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This Thanksgiving the Order of the Arrow, Allohak Chapter, along with the Brookings High School put on a food drive to help out forty random underprivileged families.

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The National Leadership Seminar

An Event for Those Who Want to do More for Their Lodge !!!!!

By: Brandon Boswell

I honestly do not know where to start besides that National Leadership Seminar (NLS) rocked! Pardon my slang terms but I do not know how to put it into different words. NLS proved to be a mile marker, a forever changing point in my life. The very information at the training cells, taught me not only how to become a true leader but a better person inside. Nevertheless, we definitely must start at the beginning. After leaving Brookings and meeting with Mike Doss, we headed towards the mighty (crazy driving) city of Omaha, Nebraska. After picking up Jake Mackey, we finally headed towards the NLS session in Parkville, MO. After an amazing car ride, and when we did arrive, I was surprised to find that we slept inside a cabin with actual beds, and the conference room that our training was held was immense (And the food was extravagant). Now I cannot disclose all of the activities that we did there in that place, but if I knew everything that would happen, I would of went years ago. After the conclusion of the event, it was a quiet ride home, but the silence was a comfort to focus on all the ideas we came up with throughout the weekend.

Now Brothers, I do wish that you might have the opportunity that Jake, Mike, and I had. Throughout the thought-provoking training cells, I kept thinking how to bring these ideas back, as I am assured was running through Jake's mind too. National Leadership Seminar is a one-chance deal, and I have already used that chance. If I could go again, I would go to a hundred more times. I, however, got that chance and it was a chance of a lifetime. Now it is time for yours, and I know you all will get something out of the National Leadership Seminar as I did. Moreover, you might find yourself as a true leader. For further information, contact any one of us, and we will be happy to help you get in.





Chiefly Speaking

Fellow Arrowmen,

A chapter has closed for our lodge. It is time for me to move on. Soon, I will no longer be a youth. Besides, I have been Chief long enough. It is time for someone new to contribute their part to our Lodge. But as I write this, I cannot help but think about how I got here and how much the Order has shaped my life.

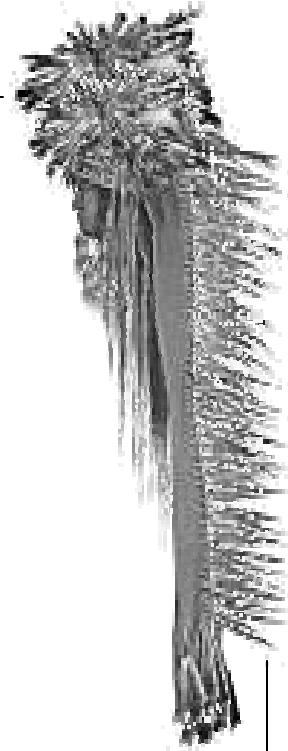
I would like to thank everyone who has helped me over the years. I will not name names because you people know who they are, and if I were to name them all, it would take up this entire page and I would still forget someone. Therefore, I will not name any names because, as I said earlier, you know who you are. I would like to thank the people in my chapter, the place where it all started. Without them, I would not have been as involved as I was, and without their support, I would not be writing this article. I must thank those who encouraged me to tryout for the ceremony team. Without their encouragement, I would not have been inspired to become more of a leader. Of course, I must thank my friends who convinced me to run for a Lodge Leadership position. I really appreciate those who supported me as a leader and helped me develop my leadership skills as well as helped me get my jobs done. Without their support and advice, I would certainly not be who I am today. Furthermore, I thank all of my friends, advisors, and officers, all of whom fall into at least one of the aforementioned categories if not more. I thank all of you whom I have met over these past few years. You guys make things fun and keep life interesting. Personally, I think that's one of the greatest strengths of our Lodge: the diversity of people. Finally, I thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve you these past few years. I could not be here without you.

I have learned countless lessons, which apply not only to leadership and the Order but to life in general. Without the Order, I truly would be a different person in every aspect of my life. Words cannot describe how much this organization has done for me.

