



THE FLYING EAGLE

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ANSWERING THE CALL: RESCUE IN THE MOUNTAINS



THIS FALL FELLOWSHIP, EVERY ARROWMAN IS FIRST ON SCENE.

Somewhere above the tree line, the wind changes. Clouds drop low over the ridge, the trail steepens, and a hiker realizes too late that the way down is not the way they came up. Cold, turned around, and far from help, what that hiker needs most is someone willing to climb toward the trouble instead of away from it.

That is the spirit behind this year's Fall Fellowship theme: Rescue in the Mountains.

It is not a new idea for us. Cheerful service has always meant showing up before anyone has to ask twice. This Fall Fellowship, that idea gets a theme, a trail, and a weekend to live it out.

BASE CAMP

Arrowmen arriving at Boxwell this fall won't just be attending a lodge event — they'll be setting up base camp. Elections become the naming of a rescue team's leaders. Ordeal inductions become the long, quiet climb that proves a candidate is ready to be counted on. Every part of a normal Fall Fellowship weekend gets a reason behind it: somewhere on the mountain, someone is counting on the team at base camp to have done its job well.



MISSION BRIEFING // FALL FELLOWSHIP

- ▲ LOCATION: BOXWELL RESERVATION
- ▲ DATES: SEPT. 18-20
- ▲ MISSION: RESCUE IN THE MOUNTAINS
- ▲ STATUS: ALL ARROWMEN CALLED TO BASE CAMP

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CHIEFLY SPEAKING

BY EMERSON EIGE, LODGE CHIEF



This past week I had the pleasure and privilege to join my friend and his family on their trip to Lake Powell in southern Utah. I had a really incredible time and it was a fantastic way to see off my good friend as he starts college in Wyoming this fall.

In many ways this trip reminded me a lot of many of the topics I chose in previous Flying Eagle articles. Namely loneliness & change, as I see one of my best friends off to his new life in college, and love, as I experience the love of my friends and of the natural beauty of the desert.

Being here with no signal has reminded me of something I learned at Philmont. The concept of "God's Time." When you don't know what time it is and you're out in nature, you start to sort of live with the environment in a way that's hard to describe if you haven't experienced it. In life we are often shackled by due dates and the notion of what's coming next. This could be a work commitment or task, a school assignment, or even just an ordinary impending life event.

Out in God's Time living day-to-day doesn't mean getting the work that you have to do and then moving on, it's simply living. I want to remember this mindset and the peaceful environment God's Time creates as I enter this next semester.

I challenge you as well brother, to join me and take time when you can to let time pass around you and experience life without a deadline. Remember the stress and deadlines of the modern world is of our own creation. You can have a lot when you work hard and you should work hard. However, you can't have nature no matter how hard you work, nature can only have you.



2026 LODGE CALENDAR

**FALL FELLOWSHIP
SEP. 18-20 AT
BOXWELL**

**MIDDLE TN
COUNCIL
JAMBOREE
NOV. 6-8 AT
BOXWELL**

**WINTER BANQUET
DEC. 5**



ON THE MOUNTAIN

- *Orienteering challenge, testing compass work and teamwork under a time limit.*
- *Rescue relay, race to save your fellow brothers and sisters.*
- *Rock Climbing, climb the mountain to see if your fellow scouts are up there.*
- *Elections, to choose the leadership and direction of the Lodge!*

NAMING THE TEAM LEADERS

Every rescue team needs someone calling the shots from base camp. That's what lodge elections really are, underneath the ceremony: Arrowmen choosing who they trust to lead when things get hard.

Fall Fellowship is when Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge elects its officers, the crew that plans training, keeps the roster straight, and makes the call when a chapter needs backup. If you're eligible to vote, show up for it. If you're thinking about running, ask a current officer what the job actually looks like before you decide. The team only works if the right people put their hand up.

PACK YOUR GEAR!

September 18-20 come to Camp Stahlman at Boxwell Reservation. Bring layers — mountain weather (real or themed) make sure to check the forecast. The mountain does not wait for perfect conditions to call for help. Neither should we.

