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A Word from the Chief Scout Executive



There is a reason the Order of the Arrow is known as Scouting's National Honor Society; its members are elected by their units to honor those Scouts and Scouters who exemplify the very best in our programs.

Through your cheerful service and leadership at the 2011 SummitCorps event, you have once again shown yourself to be worthy of the confidence placed in you by those who believed in you at the time of your induction.

But you have done even more than that. By your commitment, your labor, your dedication, and servant leadership, you have brought honor to the Boy Scouts of America, the Order of the Arrow, and yourself.

The physical contributions you made to improving the New River Gorge National River were huge-in fact, it was the largest youth volunteer project in the history of the National Park Service.

Moreover, the donations you raised to support local charities and the good will you created in doing so have built a climate of trust, gratitude, and bonds of friendship with the people of West Virginia. This will serve as a foundation of friendship from which the Summit Family National Scout Reserve will benefit for many years to come.

Your hard work and service have been exemplary as we launch the next 100 years of Scouting. I thank you for what you have done and for bringing honor to the Boy Scouts of America.



National Order of the Arrow Conference: 2012



My Brothers, this upcoming summer we are once again blessed with the opportunity to show our fellow arrowmen the spirit we process in the Western region. Our Goal next summer is to have the best attendance at NOAC 2012 and to do that we need your help!

Noac is fast approaching and its shaping up to be another life changing event! The site for the 2012 NOAC will be at Michigan State University, the Home of the Spartans and our 2010 National Chief-Brad Lichota.

For those of you who have not had the opportunity to attend NOAC. I highly encourage you to go. The best way to describe this event is life changing! From some of the best training you can receive, to some of the most breathtaking shows scouting has to offer, there is something for everyone!!! I hope to see you all in July for this truly outstanding event...

West is Best
Joe Garcia
2011 Western Region Chief

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Chiefly Speaking

with Joe Garcia



2011 Region Chief Joe Garcia is Calling on you to serve

Brothers,

The summer of 2011 sure has been productive for the Order. From the outstanding service given to the trails of West Virginia, to the opportunity for Arrowmen to learn more about our Native American heritage at Indian Summer. We had something this summer for just about everyone.

Our Region showed up in force at Summit Corps! Many lodges sent contingents and members of our Region Committee and our Section Advisers showed up in style to help support the project as staff members. I had the opportunity to give two weeks of service at Summit Corps and I had a blast.

Indian Summer in Ashville North Carolina was a weeklong event focusing on the Native American tradition of the Order or the Arrow and I learned a lot about that tradition. From dancing to proper drumming techniques it was a week of learning new skills and meeting awesome people.

This fall we have the opportunity in our region to send more Arrowmen through NLS & NLATS. We will be Conducting an NLS in Salt Lake City, October 7-9th and an NLS & NLATS in Portland, Nov 18-20th. If you have not had the chance to experience these leadership training's, then I encourage you to attend.

Its almost that time again for our organization to do what we do best... NOAC!!! Next summer at Michigan State University you will have the opportunity to attend the 2012 NOAC. Those who have been to a NOAC before can attest to the greatness of this event. If your lodge hasn't start forming its contingent, then you should start now!!! Don't miss out on the event that the OA is known for. Let's make sure that the Western Region has the most Arrowmen present to cheer, "West is Best"!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Joe Garcia
2011 Western Region Chief

We pause to Remember

10th Anniversary: Scout Serge 9/11

On September 11, 2001, at 8:46 AM, American Airlines Flight 11, hijacked by Islamic Extremists, struck the North Tower of The World Trade Center at a speed of 490 MPH. This was the beginning of an attack that would forever change our country. During that morning, four separate planes were hijacked and used to attack and damage the Pentagon as well as destroy The World Trade Center. Within hours, the two largest towers (and a third building in the complex) were completely destroyed. The crew and passengers of all four airliners were killed, along with thousands of civilians and uniformed emergency personnel. By day's end, 2977 innocent people had lost their lives.

United Airlines Flight 93 was a domestic flight from Newark International Airport to SFO. On September 11, 2001, approximately 40 minutes into the flight, hijackers breached the cockpit, overpowered the pilots and took control of the aircraft, diverting it toward Washington, D.C. After several passengers learned of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, they decided to mount an assault against the hijackers in an attempt to regain control of the aircraft. The plane crashed about 150 miles northwest of Washington, D.C., killing all on board. The actions taken by the passengers prevented the aircraft from reaching the hijackers intended target, thought to be either the White House or the United States Capitol.



A total of 411 emergency workers who responded to the scene died as they attempted to rescue people and fight fires. The New York City Fire Department lost 341 firefighters and 2 paramedics. The New York City Police Department lost 23 officers. The Port Authority Police Department lost 37 officers, and 8 additional EMTs and paramedics from private EMS units were killed.

Scout Serge is an incentive of the Boy Scouts of America to commemorate those who died on September 11, 2001, by organizing gatherings for both Scouters and the general public. Many Lodges across the country mustered at 8:46 AM on September 11, 2011, to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and take a few moments to pause and remember the catastrophic events that changed our country forever. You can visit: www.voicesofseptember11.org/scoutsurge to find out more information on the Scout surge program.

