

NOAC 2009

By Sam Giacalone
Section W1N Chief

Everyone knows that a National Order of the Arrow Conference means lots of fun with thousands of your best friends from across the country. But what really happens at NOAC that makes it so fun? Here are some of the things that will be going on this summer at Indiana University.

On Founder's Day, American Indian Activities will be presenting "The Craft Zone." Located next to the Founder's Day Pow-Wow, Arrowmen will be able to stop by and make a craft that they can take home with them. It's fun, it's educational, and the craft kit is free!

Are you into history? Do you want to learn about the history of the Order of the Arrow and Scouting? Then the OA Museum is right up your alley. This year's museum will showcase six time periods, ranging from the founding and early years of Scouting to the beginning of National Conferences to Scouting today. Exhibits will include artifacts from each era, including: Scout uniforms and insignia, Baden-Powell and Goodman memorabilia, OA sashes, literature, pictures, BSA awards, etc. There will also be a separate room that displays the history of every Lodge across the nation.



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Meet the Chief

Dave Harrell in the News

By Bryan Schiele
of the *Rocky Mountain Collegian*

His territory spans from the majority of the western United States all the way to Hawaii, Alaska, and Japan. While tending to business across this hemisphere, people literally wait in line for an autograph and a picture. He is a celebrity in every sense of the word. Caring and humble, his actions prove that he never passes up an opportunity to have a positive influence on someone.

Meet David Harrell, a junior at CSU and Eagle Scout who is the Western Region Chief in the Order of the Arrow, a national honor society within the Boy Scouts of America. Harrell is one of just four Region Chiefs in the entire country.

If the hierarchical organization of Boy Scouts was a fourteenner,* Harrell would need oxygen to breathe at such an elevation. Or maybe he could handle the extremes.

In the summer of 2005, as a member of the Order of the Arrow Service Core at the National Boy Scout Jamboree in Virginia, Harrell braved temperatures of up to 110 degrees to help provide first aid assistance to about 100 Boy Scouts stationed in the unexpected heat for four hours that day. Many boys were passing out and suffering from heat stroke, and there were more Scouts than Army medical supports.

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*A 14,000 ft. mountain



Chiefly Speaking with Dave Harrell



The year 2009 is shaping up to be a great one for the Western Region! Already, I've been to two conclaves and one NLS, and I can attest that the O.A. spirit is alive and well in our region, and why shouldn't it be? After all, WEST IS BEST!

As we look toward the summer, there are many great things that the OA has to offer us. Many of us are going on OA High Adventure treks at Philmont, Northern Tier, or Sea Base! OAHA is a life-changing experience, and if you're going this summer, you'll never forget it. If you're not going this summer, then make plans to go next summer! OAHA is something I think everybody in the O.A. should do at least once.

And, of course, there's NOAC! If you're coming to NOAC this summer, I promise that you won't be disappointed. You've already heard a ton about all the great things that will be going on there, so I won't feed you more of that now.

Just make sure that you come with a sense of adventure and fun and that you're open to trying new things and meeting new people because you'll probably make some great new friends while you're there (not to mention fellowship time to strengthen the bonds of brotherhood with members of your own lodge).

As 2009 continues, I urge you all to enjoy the summer to its fullest, however you choose to do so, and to keep the spirit of brotherhood alive within your lodges. Autumn brings a whole new slate of great events for the region, including a ton of conclaves and two NLSs, so our work as a region is really only just beginning.

I look forward to meeting as many of you, my fellow Arrowmen, as I can this year; so stay active, and have a great summer!

