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Memories from NOAC 2002

Charles Bellinghausen,
Panzacola Chapter Chief

With this being my first National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC), I have many great things to say about it. You

There were many different training classes you could attend, from ceremony, dance, leadership, to high

will never realize how large the Order of the Arrow is until you step into a basketball arena FILLED with over 7,000 arrowmen. The shows were great! There was one every night except Tuesday, when there was a HUGE PARTAY!

From the awesome American Indian dancing, to the meaningful final show; that seemed almost enough, but it

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Joe Harvill & Doug Watson meet
2002 National OA Chief,
Clay Capp

Last Chance for Brotherhood

Monty Haight,
Lodge Chief

The Fall Pow Wow will be the last time this year for eligible arrowmen to seal their membership in the Order of the Arrow by becoming a Brotherhood Member. Anyone inducted prior to 2002 is eligible. For more information, see the registration form. Make the commitment, register today!

Elections to be held at Fall Pow

Wade Hartley
Lodge Lay Advisor

The annual Lodge & Chapter elections will be held at the lodge business meeting during the Fall Pow Wow. Terms for ALL positions expire at this event. If you are interested in running for any lodge position, or serving as a committee chairman, contact Wade Hartley, Lodge Advisor via email: advisor@yustaga385.com or via phone (215)368-7273.

Contact your chapter advisor if you would like to run for a chapter office.

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NOAC 2002 Memories

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wasn't.

There were many different training classes you could attend, from ceremony, dance, leadership, to high adventure. I partook in the SCUBA classes where we were instructed on how to dive and spent almost an hour in the water! Very invigorating!

During the afternoon, there were an endless amount of choices that you could have done, ranging from special seminars, the OA Museum, to sports and many expos. Our lodge made it to the top 8 in the soccer competition. The OA Museum included many older OA sashes, some with E. Urner Goodman's signature. It also had many old eagle scout rank items and many lodge flaps. In the Meet The Man sessions, arrowmen were able to ask questions to the members of the OA National Committee and the BSA National Committee.

The High Adventure Expo included

rock climbing and different camping booths. One of the most exciting things was being able to meet the National Chief, National Vice-Chief, and Regional Chiefs.

And of course, there is Founder's Day, with lodges from all over the country showcasing their areas and specialties. From food to giveaways and games, Founder's Day was quite an experience.

NOAC ended with a bang of fireworks. I am definitely ready for NOAC 2004, and I URGE you to attend. By the way, the absolute best was all of the college girls around campus! There you will learn the true meaning of cheerfulness, service, and brotherhood.

To read more about NOAC 2002 and to see photos from the contingent trip, visit www.yustaga385.com.

Lodge Leadership Development Course

Monty Haight
2002 Lodge Chief

The Lodge Leadership Development Course (LLDC) will be held on October 26, 2002. The location will be announced at the Pow Wow LEC meeting. Check the lodge website for updates. All incoming lodge officers, chapter officers and committee chairmen are required to attend. This includes the advisors. This event is going to teach leadership and explain the responsibilities of each position. This event will develop better lodge, chapter and committee resources.



Perfecting the Principles

Charles Bellinghausen
Panzacola Chapter Chief

It takes a good ceremonialist to perform a ceremony, but, it takes a great one to understand his character, and those of his fellow teammates.

During a course at the National Order

of the Arrow Conference, we took an in-depth look at the personal lives of Allowat Sakima, Meteu, Kitchkinet, and Nutiket. We asked ourselves questions like; *What would be their favorite movie?* Are they married? Or, what is their relationship like with their parents? Some

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Chapter Information

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Advisor

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Wayne Pannell

Techakin Chief

Chris Wilaby

Advisor

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Yustaga 385 Standing Committees

