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Hey guys,

We put together a great newsletter for you this time around. This is my first newsletter as Lodge Chief and so far its proven to be a good one. Thanks for all of you who wrote articles you are the reason that this lodge is as great as it is today.

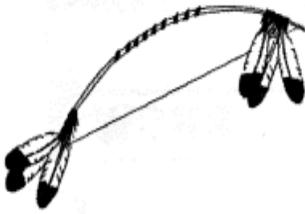
Our newsletter has our standard reports from each of our officers but we also have so much more. As you may know we just recently host section NE-3A's annual section conclave. We've got a few articles from different viewpoints about the conclave. We all had a great conclave and now we can put our experiences into print. All those who could not attend this year's conclave pay special attention to these articles. Next year is your turn to have a good time at conclave, and I guarantee you will. I want to see all you guys out to camp Babcock Hovey for next years conclave.

We have a few younger writers for this newsletter who show a lot of potential. And we also have quite a few seasoned veterans in the newsletter biz. Thanks also to our new section officers who wrote articles for us.

This year should prove to be a great year for Ashokwahta Lodge 339 Thank you all for your support and I am glad to see all of you becoming increasingly active in the Lodge. Will Rogers once said that the only problem with Boy Scouts is that there aren't enough of them. I think the same thing about the OA, but more specifically I think that there aren't enough ACTIVE.

I want to make an official charge to all the adults out there reading this newsletter. I want you all to drive at least one youth to at least one OA event within the next year. I look forward to having lots of adult walking up to me this next year and saying "I borrowed took the minivan and brought six youth." That is an accomplishment worth recognition.

Thank You All for your support  
Wes Hall



## Lodge Chief Report

Wow, man oh man. I knew I wanted something big to start off my term as Lodge Chief with a bang. Conclave was the perfect situation.

As you may or may not know I was elected Lodge Chief a mere 2 weeks before our lodge hosted the biggest Section NE-3A event of the year, the Section conclave. For those of you who did not attend you missed out on one great weekend. A Section Conclave is a weekend event where almost 300 arrowmen from our Section, which includes all of Western New York and Northern Pennsylvania, gather together for a weekend of training, competition and fellowship. Last Year I attended the conclave at Camp Cutler and I had a blast, but I guess I never realized how much work went into such a large scale event. I found out quick.

Our duties as host lodge ranged from parking cars to cleaning dishes and everything in between. We all had a blast never the less but don't take my word for it turn to the conclave page of this newsletter and you'll find out how much fun it was. I want to encourage all of you to plan on attending next years conclave, it's a great opportunity to hang out with friends, and make some new ones, all the while training to make your OA experience and the experiences of the other members of the lodge more memorable.

I was glad to see that we had so many people who attended the conclave. I implore all of you who attended to please share what you have learned and start coming to lodge meetings. We have had an unprecedented growth in Meeting attendance and I hope the trend continues. To all of you out there who did not attend conclave I am sure you have some skill to share with the Lodge. And if not You have something to learn. Lodge meetings are the third Wednesday of every month and all arrow men are invited to attend. You may even find you like it. We make the meetings fun and still get things accomplished. If you would like to get monthly meeting reminders that is easier than you think. Send me an e-mail with your Contact info and I'll be sure to remind you every month of when our meetings are.

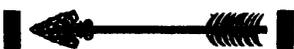
We have a few good changes in our committees for this year. Our Unit Elections committee will be holding ALL unit elections this fall to eliminate some confusion in planning and to insure the best experience for all ordeal candidates. Camp promotions are also going to be beginning early this year because the best time to promote camp is early. We will have an increased involvement in camp staff this year. We have reinstated the Camp Chief Program because of its success last year. These are all important parts of our Camp Promotions Program. Our newsletter committee is growing in strength. They are fully capable of putting out a great newsletter every time we have one. This is just the beginning. Our Ceremonies committee has been working hard on presenting the best ceremonies we have ever had. Thanks are in order for all of those who have been active in any of our committees. Anyone who would be interested in helping out with any of our committees please contact me.

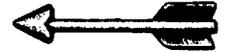
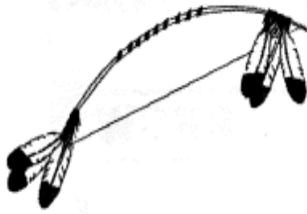
Thank you all for attending the spring weekend a month ago and for electing myself and the rest of this years slate of officers. Don't be afraid to contact me about any questions you may have. I do not know everything and I don't pretend to but the least I can do is point you to someone who can answer your question. I am here to serve you and that is exactly what I plan to do. Please contact me I enjoy your input and I will get back to you in a timely manner. Thanks for making me your chief I will return the favor and make this the best year our lodge has ever had. I look forward to hearing from all of you,

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(the BEST lodge ever)

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## Section Officer Message Board

I asked our Section Officers if they would write an article or two for our Lodge newsletter and here is what I got.

