

## **National Conservation & Leadership Summit**

In the summer of 2007, over 2,000 Arrowmen from every lodge will join together for the first ever National Conservation and Leadership Summit (NCLS). The NCLS will be the first summit-type event held since the National Leadership Summit of 1999 at Colorado State University. July 28 through August 1, 2007 are the dates for this marquee event; the NCLS will be held on the campus of the Order's favourite campus, Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana.

The summit has been designed for the key three of each lodge with two other lodge representatives (and two other lodge leaders), as well as those that are interested in serving in staff roles at the *ArrowCorps*<sup>5</sup> project that will take place in 2008. At the NCLS, the third strategic plan (2008-2012): *Living the Legacy*—which has been designed by the national Order of the Arrow committee—will be unveiled to those in attendance.

During the course of this event lodge leaders will have the opportunity to participate in workshops that will coach lodges in implementing the strategic plan. The strategic plan has been designed to assist lodges in creating a more powerful link between the local council and lodge. Much of the ideology revolving the new strategic plan will build on the predecessor plan, 2003-2007: *A Legacy of Servant Leadership*.

All lodge Key 3 members should plan on attending as the summit will lay the foundation for the next four years of the Order of the Arrow. Not only will there be plenty of information available but it will also provide a forum for lodges to exchange ideas throughout the event.

Join the Order of the Arrow and strengthen the ties of brotherhood by participating in the 2007 National Conservation and Leadership Summit. See you in Indiana!

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Since the founding of the Order of the Arrow over ninety years ago Arrowmen have been busy incorporating the principles of brotherhood, cheerfulness and service into their daily lives. In 2007 Arrowmen will have the opportunity to live all three of these principles at the National Conservation and Leadership Summit at Indiana University. The summit will be an opportunity for leadership from lodges across the nation to come together to learn, educate, and have fellowship with one another. Training and preparation for ArrowCorp<sup>5</sup> will take place along with the presentation and implementation of the 2008-2012 National Strategic Plan: *Living the Legacy*.

Arrowmen interested in staffing at the *ArrowCorps*<sup>5</sup> projects will have the chance to learn about trail rehabilitation techniques, crew management skills and topics specific to each of the five national park project sites. The national strategic plan represents the national committee's vision for the future of the Order of the Arrow. By learning about the different aspects of the new plan, lodge leadership will be able to gain more insight as to the direction the OA over the next five years.

Lodges should make plans to take part in this event to be prepared for *ArrowCorps*<sup>5</sup>, and to truly understand the new national strategic plan. If you are a lodge chief, a lodge adviser, a lodge staff adviser, or one of the other lodge representatives selected to attend the National Conservation and Leadership Summit, mark your calendar for July 28<sup>th</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007, and don't miss this opportunity to help lay the groundwork for the next five years of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service!