In some ways, this article has gone on long enough. In other ways, it has not gone far enough. Either way you look at it, it is what it is. Just let me say this last thing as Chief. It's been real, it's been fun, it's been real fun. But all good things must end, and every new beginning comes from some other beginnings end. I look forward to working with a new Chief. Good camping and good night.

Yours in WWW,

Jake Mackey





Braving The Northern Tier

Have you ever seen the Northern Lights or portaged a canoe? If not, then the Order of the Arrow has the opportunity for you to participate in the OA Voyage Program at Northern Tier Canoe Base in Ely, Minnesota.

Since 1999, the Order of the Arrow has provided Arrowmen between the ages of 16 and 21, the opportunity to explore and service the Boundary Waters and some of the most pristine wildlife seen by few. Even if you have portaged a canoe or participated in the program previously, there are other opportunities available to you.

All participants in the program are placed into crews that will service a portage trail for one week as it is imperative as members of the Boy Scouts of America to leave things better than we found them.

After learning how to use a variety of tools and how to effectively perform a "J-stroke," you and your crew will design your very own trek. These treks are unique in that many of them are longer and travel to un-chartered territory than the normal crews that leave the base.

Not very many people whom you go to school with or work with can say that they have paddled 185 miles by canoe to International Falls or portaged the final 4 miles that leads to Lake Superior.

These examples are experiences that will live with those crew members, who made some of the Voyage's memorable journeys. Experiences are what shape the people we will become in the future. Sign up today for a journey, you will surely not regret.

For more information about this program or any of the Order of the Arrow's High Adventure programs, please visit Adventure.oa-bsa.org or talk to your lodge chief. Don't miss out on the opportunity of a lifetime and try something new. Discover the hidden gem of the BSA, discover the OA Voyage at Northern Tier!

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An Experience You Will Never Forget !!!

For twelve years, the Order of the Arrow has held trail crew programs at its national scout camps. Now it has teamed up with the Forest Service to branch out into the United States' National Parks.

In 2008, 5,000 Arrowmen will descend on 5 different locations during 5 different weeks throughout the summer. Each site offers a different form of service and a different experience. Sites include the Mark Twain National Forest, the Manti-La Sal National Forest, George Washington and Jefferson National Forests, the Shasta Trinity National Forest, and the Bridger-Teton National Forest. Projects include erosion control, bridge building, campsite improvements, trail maintenance and construction, invasive species removal, and cedar tree removal. Each project will benefit each camp for years, even decades to come.

Of course, all work and no play is no fun, so each site has its own unique diversions. Activities include canoeing, horseback riding, fishing, going to Branson, Missouri, whitewater rafting, tours of local attractions, mountain biking, whitewater kayaking, mountain climbing, water skiing, house boating, and sightseeing.

This is a once in a lifetime kind of event. This is the first event of its kind, and it is not clear whether this will ever happen again. The National committee will release more information in February, so be sure to visit the National Website www.oa-bsa.org for further details.



Boy Scouts Order of the Arrow 2006 Thanksgiving Food Program

The Boy Scouts Order of the Arrow honor society along with the Brookings High School FCCLA, local businesses and service organizations joined together to help forty families celebrate Thanksgiving this holiday season.

Through an anonymous selection process, forty families in need were chosen to receive a box containing food products for a Thanksgiving meal. The items given out were enough to help feed each family for one week. The distribution of the food boxes was done on Saturday, November 18th at the First Lutheran Church.

The Boy Scouts from the Allohak Chapter, Tetonwana Lodge #105 and the BHS FCCLA raised funds and acquired food through donations and drives to meet their goal of providing for 40 families. The estimated total cost of this project was \$3,500.

The organizations and businesses that donated money or food items were: Adee Honey Farms; American Legion Post #74; Banner Associates Inc.; Brookings Animal Clinic; Dan Carlson, DDS; Razor's Edge; Rude's Home Furnishings; and Waltz Construction Company.