Committee	Description
Brotherhood	Works with Brotherhood candidates. Gives training sessions and signs off completion on Brotherhood requirements. Sends out letters to eligible candidates. Ensures that at least 30% of the eligible candidates are converted to Brotherhood each year.
Native American Events	Responsible for organizing teams for all dance and/or drum & song exhibitions and competitions.
Elangomat	Responsible for training Elangomats to assist candidates at the Ordeal. Responsible for working with chapters to ensure that enough Elangomats are trained and available at the Ordeals.
Ceremony	Responsible for coordinating all ceremonies with team members.
Camp Promotion	Helps to promote our local camp as well as camping in general. Prepares promotional items (videos, pamphlets, etc) to assist in this task. Also responsible for publishing the "Where to go Camping" Booklet of area campsites of interest for local troops use.
Vigil	In charge of the nomination, election, and ceremonies for Vigil Honor members. Coordinates with ceremonies committee when needed.
Unit Service	In charge of organizing, informing and communicating with the new OA Troop/Team Representative and the ASK Program.
Unit Elections	In charge of training chapter unit elections teams. Ensures that every unit desiring a unit election receives one. Turns in forms to lodge secretary. Chapter election team chairmen should sit on this committee.
Publications	In charge of publishing the Osprey, the official newsletter of the Lodge, at least 4 times a year. One person from each chapter should be on this committee. Osprey reporters are in charge of reporting chapter news to the Osprey. A sub-committee of publications is in charge of maintaining, updating, producing, and developing the lodge website at www.yustaga385.com .
Historical / Awards	Takes pictures throughout the year at lodge events. Produces a historical display for competition at the Conclave. Produces the annual slide show for the banquet.

All interested youth and adults should contact Wade Hartley, Lodge Advisor. He can be reached by phone (251)368-7273, email: advisor@yustaga385.com or snail mail: PO Box 25, Atmore AL 36504.

2002 Fall Pow Wow - Camp Euchee

Tentative Schedule

Friday, September 13, 2002

5:00 - 7:00pm	Registration	Henson Hall
7:00	Ordeal Candidates Gather	Trading Post
7:30	Pre-Ordeal Ceremony	TBA
9:00	Opening Campfire (Vigil Call-Out)	Whipple Circle
10:00	Crackerbarrel (Patch trading, Yustaga Cinema)	Dining Hall
11:30	Taps	Campsites

Saturday, September 14, 2002

7:00	Reveille	
7:15	Assembly / Breakfast	Dining Hall Lawn
8:30	Training Session One	
9:00	Training Session Two	
9:30	Training Session Three	
10:00	Training Session Four	
10:30	Yustaga Gladiators	
10:30	Horseshoes	
12:00	Assemble for Lunch / Lunch	Dining Hall Lawn
1:00	Lodge / Chapter Elections	Dining Hall
1:30	Business Meeting	Youth - Dining Hall Adult - Pathfinder
2:00	Handicap Awareness Activities	Staff Area
3:30	Water Carnival	Waterfront
3:30	OA Pictionary	TBA
6:00	Assemble for Supper / Supper	Dining Hall Lawn
7:00	Brotherhood Candidates Gather	Trading Post
7:30	Ordeal Ceremony	
8:00	Brotherhood Ceremony	Square Grounds
9:00	Crackerbarrell - Craft Fair & Memorabilia Display	Dining Hall
9:30	Patch Auction	Dining Hall
11:30	Taps	

Sunday, September 15, 2002

7:00	Reveille	
7:15	Assemble for Breakfast / Breakfast	Dining Hall Lawn
8:15	Religious Service	Deere Chapel
9:00	LEC	Henson Hall

Times / Locations / Activities subject to change. Updated schedule will be presented at check-in.

Exceptional First Year Arrowman Program

The Exceptional First Year Arrowman Program is designed to recognize those brand new Arrowmen who become active in the lodge during their first year of membership. Throughout the year, special activities will be conducted at lodge events that will be available to all First Year Arrowmen.

All Arrowmen completing the requirements will receive a special recognition at the following year's Ordeal. In addition, on youth and one adult will be selected as the most Exceptional First Year Arrowman of the Year and will be recognized at the Lodge Banquet.

