

Michigan State 2012

The strength of ONE scout

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The power of one individual has never been more evident than in the presence of John Lahutsky. John, a Life Scout and Brotherhood member of Witauchsoman Lodge in Pennsylvania, has now added another feather to his cap: author. On September 29, John's new book, which he coauthored with his friend Alan Philps, *The Boy from Baby House 10: From the Nightmare of a Russian Orphanage to a New Life in America*, will be available on shelves nationwide. This is not the least of what underscores John's personal strength – to truly understand the individual power John exudes one must delve into the pages of his book – a story more than 19-years in the making.

John, born in Russia in 1990, was afflicted with cerebral palsy and abandoned by his mother. Sent to a bleak orphanage called Baby House 10, he was clothed in rags, ignored by most of the staff and given little, if any, medical treatment. Cruelly confined to a mental asylum, John spent time in a locked ward surrounded by psychotic adults.

John's life was drastically and permanently changed by a single

American woman, Paula Lahutsky, who, after much struggle, adopted John and brought him to the United States. John was soon introduced to Scouting in the 3rd grade, something he credits with shaping the person he is today. "Scouting takes you places and gives you experiences," John said on why scouting is so important in his life. He has participated in National Youth Leadership Training, several local Jamborees, and a few conclaves. "He's been to every OA service weekend we have," said Dr. Michael Dolan, one of John's advisers. "He's one of the hardest workers we have." Even in America, John's life has certainly not been without struggles, but it would be difficult to find someone who has had a richer Scouting experience.

John, a Life Scout and an inspiration to many, was himself inspired. "I got a chance to meet Alvin [Townley,]" said John, "and he inspired me to [complete] my Eagle." John's Eagle Scout project is easy for John to relate to: he's raising money and awareness for a New Jersey charitable organization, Warm the Children, who work with local orphans, to provide basic necessities.

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NOAC 2009 has only just come to an end, but preparations are already underway for the 2012 NOAC at Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI. The tentative date for the 2012 NOAC is July 30th through August 4th.

NOAC will be held three years from now, rather than the traditional two, so that the following NOAC, 2015, will fall on the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow. MSU hosted NOAC in 2006 and they have outstanding resources and a campus that is very easy to navigate.



Jambo Staff

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If you thought NOAC was fun, the National Jamboree is something you will definitely not want to miss! The 2010 National Jamboree will be held July 26 through August 4 at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia.

If you are interested in cheerful service, as many Arrowmen are, the OA Service Corps will be perfect for you. While on the OA Service Corps, you could be setting up chairs one day and escorting a V.I.P. the next.

If Native American crafts and activities are more your style, you can also work on staff at the Indian Village. The Indian Village will help scouts learn more about the Native American's heritage.

Lastly, The Mysterium Compass is a new and interactive game that promises to be tons of fun. This is sure to be a huge success.

As a staff member at the Jamboree, you will only have to pay 50% of the normal registration fee. Be sure to make your plans now to find yourself at the 2010 National Scout Jamboree by going to event.oa-bsa.org.

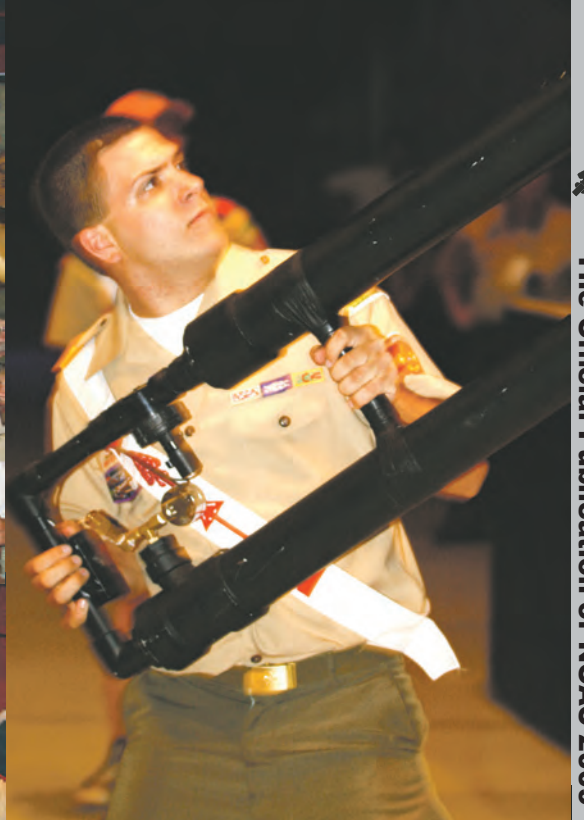


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Competition winners Strength of ONE

