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Letter from the Editor

Chase McKinney



I would like to take this time to say hello to the 2005-2006 Council of Chiefs. It is such an honor to be selected as the Editor in Chief for the Courier.

There are a few things that I plan on accomplishing this year, some of which include:

- Making every Courier memorable instead of some scratch sheet of paper later used to write down a grocery store list or what to not do for homework.
- Interesting articles that spark an interest among our Section
- Providing accurate information regarding our Section and its Lodges

I hope that this insight proves to be useful. I would like to end this by saying that I look forward to this upcoming year with Section C-2A, and that I am most grieved to hear of the passing of such a great scout and arrowman.

Facts of the Arrow

In the early days of the Order the members wore black sashes with a white stripe running lengthwise instead of the white sash with the red arrow. The original sash was black because it offered a great contrast to the white bar and it blended well with the black ceremonial robes.



Loss of a Past Chief

In memory of Sam Stocker

Our Section and Scouting family experienced a great loss with the death of Sam Stocker on Oct. 1st. Sam served as Section Chief for C-2A in 2002-2003 and helped to start the Philbreak program at the national level during his term. He was an Eagle Scout, Lodge Chief for Migisi Opawgan lodge, and served on D-Bar-A summer camp staff. Sam also served as National BSA Venturing President. His commitment to Scouting was outstanding and he was always willing to help those around him. Sam will be missed by all of us who have had a chance to know him and our thoughts go out to his family and fiancé for their loss. They have asked that any donations in memory of Sam be made to the Detroit Area Council, BSA Tribute Fund, 1776 W. Warren Ave., Detroit, MI 48208.

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This Courier dedicated to Sam Stocker former Chief and great brother

Mark Rosiek Jr.

Although I am a seasoned Arrowman, I have never quite experienced anything like the Order of the Arrow Trail Crew, or OATC as many call it. I have always wanted to go but never really had the time, but recently I decided to go. When I arrived in the airport at Albuquerque I met six other scouts (between the ages of 16 and 20), and we boarded the bus to Philmont. Now I've been to Philmont before but nothing like this. At first we knew nothing that was happening, or what to do but somehow we all pulled together and did a lot of bonding the first day and a half, until our Foremen approached us, we all made introductions and sprung into action.

It started out like any other trek

with the going over gear, and the bus ride to the drop off point and even the hike to our site the first night. But the next morning we made our way up to the worksite. We hiked up the copper park trail and made our way to the end of the path and we had our tool talk. We all listened to what the equipment was called and what they did, then we gave the talk back to the staff, and we started work on the trail.

If there is one thing you learn at OATC it's definitely that work at 13000 feet is not the easiest, or the warmest thing to do. Once you take about three swings with the pickaxe you'll have to take a breather. But one of the highlights of the

trip was our second day, which we knocked down twenty trees in one day.

After all the work is done for the day we head back down to the campsite and get ready for dinner, and let me tell you, this is the best you will ever eat at Philmont, it isn't just some dehydrated trail food, we're talking about pork chops, spaghetti, quesadillas, and my personal favorite, steak. Oh and we're not talking scant food here, sometimes we had to go up for six helpings just in order to finish it all.

Once our week of trail work was complete we headed back into base camp for showers and cleanup for the hiking portion. On our hike I learned more about the order and myself than I had ever dreamed imaginable with our different activities and ceremonies.

All in all I loved every bit of OATC, and cant wait to come back on staff as a foreman. This was truly one of the best things I have ever done, and I can't wait for the next NOAC for the OATC reunion and meet up with my buddies from Trail Crew. I strongly recommend this experience for all arrowmen who are seeking the higher vision, who are seeking the arrow.

Section Campership

The Section C-2A Camperships were created to help arrowmen in our Section attend the outstanding national training and high adventure opportunities available in the OA. These opportunities include National Leadership Seminars, Philmont Trail Crew, Philbreak, OA Wilderness Voyage, and OA Ocean Adventure. Details about these programs can be found on the National website at <http://>

www.oa-bsa.org/. Applications for the 2004-05 C-2A Camperships are being accepted through November 2005 for the last 2005 Central Region NLS (Nov. 11-13, Parkville Missouri) and the 2006 High Adventure programs. The application form can be found under the Downloads section on the Section C-2A website, <http://> www.sectionc2a.com.

Remember:

If you want something in the newsletter get it into Chase McKinney or Lyle Lash as soon as you can. *The Courier* doesn't write it self, we need your help also.

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Some Events going on at Region and National in the coming months

2005

Nov. 11-13 Central Region NLS – Heartland Conference Center, Parkville, MO

Dec. 2-4 Central Region Section Officer Seminar – Geneva Center, Rochester, IN

2006

Feb. 24-26 Central Region NLS – Geneva Center Rochester, IN