The requirements are:

- 1) Attend at least 3 lodge events following your Ordeal.
- 2) Pay Lodge dues for the year following your Ordeal.
- 3) Attend at least 3 chapter meetings.
- 4) Sign up and participate on a lodge committee.
- 5) Participate on an approved service team.
- 6) Remain active with your unit.

What is NOAC?

Tim Hildebrand
Panzacola Chapter

NOAC. What is NOAC? NOAC-the gathering of Order of the Arrow brethren from the far corners of the nation. The National Order of the Arrow Conference is the pinnacle of the experience in the brotherhood. From the latest of camping gadgetry to opportunities in camping; ie OA Trailcrew at Philmont and the Northern Tier program, to outdoor extravaganzas, not to mention patches galore, the conference contains everything you could ever want in your scouting career.

As this is my first NOAC trip, I enjoyed the event. Some go as far as to say that NOAC is far better than the National Jamboree. 7000 of my fellow brothers invaded the Indiana University campus for a week long time of friendship and fellowship; celebrating

the tradition of the founder of the Order of the Arrow, E. Uner Goodman.

Each day we attended a morning training session that focused on the various aspects of camping, scouting and service. This was followed by games, events, and competitions both with and against fellow arrowmen from around the nation. It was quite an enjoyable experience. Each evening there was a spectacular show produced by the best youth this nation has to offer, including a heart warming patriotic show accompanied with fireworks to start the week of with a bang.

From invaluable training, to brotherly fellowship to great show productions, to thousands of patches, I would certainly recommend the grand experience that is NOAC to any of my brothers.

Indian Summer 2003

NOAC Flyer

Are you interested in ceremonies or American Indian activities? If so, then the place to be in 2003 is Indian Summer. Join the Order's finest instructors at Ridgecrest Conference Center in the heart of the Smoky Mountains from August 2-7. Located just outside of Asheville, North Carolina, this outstanding facility offers scenic vistas and many recreational opportunities.

This will be an action-packed week of activities focusing on American Indian crafts, singing, dancing, and culture. You will have the opportunity to learn everything you ever

wanted to know about OA ceremonies and inductions, from the Unit Election through the Vigil.

Check out the OA website next month at www.aa-bsa.org for more information.

Interested in working on staff? Applications will be available at the Fall Pow Wow.

Thumbs Up to NOAC 2002

Craig Bonefield

2002 NOAC Contingent Youth

I give NOAC 2002 a big thumbs up! I had no idea what this thing was all about. At first I was just coming for the patch trading, but after just a few hours and one of the best shows I have ever seen (besides the 2001

Yustaga Conclave show!) I am convinced that will be one of the most educational and exciting Scouting events that I have ever been to. I encourage anyone who has never been to snag a spot next time. I guarantee it will be worth it!

What about NOAC 2004?

Andy Weber

I'm sure that the only thing running through your mind at this point is "Where will NOAC be in 2004 and now do I sign up?" Well, it's a quite simple answer. NOAC 2004 will be in Ames, Iowa on the beautiful campus of Iowa State University. My first NOAC back in 1998 was there and it was an amazing experience. The facilities there at ISU are perfect for a conference of over 7,000 of Scouting's best.

For starters, the food is great, there's almost no wait for it, and you can have as many helpings as you want. After your first meal there on Saturday evening, you'll head into an arena for an amazing opening show. Of the three campuses I've been to for NOAC, ISU has the best arena for the nightly shows. The classrooms that hold the training sessions are right next to the auditorium that has Native American Pow Wow which is right next to Founder's Field. Founder's Field holds a huge expo on the last day with booths from hundreds of lodges showing off things characteristic of their areas. FREE food, games, prizes and giveaways may make you want to bring an extra bag just to lug everything back home.

