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## Service at SummitCorps

The summer of 2008 was by far the most fun I have had in one summer so far in my life. This was not because I made the transition from a high school student to a college student, it was not because I turned eighteen, it was because of the amazing experience I had at the Shasta-Trinity site of ArrowCorps5.

I never intended to attend ArrowCorps5. I sat through Chapter meeting after Chapter meeting ignoring the urgings of our contingent leader that I ought to attend. It was only after a member unfortunately dropped out of our Lodge contingent two months before the event that I decided to attend ArrowCorps5. I was glad I did.

National events such as ArrowCorps5 and SummitCorps give us as Arrowmen the wonderful opportunity to be able to serve in capacities that we normally would not be able to in our day-to-day routine. The average person does not have the opportunity to wander around beautiful forests and make those wonderful groves of trees accessible for more people to enjoy.

SummitCorps gives us the opportunity to do this to the New River Gorge National River. This is your one opportunity to be able to partake of the joys of service in this fashion on this land. I encourage each and every Arrowman to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. For more information on SummitCorps (and Indian Summer), please read the new message from our National Chief and National Vice Chief. (Page 5)

Yours in Service,  
*Michael Millerick*  
 National Bulletin Staff Writer  
 WR OA Webmaster



Millerick (far right) at ArrowCorps5

## The Joe Garcia Profile

**Name:** Joseph Garcia

**Lodge:** Tiwahe

**Council:** San Diego Imperial

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**Section:** W-4S

**Hometown:** San Diego, CA

**School:** Criminal Science major at Grossmont College

**Past OA Positions Held:**

Lodge Chief, Section Chief

**Scouting Background:** Joseph is an Eagle Scout from Troop 51.



2011 Region Chief Joe Garcia

**OA Background:** He has attended NOAC, ArrowCorps5, and NLS.

**Car:** Ford F250

**Favorite Book:** The Tipping Point

**Favorite Movie:** Talladega Nights

**Favorite Scouting Memory:** OA Service Corps at the National Jamboree

**Favorite Pizza Topping:** Pepperoni

**Most Unusual Scouting Experience:** Having a facebook group formed named "Ban Joe Garcia from Faceboook until he turns in his Eagle Packet"

**Personal Heroes:** My parents

**Favorite Song:** "Dont Rock the Jukebox"

**Most Prized Possession:** my iPhone 4

**Worst Car-Related Experience:** Losing my transmission on the way to a Scouting banquet.

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## Chiefly Speaking with Joe Garcia



2011 Region Chief Joe Garcia

Brothers,

**A**llow me to introduce myself. I am an Eagle Scout from Troop 51 in San Diego California. Currently I am attending a community college to take care of my general education classes. I intend to go to San Diego State University and major in Political Science. Away from scouts and school, I enjoy sailing, which I have been doing for the previous few years.

**O**ne of the questions that was brought up at last years Western Region Gathering was "What is Servant Leadership?" Throughout our individual scouting careers, and for some of us our personal careers, we have asked this question. The fact is Servant Leadership is a topic that means different things to different people. I like to relate it best to a quote from one of my favorite authors on the topic "Servant Leadership is all about making the goals clear and then rolling your sleeves up and doing whatever it takes to help people win. In that situation, they don't work for you, you work for them" (Ken Blanchard). This year no matter what your job is in the Chapter, Lodge, Section or beyond, I challenge you to be a Servant Leader.

**T**his year brings many new aspects to the Order of the Arrow. We have brought back Indian Summer (happening August 1-6 in North Carolina), and a similar program as ArrowCorps 5 called SummitCorps (occurring during the month of July in West Virginia). These two programs are in addition to the already remarkable High Adventure opportunities happening at each of our three Bases around the country including the relaunch of OA Ocean Adventure situated at Florida's Sea Base.

**A**long with these tremendous programs, the Region also offers two of the best training seminars

**F**red Gross, the 2010 Western Region Chief, ended his term upon the election of Joe Garcia as the new Region Chief. During his year as chief, Fred represented the Western Region Order of the Arrow and Boy Scouts of America at 20

different events, travelling almost 34,000 miles in the process on 66 different flights. He led our regions trainers in 4 spectacularly successful National Leadership Seminars, including an NLS in Tokyo for the Far East Council. He also served on the Service Corps at the National Jamboree. Fred spent 91 days or 25% of 2010 at events representing the Order of the Arrow. Fred, it was a pleasure working with you!



2010 Region Chief Fred Gross

available. NLS for both youth and adults and NLATS made available just for advisers. The first seminar of the year will be held in Phoenix, Arizona from April 8-10. If you would like some information about the program, you can log onto the western region website at [www.western oa-bsa.org](http://www.western oa-bsa.org).

**O**verall I am looking forward to meeting many new Arrowmen and serving you all as your Region Chief.

WEST IS BEST!