The Amazing Race

1st Place:

Team: The Dragoons
Team Members: Trey Mason,
Seth Allred, Robert Mason
Lodge: TsoioTsi Tsogalii
Time: 1:21

2nd Place:

Team: Tink Pink
Team Members: Neil Klissus,
Jake Martin
Lodge: Yowlumne
Time: 1:42

NOAC Geocaching Event

1st place: Egwa Tawa Dee Lodge
2nd place: Occoneechee Lodge
3rd place: Orca Lodge

Goodman Open

1st place foursome:

Mark Bilazic
Peter Bilazic
Steven Herbets
Charlie Wetzel

2nd place foursome:

Ed Perkinson
Ed Ronshausen
Ellis Dennis
Kevin Zethamal

Skill prizes

Front nine:

Closest to the pin: Donnie Eminne
Longest putt: Charlie Wetezel

Longest drive: Kurt Hoffman

Back nine:

Closest to the pin: Josh May
Longest putt: Tyler Spillane
Longest drive: Graylyn Loomis

Lodgeball

1st Netapolis, Ft. Worth TX
2nd Wiatava, Orange County CA
3rd Mikanakawa, Dallas TX
4th Chicksa, Tupelo MS

Basketball

1st Mikanakawa (2) Dallas TX
2nd Tarhe, Dayton OH
3rd Tamegonit, Kansas City, KS
4th Mikanakawa (1) Dallas TX

Volleyball

1st Anpetuwe/Shawnee,
St. Louis, MO
2nd Wiatava, Orange County CA
3rd Coosa, Birmingham AL
4th Santee, Florence SC

Wii Tennis

1st Jacob Dahleen – Awase
2nd Eric Nissen – Shenandoah
3rd Washita – Tim Snow
4th Michael Wu – Ajapeu

Wii Bowling

1st Thomas Yeager – Santee
2nd Jacob Dahleen – Awase
2nd Dan Knapp – Wenase Quenhotan
3rd Patrick Nesbit – Santee
4th Andrew Hickey – Mowago

Wii Bowling (adults)

1st Larry Henderson – Shawnee
2nd Jeff Southwick – Emao Mahpe
3rd Jim Lewis – Ta Tsu Hwa
4th Michele Reavis – Coosa

Iron Arrowman

1st Garret Oats
2nd Michael Dioguardi
3rd Zack Rhodes
4th Dalton Craner

5K Run

Youth:

1st Sid Scheer – Tahosa
2nd Cody McCullough – Waupecan
3rd Michael Dioguardi – Buckskin
4th Travis Cunningham – G'yantwachia

Adult Men:

1st Bill Orr – Mowogo
2nd Tyler Perkinson – Nayawun Rar
3rd David Koschoff – Shawnee
4th Don Wheaton – Migisi Opawgan

Adult Women:

1st Markie Nathan – Miki
2nd Barbara Sher – Takopa Kwis Kwis
3rd Melodie Kerns - Nampatsi

Strength FROM FRONT

John is publishing his book with equally selfless motives. "I'm not doing this book for me, I'm doing this book for the kids of the future," revealed John. "I'm telling my story to help stop any child from having the same experience I had," he said.

The concept for his book started when an article was published about his story for Mothers Day. John's friend and coauthor encouraged John to share his full story. "Kids are locked up for hours in cribs and starved to death – it's pathetic," John said as he explained the atrocities that are still occurring in Russia today. "I'm really excited for this book," mentioned John, "I think this book is going to let other people see what happens in other countries."

You may have seen John around the Indiana University campus. John

stays busy while at NOAC, trying to get to as much as he can. "Patch trading," John said on his plans for his last day at NOAC. "I love it," John exclaimed of his overall NOAC experience.

Reflecting on the 2009 NOAC theme, John believes "One person has the power to change the future and that's just what we need." "Don't give up," John encourages, "keep trying to do the best that you can."

After high school, John plans on enrolling in a two-year community college and studying cinematography. John will be among students hoping to make a difference in the world with the story they

will one day tell through film. John's classmates would be smart to learn from him – someone who, in every sense of the word, with the power of just one, has already changed the world.

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-John Lahutsky



NICK DAHLSTROM

John's new book *The Boy from Baby House 10*, releases September 29, 2009.



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