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# By John Rehm

Music blared as Arrowmen hurried their way to the Mountain Top Recreation Field for the Gathering of Nations festival. Waiting for them was inflatable carnival games, obstacle courses, ice cream, and music—all of the ingredients for a mountain-top experience of fellowship and fun.

Throughout the week, guests got to know each other in their clans, tribes and nations. Led by their respective region chiefs at the Gathering of Nations, Arrowmen were rallied in support of their nations (Plateau, Northern Wood-lands, Southern Woodlands, and Plains) shouting their nation names to show pride.

At the event Arrowmen were given nation cards with information about their assigned American Indian



Arrowmen share the bonds of Brotherhood while singing at the Gathering of Nations.

nation to trade with members of other nations. In the end, each guest was intended to have a complete set of cards from all four nations. "The idea behind the nation 'trading' cards is to encourage the Arrowmen to talk to one another and express their nation's pride," explained Alan Camarillo, Activities and Recreation Committee

Arrowman Celebrate their Pride at the Gathering of Nations

Program Vice Chief.

The biggest attraction at the gathering was the bungee grab and go. Arrowmen would strap themselves into a harness with a bungee behind them and see how far they could run. "Every time I tried to run up, I would fall back half way," said Andrew O.,17, Witauchsoman Lodge of Minsi Trails Council, East

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# Restoring the Beauty of the Rhododendron Trail

## By Aaron Shepherd

As honored campers and the brotherhood of cheerful service, the Order conducts conservation projects for the hosts of our national events. On Tuesday, forty Arrowmen trekked onto the Rhododendron Trail above the Ridgecrest Conference Center. They cleared the overgrown trail to make it accessible for future Ridgecrest guests and addressed erosion issues.

The project was selected

because over time the trail had become overgrown with very little walking room. "We walked the trail the day before the project and it was really hard to get through," said Taylor Blanc, conservation project chairman, of Wa La Moot Kin Lodge of Blue Mountain Council, Burbank, WA. Other work on the trail included rerouting part of the trail to avoid the water fall line. Arrowmen also moved dirt to create a new base layer at the



The Rhododendron Trail cleared from Tuesday's service project.

bottom of the trail.

"It was really great to see how people of various ages

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Thursday



Patchy Fog Hi 82°F

20% Isolated

Night

Isolated Showers Lo 67°F

The p Source: Weather.gov

# Order Launches Get Kids to Camp Partnership

## By Jeff St Cyr

Getting Scouts involved in the outdoors is a focus of Scouting and a part of the purpose of the Order of the Arrow. In May, the national Order of the Arrow committee approved the Get Kids to Camp partnership. This partnership with council scout executives, local Order of the Arrow lodges and the national committee will assist in identifying chartered units who need leadership for units attending council summer camp. Local lodges will assist in

recruiting qualified leaders to provide leadership to Scout units, provisional units and to provide additional opportunities for Scouts to attend summer camp.

The Order's Get Kids to Camp Partnership has two parts focusing on matching grants and encouraging units to invite Scouts to attend summer camp from other units who are not attending. The national committee will provide matching grant funds for BSA councils who need additional funds to help cover the

summer camp fees for adult leaders attending summer camp. The second part focuses on encouraging unit leaders to invite Scouts from area units who are not attending summer camp with their unit to participate with theirs.

Program materials, application forms, and additional information will be posted to www.oabsa.org by August 15, 2011. Communications will be sent to the Lodge and Section Key 3 and council scout executives this fall.

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Stroudsburg, PA.

"There is a lot of freedom here; it's like a carnival," said Joshua G., Colonneh Lodge of the Sam Houston Area Council.

After the event, clans met and reflected on the week. "Arrowmen again focused on the idea of servant-leadership," Camarillo said. Clans were to continue working on servant-leadership quotes relating to their experience at Indian Summer. Fifteen quotes from the clans will be used in the closing show.

# **Choosing Your Own Path: Independent Study**

## By Aaron Shepherd

The Independent Study program is the most flexible program for guests at Indian Summer. Guests chose between individual sessions of the Inductions and Ceremonial Events (ICE) programs and the American Indian Activities

(AIA) programs.

