

# **ARROW POINTS**

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#### Summer 2013

#### **Don't Forget!**

- LLD: November 1-3 @ CRM
- Christmas Banquet: December 7, 6 pm @ UGA Tate Center

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## **Chapter Report**

**Canantutlaga:** Canantutlaga has been busy since the National Scout Jamboree. We are in the process of finalizing the plans for the Camporee this fall which will be hosted at Camp Rainy Mountain on October 11-13 We are also looking forward to Pow Wow.

Jackson Francis 2013 Canantutlaga Chapter Chief

# **Chiefly Speaking**

Brothers,

What a year we have had up to this point! It still feels like we just entered into 2013, yet it is already September. I hope everyone made the most of their much-needed summer break. Much went on this summer, including the first ever National Scout Jamboree at The Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia, the permanent spot for all future Boy Scout Jamborees. I look forward to seeing what will happen to the Reserve over time as the BSA continues to make great improvements to our new Jamboree home. To those of you who were able to attend Jamboree this summer, I hope you made the most of this experience. A quote I heard there said that has stuck with me was, "If you didn't have fun at this Jamboree, something is wrong with your head." This is true - so many great opportunities were available to all

who attended. I am proud to report that Mowogo Lodge had the largest number of Order of the Arrow staff members at this Jamboree. It is for reasons like this that we remain the number one lodge in the country time and time again! I look forward to seeing you all at Pow Wow. Remember to get as much out of this event as possible.

"Life is short, God's way of encouraging a little bit of focus."—Robert Braul

Steven Pierce

2013 Mowogo Lodge Chief



# Special Sashes at NOAC 2015

Arrowmen attending the 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference will get a once in a lifetime souvenir, after a vote by the national committee at the annual planning meeting this past December.

At the meeting, committee members approved a proposal to give each NOAC participant a special edition red sash.

The idea was first proposed by the 100th Anniversary Youth Advisory committee, which is being led by past National Vice Chief Preston Marquis, to give a special Order of the Arrow sash to every participant and staff attendees of the 2015 NOAC.

These sashes will differ from those currently worn in that the colors will be reversed, with a white arrow emblazoned on a red sash. Unlike the black signature sashes sold at previous NOAC's, these will have snaps and will be wearable by all. For the national conference, Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil Honor sashes will be made in the current style and given out at a special program to be unveiled.

This souvenir sash will be worn for only a designated period of time, and should be viewed as a commemorative item. The rarity of the sash is noteworthy, as only those present at NOAC 2015 will receive them. Any extras produced will not be sold.

Interestingly, reversed color sashes have been made before. For the 1950 NOAC, national committee members wore Vigil bands of reversed colors so they could be easily found by lodge members that had questions about the Order being fully integrated into the Boy Scouts of America.

For the 75th anniversary of the Order, Dr. Carl Marchetti, national chairman at the time, donned a red souvenir Vigil sash with a white arrow created for national committee members. These sashes had "75th anniversary" stitched into them above the top Brotherhood bar.

In 1993, a full length black sash with snaps with a white arrow was created as a retirement gift by Dr. Marchetti for national committee members, and a hand written note was included with each sash. In celebration of 100 years of the Boy Scouts of America, Bob Mazucca, past Chief Scout Executive, had a red sash made with the 100th anniversary BSA logo for committee members as well. Make sure to save the date for NOAC 2015, and get ready for an awesome adventure in commemoration of our centennial celebration.

"Special Sashes to Be Given to NOAC 2015 Attendees." *National Order of the Arrow*. Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts of America, 25 Mar. 2013. Web. 09 Sept. 2013.



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# **OA** at the National Jamboree

This summer the 2013 National Scout Jamboree was held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve for the first time in the Jamboree's history, and as usual the OA was there to help. This year OA members served in a number of positions including Arena Staff for shows, Day of Service

Guides, Garden Ground Trek Guides, the OA Service Corps, and in the OA Indian Village on top of Garden Ground. In all of this Mowogo Lodge was well represented, with twenty people on staff to help in all of these areas.

## Day of Service Guides:

Andrew Hiltbrand Ray Hiltbrand Brady Kumler **Bobby** Piper Kyle Wade **Trek Guides:** David Bost Jackson Francis Nicholas Houge Mac Lacey Stephen Pawlik Grayson Payne Tim Pouncy Andrew Servis JJ Wiggs Service Corps: Daniel Kumler Hunter Leming Nikko Llena Indian Village: Jacob Hiltbrand Steven Pierce



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#### Lodge Advisor's Minute

Dear Brothers of Mowogo Lodge,

As we gather together to celebrate Pow Wow we are preparing ourselves, and our lodge for the new and upcoming year. In the preparation we will be rededicating ourselves to the Ideals for which we stand. I would also like for you to think about this as a time to rededicate yourself to each other in brotherhood.

I am sure that at one time or another, every Arrowman has ridden a bicycle. Think with me for a moment about the wheels of the bike and how there is a hub in the middle with spokes radiating out to the wheel and tire. Every spoke is under tension which is what keeps the wheel true. As you know, the smoothness of the ride depends on the shape of the wheel being perfectly rounded. Have you ever riden a bike that has a warped wheel? If for any reason the wheel is off balance, the ride will not be as smooth. If you loosen five or six adjoining spokes on a bicycle wheel, it will warp out of shape so that it no longer makes a true circle. Likewise, if any spoke or set of spokes is under more tension than others, the wheel is no longer true. Soon after this occurs, you're going to experience a bumpy ride.

An Arrowman's character is something like a bike wheel. The spokes are a series of principles that we follow in the Lodge as well as Scouting. These guidelines are meant to help us through the year to stay straight and true. Some of these guidelines are based on the Scout Oath and Scout Law. As Arrowmen, we are recognized as those who exemplify the Scout Oath and Scout Law in our daily lives. If you get loose and sloppy on any point of the Scout Law, the result will be the same as loosening the spokes on a bike wheel. This not only affects you personally but also has an impact on our lodge. Your personality, as well as the lodge's, will be warped and out of shape. When we notice that the wheel is unbalanced, sometimes the solution is not to tighten a loose spoke but to identify if a spoke is over tightened or under too much tension. In these cases, we must find ways to lift the burden from these over-tightened spokes so that the wheel may once again become true and the ride smooth. In this process we loosen and tighten spokes all across the wheel to ensure that the pressure becomes equally distributed along all of the spokes; thereby truing the wheel. The first way to stay true to yourself and the lodge is to look inward; to see that your observance of the Scout Oath and Scout Law are always foremost in your mind. The second is to look for the brothers who may have allowed the pressures and burdens of this world weigh them down. These two methods must be done in proper order. In this way when our ride becomes bumpy we first look inward to make sure you are alligned with our principles of Brotherhood. Secondly, we look outward to our brother. Not to judge him as to whether he is in line with the principles. The purpose of this second step is to sacrifice ourselves to see what we may be able to do to have compassion and lift his burdens therby truing the wheel.

As a member of the lodge we are all spokes in the wheel that make the lodge move. It is up to each one of us to determine if the ride will be smooth or bumpy. I look forward to working together with you to experience a fun and successful year.

Edward Lacey Lodge Advisor