Joe Garcia  
2011 Western Region Chief

### DID YOU KNOW?

The Order's national office processes about 2,400 Vigil Honor petitions and about 500 Founders Award petitions every year



## National Officers Elected

**National Chief:** Jonathan Hillis

**National Vice-Chief:** Dan Dick



**Lodge:** Tonkawa  
**Council:** Capitol Area #564  
**Section:** SR2-3S  
**Hometown:** Austin, TX  
**Age:** 19  
**School:** Political Science and Environmental

Studies major at Carleton College

**Scouting Background:** Jonathan is an Eagle Scout from Troop 399.

**OA Background:** Jonathan has served as a lodge chief and most recently as a section chief. He has served on NOAC staff and as a trainer and table guide at NLS. Jonathan has attended NOAC, OA Wilderness Voyage, ArrowCorps5, NLS, SOS, and was a member of the Service Corps at the 2010 Jamboree.

**Hobbies:** His hobbies include backpacking, camping, student government, and ultimate Frisbee.

**Thoughts:** "This is an incredible opportunity to try to live up to the examples of servant-leadership that I have seen in our organization."

**Lodge:** Wulapeju  
**Council:** Blackhawk Area #660  
**Section:** C-7  
**Hometown:** Lena, IL  
**Age:** 19  
**School:** Education major at Highland Community College

**Scouting Background:** Dan is an Eagle Scout from Troop 91.

**OA Background:** He has served as a two term lodge chief. Dan has attended NOAC, OA Trail Crew, NLS, SOS, and served as a member of the OA Service Corps at the 2010 Jamboree. He has also served for five years as the handicraft lodge director at Canyon Camp.

**Hobbies:** His hobbies include racquetball, camping, student government, choir, and band.

**Thoughts:** "This is an amazing honor, I am completely humbled and will do my best every day to serve the Arrowmen of our Order."



The 2011 Region Chiefs being sworn in at the National Planning Meeting in December.  
 (L to R) Southern Region Chief Dwayne Fontenette, Jr., Central Region Chief Collin Huerter, Western Region Chief Joseph Garcia, and Northeast Region Chief Travis Cunningham.

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**Last Book Read:** Field Operation Guide

**Furthest Distance Traveled from Home:** Virginia, but that will change this year

**Favorite Website:** facebook.com

**Career Aspiration:** FBI Agent

**Biggest Pet Peeve:** Having to use more than one remote control (one for TV, dvd player, cable box, TIVO, etc.)

**Hobbies:** His hobbies include sailing, backpacking, and photography.

**Thoughts:** "I am thankful for the opportunity to hold this office. I cannot wait to begin working with our great team of section chief to promote the 2011 national programs, putting on a great NLS, and working towards the goal of making the Western Region the best region in our nation."



## Why You Should Go To OAHA

by Dustin Counts

In 2006 I made the greatest discovery of my life in Scouting. Up until that point I had done nearly everything that I thought Scouting had to offer. I had earned my Eagle, served in OA leadership positions, attended Jamborees and NOACs, and served on staff for summer camp and other events in addition to all that I had done with my troop. But in the summer of 2006 I was surprised to discover what became my favorite and most rewarding Scouting experience of all – Northern Tier’s Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage.

Wilderness Voyage was for me, as it has been for so many, a life changing experience. Up until my Voyage that summer I believed I understood what Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui meant, and I felt that I was putting these principles into practice as I strived to be a servant leader. Wilderness Voyage opened my eyes to a whole new understanding of what Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service mean and showed me what authentically living by the watchwords of our Order really looks like.

This new perspective on service did not simply consist of rules for conserving the environment while camping but was rather a lens through which I reevaluated how I lived up to the Obligation, came to put those I led above myself, and recognized the reward of unselfish service. I learned more about leadership in two weeks in Minnesota than I had gained through any office I had held or seminar I had attended. In turn, I later applied this knowledge to become a more effective officer, trainer, and overall Arrowmen.

I was very surprised to learn so much and have such a great experience at Wilderness Voyage, because it didn’t sound



like the kind of Scouting trip I would enjoy. I always figured this kind of trip was for those Scouts that always talked about how much they loved backpacking; which was not really up my alley, but Wilderness Voyage isn’t a trip focused on wilderness camping. Wilderness Voyage is a trip about personal discovery; discovery of the principles of both Scouting and “Our Great and Honored Order”. I found that there are things you cannot learn

and experiences you cannot have until you put in a few days of work alongside your brothers, away from the distractions of everyday life.

Before going to Wilderness Voyage, NOAC was my favorite Scouting event. At NOAC there were no tents and the dorm room beds were great to sleep on, but at Wilderness Voyage there are no dorms and the wilderness is your home for the entire two weeks. All that Voyage has to offer for accommodations are beautiful sunsets, the sounds of wolves howling across a lake, and the richest experience of Brotherhood I have yet found. Oh, and it

was a lot of fun!