9/11 8:46 AM EST

WE PAUSE TO REMEMBER

National Jamboree: Two Thousand Thirteen

At the Summit Bechtel Family Reserve

Arrowmen of the Order,



Every so often a moment of opportunity comes before us, and today our Brotherhood stands at one of these defining moments in our history. As Scouting's National Honor Society, we are on the edge of the future of the BSA. The Summit: Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve is a location and idea that will serve scouts of the next generation, beginning with the 2013 National Scout Jamboree!



Our Brotherhood has been asked, and accepted the challenge, of taking the biggest role in the National Jamborees history: by providing leadership and staffing for many distinct areas at the Jamboree.



The areas include; Recreation Staff, Day of Service Guides, Service Corps, and Trek Guides. Project 2013 sets out to recruit, enable, and empower over 700 Arrowmen to serve on Jamboree staff. These Arrowmen will be dedicated to the cheerful service and support of more than 40,000 scouts. This is a chance for our brotherhood to determine and write our future, to move the ball down the field, and to take part in transforming a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Together we must meet this challenge with a campaign to find the best and brightest, an all



hands on deck approach to making this dream a reality. We need you! Find out more at www.event.oa-bsa.org/events/jambo2013.

As a member of the Jamboree Service Corps in 2010, I can assure you that serving with the Order of the Arrow is truly the way to see the Jamboree. I look forward to working with you at the Summit, in the Summer of 2013.



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Dan Dick

Daniel Dick
2011 National Vice Chief



DID YOU KNOW?

There have been 839 Recipients of the Distinguished Service Award since its creation in 1940



SummitCorps 2011

The New River Experience

If there is one thing that spending my summer in West Virginia showed me, it's that the Summit is the future of Scouting—it will be the centerpiece of the second century of our movement.



As an Arrowman, I was honored that when the BSA wanted to leave Scouting's first mark in southern West Virginia, they called upon us: the Order of the Arrow.



We completed an entire state-of-the-art stacked-loop mountain bike trail, raised over 15,000 dollars for local charities, donated thousands of pounds of food to local homeless shelters, and left our mark in countless intangible ways.

While we were building trails, we were also focusing on building relationships. The sense I got, everywhere I turned, was that the work we were doing was having a significant impact on members of the community in ways that extended beyond the miles of trail and thousands of dollars we donated.



We developed close, personal relationships with members of the local community, National Park Service, West Virginia National Guard, local businesses, outdoors outfitters, and



service institutions that I believe will have a significant impact on our long-term residence in West Virginia.

On one of the last days of the project, we had a Park Service employee tell us that our project had changed his entire outlook on life. He said that our message of cheerful service and love for our brothers has made him want to give back to those around him, in a way he never had before. Leaving that kind of an impact is what I am most proud of from this project.



We are, at the core, a brotherhood of cheerful servant leaders in the outdoors. This project was the perfect opportunity for the Order to demonstrate what it is capable of—and, more importantly, to demonstrate the impact that cheerful service can have on a community. Congratulations on a successful project to all of the participants from the Western Region, and thank you for your service to the Order, Scouting, the community, and the natural world.



Yours in Brotherhood,

Jonathan Hillis 2011 National Chief



Indian Summer

Asheville NC: August 1-6, 2011

On August 1st, hundreds of arrowmen from all over the country gathered at Ridgecrest North Carolina to celebrate the 2011 Indian Summer Conference. The well as ceremonial topics. At the Ridgecrest classes from regalia construction to crafts. consumed Ridgecrest as lodges gathered different techniques. The conference was Tuesday night. The National Vice Chief Dan Dick the hundreds of arrowmen in attendance. Throughout the week, when guests took a break from their classes, they partook in recreational activities such as dodge ball, Xbox, and ping pong. The "Brave Cave," as it was called, certainly became the epicenter



for patch trading and fellowship throughout the week. On Wednesday the Gathering of Nations certainly caught guests by surprise as it featured ice cream, obstacle courses, and sports. At the gathering, the four Region Chiefs led their Nations up the hill chanting the whole way up declaring their supremacy. Every night, guests gathered with their Clans to discuss ideas and concepts behind servant leadership.



A clan was comprised of a group of youth or adults selected at random upon registration. Each clan was filled with people from different lodges and states. By the end of the week each clan had developed a strong bond and created relationships that will last a lifetime. There were several Indian Pow Wows that were held during Indian Summer. The activities and Recreation Committee undertook a service project for the conference center. With the help of nearly 200 of our brothers we were able to fully restore a 1 mile long trail that had been nearly out of commission. The project took a mere 2 days. The conference was concluded at the Friday night closing gathering with a moving speech from our National Chief Jonathan Hillis. In his speech he reminded all of the importance that Indian affairs play in our order today. As arrowmen left for their journey home they all reflected on the great time they had at the conference. Indian Summer truly changed lives this year. -YIB, Alan Camarillo



World Scout Jamboree Rinkaby, Sweden



The WSJ was held on the fields of Rinkaby, Sweden. In 2001, a national Jamboree took place there with 26,700 participants, and another national Jamboree, Jiingijamborii was held on site from 14–22 July 2007. The camp area itself is approximately 1.5 km by 1.5 km and lies near the coast on sandy ground surrounded by pinewoods. Small areas of forest divide the campsite into smaller fields. The average day temp was 72 °F, and 63 °F at night. The sun rises at 5 am, and set's at 9 pm .

