

# YOUTH HONORED WITH SERVICE AWARD



In an unexpected surprise to the youth leadership to the Shasta-Trinity project, President Bush awarded 3 arrowmen the President's Volunteer Service Award on Thursday. The three arrowmen who were honored with this award were National Chief Jake Wellman, Western Region Chief Mark Hendricks, and Youth Incident Commander Alex Braden.

The 3 youth served as part of the official welcoming party when Bush

landed at the Redding Municipal Airport along with Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and Redding Mayor Mary Stegall. After debarking the plane, the President greeted the Governor and the Mayor, and then greeted the 3 arrowmen and shook their hands. He then presented them with a lapel pin.

Asked if the President said anything to the three of them, Jake Wellman responded "He thanked us for being scouts and thanked us for our hard work." Mark Hendricks said also, "He asked the Governor if he was ever kicked out of scouts and the Governor just laughed." Alex Braden was asked what it

felt like to meet the President. "It is an immense honor to meet the President and represent the Order of the Arrow for the work the Order is doing in the National Forests this summer at Arrow Corps<sup>5</sup>," he said. "This award is for the thousands of arrowmen across the country who have assisted in the planning and execution of this project."

The youth also served as part of the background for the President's statement after his aerial tour where they shook his hand again. The 3 youth were heavily interviewed by many press affiliates and photos and videos were making the evening news across the country.

# THANK YOU ARROWMEN!

On behalf of the command staff of the Shasta-Trinity project, we would like to thank you for your hard work and dedication to the completion of this project. This has been an awesome opportunity for everyone involved and we hope your experience here at Shasta-Trinity has been nothing less than extraordinary. You, as the staff and participants of this part of Arrow Corps<sup>5</sup> have made some noteworthy accomplishments. We have cleared over 100 miles of trail in 3 different remote locations. We have removed over 22 tons of illegally dumped garbage. We have repaired 4 Forest Service comfort stations and 1 lookout tower. All of

this you did as cheerfully as any service contingent has ever served others. You, are the finest example of servant leadership, just as this entire project spearheads the movement of servant leadership across this great country. We have been planning this for several years but you have delivered the final product with your steadfast commitment and selfless service on this amazing project. You should be proud for being part of the largest service project the Boy Scouts of America has ever undertaken. We hope that you have made some life long friends, created life long memories, and created a benchmark for which all service

projects will be judged for a long time to come. Once again, thank you and have a safe trip home.

Alex Braden—Youth Incident Commander Steve Bradley—Incident Commander



#### A WEEK IN REVIEW



### FROM THE NATIONAL CHIEF



Welcome back from the trail. I hope you all have enjoyed your recreation day and are ready to carry back the story of *ArrowCorps*<sup>5</sup> to your home communities around the country and even across the globe for some of you.

Looking back on the trail restored, trash removed, and most importantly memories created, I think everyone

can agree this week was well spent. If you take anything else home with you besides dirty clothes and a love for nature, remember the satisfaction felt after each day of work, how great it felt to give service- even when you have no idea of who may be using the trails you restored. This spirit of service is what will carry the work we did here this week and turn it into a

changing force across America. Share your experiences and continue giving back to all those around you.

Thank you all for your service this week and for the lifetime of service ahead of you I look forward to hearing about your stories from the trail.

Jake Wellman National Chief

### FROM THE FOREST SERVICE



This has been a monumental week! Your accomplishments over the last five days have been impressive. You far exceeded your own goals in every project you set out to do. You had 600 Scouts doing the work of 1,000 Scouts. I continue to be amazed at your professionalism, dedication and work ethic.

When I spoke to you last I talked about building partnerships. I believe we

made lasting friendships instead; friends with one another, between the Forest Service and Boy Scouts and with nature.

Congratulations to Jake, Mark and Alex, who represented all Arrowmen when they accepted the President's Volunteer Service Award. This recognition crystallizes the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

Again, thank you for



doing a "good turn daily" in your National Forest. Sharon Heywood Forest Supervisor