Yours in Brotherhood,

David Harrell

2009 Western Region Chief 🐾

OA High Adventure Overflowing with Participants

OATC - 132 spots filled out of a possible 120
OAOA - 48 spots filled out of a possible 48

OAWV - 84 spots filled out of a possible 84
OAWV:CO - 28 spots filled out of a possible 28



By Dave Nguyen

OAHA Promotional Co-Coordinator

According to these detailed calculations, we have successfully met our goal of four for four. For the fourth straight summer, we have made the OA High Adventure the thing to do. The evidence is that we've filled all of the programs, including a fourth program (OAWV: Canadian Odyssey), for the fourth straight summer. This is truly a testament to your significant contributions and your commitment to provide youth Arrowmen with the adventure of a lifetime. I do hope that you will take great pride in this achievement as it has never been accomplished before. One other important milestone to point out is that we have Arrowmen coming from Germany and Hawaii this summer to attend these programs.

In the interim, we will continue to take applications for all of the programs so that in the event that there is attrition, we can easily fill the spot.

Ryan Braddy, the OAHA Promotions Team, and I have dedicated ourselves to making sure that every stone is overturned in search of the latest participants. But we could not do this without your support.

Ryan and his cell phone provider probably deserve the most credit. So when you see Ryan around, be sure to thank him.

For the last four years, I have always envisioned what the moment of filling all of the programs is going to be like. Each year, this moment is even sweeter.

Thanks again for your help, and please share this message with your respective leadership. 🐾





Meet the Chief

Dave Harrell in the News

(cont. from page 1) Harrell acted quickly with his team and the Army assistants.

Nobody died.

At the tender age of 20, his dedication to success and strong desire to lead and positively influence others are what many say make him one-of-a-kind.

Harrell joined the Boy Scouts at the age of 11, after spending five years in Cub Scouts. It was then that he began following the Scout Law.

"The values and characteristics from scouting drive the other aspects of my life," Harrell says, managing to be firm yet down-to-earth -- the qualities that make him so likeable and easy to respect.

Always eager to lead and follow the examples set by those before him, it did not take much pushing from his parents for Harrell to get involved with scouting, he says.

Scouting is in Harrell's blood.

His late father, Marc, was also an Eagle Scout and a member of the Order of the Arrow. His mother, Gaylia, was involved with scouting as a den leader when Harrell was a Cub Scout. Harrell's father passed away when he was 11, just after he had crossed from Cub Scouts into Boy Scouts.

His mother said Harrell and his father are very similar in regards to their love of scouting. "He set a good example for me; I wanted to keep doing it," Harrell says. "It's something he wanted me to do."

Harrell quickly began working his way up the ranks. His fellow scouts immediately took note of his excellent leadership ability, kindness and tremendous commitment to scouting.

Harrell was chosen by other scouts in his troop to be elected into the Order of the Arrow when he was 13, just two



years after joining Boy Scouts and one rank below Eagle Scout.

Almost as quickly as he ascended through the ranks of the Boy Scouts, Harrell pursued high leadership positions within the Order. In his seven years as a member of the order, Harrell has been elected to serve as Chapter Vice Chief, Lodge Vice Chief, Lodge Chief, Section Vice Chief, Section Chief and, finally, Western Region Chief.

His responsibilities have never been greater. Harrell says there are about 22,000 OA members in the Western Region that he leads. "He isn't just a leader," says Allan Brown, Order of the Arrow member and close friend to Harrell. "He has the unique ability to lead leaders."

Harrell is responsible for planning, organizing, and running programs such as leadership training and any other Order of the Arrow events in his region. He also plays a major role in organizing the national event of emphasis for Order of the Arrow, which Harrell says will take place at Indiana University this summer and host over 7,000 people.

"His position is one of image and promotion and keeping things going," Mike Bliss, a current adult adviser to

Harrell, said. "David is doing very well."

But almost more important is Harrell's role as a representative of the Order of the Arrow and Boy Scouts. Harrell says that on average he travels about every other weekend to events all around the Western Region, giving keynote speeches and meeting younger scouts who aspire to hold high positions themselves one day.

"So far he is succeeding on all levels," says Neil Gabriel, one of Harrell's past advisers. "He is willing to work and serve and has a fantastic attitude."