Thanks Guys for your help I can already see that this year is going to be one of the best years In section NE-3A's history

### Reach for Greatness

**By Jon Fuller**  
*NE-3A Vice Chief*

Brothers:

Before I begin the main part of this article, I would like to congratulate and thank Lodge 339 for producing arguably the finest Section Conclave NE-3A has ever seen. June 4-6, 2004 will always be a positive scouting memory for myself and I am confident for the entire Section. You, as a lodge, did a superb job and I look forward to the next year serving you.

The message I would like to give you today is fairly simple; in all your life's endeavors, reach for greatness. In everything you do in your life, be it in scouting or elsewhere do what needs to be done, and do it well. Ralph Waldo Emerson once said "We aim above the mark to hit the mark", therefore go above and beyond what is asked of you; this is the measure of greatness of character. I'm sure Wes wouldn't mind at all if you asked him to give more servant leadership in the lodge, for this is truly what our Order is all about.

In your lives outside of scouting, take the valuable lessons learned and apply them everywhere you see the opportunity. The Order of the Arrow has been cited as perhaps the finest youth organization in the world, and if all 180,000 arrowmen apply their leadership skills in some positive way; brothers, we will change the world. So don't be afraid to reach for greatness in every situation, and make your lives and the lives of those around you extraordinary. In closing I would like to leave you with a quote from the late President Ronald Reagan, one which has stuck with me for all my years of leadership: "My philosophy of life is that if we make up our mind what we are going to make of our lives, then work hard toward that goal, we never lose - somehow we win out."

### It's Time to Represent!

A red arrowhead, on a tan circular patch...what does this signify? Well, it means that whoever is wearing that patch, is representing the Order of the Arrow in that troop! Now, this is a program that was unveiled by the National Order of the Arrow Committee in the year 1999, and until now, has not been the most successful to date.

That is all going to change when Ashokwahta Lodge 339 starts their work towards this program! This is a program that NEEDS people to work for it! What are required are people with the willingness to make TONS of phone calls to scoutmasters, and existing troop representatives in the council. If these phone calls are done to find out who the troop representative is, or if the troop is willing to use a troop representative, then your lodge can be very successful!

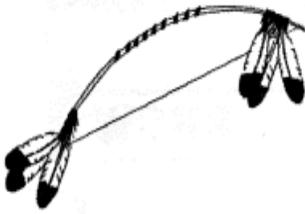
If Lodge 339 is able to get this troop representative program off and running, then you will be one of the FIRST lodges in the NATION to do this! If this program works to the way it was meant to, then 339 will be the BEST, and BIGGEST lodge in the nation, with quality lodge being achieved in April or May, not in September or October.

This is a program that I feel very strongly about, and if you have ANY questions for me whatsoever on the program, feel free to email me at [mike-mullen@oalodge165.org](mailto:mike-mullen@oalodge165.org).

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Michael J. Mullen Jr.  
2004 Lodge Chief 165  
2004 NE-3A Secretary





## Lodge Officer's Corner

### Ordealmaster

As of yet, there is naught but good news in my corner of the lodge. The ceremonies team is doing well with a brand-new Meteu, Kichkinet, and Nutiket. This Spring Weekend, our roughly forty Ordeal candidates were guided by several capable Elangomats and we had a decent group of Brotherhood candidates. The groups of Ordeal candidates completed their work projects quickly and efficiently, and many have shown acute interest in becoming more involved in the Order as new members. Several even attended the Executive Board meeting last month, and a few of those ended up standing, for we ran out of chairs. Next month shall be different, however—we will accommodate anyone who walks through our door. Until then, have fun and good Scouting.

Yours in the  
Wimachtendienk,

K. Volk, Ordealmaster

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### Vice Chief

My Fellow Arrowmen,

As the school year comes to a close, our lodge is still hard at work. Ceremonies and Unit Elections are both off to a great start.

First unit elections are off to a tremendous start, we are planning to hopefully do unit elections at Camp Dittmer this summer which will require the assistance of all Youth Arrowmen on camp staff this summer. We are

looking to increase our unit elections team, so we can hit all troops within the council for the upcoming year.

We need all arrowmen to fulfill their obligation and assist the lodge with this task. We want to start unit elections late this fall, so we can have a much more organized way of inducting new Arrowmen. If you are interested in doing unit elections this year, drop me an email at [dem-victory2004@yahoo.com](mailto:dem-victory2004@yahoo.com).

