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## NOAC 2004

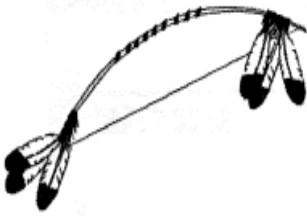
By: Jack Olsen

The only thing I can say about NOAC is everyone needs to go! Think of this; one week of nothing but fun, sort of like a conclave, except Arrowmen and women from every corner of the country, and sometimes other countries are assembled in one place. This year we had over 6,000 members show up at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa to partake in the festivities. The only downside to the entire trip was a poor showing by our lodge. Tkaen Dod, a lodge from our section had over 20 members attend, Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee, another lodge from our section had over 35 members attend, but our lodge sadly only had 3! Steve Olsen, Jon Doherty and I traveled on a bus with Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee to NOAC, and then on the way home we spent a day at Cedar Pointe. I have been to a Jamboree and by far, NOAC blows it out of the water. There are large scale activities and training events and shows which involve everyone and believe it or not, it is all youth run. An exciting thing about NOAC is that you are always meeting new friends. In our dorm, we stayed with people from California, Texas, Alabama, Kansas, Illinois and New Jersey, only to name a few. Also, if you are a patch trader, NOAC is the place for you! Anywhere you go, there is an Arrowman or woman with their patches on display waiting for you to trade. There are so many patches from all over the country, some beautiful and some funny that you can take home with you, and every time you open up your collection and see that patch, you think back to the friend you met when you traded one of yours for one of theirs. For an entire week of fun half way across the country, it only cost around \$500 per person! You cannot beat a price like that for a vacation during the summer for a week. Also, the memories and excitement that come back with you from this event are amazing. You will truly be reenergized in the Order of the Arrow and have lots of fun at the same time. Every day and night consisted of complete shows with pyrotechnics and jumbo screens in the campus stadium to expos with plenty of free stuff all over the campus. You are never bored, because there is always five things or more going on all at once every day. The next NOAC will be held in the summer of 2006 at Michigan State University and we hope we can take a much larger number of lodge members with us. If you want to know more, come to a lodge meeting and talk to Steve, Jon, myself - or feel free to email or call us, Wes Hall has our information. Please consider this event, you will not regret this at all and it is the best \$500 you will ever spend in your life. Keep reading your lodge newsletter and more information will come as NOAC gets closer.

## OA Hosts Cub and Family Weekend

August 28 - 29 -30, 2004 found many Cub Scouts with their families attending the Annual Cub and Family Weekend held at Camp Sam Wood. Ashokwahta Lodge, as a host, made it possible for Cub Scouts to attend camp with their families. Great food ----- great weather and a fantastic campfire created an enjoyable weekend. Many thanks go to all of those who participated. (Free weekend for all OA members.) " THANKS " to Ron Schmidt and his crew for another GREAT food filling weekend. If you were hungry----- then you must have had a broken arm.

The joy each Cub had of swimming, archery, hiking, BB Gun shooting, crafts and campfires let the Cub Scout select and experience a fun filled weekend with their families. Next year promises another great camping experience. Don't be left out.



### ORDER OF THE ARROW BANQUET - A FAMILY TRADITION ...

There is no better place to spend a Saturday evening with friends and family than at the annual Ashokwahta Lodge Banquet. Recognition of this year's events and the annual patch auction to raise the much needed dollars for the lodge's operation are just a few of the highlights.

The banquet is Saturday, January 8th, at the Batavia Party House (Stafford). A gathering and social time is scheduled for 6:00PM, followed by dinner at 6:30. A fine dinner and a great helping of fellowship are on the menu.

Set the date aside now and plan to attend. Make sure that other Arrowmen in your unit and community are aware of the date. Take the initiative and arrange carpools. There is no better way to start the year, than with a gathering of your fellow Arrowmen.

### Patch Auction

The annual OA Lodge Banquet will once again include the patch auction which has provided the Lodge with many useful funds for the upgrading of our camp facilities. I will accept all donations until December 20th which can include, not only patches but, any type of Scouting items or memorabilia. In the past, many sought after items have been donated and have brought in a nice sum of money with spirited bidding. Please check out your STASH and donate some goodies so we can once again be successful with this event. The past few years have seen \$3,000 or above collected. So along with donating, come to the Banquet prepared to bid on your "must have" items.

Remember to get items to me by December 20th so I have time to package, price, and catalog them properly. Items can be left at the Batavia office, my home or mailed to me at my address listed below. Items brought to the banquet will NOT be included in this year's auction. Thanks for participating.

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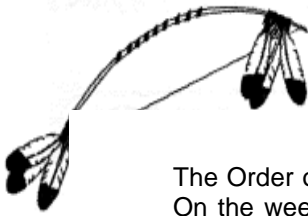
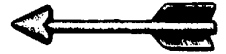
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### Winter Banquet January 8th, 2005

Sign up for:	Fee	Total
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Total: \_\_\_\_\_





## OA News

The Order of the Arrow has started this Scouting year out strong.

On the weekend of September 17-19 we held our annual Fall Ordeal and Fellowship Weekend at Camp Dittmer. We had an unprecedented number of Scouts and Scouters participate in this weekend (over 80 in all) and completed a phenomenal amount of work while having fun at the same time.

