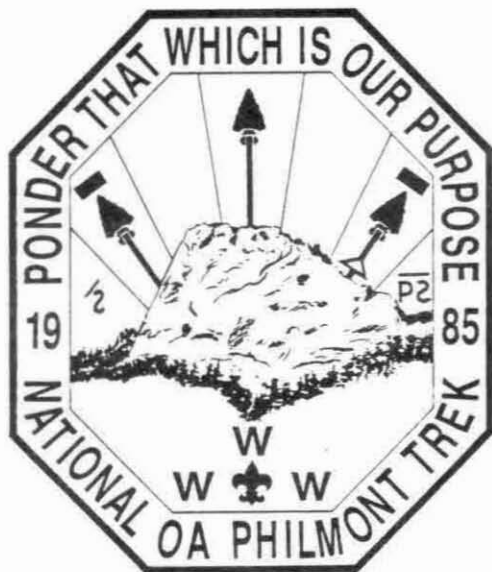




THE
Philmont
TREKKER
GUIDE





THE 1985 ORDER OF THE ARROW PHILMONT TREK
is dedicated to the memory of

L. GEORGE FELC

National Order of the Arrow Committee

1955 - 1985

Chairman, Order of the Arrow Committee

1960 - 1978



**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
ORDER OF THE ARROW
NATIONAL COMMITTEE**



Dear Arrowmen:

On behalf of the National Committee of the Order of the Arrow, I welcome you to Scouting's great outdoor adventure, Philmont Scout Ranch. I can find no better place to emphasize the relationship between the Order of the Arrow, camping and the great outdoors. Here, under the beautiful skies of northern New Mexico, Arrowmen will get the chance to hike the trails, train with, and develop friendships with other members of the Order of the Arrow as a common contingency.

For a national society of honor campers, the Philmont Trek is the epitomy of the Arrow's function to encourage camping on the unit, district and council levels. As you walk the trails of Philmont I hope that you will reflect on your role in the Order, and your lodge's role in the council to improve the quality of the camping program. Philmont will create a great deal of enthusiasm and inspiration in each one of you by the time you conclude the trek. Carry the enthusiasm back to your lodge.

I hope your days here at Philmont will be filled with excitement.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Carl M. Marchetti, M.D.
Chairman



National
ORDER OF THE ARROW
Philmont Trek



Dear Arrowmen:

Welcome to the 1985 Order of the Arrow Philmont Trek. Many months of planning and preparation have gone into the Trek and the committee is happy to have you here.

Our theme is "Ponder that which is our Purpose." We ask that while you walk the trails of Philmont that you think about the role you as an individual play in the Order of the Arrow and what role the OA plays in Scouting. As the Brotherhood of Honor Campers, it is our duty to promote Scout camping, and where better to consider this than at Scouting's premier high adventure base, Philmont Scout Ranch.

While in the back country, you will have the opportunity to take part in Philmont's exciting program as well as share your thoughts and experiences with other Arrowmen in the back country Rendezvous. Our aim is to combine the outdoor experience with thoughtful consideration of the purpose of the Order of the Arrow. In addition you will have a chance to express your opinion in discussion groups and have them relayed to the National Committee.

We hope that you have a rewarding and enjoyable trek.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Stephen D. Minnaugh
Stephen D. Minnaugh
National Chief

Michael G. Hoffman
Michael G. Hoffman
National Vice Chief

August 11-20, 1985



Stephen D. Minnaugh
National Chief

Steve was born October 24, 1965 and lives in Simsbury, Connecticut. He attends the University of Vermont where he is majoring in Political Science. He is a member of the Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta.

Steve is an Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 174 in Simsbury. He is an Eagle Scout and a Vigil Honor member of Eluwak Lodge #59. Before becoming National Chief, Steve had held various leadership positions in the Order on the chapter, lodge and section levels. Most recently, Steve was the Section Chief of NE-1E. Presently he serves on several National Committees and the National Executive Board.



Michael G. Hoffman
National Vice Chief

Mike is twenty years old and was born in Port Washington, Wisconsin. In 1979 he moved to Phoenix, Arizona. He attends Arizona State University where he is majoring in Zoology. He is a member of Delta Sigma Phi.

Mike is currently an Assistant Scoutmaster with troop 160 in Phoenix. He is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow. He has served as chapter chief, lodge chief and most recently as section chief from W-5A.

Doug O'Connell
Northeast Region Chief

Doug is 19 years old and is from Baltimore, Maryland. Doug is an Assistant Scoutmaster with troop 75 in Howard County. He has held various leadership positions in the Order and is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow.