### Assistant Secretary

My fellow Arrowmen,

It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself as the new Lodge Assistant Secretary. My name is Jeremy Hulse and I hail from Troop 98 in Pendleton. Thank you very much for electing me as your Assistant Secretary at the Spring Fellowship Weekend. I will try to fulfill all that is expected of me.

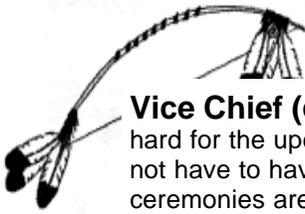
The Spring Fellowship Weekend at Camp Sam Wood was a great time for everybody. We saw many new candidates become Ordeal members and many Ordeal members seal their membership in the Order as Brotherhood members. We also provided much cheerful service to the camp to help prepare it for the Section Conclave. Thank you to all those who came out and helped.

The best NE-3A Section Conclave ever was held on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at Camp Sam Wood. As the host lodge, we were proud to host our first ever Section Conclave as Ashokwahta. We had many volunteers from our lodge come out and help. Thanks to you, everything ran smoothly, making it the best Conclave ever.

In the upcoming events department, we will hold an OA Day every week at Camp Dittmer. If you are coming to Dittmer this year, you can join in the festivities. Also, in the Fall, we will be having the Fall Fellowship Weekend at Camp Dittmer. We would like to see as many people as possible at this weekend, so we can get a lot of work done.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Jeremy Hulse  
Lodge Assistant Secretary





**Vice Chief (continued)** Second are ceremonies, the ceremonies team once again working hard for the upcoming fall weekend at camp Dittmer. All persons joining the Ceremonies team do not have to have speaking parts, help is needed clearing trails, setting up, and taking down the ceremonies areas. If you have sewing experience, or Native American regalia experience, or want to help with the ceremonies team please drop me an email.

Thank you to all of the Arrowmen who gave all of their efforts at the previous Conclave, thanks to you guys everything was such a huge success. Feel the fire, hear the admonition, see the arrow, get involved in lodge events and fulfill your obligation. If you see Wes Hall anywhere, thank him for his unwavering Service to our lodge.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Dan Jones  
Vice Chief

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## Words from the Lodge Advisor

### What a Conclave!

Brothers, The NE3A Conclave was a great success. We had some V.I A.'s come to visit us. Ed Lynes, the Northeast Region Chief. He belongs to Moswetuset Lodge of the Boston Minuteman Council. Tyson Ford, Section NE3B Chief from Kayanernh-Kowa of the Hiawatha Seaway Council. Bob Black the NE3B Section Adviser from Otahnagon Lodge of The Baden Powel Council. I even got to trade some patches with Bob, one of the best ways to meet people in scouts!

I want to thank Jack and Steve Olsen for their service to our lodge. The many hours of hard work that have been put in by all of our members made hosting the conclave a time we will remember for many years. Our Head Chef was even asked to bring his crew and Bar-B-Q Beef on the road for next time!

Now is the time to think summer, I hope every one will be attending camp this year. We will have a Camp Chief on staff at Camp Dittmer. It's not too late to think of being on Camp Staff. OA Members would make great additions to Camps Sam Wood and Dittmer. Please contact the council service center if you are interested in applying for a staff position.

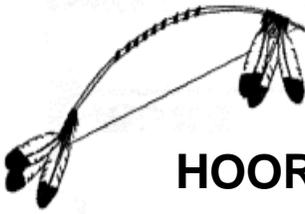
The Cub and parent weekend will be August 27-29, at Camp Sam Wood.

We will need at least 30 brothers to staff the event. The weekend will be our best opportunity to show to our Cubs and their families just what the National Honor Society of Scouting is all about! It's a weekend of open program and fun. How easy is that? Best of all,,, its FREE! Yup that's right FREE if you're on staff it's FREE CAMPING, FREE FOOD AND LOTS OF FREE FUN!! Just help out a few hours to staff the program areas, like handy-craft and archery, lead a nature hike, sing a song at the opening camp fire, show a pack to their camp site. Oh and hey ,, if you have BSA life guard you could hang at the pool. Remember, the more help we have the easier the workload and more free time to your self.

I wish all of you a happy and safe summer!  
See you at Cub & parent weekend!

Yours in Brotherhood,





## HOORAY FOR THE BEST CONCLAVE EVER

### Conclave from James' Point of View:

This being my first conclave, my expectations were high. I expected a fun, well planned, and enjoyable campout with a bunch more guys than I'm used to.

I wasn't let down. The conclave, without a doubt, was one of the best Boy Scout experiences I've ever had.