The layout of ISU is a bit strange

compared to most other campuses in that the university itself is not completely centralized. To get from your dorm to the arena you will probably have to walk past 20 residential homes. The spreading of the campus however is good in the fact that "downtown" Ames is a stones throw from your room. After the shows you can head downtown with some friends and go see a movie or just walk around in a college town.

At this point there's not much else known about what NOAC 2004 has in store for its participants. Program decisions and such will be available on the National website as soon as they are known. As far as the "how do I sign up" part goes, that too is quite simple. SHOW INTEREST. Tell your friends you want to go, tell your Chapter Chief, tell an adult.anyone really. No matter what the actual program of NOAC 2004 entails, it is sure to be a rewarding experience.

A Life-Changing Experience at OA Trail Crew

Doug Watson
Treasurer

How would you feel if you could go to Philmont or Northern Tier for only \$100? Most of us would say "Where do I sign up?" The answer is closer than you think. You can sign up for the Order of the Arrow Trail Crew at Philmont, or the OA Wilderness Voyage at Northern Tier. With these programs you not only get to go to these high adventure bases, but you also have the unique opportunity to give back to the program. The basic idea behind both programs is the same: one week of trail work and a one week trek, with OA ideals worked into the program, giving you a new outlook on life as a whole.

This past month I had the chance to go out to Philmont for OA Trail Crew and can

honestly say it was a life-changing experience. I learned so much about myself and the order to which we belong, at the same time making lasting relationships with fellow arrowmen from around the country. The work was not back-breaking slave labor, but it was enough to feel like we accomplished something important that will last decades and thousands will be helped by the work that we did.

There were participants from all over the country, but we all got along because of our common bond of being in the OA. While working on our several projects the first week, we all became very close, and by the time we started our trek, we were like brothers. The

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Calendar 2002

September 13-15
Fall Pow Wow

October 26
Lodge Leadership
Development Conference (LLDC)

December 7
Lodge Banquet

2003

January 11
Lodge Executive
Committee (LEC)

Feb 28 - March 2
Spring Fellowship

April 11-13
Section Conclave

May 16-18
Lodge Ordeal

July 11
Summer Social

September TBA
Fall Pow Wow

October TBA
Lodge Leadership
Development Conference (LLDS)

December TBA
Lodge Banquet

All dates are subject to
change by the LEC.

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friendships we all made in those two weeks will last for a very long time. Making such relationships is probably the most fulfilling part of the program.

Throughout the work week and the trek, several elements of the OA were demonstrated through physical, mental, and spiritual challenges. These challenges helped us each to recognize what the OA is all about, but more importantly who WE are, both in the OA and in our daily lives. Each test strengthened our commitment to ourselves, to our Order, and to our God.

The experience is one I will not soon forget. I personally plan to participate in the OA Voyage next year at Northern Tier, and I encourage all of you that meet the requirements to join me. Both programs are extremely inspirational and well worth the money. If there is any doubt in your mind about the OA, yourself, or your God, or if you just want to reinforce what you already think, sign up for one of these programs and ALL WILL BE REVEALED.

Ordeal 2002 A Huge Success

Doug Watson
Lodge Treasurer

The 2002 ordeal was held May 17-19 at Camp Euchee. Over 80 candidates were accepted into our order and 6 sealed their membership in the Brotherhood. The candidates worked on several needed projects around camp, including the waterfront trail, digging pipelines, replacing benches, and setting up a few tents. Even the members showed cheerful service by working on ceremony circles and setting up tents for the 2002 summer camp season at Camp Euchee. The work was a great help to the camp and is greatly appreciated.

Even though a bad thunderstorm passed over camp late on Friday night, forcing the candidates to spend their night under shooting range shelters, they remained cheerful throughout the weekend. Andrew Darden and Ralph Banegas did a fantastic job running the elangomat program and bringing the whole ordeal together. The dedication of the Elangomats was played a vital role in the success to the weekend.