Kevin Hula
North Central Region Chief

Kevin is from Topeka, Kansas and is a student at the University of Kansas in Lawrence. He is majoring in both Political Science and German. Kevin is an Eagle Scout and a Vigil Honor member of Dzie-Hauk Lodge.



Rob McEachern
Southeast Region Chief

Rob is 19 years old and is from Cleveland, Mississippi. He is a student at Delta State University. Rob is an Eagle Scout with double silver palms and a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow. In addition to his activity in Boy Scouting he is also involved with Sea Exploring.



Michael Johnson
South Central Region

Mike is 19 years old and lives in Medford, Oklahoma. He attends St. Gregory's College in Shawnee, OK. He is an Eagle Scout and is a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow.



Matt Sorensen
East Central Region Chief

Matt lives in Bloomington, Illinois but is originally from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He is an Eagle Scout and a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow.



Todd Brohaugh
Western Region Chief

Todd is 19 years old and lives in Orinda, California. Todd studies engineering at the University of California at Berkeley. He is an Assistant Scoutmaster in troop 237 in Orinda, and is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow.



TREK COMMITTEE

National Officers

Stephen D. Minnaugh
Michael G. Hoffman

Rendezvous Committee

Douglas D'Connell
Robert McEachern, III
Matt Sorensen
Kevin Hula
Michael Johnson
Todd Brohaugh

Purpose Development Committee

Kurt Ewen, TVC
Ed LaBonne
Chris Konik
Richard Anderson
Mark Boese
Peter Billota
Ronnie Daniel
Chris Gardea
Mike Garvey
Trent Grose
Craig Heckman
Glen D. Hodge
Luke Huggins
Don Inman
Sean Keenan
James Krueger
Jim Mazurk
Mark Miller
Eric Nagamine
Angelo Pappas
Jeff Reilly
Craig Rotter
Andrew D. Schmidt
Mike Shaver
Robert Steen
Rodney Uneo
Phil Vines

Special Events Committee

Jay Cleaver, TVC
Mike Miller
Dave Roberts

Campfire Committee

David A. Erb, TVC
Michael Schaffer
Chris Retajczyk
Joe Facchini
Mike McCarthy
Scott Sughrue
Richard Troll

Trading Post

Lonnie Reynolds, TVC

Publication Committee

Stephen Sellers, TVC
Wade Graves
Mike Shouse
Roy White
Don Felgelson

NATIONAL ORDER OF THE ARROW COMMITTEE

Carl M. Marchetti, Chairman
G. Allen Mossman, Adviser
Ted L. Johnson, Chairman Boy Scout Committee
Joseph L. Merton, Director Boy Scout Division

FOUNDERS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

Carrol A. Edson
George C. Flanagan
Milton Fluegelman
Daniel S. Ling
Richard R. McGee
Sidney B. North

MEMBERS

Robert J. Bradshaw
Richard H. Breithaupt, Jr.
Elton L. Brogdon
Kenneth P. Davis
John J. Dowe
Bernard M. Drock
Bryce J. Fairbanks
Kenneth Galloway
Ester Grubb
Greg A. Guy
Bradley E. Haddock
Michael G. Hoffman
Dabney Kennedy
Raymond L. Lee, Jr.
Del Loder

Thomas G. McBride
Stephen D. Minnaugh
James M. Montgomery
Jack A. Obermeyer
Edward J. Paulson
Edward A. Pease
Ronald L. Rupp
Richard J. Sanders, Sr.
William E. Slesnick
Herbert J. Sparks, Jr.
Charles S. Sullivan
Donald C. Thom
James T. Widmayer
Don L. Wylie
Lawrence Young



National
ORDER OF THE ARROW
Philmont Trek

Dear Brother:

Seventy years ago, our founder E. Urner Goodman established an organization to honor outstanding Scouts and Scouters. He once said:

"The Order of the Arrow is a thing of the spirit rather than of mechanics. Organization, operational procedures, and paraphernalia are necessary in any large and growing movement, but are not what count in the end. The things of the spirit count..."

On the following pages are messages for each day on the trail. Please take the time each morning to read them and think about them while you hike the trails.

You will also have the opportunity to participate in buzz sessions in the back country which will be lead by an OA staff member. Through these messages, buzz sessions, and other contact, we hope that you will leave Philmont with a greater spirit and a new personal goals regarding your unit and lodge.

Have fun and we will see you on the trail.

Purpose Development Committee



August 11-20, 1985

FIRST DAY ON THE TRAIL

"We who bear the Obligation...mindful of our high traditions,

PONDER THAT WHICH IS OUR PURPOSE..."

