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Chiefly Speaking

Don Combs

Brothers,

It has been the start of a great year! I hope that your Scouting experience is growing like mine has. But, we still have a long way to go. I'm looking forward to Conclave, and I hope that you are too. We are planning a great event and couldn't do it without your Lodge chiefs and those members of your Lodge who have signed up to be a Conclave Vice Chief. There are also many more that are helping behind the scenes. I encourage more of you to step up and help with Conclave. If you want to do so please contact your Lodge chief or Lodge Adviser; they can contact me and we will see what we can do. In closing, I hope that you continue to have fun in Scouts; I look forward to serving each of you this year.



Yours in Scouting,
Don Combs

Vice Chiefly Speaking

Josh Simpson

ArrowCorps⁵ A Higher Adventure

Coming in the summer of 2008 will be the highlight of many Scouting careers. The Order of the Arrow, along with the U.S. Forest Service, will be undertaking the biggest service project ever in the history of the Boy Scouts of America. ArrowCorps⁵, also know as AC5, will be taking place at 5 different State Parks and Forests across the country, with 1,000 Arrowmen per site, and will be taking place over 5 different weeks. The sites that will be included for AC5 will be George Washington and Jefferson Forest in Virginia and the only site in the Great Southern Region, Mark Twain National Forest in Missouri, Manti-La Sal in Utah, Bridger-Tetons in Wyoming, and Shasta-Trinity in California. Each Lodge should have an AC5 Youth and Adult Coordinator to help arrange with registration and travel plans. These Coordinators should work closely with the Section AC5 Coordinator, Anthony Kenny. During the course of the week at each site, members will be conducting service projects to better the site. If all goes according to plan, the service that will be accomplished in the sites will save the U.S. Forest Service 30 years of work! This is truly an amazing feat and it can only be done with your help. Everyone will be able to take part in a day of recreation at each site that includes things specific to the region of the country you are in. Some of these activities will be whitewater rafting, horseback riding, and touring dinosaur fossil beds. This is going to be an amazing event and an amazing time and space is limited to 1,000 people per site. Act quickly because spots will not last long. For more information about this awesome event go to www.event.oa-bsa.org or contact your Lodge AC5 Coordinator or our Section AC5 Coordinator, Anthony Kenny.

Josh Simpson

OA High Adventure

The Order of the Arrow Trail Crew and Wilderness voyage was an experience that I will never forget. It completed a summer of a life time that I hope I may experience again. It began with leaving from my home in Greeneville, TN on June 4, 2007 to leave into the world unknown. I arrived then in the Minneapolis airport and found a group of Scouts sitting around all with anxious eyes anticipating the adventure that was awaiting us. After everyone's arrival we loaded up for the ride to Ely, MN. We arrived at



Charles L. Sommers Canoe Base, unloaded our gear and began our Voyage into the Boundary Waters. I found out very quickly that my crew was all I had- eight men only bound by the bonds of brotherhood and the obligation we have all taken. Well if this experience could be summed up, which it cannot, we got to participate in portage trail conservation and also received an opportunity to explore the Boundary Waters at our leisure. We chose our trip, we planned it and we led it. The last day of the Voyage came too soon. We showered up and said our goodbyes to

everyone and left with that taste of excitement in our mouths for a lifetime. The bonds that I built at Voyage were bonds closer than I have built between most of my classmates. I was off back to East Tennessee where, I would work on summer camp staff at Camp Davy Crocket for the remainder of the camp season. As August was approaching my high school friends were all getting ready for two-a-days. I was preparing for another adventure in a completely different environment. I left for New Mexico, to join others for another adventure of a lifetime. The same scene was occurring as we all arrived at the airport and loaded up for the ride to Cimarron, NM. But after we unloaded at Philmont Base camp, every thing else was different. We left



OA High Adventure (cont.)

