



An Untitled Endeavor

The newsletter of the Central Region is missing something, and we think you can help us.

Newsletter Staff

What you see before you is the new version of the Central Region Newsletter. What you do not see is a title. As the staff sat around trying to think of a name, we realized that the best name would involve all the Arrowmen of the Central Region. Because of this, you have the opportunity to suggest, and later vote on what you think the name of this newsletter should be. From May 1 through May 31, there will be a submission form on the Central Region Website, <http://central.oa-bsa.org>. After May 31, the Region Leadership will pick the five best submissions, and from July 1 through August 1, you will have the chance to vote on which name you think is best, also on the Central Region Website. The new name will be announced with the release of the second issue of this newsletter, scheduled for August. If you think you have a winning name, make sure to submit it, and you just may see your title grace the new Central Region newsletter in August. ■

Chiefly Speaking

The Central Region Chief reflects on his first few months in office and encourages Arrowmen to get involved in the Order.

Don Hough
Central Region Chief

I cannot believe that over five months have gone by since I was elected in Dallas as your Central Region Chief. In those five months I have seen this Region grow on many levels in its dedication to the ideals of our Order. I have watched countless scouters devote hours of their priceless time. I have seen Lodge Chiefs beam with pride as they recall the accomplishments of the past year. I have seen smiling faces during NLS trainings. I have watched Lodge Advisers guide youth along the way and give up valuable vacation time to help boys succeed. I am constantly inspired by the dedication that our Order provides to countless camps across the Region. I know that as I continue to visit the sections and lodges around the Region, I will be continually impressed by the effort that all of YOU put into making YOUR Region the best in the nation.

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In the spirit of that sense-of-accomplishment, I want to recap what has been going on in our Region over the past few months. In January, we kicked off the New Year with a Region Board Meeting, which highlighted the 2006 accomplishments. Various Lodges held their winter banquets, many of which I had the privilege to attend. February brought about the first NLS of the year. It was a knockout success. In March, I attended the NCLS on-site. It was here that the National team got together to plan the upcoming NCLS and checkout the facilities. Certain sections have been hard at work planning their Conclaves while others have been busily promoting National programs and

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Lodge visitations. In April I attended the NLATS training for Advisers. It was yet another success and I have been impressed by the quality of the Advisers in the Central Region. My last event in April was the second NLS of the year. It brought more arrowmen together for top-notch training. I give my thanks to the countless efforts of the training staff that makes the Central Region's training program of such high caliber. In May I will be attending even more conclaves and the National BSA planning meeting. I look forward to the National Conservation and Leadership Summit from July 28-August 1st. I am excited to present and learn about the 2008-2012 national strategic plan.



*Don Hough at NLATS
in Rochester, IN.
Courtesy Don Hough*

I also want to highlight many resources available to arrowmen. Please visit the Central region website (<http://www.central.oa-bsa.org/>) to find the answers to your many questions. On this website you can find information on NLS, National High Adventure, Trainings, Photos, Region News, and important information and articles from my travels (located in the Chief Tracker). Make our website your first stop for all your needs. Also, please do not forget about the wonderful opportunities that the National program has to offer arrowmen like you. We still have two more NLS trainings left (check the website for dates). Order of the Arrow High Adventure brings opportunities for leadership, skills training, conservation, and just plain fun that cannot be found anyplace else. Take advantage of all that we have to offer!

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Lastly I want to thank Chris Grove and Dan Hayes for their hard work these first 5 months. They both have been a source of inspiration for me. I have

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learned much and together we have brought the Central Region successfully into 2007.

In closing, I mostly want to thank all of YOU. None of the accomplishments of this Region and the National Order could be accomplished without YOUR help. I challenge YOU to strengthen your ties within YOUR lodge. The Central Region and the Order of the Arrow has much to offer YOU. Take advantage of NLS and any training position, whether in your lodge or section. Remember, only YOU can make things happen. Get involved! ■



Expanding Service

The Central Region Service Committee is working to expand the amount of service provided by the Central Region. Find out how.

Brian Chrzanowski
Central Region Service Coordinator

The Central Region service committee will be undergoing significant changes over the next year. In an effort to emphasize year-round, continuous service, we have decided to phase out the "One Day" of Service program and focus our efforts on providing service support for whenever and however lodges choose to serve their councils and communities. Over the next few months we will be launching a web-based service forum filled with support materials like project ideas, timelines, media support information, and much more. Additionally, we will be providing a method for lodges to share their service experiences with their brothers throughout the region. Service is a fundamental principle of our Brotherhood, and the Central Region is eager to facilitate lodges in providing service whenever possible. Look for more detailed information from the Central Region Service Committee in the weeks to come. ■

REGION CHIEF'S CALENDAR

Want to know what your Region Chief is up to? Look here for a listing of the events that the Region Chief is scheduled to go to for the next few months. If you want to follow his past progress, look for the Chief Tracker on the Central Region Webpage.

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

HOOVER OUTDOOR ED, YORKVILLE, IL
APRIL 27-29, 2007

SECTION C2A CONCLAVE

CAMP MUNHACKE, JACKSON, MI
MAY 4-6, 2007

TIMMEU LODGE FUNDRAISER

DAVENPORT, IA
MAY 12-13, 2007

LAKOTA LODGE FELLOWSHIP

WILD ROSE, WI
MAY 18-20, 2007

NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

ATLANTA, GA
MAY 30-JUNE 1, 2007

SECTION C4B CONCLAVE

CAMP HUGH TAYLOR BIRCH, DAYTON, OH
JUNE 1-3, 2007

MACSCOUTEN LODGE FELLOWSHIP

RHINELANDER, WI
JUNE 8-10, 2007

OA WILDERNESS VOYAGE

NORTHERN TIER, ELY, MN
JUNE 15-30, 2007

NATIONAL CONSERVATION AND LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

INDIANA UNIVERSITY, BLOOMINGTON, IN
JULY 25-AUGUST 1, 2007

*HE WILL ARRIVE 3 DAYS EARLIER THAN PARTICIPANTS AS PART OF HIS DUTIES AS CHIEF.

