

# ORDER OF THE ARROW

## Program Highlights

### OA High Adventure

OA High Adventure represents an opportunity for Arrowmen to fulfill their obligation in the most fundamental way. The OA has five incredible programs across all four BSA national high adventure bases that give Arrowmen the opportunity to give back to Scouting and the outdoors, while also enjoying what makes the Scouting program so great.

OAHA participants will spend half of the 9-14 day program providing service to the high adventure base and the wilderness around it, and spend the rest of the trip enjoying program exclusively available to Arrowmen. Members of the OA can go to Philmont, Florida Sea Base, Northern Tier, and the Summit Bechtel Reserve at a fraction of the price of other Scouts and with no waitlists or rigid itineraries.

#AdventureAwaits with OA High Adventure.  
**Go to [adventure.oe-bsa.org](http://adventure.oe-bsa.org) to learn more.**

### National Leadership Seminar

The OA's National Leadership Seminar program dates back to 1978, when the first programs were held in five of the BSA's six regions. Since that time, hundreds of weekend NLS courses have been hosted at camps in each of the BSA's regions, including Germany, Puerto Rico, Alaska, and Japan. The NLS has

been described as the most valuable training experience available to members of the BSA. The hundreds of Arrowmen that participate each year come out of the program with a renewed purpose, focused on bettering their lodge, their Scouting unit, and their lives as servant leaders.

**#TakeTheLead at NLS, and visit [oe-bsa.org](http://oe-bsa.org) to learn more.**

### OA at the National Scout Jamboree

The Order of the Arrow's involvement with the National Scout Jamboree dates back to the second jamboree, held in Valley Forge, PA in 1950, when 36 Arrowmen served as part of the OA Service Troop, a program today known as the OA Service Corps. The OA has provided cheerful service to every jamboree since, and at the 2017 National Scout Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve, the Operation Arrow program will involve more than 800 staff members supporting various programs including the OA Indian Village, OA Service Corps, and OA Trek Guides.

No other staff member or participant at a national jamboree has the opportunity to experience the jamboree like an Arrowman. Members of the OA will build relationships, grow, and experience more at the national jamboree than any other Scout or Scouter.

**Visit [oe-bsa.org/jamboree](http://oe-bsa.org/jamboree) to learn more.**



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## Developing Youth Leaders Conference

Premiering in 2016 as a replacement for the National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar, the Developing Youth Leaders Conference builds off of the skills and knowledge that participants gain during the National Leadership Seminar in order to instill in adult members the tools needed to mentor and develop the outstanding youth leaders for which the OA is known.

## OA Service Grant

The OA Service Grant was created to support the efforts of local lodges performing significant service projects at local council camps. Lodges can submit outlines and plans for improvement projects to the national OA committee. The committee will then review these applications and distribute money to support those projects which it deems to be most impactful.

## Journey to Excellence

The Journey to Excellence program allows chapters, lodges, and sections an opportunity to gain recognition for exception program execution and member communications. JTE provides leaders in the OA a guideline for to best serve its members and deliver a quality program. Guidelines for JTE programs can be found at [oa-bsa.org](http://oa-bsa.org).

## Maury Clancy Indian Campership Fund

The Maury Clancy Indian Campership Fund was established in 1971 to help American Indian Scouts to attend Boy Scout resident summer camp. The fund distributes more than \$20,000 annually, and since 2000 more than 1900 American Indian Scouts have been able to experience summer camp through the benefit the fund provides. Lodge and section donations to the fund are welcomed and help to ensure more camperships can be awarded.

## National Endowment

The OA's national endowment exists to provide financial support to Order of the Arrow programs, scholarships, and grants, and is itself supported through endowment-specific merchandise sales, OA Legacy Fellowship recognitions, the Goodman Society, and the general financial generosity of OA members.

## Philmont OA Adviser Training Conference

Each summer, the Philmont Training Center hosts the Philmont OA Adviser Training Conference, a gathering of OA advisers from around the nation involved in various levels of the program. Hosted by members of the national OA committee and other experienced advisers, the conference attendees learn best practices and develop the skills needed to deliver the OA program to the youth back home, and help them grow.

## Service Weekend

One of the common weekend events held by lodges around the nation are service weekends. Generally held at the camp of the local council, Arrowmen come together to provide service to the camp, helping to open it for the summer camp season, close it after the season is over, or to provide repairs. Most service weekends also include games and activities when the service projects are completed.

## Fellowship Weekend

One of the common weekend events held by local OA lodges are fellowship weekends, gatherings of brothers of the local lodge for activities and competitions. These weekends are often held in the fall, in celebration of a year's dedicated service provided by the brothers of the lodge to the lodge, the Order, Scouting, and the Scout camp.