Harrell also sets a prime example for youth with his strong academic resume. He has earned 10 scholarships, including the CSU President's Outstanding Scholar award for a combination of his academics and service-related work. He has a 3.575 cumulative GPA as a Business major. He aspires to be a supply chain analyst and said he would "ultimately like to run for office and pursue a career in public service."

Time management is crucial to Harrell's success both in the Order of the Arrow and his school work. "It's basically sink or swim," Harrell says. "You have to get better at managing your time because you have no choice."

Although Harrell admits that his responsibilities do impact his social life at times, he says that the people he has met through Boy Scouts and the Order of the Arrow has made it the most enjoyable.

Harrell's family members are not as concerned with the number of badges and medals he has received over the years but with the person he has become. "He has become a man of honor," says Gaylia Harrell. "That's what I'm most happy about as a parent." 🐎



Steve Gaines and James Arriola Receive Silver Antelope Award

Every year the Western Region highlights the dedication and commitment of certain individuals to Scouting on a regional level with the Silver Antelope Award. This award, much like the Silver Beaver on the council level, recognizes Scouters who have provided exemplary service both within Scouting and in other aspects of their lives. While many of the those selected have served or currently serve the Order of the Arrow, two of the recipients this year have served on the Western Region Order of the Arrow Committee, and we would like to congratulate them on this outstanding achievement. The awards were presented at the BSA National Meeting in Orlando, Florida, in late May. At the same meeting, the Silver Buffalo, the national-level service award, will be presented. Randy Cline, a longtime member of the OA National Committee and most recently the Northeast Region Chairman, has been selected to receive the Silver Buffalo. Many of us have been fortunate enough to work with Randy over the years, and we would also like to commend him on this award. All of these Arrowmen have been recognized with the Vigil Honor, Founder's Award, and the Distinguished Service Award. We congratulate them on their new recognition and thank them for their tireless service to the OA and Scouting!



Stephen (Steve) Gaines



Eagle Scout Stephen (Steve) Gaines has served the Western Region as a participant and an instructor at Area 1 Course Directors' Conferences for both Wood Badge and Junior Leader Training. He was selected by the region to serve as a member of the National Camping School faculty for Cub Scout resident camp schools for six years and has been a member of the area camp visitation teams. Steve was a Section Adviser for the Order of the Arrow for nine years and

served on the Area OA committee. He is currently a member of the region's Order of the Arrow committee.

He has represented the council and the region on the Philmont Training Center faculty, the National Jamboree staff, the National OA Conference staff, and is a member of an OA national sub-committee. Steve was Deputy Chief of Operations for ArrowCorps5 at the Shasta-Trinity National Forest.

Steve is the Council Commissioner for the Blue Mountain Council based in Kennewick, Washington. He has served for nearly 40 years on the unit, district, council, area, regional, and national levels. For his service and dedication to youth, he has been recognized with the Scoutmaster's Award of Merit, the District Award of Merit, and the Silver Beaver Award. He is also a recipient of the Vigil Honor, the Founder's Award, and the Distinguished Service Award from the Order of the Arrow.

Beyond Scouting, Steve volunteers his time as a Washington State Hunter Education instructor and is a certified NRA instructor. He has served his church in both the financial and audio/visual areas.

James Arriola

James is a dedicated volunteer for the Las Vegas Area Council in Las Vegas, Nevada. In his youth, he achieved the Arrow of Light and Eagle Scout Rank. James served in several youth officer position in the Order of the Arrow such as Lodge Chief, Section Vice Chief and Section Chief. He has served Scouting for nearly 20 years on the unit, district, council, area, regional, and national levels.

For his service and dedication to youth, he has been recognized with the Scouter's Training Award, Scouter's Key, District Award of Merit, and the Silver Beaver Award. He is also a recipient of the Order of the Arrow's Vigil Honor, Founder's Award, and National Distinguished Service Award.