Bring a compass, not just for show!



ANSWER THE CALL!

There's still time to answer the call and join the rescue mission at Fall Fellowship! Report to base camp and join your fellow Arrowmen for a weekend of fellowship, adventure and cheerful service.

NEW MEMBERS

Completed your Ordeal in June or August 2026? Your first mission awaits! New members can attend Fall Fellowship at a special discounted rate.

MEMBERS

Joined the Order in 2025 or earlier? Answer the call early to secure the lower registration rate through Aug. 30, 2026.

FINAL CALL

All registration closes Sept. 13, 2026. Don't get left at base camp — register and get ready for Rescue in the Mountains!



ARROWCORPS AT THE COUNCIL JAMBOREE!

**BY AUSTIN WALTER,
ARROWCORPS CHAIR**



This year, we are taking a different approach to ArrowCorps. The goal is to serve our council by assisting with the upcoming Middle Tennessee Council Jamboree.

Instead of running ArrowCorps alone, we will run two events to support the Jamboree. The first will be ArrowCorps on October 17th, where we will spend the day helping set up Boxwell for the event.

The all-new Operation Eagle will be a volunteer effort from our lodge to help run stations at the Jamboree itself. Operation Eagle will have rotating shifts so you can still enjoy the Jamboree while volunteering.

COUNCIL JAMBOREE WORKDAYS

AUG. 22

SEPT. 26

OCT. 31

**(DEDICATED FOR
ARROWCORPS)**



THE VIEW FROM THE SUMMIT

BY EDITOR, EPHRAIM RODENBACH

GLEN JEAN, W.Va. — Since I was 6 years old, I dreamed of attending the National Jamboree.

Scouting shaped much of who I am today. It taught me leadership, service and the value of stepping outside my comfort zone. In 2021, I earned the rank of Eagle Scout at 14 years old, and like many Scouts, I imagined one day arriving at the Summit Bechtel Reserve with my troop, ready to spend 10 days taking on every adventure the Jamboree had to offer.

Five years later, I finally made it to West Virginia.

The only difference was that I arrived carrying cameras, notebooks and interview questions instead of a backpack full of gear.

As an intern for The Christian Chronicle, I traveled to the Jamboree to cover the work of the Members of Churches of Christ for Scouting. Rather than spending my days climbing, shooting or paddling, I spent them walking miles across the Summit, interviewing Scouts, volunteers and leaders from around the country.

Every conversation revealed a different story. I met volunteers who gave up nearly two weeks of their summer to help more than 12,000 Scouts and Scouters have an unforgettable experience. Whether staffing activity areas, serving meals or welcoming visitors, they demonstrated the cheerful service that has long defined Scouting.



As someone who has spent more than a decade in Scouting and now serves as a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow, seeing that spirit on such a large scale was inspiring. The Jamboree wasn't simply about the activities — it was about the people who made those experiences possible.

One evening after finishing interviews, I hiked to the Summit Circle, the memorial campfire area commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow. Walking down the gravel path toward the fire ring, one of the first stone pillars caught my attention. "He who serves his fellows is, of all his fellows, greatest."

The quote from OA founder E. Urner Goodman immediately stopped me in my tracks. Those words are also engraved on a memorial bench at Boxwell Scout Reservation honoring my late father, Stacey Rodenbach.

More than 400 miles from home, I wasn't expecting to find something so familiar.

For a few moments, I simply stood there, reflecting on the journey that had brought me to that place—from a Cub Scout who dreamed of attending the National Jamboree to an Eagle Scout and Arrowman documenting the experiences of others.

As I continued through the Summit Circle, surrounded by the craftsmanship and history of the Order, I realized my first National Jamboree had become far more meaningful than I ever expected.

I didn't leave West Virginia with a box full of traded patches or a checklist of completed activities.

Instead, I left with stories, friendships and a renewed appreciation for the volunteers and Arrowmen whose commitment to cheerful service makes experiences like the National Jamboree possible.