For something new this year, we

treated the new members to a banquet on Saturday night after their ceremony. As opposed to just a cracker-barrel as usual, we had plenty of food, covered tables, a slide show of the weekend, and introductions of lodge officers to the new members. This went over really well with the newbies and helped them to feel more comfortable in our lodge. This will definitely be a lasting tradition in Yustaga for years to come.

Another tradition began at this ordeal was the ordeal edition of the Osprey, Yustaga's newsletter. In this special edition handed out with the new members' packets on Sunday morning was a lot of information about OA, Yustaga 385, and everything thing from "When to wear your sash," to the purpose of the OA. It helped new members better understand what they have gotten themselves into.

Over all this year's ordeal was a great success and has set a standard for years to come.

Chiefly Speaking

Monty Haight
2002 Lodge Chief

Brothers,

Thank you for all of your support over the past year. This has been a great opportunity for me. There have been many highlights over the past year that I will never forget.

Coming up September 12-14, 2002 is the Fall Pow Wow. This is going to be my last event as the 2002 Lodge Chief; however, it is going to be the biggest and best event for the year. The Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) has been working to put together a great event full of fun, fellowship, and a time of brotherhood.

Thank you again for your support of me and all the other LEC members. I hope to work for you again soon.



I've Done it ALL, Now What?

Steven Henry
Section SR4N Vice-Chief

As many arrowmen grow older and are about to turn 21, their roles in the Order of the Arrow become faded. They are too young to be advisors, as they have not yet turned 21, and usually cannot serve in a lodge youth leadership position because they do not have enough time to complete an entire year as a youth leader. So if these pseudo-adults cannot be adult or youth leaders, what can they be?

According to training performed at the National Order of the Arrow Conference in 2002, their main role is to serve as a mentor. Between the ages of eighteen and twenty, youth arrowmen have the obligations to serve as a mentor. The role of a mentor is probably one of the most important roles in the Order of the Arrow. They serve as role models and set the example for the younger arrowmen to live

up to. As E. Urner Goodman once told a youth arrowman referring to a pseudo-adult, "The lodge is no longer theirs, but yours!" Goodman was simply saying that a pseudo-adult does not have a specific role; his role has now become an unofficial role in serving the lodge.

You, Arrowmen between the ages of eighteen and twenty, now have the most important role as a mentor; to guide the new Arrowmen, to give advice to the young leaders, and set the example for others to live up to.

"He who serves his fellows is of all his fellows greatest!"

Perfecting the Principles

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very interesting answers came about during the discussions. Answers like "Shrek", they had many wives, and they were always getting into trouble.

We also discussed what other lodges do during their ceremonies. Finally, we learned how to become a better ceremony team. Knowing your teammates is a very important part of having a great team. Practice sessions should last about an hour and include fun as well as ceremony practice. Everyone is happier, and your relationships outside of the OA will help you inside the ceremony ring.



OSPREY DEADLINES

February/March	January 1st
April/May	March 1st
September/October	August 1st
November/December	October 1st

Articles not consistent with the Ideals of the Boy Scouts of America will not be used. Submit articles to Joe Harvill (jharvill@aol.com) for approval and inclusion in the Osprey. Articles may be edited and/or used in a later issue.

Service Opportunities

The OA Strategic Plan for the 21st Century announced increased service to the units, districts and councils that the Order of the Arrow serves.

In the spirit of that challenge, Yustaga is pleased to announce three new service opportunities for our members: Scoutreach Mentoring Program, ASK, and OA Service Corps. Each of the three programs are discussed below. While Scoutreach and ASK are national programs, the Lodge Service Corps is a local program. Arrowmen can download applications for all three groups from the lodge website.

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Lodge Registration Form

		Totals
2003 Dues Prepayment* (Before Dec 1, 2002)	\$5.00	_____
Fall Pow Wow Early Registration	\$13.00	_____
Fall Pow Wow Late Registration (After Sept 9th)	18.00	_____
Fall Pow Wow Event Patches	\$3.00each	x _____ = _____
Pre-pay Lodge Banquet Patches	\$3.00each	x _____ = _____
Brotherhood Fee	\$15.00	_____
		Total Inclosed _____
Name: _____		
Address: _____		Chapter
_____		[A] [C] [O] [P] [T]
Telephone# () _____ - _____		
Email Address: _____		Youth / Adult

Please use a different form for each person. This form is for current members only, not for reactivation.

