

## Evan Spencer to be awarded the National Young American Award



One of Wiki's very own members is being honored with this special award!

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May, Evan Spencer will travel to San Diego to receive the 2008 National Young American Award. Evan is one of only 4 Arizonans to receive this award since it's inception in 1968.

The Young American Award was first presented in

1954 by the United States Department of Justice as the Young American Award for Service and the Young American Award for Bravery. Each of these awards were to be presented to two young people from each state and territory annually. The Justice Department had trouble promoting the award and approached the BSA for assistance in 1966.

With the launch of coed Exploring in 1968, the BSA took on the role of soliciting and receiving nominations, and assumed the program in 1971. The awards were originally available to youth ages 15 through 25. In 2005, it was changed to college students ages 19 through 25.

The original medals were suspended from neck ribbons, but the BSA soon changed them to a table medal, with the medallion placed in a block of acrylic glass. The ribbon version of the medal was restored for the national award after the introduction of Venturing.

The National Young American Award is presented annually as a \$7,500 scholarship by the Learning for Life Foundation to no more than five "young adults in college through age 25 who have achieved excellence in the fields of art, athletics, business, community service, education, government, humanities, literature, music, religion or



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science and have been involved in service to their community, state, or country that adds to the quality of life.”

Evan Spencer has been a long term member of our Lodge. He did his Ordeal at the R-C in 2001, his Brotherhood at the R-C Ordeal in 2002, and was awarded his Vigil at the Vigil induction ceremony at R-C in 2005. Evan’s Vigil name is “Hits the ground running”, and this describes Evan in everything he does.

Evan has been a driving force in the Kinloni Chapter (Route 66 District) in Flagstaff and has participated in many activities at the Lodge, Council, and National level. Evan even attend the World Jamboree in England.

Those from the Lodge, who know Evan, may remember that Evan served the Lodge as our Vice-Chief of Events. During his term, he hosted the James Bond themed Lodge Fellowship. That fellowship was our best organized, and best attended fellowship in the past 10 years.

For those who didn’t get a chance to meet Evan, you may still have heard of him. One of the many accomplishments that Evan completed during his scouting carrer is that he earned all of the available merit badges as well as the title of “Super Scout” from those that admire him.

Among his many accomplishments, Evan is an Eagle Scout, past chair of the Governor’s Youth Commission, recipient of the 2005 Governor’s Volunteer Service Award (youth category), recipient of the Congressional Award Gold Medal, recipient of the President’s Call to Service (Lifetime Service) Award, and is a certified PADI Master Scuba Diver. Evan graduated first in the class of 2007 at Coconino High School and will continue his education at Bowdoin College (Brunswick, ME) for the next few years.

Please join us in Congratulating Evan Spencer for this well deserved honor!

Thanks, and Yours in Brotherhood,

Tom-Tom Staff

## 2008 ArrowCorps5 Service Team Member Emblem



The National Order of the Arrow Committee announces the release of the 2008 ArrowCorps5 Service Team Member Emblem. This colorful patch is being issued to Arrowmen who have committed to serving this summer at one of the five ArrowCorps5 sites.

The emblem will begin to be shipped from the national office late the last week of March to all Arrowmen (both participants and staff) who have paid deposits to attend or staff one of the five ArrowCorps5 sites.

The looped emblem is to be worn on the Uniform in the temporary patch area, and will be replaced with the ArrowCorps5 Service Shield that will be given to each person completing their ArrowCorps5 Service.

The Order is proud of the service its members are about to provide and encourages every member to wear their Service Team Emblem and tell the story of ArrowCorps5!

## Arrow Corp5 Patches Are In

We Just received our Arrow Corp5 fund raiser patches. They look great. If anyone is interested in completing their patch collection, we will have them for sale at the Fellowship. We also have the AC<sup>5</sup> contingent patch. The Lodge will be contacting everyone who has registered to attend one of the National Service Projects, so they can purchase their patch. If you are going to AC<sup>5</sup>, and haven’t advised the Lodge, please send an email to Randy Driscoll at...

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