"Participants used the registration system to select from the sessions offered in both AIA and ICE program areas," said Mitchell Saulsbury, Independent Study Program Vice Chief from Sequoyah Lodge and Council,

Greenville, TN. "Guests can also go completely undecided," he continued. "We give them a wristband that lets them go to any class without being registered. I believe this is a good opportunity for Arrowmen who don't know what they want to do here

at Indian Summer. It lets them explore all of the opportunities," said Mitchell.

Guests also went to the Independent Study Office in Dogwood 3 at any time to modify their schedule.

# Meet Western Region Chief Joe Garcia

## By Joe Garcia

Hey fellow brothers! My name is Joe Garcia, and I hail from San Diego, California where I have lived my whole life. I have been active in Scouting since I was very young beginning Cub Scouts as a Tiger Cub in the San Diego Imperial Council. I earned the Arrow of Light before joining Troop 51.

After I was inducted into the Order of the Arrow, I soon found myself serving in leadership positions ranging from lodge treasurer to lodge chief. I also served as section vice chief before becoming the section chief of W4S. In December, 2010, I was elected to serve as the Western Region Chief.

In addition to the Boy Scout program, I also enjoy the Venturing program where I am proud to say I have earned my Ranger and Silver Award. I am currently finishing my Quartermaster Award, which is part of the Sea Scout program.



Western Region Chief Joe Garcia

Outside of Scouting I am a student at San Diego State

University and planning to major in Marketing and Political Science at San Diego State University. I enjoy hanging out with my friends, sailing, long walks on the beach, shooting shotguns, and scaling the large rock faces of the Sierra Nevada barefoot with no ropes.

If you would like to get to know more about me and the Western Region, just come find me and I'll tell you why WEST IS BEST!

# Creative Crafts: Arrowmen Make Dance Clothing

## By Aaron Shepherd

The American Indian Activities (AIA) committee is operating craft rooms from 9 am to noon on Thursday and Friday. Arrowmen can choose from beadwork, finger weaving, bones (choker) and bells, silver work, feather making, wood work, and sewing.

Those who want to make unique items that are not offered as a class can work with an instructor who specializes in the area of their interest.

"We want to try and do

as much as we can with what we have," said Sam Herndon, AIA Crafts adviser, from Anpeto-We Lodge of the Greater St. Louis Council, Scott City, MO.

"We want to pass on the basic knowledge of how to make all of these things to the next generation. The kids here today were not at the last Indian Summer, so it is a totally new group of kids." Herndon said.

"It's my first time ever doing this," said Eddie Rigler, 14, from Unami Lodge of the Cradle of Liberty Council,



Painting can turn into a big mess. An Arrowmen wears protective outfit while working with it.

Philadelphia, PA when asked about metalworking. "I saw this on the schedule

and decided to give it a try."

Robert Gardineer, 15, from Sakcwit Lodge of the Central New Jersey Council, Ewing, NJ was in the Bones and Bells crafts room. "I've made my choker first," he said. "It was really fun and now I'm working on my bell. I have to mark the spot for where I want the bell to be at first," Gardineer said.

The best part about this activity is that it is free! For participants who did not pre-register, walk-ins are highly encouraged.

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could work together and get something done in that short amount of time," Blanc said. "It really showed what the OA has to offer and the kind of people we have in our Order, especially when they really didn't know what they were getting themselves into."

Today work will continue on the Rhododendron Trail. Guests will finish work on

the erosion problems and trim back the trail to decrease the rate of overgrowth.

If you are interested in taking part in the conservation project today, please come to the front porch of Pritchell Hall at I pm. The first 100 Arrowmen who show up in work clothes, closed-toed shoes, and are ready to work will get to participate in this outstanding experience.

# Get Your Inductions and Ceremonial Questions Answered!

#### By Sean McCormick

If you have any induction process or ceremonial questions, today is your lucky day! Come to The National Induction and Ceremonial Forum tonight at 8pm in Azalea Room B of Johnson Springs building.