ADVISER'S CORNER

BY BRAD GOODWIN, LODGE ADVISER



Cheerful Service

Two of the foundational principles of our Order.

I have always wondered why our founder, E. Urner Goodman, took one of the 12 points of the Scout Law—Cheerful—and incorporated it into one of the three principles of the Order of the Arrow. So, I did a little research and found the story of Billy Clark.

Dr. Goodman once told a story from his time as Scoutmaster of Troop 1 in Philadelphia in 1913, two years before he became camp director at Treasure Island and founded the Order of the Arrow.

During a troop campout, one Scout became sick and had to remain in his tent. Goodman asked for volunteers to stay behind and care for him. Only Billy Clark volunteered. Goodman initially refused because Billy would have to give up his entire camping trip, but Billy insisted.

The next morning, after a night of rain, Billy carried the sick Scout's bedpan to the latrine. The ground was wet and slippery, and Billy slipped and fell face-first into a puddle.

Goodman watched, expecting Billy to be angry or perhaps curse. Instead, Billy got up—and smiled.

Goodman later described the moment by saying, "He took the wrong kind of bath, if you know what I mean." But instead of getting angry...

Billy Clark smiled!

To Goodman, that was the perfect example of Cheerful Service. Billy had willingly given up his camping trip to serve another Scout, accepted an unpleasant responsibility, and remained cheerful even when things went wrong.

Two years later, when Goodman was developing the principles that would become the Order of the Arrow, he remembered Billy Clark.

Service is not always convenient. It is not always pleasant. Sometimes doing a good turn means giving something up. Sometimes things go wrong — and sometimes they go very wrong.

But a Scout should remain cheerful.

Billy's example helped inspire the tradition of Cheerful Service, which remains at the heart of the Order of the Arrow today.

And perhaps that is why Goodman chose Cheerful as one of our three guiding principles. Cheerfulness is not simply about being happy when things are going well. It is the choice to keep a positive spirit when service is difficult, inconvenient, or uncomfortable.

Cheerful Service means serving others willingly, giving of ourselves freely, and doing it with a smile—even when we take the wrong kind of bath.



AWARD NOMINATIONS

Every year, our lodge recognizes people who have gone above and beyond in various areas of the lodge by presenting them with awards at our annual Winter Banquet in December.

With the exception of the First-Year Arrowman Award, a member must be nominated to receive an award, so if you feel that someone you know is worthy of such an award, feel free to nominate them. This can be done by visiting our lodge website or by scanning this QR code, and filling out a form for the person you would like to nominate. A list of prior recipients of each award can also be found on our website. The following are the awards which may be presented by our lodge:



First-Year Arrowman Award - Complete a set of requirements within their first year of joining the Order. To apply for this award, go to the awards section of the lodge website to fill out the application and submit it to awards@wa-hi-nasa.org.

Josh Sain Memorial Award - Named to remember the late National Vice Chief, Josh Sain, this award is presented to members for exceptional service to their chapter and lodge. Nominations are due by November 10.



Tom Parker Memorial Award for Excellence in Camp Promotions - This award recognizes a lodge member for outstanding contributions for camp promotions at the chapter or council level. Nominations are due by November 10.

Unsung Arrowman Award - This award is presented to one youth member in the lodge who has devoted time and efforts to the lodge despite never holding a lodge position. The recipient must attend 80% of Wa-Hi-Nasa lodge events within the last two years. Nominations are due by November 10.



Excellence in Ceremonies Award - This award recognizes a youth member of the lodge who demonstrates excellence in lodge and chapter ceremonies. Nominations are due by November 10.

Founder's Award - Awarded by the National Committee of the Order of the Arrow, the Founder's Award recognizes Arrowmen who best exemplify the qualities described by the founder of the Order, Dr. E. Urner Goodman. Nominations due by September 19th.



QUESTIONS ABOUT AWARDS?