Don’t wait. If you are between 16 and 21 this summer go to [adventure.oa-bsa.org](http://adventure.oa-bsa.org) and look into attending Wilderness Voyage. The \$200 trip may become your new favorite Scouting experience!

Dustin Counts  
2006 Southern Region Chief  
2006 Member of Voyage  
Crew 607B





**Jonathan Hillis**  
National Chief

**Daniel Dick**  
National Vice Chief

**A**s we start the New Year, it's time to start making final preparations for your summer's Scouting adventures. Over the past few months, you have learned about two exciting opportunities that the Order of the Arrow is making available to the Arrowmen in your lodge: SummitCorps - The New River Experience and Indian Summer.



If members of your lodge are looking for a new outdoor adventure this summer then look no further than the mountains of West Virginia near the site of Scouting's newest high adventure base.

SummitCorps will take place in four, one-week sessions starting July 3rd. Participants will be building trail along the New River Gorge National River, helping to lay the foundation for future Boy Scout use at this beautiful national property. Crews will spend several days providing service and will have a day to enjoy recreational activities along the

New River.

Registration is open to any youth or adult Arrowman who meets Philmont height and weight requirements. The deadline for lodges to reserve space for their contingent was December 1, 2010. Even though that deadline has passed, there's still time to sign up your lodge contingent! Lodges were each given 8 slots at the start of the registration process; the quota was lifted on January 21 and lodges will be able to register as many participants as they'd like. Visit the SummitCorps Website and register today!



In addition to taking part in the fun and excitement of SummitCorps, your lodge also has the opportunity to jumpstart its American Indian activities program at Indian Summer. Indian Summer is a one-stop shop for all things American Indian related: whether it's singing, dancing or OA ceremonies and inductions. Arrowmen will have the opportunity to study all areas of American Indian activities or OA ceremonies and inductions - they do not have to focus on just one area. As part of the Indian Summer activities participants will be divided into nations, with each nation having its own tribes and clans to share experiences

**W**hat makes Indian Summer a standout program is the specific attention given to participants by meeting them at their ability level. Whether a seasoned ceremonialist or a novice dancer, each Indian Summer participant will walk away better prepared for the next pow-wow or ceremony.

This is another great opportunity to get your lodgemembers involved in a great national program. Make sure your contingent registers on the Indian Summer website today! The deadline to register your lodge contingent is March 1, 2010. 



## 2011 Western Region Gathering Photo Memories



## 2011 Service Grants Recipients

Eleven lodges have been selected to receive \$30,000 in matching service grants from the National OA Committee in 2011. The grants are for lodge service projects that improve camps or service centers. The OA provides up to 50% of the money for a service project, with a \$5,000 maximum. This year, three of the recipients are lodges from the Western Region.



Toloma Lodge of the Greater Yosemite Council will receive \$3,150 to expand and protect its water supply at Camp John Mensinger. This will enable increased attendance capacity for their local summer camp program.

Sikhs Mox Lamonti Lodge of the Mount Baker Council will receive \$1,950 to create a Cub Scout friendly campsite at their Fire Mountain facility.

Nisqually Lodge of the Pacific Harbors Council will receive \$1,950 to build a blacksmith program shelter at its local Scout Reservation.



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### ***Western Region Calendar***

**Event**

Western Region NLS/NLATS

W-6E Conclave

W-2S Conclave

W-1N Conclave

W-2N Conclave

Philmont OA Adviser Training

SummitCorps

SummitCorps

SummitCorps

SummitCorps

Indian Summer

W-2N Conclave

W-1S Conclave

W-6P Conclave

W-4N Conclave

W-3N Conclave

W-3S Conclave

**Date**

April 8-10, 2011

April 8, 2011

April 15, 2011

April 29, 2011

May 20, 2011

June 19-23, 2011

July 3-9, 2011

July 10-16, 2011

July 17-23, 2011

July 24-30, 2011

Aug. 1-6, 2011

Aug. 26, 2011

Sept. 9, 2011

Sept. 9, 2011

Sept. 16, 2011

Sept. 16, 2011

Sept. 23, 2011

**Location**

Lake Pleasant Center, Phoenix, AZ

New Mexico Junior College (Tentative)

IPP man camp, Delta, UT

Colony High School, Palmer, AK

Belgrade High School, Belgrade, Montana

Philmont Training Center, Cimarron, NM

New River Gorge National River, WV

Ridgecrest Conference Center, Asheville, NC

Belgrade High School, MT

Camp Baker

Kauai, HI

Rancho Elegre, CA

Coast Guard Training Facility, CA

The Presidio, Monterey, CA