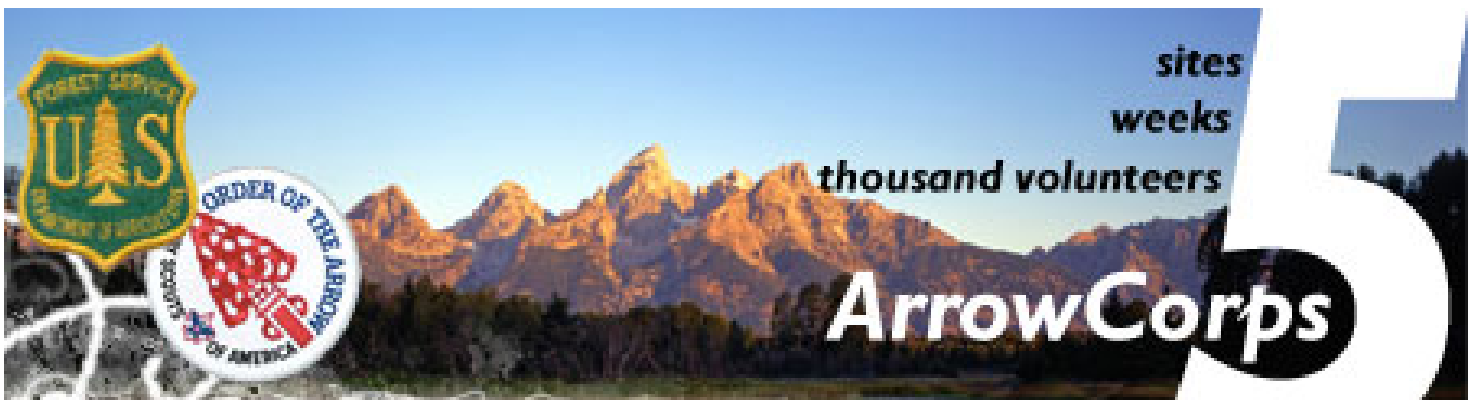
from base and hiked to the camp we would be using as a base for the work week. We worked hard constructing new trails, building brotherhood and learning many other things outside of trail building. Next we split up into two crews for our trek across the lands provided to us at Philmont. The trek was amazing, simply indescribable. The bonds built here were not even the same type bonds that were built in Minnesota. That is how different the experiences are. The experiences I had this summer are more than can be expressed in words, especially the written word.



Luke McNeese, Section Secretary

Arrow Corps 5

What do you see yourself doing during the summer of 2008? Sitting at home, complaining you are bored, waiting for summer camp week to get here? Wouldn't you rather be a part of something big? How big, you ask? How about 5 US National forests, over 5 weeks, with 5,000 Arrowmen? *ArrowCorps⁵* is the largest, most complex, most challenging conservation project ever conceived by the Order of the Arrow. Over 8 days you will have a chance to participate in a variety of activities that may include trail building, brush removal, cleanup activities, reconstruction, and one fun-filled action packed day of adventure. These projects will have a lasting impact for generations, allowing tens of thousands to enjoy the efforts of *ArrowCorps⁵*.



Wait! What? You are going to be over the age of 21 by next summer? No problem! For the first time ever adult Arrowmen will have the opportunity to participate in a high adventure like atmosphere with the youth Arrowmen. No, it is not Trail Crew, nor Wilderness Voyage; but *ArrowCorps⁵*, our largest conservation project. Only 1,000 youth and adult Arrowmen will be selected for each site. Do not delay, follow the directions below and become a part of history!

Service

There has been a lot said about service in this issue of the Quiver. It was intended to be so; the Order is described as being the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. The Quiver will focus on one of the three ideals of the Order in each Issue. Service can be defined as an act of helpful activity. I would now challenge each member of the Section to ask themselves what they have done in regards to the pledge to be unselfish in service. Service means nothing if it is your job or a responsibility. Service, to me, is being able to give without expecting anything in return, giving without question. This is a really hard concept to grasp; some ask why should I as a member of the OA pay to go to an Ordeal weekend and work the whole time, just like my Ordeal all over again right. Remember he who once said “Those who choose you need you”, and “For”, said he, “who serves his fellows, is of all his fellows greatest!” I leave you with those simple quotes from simple times in our lives.

One Day of Service

The Southern Region's One Day of Service program was started in 1996 to better meet the goals of the Order's new strategic vision. One Day is an opportunity for every Lodge in the region to do meaningful service in their communities – all on one day! One Day is a fantastic chance to get members involved, make a significant contribution to the community, and have fun with your fellow brothers! **The 2007 One Day of Service is set for October 20th.**



While we would prefer that all One Day projects be conducted on the official date, we understand that many Lodges may have scheduling conflicts. Plan your project for another day before October 20th, and if eligible, submit your One Day Award application (along with your One Day report) to your Section One Day Coordinator by Monday, November 19th, 2007. Wondering about the benefits of the One Day of Service program? Well, in addition to performing cheerful service, One Day '07 will allow local chapters and Lodges the opportunity to give something back to their hometown. Benefiting hundreds of towns and communities across the nation, One Day '07 will also increase the level of service performed by the Order of the Arrow as a whole. Lodges may select any type of community service, working with groups like Habitat for Humanity, the Red Cross, and the Salvation Army. Again, your project can be as large or as small as your Lodge wants it to be, as long as it benefits the local, non-scouting community in some way. It is up to your Lodge to coordinate the logistics of your projects and turn in a record of your project to your OA section. If you have any questions or concerns, ask your Section One Day Coordinator or contact the Southern Region's One Day of Service Coordinator, Chris Bergtholdt, at cbergtho@gmail.com. Your 2007 Southern Region Chief can be reached by e-mail at chief@southern.oa-bsa.org.

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