for training and activities.

NOACs are held every two years, with exceptions made to align the event with significant anniversaries. In particular, the deferral from 2008 to 2009 aligned the schedule with the Order of the Arrow's 100th anniversary in 2015 and avoided a conflict with the 2010 National Scout Jamboree (which was similarly deferred from 2009 to align its schedule with the Boy Scouts of America's 100th anniversary in 2010). Similarly, the deferrals from 1985 to 1986 and from 1960 to 1961 aligned the schedule with the OA's 75th and 50th anniversaries in 1990 and 1965, respectively.



Before NOAC was held, the Order of the Arrow met nationally at what was called the Grand Lodge Meeting. There were 14 held between 1921 and 1946. The first NOAC was held in 1948 at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN.

Jaccos Towne Lodge sends a contingent to each NOAC, and a number of Arrowmen participate as staff. Over the years, a number of ceremonialists have represented the lodge in Ceremonial competitions and evaluations bringing back a number of honors and awards.

For a list of those achievements, please see [Appendix D](#).

Jaccos Towne Lodge Ceremonialist at NOAC.



NOAC 2006  
Ceremonial Team - Tim Goth, Jon Sowers, unidentified, & Ricky Crawford



NOAC 2006  
Ceremonial Team - unidentified, Jon Sowers, Tim Goth, & Ricky Crawford



NOAC 2009  
Medicine Man Todd Wildey & Vigil Chief Jon Sowers



NOAC 2006  
Ceremonial Team - Frank Ventura, unidentified, Tom James, & Ryan Eiteljorge



NOAC 2009  
Pre-Ordeal Team - Zac Coghill, Matt Woodard, Will Atkins, and Silas Coghill



NOAC 2009  
Brotherhood Team - Will Atkins, Todd Wildey, Jon Sowers & Stephen Bernard

## ***ArrowTour***

ArrowTour is one of many programs and initiatives that comprise a year-long celebration of the Order of the Arrow's centennial anniversary. In the summer of 2015, four delegations of youth Arrowmen will travel to council camps and Scouting events to bring our national centennial experience to Scouts, Arrowmen, and communities throughout the country.

ArrowTour will provide opportunities to reflect, connect, and discover the Order's Centuries of Service, both past and future. The Order of the Arrow is excited to partner with councils to provide this program accessory at Boy Scout summer camps, service centers, and Scouting events.

The program has been designed for all Scouts, OA members and non-members alike. Whether a first year camper or a seasoned volunteer, the ArrowTour program will offer something for everyone.

ArrowTour will be at Camp Belzer on July 14, 2015.

### **Offerings**

The ArrowTour program will be customized to best meet the needs and capitalize on the unique features of each site. Some of the planned ArrowTour programs include:

**Exploration:** History displays, interactive timelines, and program videos

**Centuries of Service Gathering:** A program that will recognize the Order's rich 100 year history, and reveal where the steps to our second century of service begin. This gathering will be offered at most venues.

**Activities:** Silk screening, hat/belt branding, and recreational games.



## ArrowCorps5



Between June and August 2008, the Order of the Arrow and the National Forest Service hosted a series of conservation service projects called ArrowCorps5. For five weeks, five thousand Arrowmen performed service at five locations around the country: Mark Twain National Forest, Manti-La Sal National Forest, George Washington and Jefferson National Forest, Shasta-Trinity National Forest, and Bridger-Teton National Forest.

ArrowCorps5 was, and remains, the largest service project ever undertaken by a federal land management agency and the Boy Scouts of America.

Jaccos Towne Lodge Arrowman who participated in ArrowCorps5 included:

### George Washington and Jefferson National Forest of Virginia

Participants: Jay Copra, Jack Dolan, Landon Ellis, and Alex Lange.

Staff: Gabriella Castillio, Ed Finley, Levi McNeely, Chris O'Neil, Mike McNeely, and Nick Phillips.

### Bridger-Teton National Forest in Wyoming

Staff: Robert Cooper and Kurt Melin.



## *Indian Summer*

The National OA Indian Summer event offers classes in regalia, ceremonies, dancing, and singing in a manner similar to NOAC, but with a unique focus. Indian Summer provides the information and skills instruction needed to improve a lodge's Inductions process.

Pow wows and social nights 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 provides Arrowmen with the skills they need as an individual and or a dance team to be successful.

While Indian Summer focuses on building dance or ceremony skills, there is also plenty of time to participate in other recreational activities. The Activities and Recreation Committee sponsors a number of programs and events throughout the conference for all Arrowmen to enjoy.

The first National Indian Seminar was held in 1974 at Philmont Scout Ranch. They were held every two years until 1984. In 1987, there was a National Pow Wow/National Indian Seminar. In 2003, the OA had its first Indian Summer, and then another one in 2011.

Several members of Jaccos Towne Lodge attended the 2011 event.



## ***OA High Adventure***

### **Philmont Trail Crew**



The program is a fourteen (14) day experience. The first week focuses on construction and maintenance of trails under the guidance of Philmont OA Trail Crew Foremen. The second week is a seven day backpacking trek that is designed by the participants. The program is not simply building trail and hiking though, the OA Trail Crew is ultimately a journey that challenges Scouts mentally, physically, and spiritually. For more information or to

apply: <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/oatc/about.php>.

### **Ocean Adventure**



This ten day program will provide an array of service opportunities that include work helping to develop the Florida Keys Heritage Trail, removing invasive species in and around the Sea Base's Big Munson Island, and supporting both the Crane Point Nature Center and Marathon Wild Bird Center in preserving the Keys flora, fauna and wildlife. You will be camping at both Big Munson Island and Crane Point

during the service portion of the program, after which you will move aboard a 40-50' sailing yacht for four days at sea. While afloat, you will experience the fun and excitement of life in the Keys from the unique perspective of a sailor as you sail, snorkel on pristine coral reefs, troll for sportfish, and swim in the warm waters of the Keys. For more information or to apply: <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/oaoa/about.php>.

### **Wilderness Voyage**



The OA Voyage program is inspired by the traditions of the French Voyageurs who ventured the northern wilderness during the 1700-1800's. Traveling thousands of miles by water and portage, these Voyageurs were hired to haul goods and furs to trade with Native Americans and Europeans. In the spirit of these adventurers, Arrowmen will embark on a voyage that is twofold. One-half of the OA Northern

Tier Wilderness Voyage focuses on portage trail and campsite maintenance within the Boundary Waters. The remaining expedition is spent on a canoeing adventure that is planned and chosen by the participants in the program. For more information or to apply: <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/oawv/about.php>.

## Canadian Odyssey



The Quetico Provincial Park is a vast wilderness with over 600 lakes set inside more than a million acres. The Canadian Odyssey allows Arrowmen, returning and new participants alike, to see and explore entirely new territory while at the same time providing crucial service. Odyssey crews will labor to repair and maintain portage trails in Ontario during the first week. The second week they will paddle back to the

United States on a route of their choosing. For more information or to apply:

<http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/oaco/about.php>.

## Summit Experience



The Order of the Arrow Summit Experience program is an eight-day adventure at The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve bordering the New River Gorge National River Area. While experiencing over 10,000 acres of adventure, you have the opportunity to explore the Summit like no one else, while blazing trail with the first year of the Order of the Arrow Summit Experience Program.

Four days of the program will be focused on building or maintaining trail around the Summit, and the New River Gorge National River Area. The remainder of the experience will revolve around white water kayaking and rafting, along with mountain biking, climbing, and participation in other Summit activities. Participants will not only build trail, but also bonds of brotherhood as they start their High Adventure journey. For more information or to apply: <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/oase/about.php>.