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## **Boy Scouts Ages 13 - 17 Successfully Organize and Run a Multi-State Convention**

*The Order of the Arrow gives young teenage boys the opportunity to learn leadership, and these teens proved that they could handle a task that even adults have trouble with.*

Delta, Utah – Many groups and organizations struggle with the immense challenges associated with running an annual conference, but this group of teenage Order of the Arrow Boy Scouts proved they could plan, organize and carry out a large convention attended by youth and adults from four states.

The Order of the Arrow is the national honor society of the Boy Scouts of America, and each year the members gather for a weekend conference of fun and learning. The regional event attracts hundreds of boys from many states, and it was entirely organized and run by the boys themselves.

The “Conclave” of the Boy Scouts of America Order of the Arrow Section W5D was held this past weekend at the Intermountain Power Facility Man Camp, located adjacent to the Intermountain Power Generating Station north of Delta.

Activities included instruction, spiritual uplift, leadership training, and traditional Boy Scout activities such as rock climbing, rifle and shotgun shooting, archery, and other outdoor skills. There were over 85 classes for classes and activities, all of which were organized by the youth leaders.

Membership in the Order of the Arrow is not an award. Boy Scouts who live by the Scout Oath and Law, have achieved at least the rank of First Class and have at least 15 days and nights of camping are eligible to be elected to the OA by the members of their troop.

The Boy Scouts of America sponsor Order of the Arrow lodges in each council throughout the United States. The country is broken up into Sections of several lodges. Section W5D is made up of members from the Great Salt Lake Council (Salt Lake area), Utah National Parks Council (southern Utah), Trapper Trails Council (northern Utah and part of Wyoming), and Grand Teton Council (southern Idaho). Scouts were also in attendance from several other states as far away as NJ and Washington D.C.

Boy Scouts who are interested in the Order of the Arrow, members, and their parents can get more information on the Internet at <http://www.w5d.org>

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