

National OA Programs

Did you know the Order of the Arrow has several National programs that you can participate in? They are great adventures and the Golden Sun Lodge members who have participated in these in the past, report that they had the adventure of a lifetime. If you are looking for great high-adventure activities this summer, check out these programs.

OA Trail Crew

This program is a fourteen day experience held at Philmont Scout Ranch near Cimarron, New Mexico. The first week focuses on trail construction and maintenance under the guidance of Philmont trail crew foremen. The second week is a seven day backpacking trek that is designed by the participants. The program is not simply building trail and hiking though, the OA Trail Crew is ultimately a journey that challenges Scouts mentally, physically, and spiritually.



OA Wilderness Voyage

This program, held at Charles L Sommers Canoe Base near Ely, Minnesota, is a fourteen-day experience inspired by the traditions of the French and Canadian Voyageurs who ventured the northern wilderness during the 1700-1800's. Traveling thousands of miles by water and portage, these Voyageurs were hired to haul goods and furs to trade with Native Americans and Europeans. In the spirit of these adventurers, Arrowmen will embark on a voyage that is twofold. One-half of the OA Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage focuses on portage trail and campsite maintenance within the Boundary Waters. The remaining expedition is spent on a canoeing adventure that is planned and chosen by the participants in the program. In other words, each crew plans their own voyage!

Want to Go? Want to Learn More?

You can find out all about these opportunities and download an application at the National OA website at...

www.oe-bsa.org

National OA Conference

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When the National Order of the Arrow Conference is held at the Iowa State University campus July 31st through August 5th of this year, our Golden Sun Lodge will once again be in attendance.

Our OA members will be witness to the finest quality training, American Indian events, shows, special events, Founders Day, patch trading, and just plain more fun than anyone has seen since the last NOAC.

We have a full contingent of youth and adults attending this year's NOAC and we look forward to keeping all our brothers fully informed and hope to keep interest keen in this and all future NOACs. Visit the National OA website for more info and to see what we will be up to!

Regalia Extravaganza Held

The annual Golden Sun Lodge Regalia Extravaganza was held February 21, 2004 in Utica. About 60 Arrowmen from the lodge attended this event. Arrowmen had the opportunity to see demonstrations of Native American crafts and regalia building techniques. Several vendors were also on hand so that materials could be purchased for that next addition to your ceremonial outfit. The Lodge Dance Team was also on hand to demonstrate their latest dances.

The Lodge wishes to express its thanks and appreciation to the Prairie Winds Chapter members for hosting and running a fantastic event.



Arrowmen work on ceremonial and dance regalia at the Regalia Extravaganza.