WILDERNESS VOYAGE & CANADIAN ODYSSEY

The vast wilderness of the boundary waters is one of North America’s most pristine natural environments, explored only in small groups of those fortunate enough to traverse these nearly unexplored waters. The Wilderness Voyage and Canadian Odyssey have worked in partnership with the U.S Forest Service and the Quetico Provincial Park to build durable portages and trails, protecting this extremely fragile ecosystem. These service projects take place on public lands outside the national high adventure base for the benefit of the people of both sides of the U.S. – Canadian border.

OA OCEAN ADVENTURE

In the heart of the Florida Keys, within the U.S. National Marine Sanctuary, are the three sites that comprise the Florida High Adventure Sea Base. Based at the Briton Center and on Big Munson Island, the OA Ocean Adventure provides service both on Sea Base property and within the National Marine Sanctuary. Projects have included the removal of invasive species, marine life surveys, and coral restoration – all working in partnership with a number of local conservation groups on smaller projects throughout the Florida Keys.

MAURY CLANCY FUND

This campership fund was created in 1971 to help provide funds to those American Indian Scouts needing assistance to attend resident camp. The fund was subsequently named in memory of longtime national committee member Maury Clancy, who contributed significantly to the Order.

Mr. Clancy emphasized the significance of our nation’s American Indian culture and worked to encourage the preservation of our American Indian heritage. Lodges may contribute to this fund, and existing camperships may be awarded.

Lodge Service Grants

Lodges throughout the country provide more than 1,200,000 man hours of service to their councils each year. In addition to this manpower, lodges work with their councils on lasting projects like the construction or restoration of lake fronts, smaller camp buildings, archery and rifle ranges, and COPE courses. These more durable projects often require significant funding. Through the national OA endowment, lodges that have been recognized as a quality lodge may apply for a matching lodge service grant allowing them to complete these larger scale service projects within their council.

Since the inception of the lodge service grant program more than $650,000 has been awarded to local lodges in matching grants.

OA TRAIL CREW

Each summer for the past 20 years Arrowmen working under the guidance and direction of an OA advisor, in close coordination with Philmont’s conservation department, have completed restoration and improvement projects. These projects have included improvements to long term sustainability of trails, new trail construction, building restoration, and heavy rock work. These projects have focused on maintaining Philmont’s pristine natural environment and ensuring it will remain “Scouting’s Paradise” for future generations of Scouts.

OA SUMMIT EXPERIENCE

In 2014, the national Order of the Arrow committee launched a fourth high adventure service program, the OA Summit Experience (OASE). This eight-day adventure at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve near Glen Jean, West Virginia, is divided into two parts. Four days of the program are focused on building mountain biking and hiking trails that link the Summit Bechtel Reserve to the National Park Service trails in the New River Gorge National River area. The remainder of the experience revolves around Summit activities such as climbing, mountain biking, whitewater rafting, canopy tours and zip-lines.

The national OA endowment
A primary goal of the Order of the Arrow is providing young men opportunities to serve Scouting beyond their unit. From a new Brotherhood member serving as a foreman on a service project at his Scout camp to our national youth officers serving on the national youth advisory panel, today’s youth Arrowmen have a real voice in Scouting outside their unit. Their leadership is shaping the Scouting movement of today and tomorrow.

**NATIONAL OFFICERS**
Each December section chiefs from across the country gather in West Lake, Texas, to elect youth officers to lead the Order of the Arrow on the regional and national level. The national chief, national vice chief, and four region chiefs represent some of the finest youth leaders in the Scouting program.
Throughout their year of service, these young men travel extensively around the country providing a positive role model to Scouts and Scouters and gaining invaluable insight to the concerns and needs of the youth members they represent.

**NATIONAL LEADERSHIP SEMINARS**
The four regions offer a multitude of National Leadership Seminars throughout the year giving nearly one thousand Arrowmen advanced leadership training. The NLS program offers the next stage of leadership training beyond the NYLT, allowing these youth leaders to better serve Scouting and their involvement in their college or university during their terms in office. Since 1998, more than $150,000.00 in scholarships have been awarded.

**ARROWCORPS**
During five weeks in June and July of 2008 at five national forest sites across the country, thousands of Arrowmen came together for ArrowCorps, the single largest conservation service project Scouting had ever completed and the largest service project the U.S. Forest Service had ever seen. ArrowCorps was a defining moment for the Order of the Arrow, representing our first major partnerships with U.S. Forest Service and our emergence as the leader in the BSA’s public-service and conservation efforts. ArrowCorps was recognized by President George W. Bush with a personal presentation of the President’s Volunteer Service Award to our national youth leadership at the Shasta-Trinity work site.

**SUMMITCORPS**
The Order of the Arrow in partnership with the National Park Service, and the West Virginia Army National Guard, introduced the communities surrounding The Summit Bechtel Family Scout Reserve to servant leadership and the West Virginia Army National Guard, introduced the communities surrounding The Summit Bechtel Family Scout Reserve to servant leadership.

**SERVICE**
The Order of the Arrow with funding through the national OA endowment took a leadership role in returning the Boy Scouts of America to public service on a grand scale beginning in the summer of 2008 with ArrowCorps and continuing in 2011 with SummitCorps. These two projects represented the largest service projects undertaken by the BSA since the Eagle Scout Trails of the pre-World War II era, with ArrowCorps being the single largest service project in the history of the U.S. Forest Service.

**LEGACY FELLOWSHIP**
The Legacy Fellowship is the first opportunity for Order of the Arrow members to make a direct contribution to the national OA endowment, furthering their support of Scouting. The national OA endowment provides direct funding of Lodge Service Grants, Josh R. Sain Memorial Scholarships, OA high adventure, major conservation projects like ArrowCorps and SummitCorps, and continuing support of youth leaders.

**MEMBERSHIP**
Membership in the Legacy Fellowship is open to any currently registered youth or adult Scout who has been recognized as a James E. West Fellow. All contributions to the national OA endowment should be in addition to your regular support of your council’s fundraising programs.

**RECOGNITION**
Members of the Legacy Fellowship will be recognized with a unique certificate and an arrowhead pin for uniform wear on the James E. West knot.

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