James served his OA lodge, Nebagamon as the Lodge Adviser. James has served the area as the OA W4C Section Adviser and as a Camp Visitation specialist.

James has actively participated on the region Order of the Arrow Committee as the Region Vice Chairman for Area 4. He served as the Region's OA National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar Coordinator and as the OA National Leadership Seminar Coordinator. He is currently a member of the Western Region's National Camp School Committee.

At the national level, James co facilitated the task force that developed the Order of the Arrow National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar into a weekend course, served on the staff of ten National Order of the Arrow Conferences, was a facilitator on the Philmont Training Center faculty in 2000, served on the 1993 National Jamboree program staff, and most recently served as the Deputy Incident Commander and Logistics Chief for the Order of the Arrow Manti - La Sal Utah ArrowCorps5 project.

Beyond Scouting, James volunteers his time and talents as a youth basketball and swimming coach to the Boy and Girls Club and as a BLM volunteer.





NOAC 2009



(cont. from page 1) The Activities and Recreation Committee, also known as ARC, is responsible for keeping Arrowmen busy during NOAC. Don't miss your chance to participate in a massive inter-regional dodge ball game, the traditional HODAG festival, the golf tournament, or to soak your national officers in a dunk tank! ARC will emphasize *The Power of One* with a food drive and other service opportunities to keep Arrowmen ever-mindful of their pledge to cheerful service. Whatever you enjoy, ARC is sure to bring it to NOAC!

Ceremonies are going back to the future this year by continuing with the evaluation phase of our program; but as an added incentive this year, we are going to go back to a competition platform for all teams who are evaluated so that we can provide education and fun for all participating (and hopefully we will continue to do so in the future).

Look for these and many more exciting NOAC programs and exhibits in August in Bloomington. Stay tuned for more information about what will be going on at this year's NOAC!

The National Order of the Arrow Conference is Scouting's second-largest national program event. The reason for its growing popularity can be attributed to the fact that it is planned and carried out by Arrowmen. Youth

involvement ensures that the conference program will be exciting, relevant, and non-stop fun.

As you promote the Conference to your lodge membership and plan the details for your lodge's involvement in conference activities, keep in mind the many benefits that are likely to accrue for your lodge and its members. Lodge members will return home with:

- A deeper understanding of the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Order of the Arrow Obligation, and what it means to "live" these words in one's daily life.
- A renewed spirit, pride, and enthusiasm for Scouting and the Order of the Arrow.
- Ideas that their lodge can use to better serve Scouting in their home unit and council.
- New program ideas, knowledge, and skills to improve the lodge.
- Increased leadership skills and a better understanding of how to carry out the work of the lodge.
- The latest information on camping and high-adventure programming, including how to successfully promote Boy Scout camping.
- New friendships with fellow Arrowmen from throughout the country.
- Memories to last a lifetime.

So if you haven't registered yet, meet with you Lodge Chief and Adviser today! 🐎





2009 Western Region DSA class

The Distinguished Service Award was created in 1940 to honor those who rendered service to the Order beyond the lodge level. The award is presented to those Arrowmen who have rendered distinguished and outstanding service to the Order on a sectional, regional, or national basis. The award is presented every two years during NOAC. Since the time the first awards were presented, less than 750 Distinguished Service Awards have been presented.

The award is a sterling silver arrowhead, bearing an arrow pointing upward and to the wearer's right, suspended from a white neck-ribbon upon which are embroidered red arrows. A white square knot embroidered upon red cloth is also available. Presentation of the award is limited; nominations are open to both youth and adult.



Michael Bliss Mike has served as a Lodge and Section Adviser. Mike was serving as the Area 1 Region OA Vice Chairman before his appointment as the Western Region OA Chairman. Mike serves on the Region and Section Operations Sub-Committee. Mike is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of the Lo La'Qam Gela Lodge in the Central Point Council in Klamath Falls, Oregon.