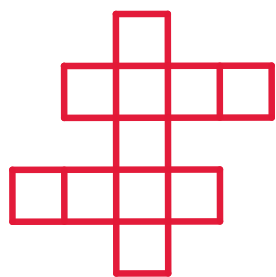


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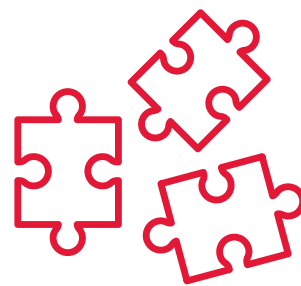


WANT TO WRITE? HAVE A STORY?

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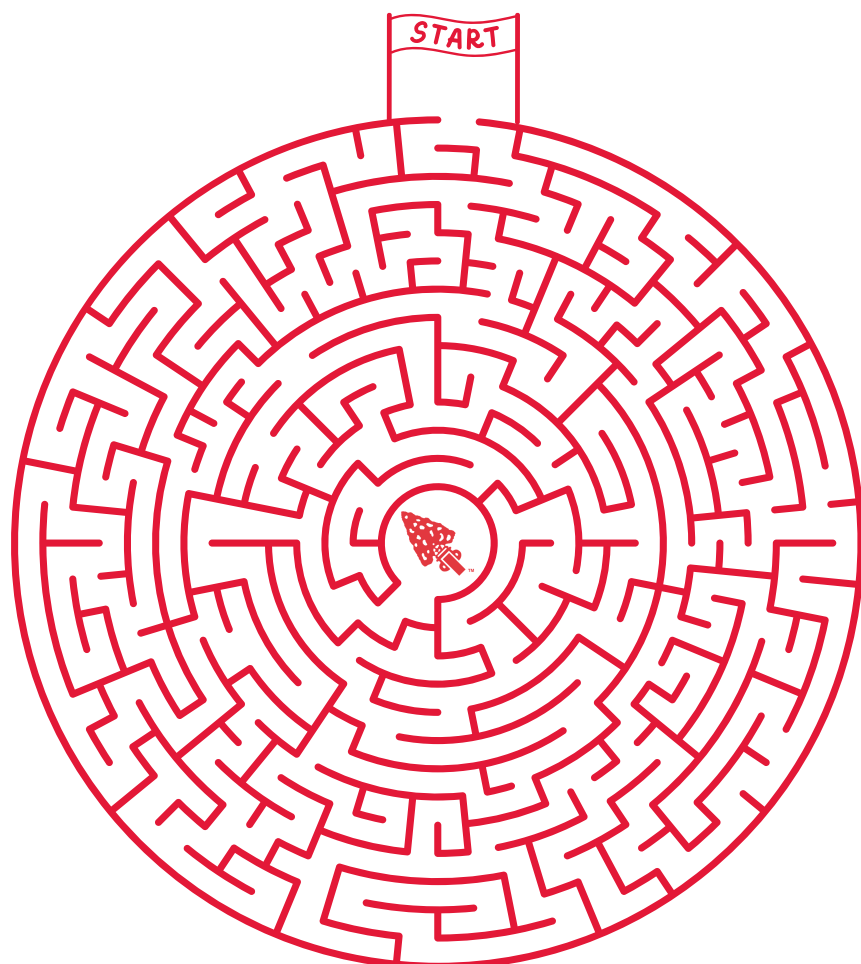


WHERE IS THE EAGLE?

**AN EAGLE IS HIDING
SOMEWHERE IN THIS
ISSUE. CAN YOU FIND
IT?**



FIND THE ARROW!



NOAC 2027 OUR TIME

July 26–31, 2027. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Thousands of Arrowmen, one week of leadership, service, and fellowship.

The 2027 National Order of the Arrow Conference will introduce four new ways for Arrowmen to experience the National Order of the Arrow Conference.

The Grid will bring together maker labs, VR, 3D printing and design challenges, while Learning Tracks will guide participants through workshops and NOAC Talks based on their interests and goals.

Lodge Link will create new opportunities for networking and leadership connections, while Service at Scale will give Arrowmen hands-on opportunities to make a lasting impact through service.

Together, these new experiences will help Arrowmen learn, connect and serve in new ways at NOAC 2027.

Email noac@wa-hi-nasa.org for more information!