2002 Fall Pow Wow, Make Plans To Attend!!

Wade Hartley
Lodge Lay Advisor

The 2002 Fall Pow Wow is shaping up to be one of the finest lodge events in recent history. A tentative schedule is included in this issue of the Osprey. A detailed schedule will be provided to each Arrowman at check in.

On Friday night, the 2002 Vigil Honor members will be Tapped Out at a special ceremony. The Friday night crackerbarrell, in addition to food, board games, movies, patch trading and fellowship, will also offer Patch Bingo. Each person donates any patch to get a bingo card and the accumulated patches are then used as the prizes for each bingo game.

Saturday morning will offer a whirlwind of both training and games. Each Arrowman will be able to choose from 3-4 topics during each training session in order to learn more about the Order of the Arrow and develop his own leadership skills. Following training, the Yustaga Gladiator Games will commence, pitting chapter against chapter. Come test you're your brute strength, endurance and cunning. For those battle hardened adults, the much more relaxed competition of horseshoes will be available.

Incorporating a popular feature from NOAC and

the National Jamboree, a series of Disability Awareness events are scheduled for the early afternoon. The late afternoon will allow members to cool off at the water carnival as each chapter battles it out for the Lake Alaqua Championship. OA pictiory competition among chapters will also be conducted for those folks who don't want to go swimming.

Saturday night offers the chance for members to renew their commitment to the Order of the Arrow by observing both the Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies. The Saturday night crackerbarrell will feature the ever popular annual patch auction where you can participate in a both a silent and live auction to obtain the patches of your dreams! This is one of our major fundraisers each year, in addition to providing tons of fun and excitement.

There are several new activities that will take place. The first is the "Fire and Ice Competition". This event will allow each chapter to showcase its culinary talents. The fire, i.e. CHILI, will be cooked by the chapters on Saturday afternoon and incorporated into the sup-

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per meal. Prizes will be awarded for most original, hottest and overall winner. The ice, i.e. home made ICE CREAM, will be prepared by each chapter and served at the Saturday night crackerbarrell. Chapters will have to provide their own cooking utensils, stoves, ingredients (including ice), ice cream makers, etc. The kitchen facilities will not be available. However, there will be room in the walk in cooler for ingredients to be kept but they must be contained in a clearly labeled container so as not to be confused with the food items being used by the kitchen staff. All dishes must be prepared at the event. Each chapter will be reimbursed up to \$20.00 upon turning in receipts.

On Saturday night, a "Craft Fair and Expo" will be held at the crackerbarrell. There will be two categories, Native American and Scoutcraft (woodcarving, neckerchief slides, leatherwork, etc). There will be a youth and adult division in each category. This is the chance to show off the latest addition to your Indian regalia, beadwork, your recreation of traditional native implements or that wood carving that you have been working on since summer camp.

Also on Saturday night, a Scout Memorabilia Display competition will be held. There will also be a youth and adult division for this activity. Recognitions

will be awarded in both the Craft Fair and Memorabilia Display. Additional details and judging criteria will soon be announced via the e-group.

Finally, the Fall Pow Wow will feature a "Brotherhood Award". Similar to the participation awards used at conclaves and NOAC. A special token will be given to each Arrowman on Sunday morning who completes the requirements. The criteria are designed so that everyone in attendance is encouraged to fully participate and become involved in the event. I hope to see YOU at the Fall Pow Wow!

Fall Pow Wow

Chapter Assignments

Apalachee	Colors & Grace
Choctaw	Religious Service
Oschambos	Ceremony Fires
Panzacola	Kitchen
Techakin	Dining Hall