For more information on the Central Region Chief's Travels this year, check out the Chief Tracker on the Central Region Website, <http://www.central.ou-bsa.org/tracker/>.



Will you be at the National Conservation and Leadership Summit this summer?

If you have not yet signed up to attend this once in a lifetime opportunity, to be held at Indiana University, July 28-August 1, you need to. This event will not only have some of the best and brightest Arrowmen in the nation, it will also have all the fun of a National OA Conference. If you have not registered yet, you can do so at <http://register.ou-bsa.org>. Sign up Today!



A Mighty Summit

The 2007 National Conservation and Leadership Summit is sure to be a good fit for all the mighty leaders of the central region.

Phil Raine
Central Region NCLS Promotion Coordinator

The National Conservation and Leadership Summit will be held July 28 through August 1, 2007 at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. The summit will have two halves, one focused on leadership and one on conservation.

The leadership track will focus on the strategic plan and will include many ways to make national programming a reality in the individual lodge. Rather than unveil new programs, national will focus on better implementation of the current programs, such as Scoutreach Mentoring. Each lodge is eligible to send up to five of its members to this half of the summit, and the Central Region will be the most well represented region. Members who attend the leadership summit can expect plenty of fun times with the national trainers, lots of new ideas that they can use in their home lodges to improve their service to the council and to units, and exciting shows, events, and activities.

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An Arrowman from the Central Region at OA Trail Crew at Philmont. Photo Courtesy Billy Raine.

The conservation track is the primary training for next year's Arrowcorps⁵ staff. Participants who complete the training will be eligible to be squad leaders at any of the five Arrowcorps⁵ sites in 2008. Participants will come from all over the nation and should enjoy learning about proper conservation techniques from other Arrowmen as well as from the US Forest Service. These Arrowmen naturally will also experience the thrilling shows and a multitude of exciting activities in between trainings.

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Arrowmen who attend the summit this summer will undoubtedly come away with a new appreciation for the Order of the Arrow, the knowledge they need to lead the order, both in lodges and at Arrowcorps⁵, and with a big smile on their faces from a week that is sure to build a path to servant leadership. ■



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	C-3C Cameron Hahne
	C-4A Jimmy Woodward
	C-4B Janssen Lemley
	C-5A Seth Bingham
	C-5B Colin Smalley
	C-5C Mark Thurman

Friendly Faces in High Places

The Central Region is sure to be well represented at the three OA High Adventure Programs this summer.

Christopher 'Trigger' Sprowl
Central Region High Adventure Coordinator

With summer rapidly approaching, the 2007 High Adventure season is gearing up and getting ready to be the largest and best it has ever been. Leading this charge is the Central Region who already has 34 arrowmen signed up for Ocean Adventure, 47 arrowmen for Trail Crew, and 28 arrowmen for Wilderness Voyage. With 109 arrowmen traveling from every section in the Central Region, this summer will be filled with enough backpacking, canoeing, and scuba diving that arrowmen will want to sign up next year just to do it again. If interested in signing up for Trail Crew or Wilderness Voyage, visit the High Adventure website at <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org> for more information. Availability for these programs is getting limited so apply now! ■

Adviser's Minute

The Central Region Adviser thanks those who have helped him as he takes on the duties of a Chairman.

Dr. Chris Grove
Central Region Chairman

Fellow Arrowmen,

It has now been two months since I have taken over as the Central Region Chairman. Although it has been a busy two months, it has also been very rewarding. The amount of talent and dedication of the youth and adults in the Central Region is amazing. I have appreciated the phone calls and emails of support and the offers to help.

My commitment to each of you remains to not only carry on the great work that RD did, but also to use his legacy as a building block to propel the Region to new heights. You will see several changes in the structure of our Region over the next few months. Some of these changes have already occurred. These are necessary as one person could not reasonably do all the work that RD did. We will be involving more youth and adults in the Region operations and you will likely see several new and old faces at many events.

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We have had two successful NLS's and a NLATS this year. I want to thank the staff of each of these events. Jim Simpson stepped up to the plate to be the coordinator for NLATS and Forrest Bolles was the adviser for the Yorkville, IL NLS. Without each of these people, these events would not have been nearly as successful. I also want to thank Don Hough and Dan Hayes for all of their assistance and for putting up with my many questions and suggestions.

In closing, I want to thank all of the arrowmen in the Central Region. Your accomplishments of having the highest number of arrowmen signed up for High Adventure and being the top region in the nation for NCLS sign-up is to be commended. I look forward to continue to serve you in our Brotherhood. ■



Chris Grove at NLATS in Rochester, IN. Photo Courtesy Don Hough.

Getting Involved with the Central Region Newsletter

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As you might read at the bottom of every page, we here at CR newsletter believe that the news that leads is those who lead. However it takes leaders to find that news in the first place. The newsletter is looking to find arrowmen from all around the Central Region who can contribute material. Specifically, we are looking for photographers, writers, copy editors, and layout editors. The more people that commit, the less each person will have to commit to. We will also accept photos that you may have taken or articles that you may have written for your lodge or section. One thing we are looking to do is to have at least one or two features each month on cool things that your lodge is doing or has done, and we need submissions for that as well. For the next issue, you can submit articles by e-mail to Phil Raine at pr269@truman.edu. Thank you in advance for your help in making this the best newsletter around. ■

Make sure to check out the CR Website for more information on the Central Region.

<http://central.oa-bsa.org/>