The Jambo site was divided into three towns containing six subcamps each consisting of 2,000 Scouts with its own programme of activities. Within the subcamps each unit consisted of 4 patrols; a patrol consisting of 9 youth and 1 adult. The three towns were: Spring, Summer, Fall, and the adult-only staff town was Spring.

Participants at the Jambo took part in 5 separate module activities on different days. They were; People, Quest, World, Dream and Earth. These Activities took place over seven days during during this world-class event. Every scout was able to visit each module as well as the Camp-in-Camp (for two days). The activities were approximately 4–5 hours long.

The World Jambo as a whole consisted of 40,061 scouts from 146 countries. Sweden had the most Scouts, with around 4,000. Great Britten had around 2,500 with the U.S. just behind with 2,200 participant scouts. The volunteers who ran the event were part of the International Service Team (IST), which included a group of about 10,000 adult volunteers. These Scouters came from every part of the World.

Western Region Gathering

Location: Irvine Ranch Outdoor Education Center, Orange County

All Western Region Section Chiefs, Section Vice Chiefs, Section Secretaries, Section Advisers, Section Associate Advisers, & Section Staff Advisers are cordially invited to the 2011 Western Region Gathering at the Irvine Ranch Outdoor Education Center in Orange, CA. The Gathering is going to begin on Friday, October 28th and will conclude at noon on Sunday, October 30th. Registration will be open on Friday at 4 pm, with dinner beginning at 6 pm.

The Gathering is an amazing opportunity to get to know a bunch of individuals from around the Region and share in the fellowship and brotherhood of our Order. It will also be a great time to get ideas on how to make your conclave the best ever! You will need to bring your completed BSA medical form 680-001(parts A & B), your conclave promotion material, sleeping bag, bathing suit, pillow, casual clothes, full field uniform ("Class 'A' ") with sash, toiletries, towel & a great attitude!

The Region will be providing a free shuttle service from John Wayne Airport (SNA) to the OEC on Friday and from the OEC to the airport after the last session on Sunday morning. Please designate if you need transportation to and from the airport on the registration form and fill out your travel information so we know when to pick you up and drop you off. The cost for the Gathering is only a \$20.00 program fee for each participant! The Region will cover the cost for all of your meals, training material and entertainment. To register, go to: www.reservations.scouting.org/profile/form/index.cfm?PKformID=0x25024d027.



We look forward to seeing you at the gathering!

**Joseph Garcia, Mike Bliss, John Van Dreese
(Region Chief, Region Chairman, Staff Adviser)**



NLS & NLATS

Two weekends are fast approaching

The National Leadership Seminar (NLS) and National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar (NLATS) are weekend training programs that focus on leadership development. Run by the Region Chief and his Advisers, it provides an in-depth look at leadership skills and techniques. An NLS discusses how these skills can be applied in your role in the OA and in other aspects of your life. As one Arrowman described his NLS experience:

"I just returned from one of the greatest leadership courses around. The NLS course is a winner... I didn't even get out of the room after the second or third session before I was putting the new knowledge to use. The use of movie clips to drive home points of leadership works well... The Staff for the training was excellent. We were privileged



to have our National Chief, Region Chief, several Section Chiefs and various members of the National OA Committee. A Great staff... Well, I have now been given more useful tools to use to help the Arrowmen in my Council improve themselves and the Lodge. I feel a little less nervous about my own position... If and when you get the chance to attend an NLS, GO!"

The next National Leadership Seminar will be offered in Salt Lake City, Utah from October 7-9, 2011.

The next joint NLS & NLATS will be offered in Milwaukie, Oregon from November 18-20, 2011.

If you are interested in attending an NLS, please refer to www.western.oe-bsa.org/program/training

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Western Region Calendar

Event	Date	Location
Western Region NLS	October 7-9, 2011	Camp Tracy, Salt Lake City, UT
Section W-6W Conclave	October 14-16, 2011	Western Valley Middle School in Phoenix, AZ
Western Region Gathering	October 28-30, 2011	Irvine Ranch Edu. Center, Orange County, CA
Western Region NLS/NLATS	November 18-20, 2011	Evangelical Center, Milwaukie, OR
National Planning Meeting	December 27-30, 2011	Marriot Solano, Southlake, TX
Western Region NLS	March 23-25, 2011	Oahu, Hawaii
Western Region NLS	April 13-15, 2011	Irvine Ranch Edu. Center, Orange County, CA
NOAC	July 30-August 4 2012	Michigan State University

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