Andrew Kuhlman Andrew has served as a Lodge officer and Section Chief. Andrew was the CVC of the Communications Committee at the 2004 NOAC. Andrew is a Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of the Kola Lodge in the Longs Peak Council in Greeley, Colorado.



Toby Capps Toby has served as Lodge and Section Adviser. Toby has served as the Area 1 Region OA Vice Chairman. Toby serves on the National OA Committee and works with the Marketing Sub-Committee. Toby is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of the T'Kope Kwiswis Lodge in the Chief Seattle Council in Seattle, Washington.



Bruce Mayfield Bruce has served as a Lodge and Section Adviser. Bruce currently serves as the Area 3 Region OA Vice Chairman and Council Commissioner for the Redwood Empire Council. Bruce is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor Member of the Orca Lodge in the Redwood Empire Council.



Evan Chaffee Evan has served as Lodge Vice Chief and Section Chief before his election as the 2007 National OA Chief. Evan represented the OA during the 2007 Annual Report to the Nation. Evan is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of the Wiatava Lodge in the Orange County Council in Costa Mesa, California.



Kieran Thompson Kieran has served as a Lodge and Section Chief before his election as the 2006 Western Region Chief. Kieran is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor of the Siwinis Lodge in the Los Angeles Area Council in California.



Tom Fitzgibbon Tom is the Western Region BSA Director. Tom oversees the operations and programs of the BSA in the Western Region. Tom has been serving as Regional Director since 2000. Tom is a member of the Direct Service Lodge and is a past Scout Executive of Denver Area Council.



Jake Wellman Jake has served as a Lodge and Section Chief before his election as the 2008 National OA Chief. Jake represented the OA in 2008 with the BSA Annual Report to the Nation. Jake is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of the Yah-Tah-Hey-Si-Kess Lodge in the Great Southwest Council in Albuquerque, New Mexico.



Mark Hendricks Mark has served as a Lodge and Section Chief before his election as the 2008 Western Region Chief. Mark served on the ArrowCorps5 Icorps staff working and traveling to all five ArrowCorps5 sites. Mark is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor Member of the Wa-La-Moot-Kin Lodge in the Blue Mountain Council in Kennewick, Washington.



Chad Wolver Chad has served as a Lodge and Section Chief before his election as the 2007 Western Region Chief. Chad is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of the Wipala Wiki Lodge in the Grand Canyon Council in Phoenix, Arizona.



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Western Region Calendar

Event	Date	Location
NOAC 2009	August 1-6, 2009	Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
W-6P Conclave	Sept. 11-13, 2009	Honolulu, Hi
W-4N Conclave	Sept. 11-13, 2009	Camp Verdugo Oaks, Castaic, CA
W-1S Conclave	Sept. 11-13, 2009	Camp Baker, Florence, Or
W-3N Conclave	Sept. 18-20, 2009	Coast Guard Island, Alameda, CA
W-3S Conclave	Sept. 25-27, 2009	Camp Royaneh, Cazadero, CA
W-1E Conclave	Sept. 25-27, 2009	Camp Fife, Goose Prairie, WA
Western Region NLS	October 9-11, 2009	YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, CO
W-4S Conclave	Oct. 16-18, 2009	Schoepe Scout Reservation, CA
Western Region Gathering	October 23-25, 2009	Heard Scout Pueblo, Phoenix, Ax
W-6W Conclave	November 13-15, 2009	Del Sol High School, Las Vegas, NV
Western Region NLS/NLATS	November 20-22, 2009	Evangelical Center, Milwaukie, OR
Western Region NLS	February 12-14, 2010	Japan
Western Region NLS	April 9-11, 2010	Irvine Ranch, Orange County, CA
W-2S Conclave	April 23-25, 2010	Location TBD
W-2N Conclave	April 23-25, 2010	Location TBD
W-1N Conclave	April 23-25, 2010	Tacoma, WA