The weekend previous, September 10-12 we sent 2 Scouts and one Scouter to Camp Alpine New Jersey for the National Leadership Seminar, as well as one adult to the National Lodge Advisor Training Seminar. We all learned a lot and have brought back valuable information to help our lodge and the council in general.

August 27-29 we held our annual Cub and Parent Weekend at Camp Sam Wood. This is a program we run to help familiarize Cub Scouts and their families with our wonderful summer camp program. The schedule for the weekend is relatively lenient and allows for a lot of fun as well as a learning environment. With over 130 people in attendance this may have been the best Cub and Parent Weekend yet. I strongly encourage everyone involved in a cub pack to look into this for next year. All proceeds from the weekend go directly back to the Cub Scout camping program.

Our lodge is now looking in one forward direction to better things to come. On the weekend of November 19-21 we will be holding our first ever OA Fun Weekend. This will be a weekend based around having fun. People will tell you that the OA is all work and no play but I say NO WAY. Not anymore, all you Arrowmen out there come on down to Camp Sam Wood for a weekend of fun. More information will be coming out shortly, any questions please contact me.

Also, on January 8th we will be holding our Annual Lodge Banquet. If you are interested in attending please don't delay - contact me today.

One of my goals for the upcoming year is to improve the OA communication with you, the units. The best way to do this is through the OA Unit Representative position. EVERY, and I mean every, unit should have a Representative to the OA. If you do not currently have a troop rep and would like to learn more, you can find information about it through the OA link on the council web page ([www.itcbsa.org](http://www.itcbsa.org)). If you do have a unit rep, I would like to be able to contact them. If you could contact me with your unit representative contact information it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours in Scouting,

**Wesley A Hall**

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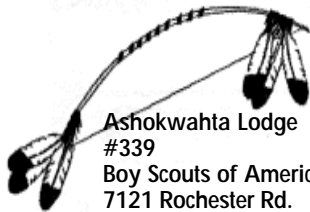
**Phone: (716)-692-5046**

CONCLAVE 2004 WAS EXCELLENT!! We had nearly 80 lodge members turn out to Camp Sam Wood and help us out for the fun filled weekend of June 46<sup>th</sup>. Members joined us from Erie, PA to the Finger Lakes spanning 8 different lodges. The turnout overall was a little lower than average, but it was still a good number of Arrowmen and women from our section. We even had our Northeast Region Chief from Massachusetts choose to attend our conclave instead of any other conclave which was hosted in the entire Northeast Region that weekend. Although this conclave was a hit, we need to keep the enthusiasm rolling for Conclave 2005 at Camp Babcock Hovey near Seneca Lake. This year our lodge will be in charge of shows, instead of hosting, but it is still a large task to fulfill. If you are a youth or adult, we can use you for our ENFUEGO SUPREMO which will be held on Saturday night of the conclave. We also may have other activities going on during the weekend which we need help for, but no matter the task, it will all be purely fun. Because we are in charge of shows, we do not necessarily have to do the same amount of work, so you will have more free time this conclave! This time around, you can come to the conclave and see friends you met from last year at the camp they call home and join our lodge in our conclave aspiration of having fellowship, fun and FOOD! Please come to the lodge meeting this month and join the conclave committee, we have a spot for everyone! Hope to see you there!

**Conclave Corner**

**By: Steve Olsen**





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### BURNING ISSUES

#### FUN / NO WORK WEEKEND AT CSW

Experience a Fun Weekend ----- no camp to set up or take down. That's right. For the past two years many of the OA Members have asked for a fun weekend. At least those that represent the lodge at the Lodge Executive meetings. Plans are easy. Just bring along your favorite games, cards, movies ( subject to review, ) sports equipment and yourself. No lights out on Friday and Saturday nights. FELLOWSHIP. A listing will be formulated at the Lodge meeting for October ( third Wednesday / Batavia Office ) for activities.

True to our Order we should be asked for a donation of two hours of service to help Scouting at Camp Sam Wood -- helping others. Members will sign up for ONLY two hours and then stop at the end of the time limit. YES----- it is true --- you must stop and enjoy the rest of the weekend.

Reservations are a must ----- \$10.00 for food and a medical form. Check in at 7:00 PM Friday night Nov 19. Due to the limited space for cooking at the Call Lodge; reservations are a must. The small area for cooking and food service limits the services, and could distress the food services if you walk in with out letting us know. Plans are to have the same foods; more rest and relaxation than ever before.

Again we need to have your reservation for this planned "fun weekend " with a small donation of time help. Fellowship, games and sleep are planned at this time.

### Calendar

#### November

- 17 Chili Dinner Camp Program Launch 6:30 United Methodist Church, Batavia
- 19-21 Camp Sam Wood Lodge Fun Weekend
- 19-21 CORE Training-- Camp Merz --all Lodge Officers

#### December

- 15 Lodge meeting--Batavia Field Office 7:00 pm

#### January

- 8 Banquet & Patch Auction 7:00 PM at Batavia Party House on Rt. 5

**Website**  
[www.itcbsa/oa](http://www.itcbsa/oa)