"...To recognize those campers...who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and by such recognition cause other campers to conduct themselves in such a manner as to warrant recognition..."

We have been honored through election to the Order of the Arrow, as judged by our peers, because we have lived up to the Scout Oath and Law. We were chosen by members of our troops not for what we had done but for what we are expected to do. The theme for the 1983 National Order of the Arrow Conference was "Those Who Chose You Need You." How does your lodge serve the needs of Explorers and Varsity Scouts? How can you involve yourself with your unit more?

Just remember, "On my honor I will do my best, to do my duty..."

Have an enjoyable first day on the trail. We hope to see you at the buzz sessions, Rendezvous or on the trail.

Purpose Development Committee

SECOND DAY ON THE TRAIL

"We who bear the Obligation...mindful of our high traditions.

PONDER THAT WHICH IS OUR PURPOSE"

"...To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit..."

In his book, The Building of a Life, E. Urner Goodman said this about today's "spirit":

"The more complex...our society becomes, the more necessary it is that we preserve something of the spirit that marked early pioneers. Pressing out into unmapped wilderness, facing unknown emergencies, they left us a great heritage in the ways of self reliance...one of the prime objectives of...Scouting."

Remember, things of the spirit count:

Brotherhood in a day when there is too much hatred at home and abroad,

Cheerfulness in a day when the pessimists have the floor and the cynics are popular,

Service in a day when millions are interested only in getting or grasping, rather than giving,

How can your lodge and you as an individual improve these things of the spirit?

Some Arrowmen have said that the Pre-Ordeal and Ordeal ceremonies have a large impact on the spirit of our new brothers. How can your lodge improve the ceremonies?

Hope to see you on the trail.

Purpose Development Committee

THIRD DAY ON THE TRAIL

"We who bear the Obligation...mindful of our high traditions,

PONDER THAT WHICH IS OUR PURPOSE"

"...To promote Scout camping, which relates its greatest effectiveness as a part of the unit's camping program, and to help strengthen the district and council camping program both year-around and in summer camp..."

"You have impressed upon those who...have lived closest to you the sincerity of your purpose to live in accordance with the high ideals of the Scout Promise." The principles of Scouting are centered around the camping experience. The OA arose in a camping environment and has kept camping promotion as its greatest service.

The Philmont Trek has given us a great opportunity to help improve our lodges' camp promotions program, especially High Adventure promotion. Throughout the trek you may have encountered many new camping experiences. By coming to Philmont you have had the opportunity to take part in many activities. What can your lodge do to ensure that other Scouts will have the chance to take part in High Adventure? What areas of your lodge's camp promotion program need improvement? Where does High Adventure promotion fit in to your program?

We have learned many things about each other and ourselves this week. We hope you have enjoyed the Trek and are looking forward to seeing you at the 1986 National Order of the Arrow Conference in Michigan. Please take this newly found knowledge to your home lodge and follow through with the goals you have set.

Purpose Development Committee

FOURTH DAY ON THE TRAIL

"We who bear the Obligation...mindful of our high traditions,

PONDER THAT WHICH IS OUR PURPOSE."

"...To crystalize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others..."

The idea of service appears in the Obligation, Scout Oath and Law, and all of the ceremonies concerning the Order. It is represented by many words but has only one central meaning for each of us. What does service mean to you? The word service can be broken down into several parts.

- S Servants of the Order, our fellow Scouts, and our unit,
- E Eager and enthusiastic about our tasks,
- R Rare leadership qualities,
- V Vital part of the Scouting movement,
- I Initiative to begin and follow through with new ideas,
- C Careful in how we represent the Order,
- E Endless time and service.

Consider what step each means to you. How does each of these fit into the responsibilities you have in your unit and in your lodge?

We hope that some of these principles have been apparent over the past three days on the trail. It is our desire that you enjoy this fourth trail day even more than the past three.

Purpose Development Committee

CREW MEMBERS

CREW MEMBERS

NOTES

NOTES

NOTES

NOTES

PHILMONT HYMN

Silver on the sage,
Star-lit skies above
Aspen covered hills,
Country that I love
Philmont, here's to thee
Scouting Paradise
Out in God's country--tonight.

Wind in whisp'ring pines
Eagles soaring high
Purple mountains rise
Against an azure sky.
Philmont, here's to thee
Scouting Paradise
Out in God's country--tonight.

PHILMONT GRACE

For food, for raiment,
For life, for opportunity,
For friendship and fellowship,
We thank thee, O Lord.

-- Amen