A panel of qualified national committee members, national officers

and Arrowmen experienced in the inductions process will address questions from those in attendance at the event. If you don't have questions, come and listen to the questions of others. Sharing in the exchange is sure to improve your knowledge of inductions and ceremonies. See you tonight at 8 o'clock!

## Man on the Street

Question: Who is your favorite superhero and why?



"Thor because he is absolutely amazing. Thunder and lighting is awesome to use."

Michael K., Wiatava Lodge, Orange County Council, age 19, Newport Beach, CA



"Invisible Man, because you can go anywhere and do anything undetected."

Will F., Lowanne Nitmat Lodge, Longhouse Council, age 16, Syracuse, NY

## A Reflection on Servant-Leadership

Quote: "A person who is worthy of being a leader wants power not for himself, but in order to be of service." —US Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr.

A Servant-Leader is, by definition, one whose technique of leadership is based on service to his followers. The Servant-Leader's primary reason for leading is to serve others. He cares for his followers and, out of love for them, guides them to a common goal. The OA seeks to instill in its member the attributes of Servant-Leaders by giving them examples of people who are Servant-Leaders both through legend and observation. Through positive reinforcement, it encourages its members to become Servant-Leaders themselves. Can you think of any Arrowmen who you feel are Servant-Leaders?

## Thursday, August 4, 2011

Time	Event	Location
*6:45 AM-8:15 AM	Breakfast	Rhododendron Dining Room
9:00 AM-12:00 PM	Trading Post Open	Pritchell Hall
9:00 AM-12:00 PM	Indian Trading Post Open	Rhododendron Rooms 4, 5, & 6
9:00 AM-12:00 PM	AIA Craft Room Open	Pre-School Building
9:00 AM-10:30 AM	ICE and AIA Training Session I	Johnson Springs
10:30 AM-12:00 PM	ICE and AIA Training Session 2	Johnson Springs
11:30 AM-1:30 PM	Lunch	Rhododendron Dining Room
1:30 PM-5:00 PM	Recreational Activities	Various
I:00 PM-5:00 PM	Conservation Project II	Meet at Pritchell Hall
1:30 PM-5:00 PM	ARC Brave Cave Open	Lambdin Auditorium
1:30 PM-5:00 PM	OA Trading Post Open	Pritchell Hall
1:30 PM-5:00 PM	Indian Trading Post Open	Rhododendron Rooms 4, 5, & 6
1:30 PM-3:00 PM	ICE and AIA Training Session 3	Johnson Springs
1:30 PM-5:00 PM	AIA Craft Room	Pre-School Building
3:00 PM-4:30 PM	ICE and AIA Training Session 4	Johnson Springs Upper Level
*5:00 PM-6:45 PM	Dinner	Rhododendron Dining Room
7:00 PM-9:00 PM	Ceremonies Costume Competition	Johnson Springs Lower Level
8:00 PM-10:00 PM	PowWow	Activities and Recreation Building
8:00 PM-9:30 PM	ARC Movie Night	Lambdin Auditorium
8:00 PM-10:00 PM	National Induction and Ceremonial Forum	Johnson Springs Upper Level
10:00 PM-10:30 PM	Tribe Gatherings	Various
11:30 PM	Quiet Time	*Bold indicates a schedule change

# Toothpick Mania at the Trading Post

#### By John Rehm

The Trading Post staff is running a competition in Trading Post in the south wing of Pritchell Hall. The game is simple: guess how many toothpicks are in their toothpick holder. "It's a demonstration proving that the glass really can be used as a toothpick holder,"

explained Susan Zierle of the Trading Post staff.

While you're pondering the quantity of toothpicks, make sure to pick up your Indian Summer keepsakes. The Trading Post has already sold out of Indian Summer hats and some sizes of t-shirts. Other items are going fast so don't delay

your purchase.

As for the toothpick competition, the grand prize for the Arrowman who can accurately guess the number of toothpicks in the toothpick holder will win the holder itself.

"Don't forget to check out our many collectible items," said Zierle.

# **Photo Galleries**

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