My brother Giovanni and I got there about 5:30PM on Friday. Registration was easy enough. We told the front desk our names and we went up to the Tonawanda campsite. After a quick unpack, we headed down to the dining hall. The usual opening ceremonies followed. After a brief meeting with Wes, we headed up to sleep.

Saturday. Now the conclave was really starting. After breakfast, I headed over to the first station. The station was based around how to run effective meetings. Of course being from Ashokwahta 339, I already knew how to run good meetings, but there is always room for improvement. It was a very well run session, and everyone there had fun. Next, was the OA Representative program. This provided me with much insight. Apparently the program was started and never got hold. I being the representative from my troop, I realized I had a lot of work ahead of me to get this program to work.

Lunch. My favorite meal.

After lunch, we had the section officer elections. Everything went smoothly. Hopefully, this year will be as good as last year for our section.

Elections were over, and now onto the competitions. We did really well! Tasks ranged from creating an animal trap to starting a fire. Our shining moment was when we made a shelter out of a leaning branch and ferns. We were able to fit 8 people comfortably in it!

The conclave then started to wind down. After dinner, we all went up to the theater. A two man band played some tunes to much applause. The funniest part was the roasting of our current leaders. Funny stuff always comes back to haunt you! Our new leaders were then inducted/reinstated into their positions. After a little cracker-barrel, it was up to bed.

The conclave was definitely an experience to remember. I learned a lot and still managed to have fun. As always, Ashokwahta 339 does and awesome job. I'm glad I was able to be a part of the conclave, not just as a staff member, but as a scout as well. Great job, Wes!

James Madejski

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### The Conclave

The conclave was a blast for those who didn't go. The training sessions were a lot of fun and very productive and interesting especially "How to run a successful meeting" where we got make fun of the adults.

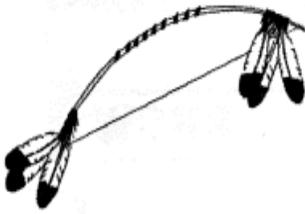
The quest for the golden arrow was fun. We had to build a shelter, carry someone in a sleeping bag, build a bridge, start a fire with only two matches, and finally build a rabbit trap.

The food was the same as at the ordeal but nonetheless good. The rock band was okay considering they had only two people. The leader roast was good with many hilarious stories about the previous leaders.

In conclusion the conclave was enjoyable and should be hoped to be as good next year.

Giovanni Madejski





## Conclave from the Advisor

### Conclave in Review

The NE-3A Section Conclave at Camp Sam Wood was a complete success! The weather was great, the rain held off except for a few sprinkles to help with dust control. Our lodge had a large number of arrowmen and women present and when they weren't working, they got to compete in events and also get some much needed training. The meals were terrific and members from other lodges gave us many compliments for the food and our camp. I guess we all did good! I would like to give special thanks to our conclave chairman, Steve Olsen, as well as Ron Schmidt our cook and who also sacrificed his time and patience. Without his help this conclave wouldn't have been a success. I would also like to thank the lodge chief Wes Hall, lodge advisor Brian Schollard, supreme chief of the fire, Jaimie Shearer, lodge staff advisor, Harold Teller and many other council and lodge members. There are way too many of you to list who donated their time and knowledge to make this conclave one to remember with pride. As Matt Agarwala, our Section Chief, said this conclave was the best ever and will be hard to follow. Although our conclave is over, there are still many more to get involved with and attend. In June 2005 our brothers to the east, Ganeodiyo Lodge of Finger Lakes Council will be hosting the Section Conclave at Camp Babcock-Hovey. I would love to see you all there and maybe even a few more new faces. Lets keep the spirit and involvement going at our lodge meetings, ordeal weekends, banquets and conclaves.

Faithfully Yours,

“Rev.” Jack Olsen  
Conclave Advisor

Although he did not mention it Jack Olsen was also a huge contributor to the success of our conclave. He told me once that he had no idea how much it took to run a successful conclave but that he would give it all he had. You have hid in the background long enough I want to make it known that you are in a large part the reason for our successful conclave. Thank you so much Mr. Olsen, without your dedication to this Conclave it never would have happened.

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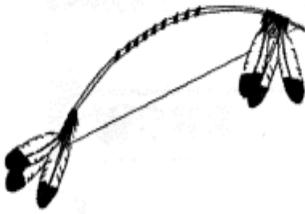
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## Junior Leader Training

Are you looking to take a leadership position in your troop? Hoping to be elected to a troop office? Want to take useful information back to your troop? Then you should seriously consider attending Junior Leadership Training, to be held this summer at Camp Dittmer. The Order of the Arrow is considered Scouting's National Honor Society. Junior Leader Training trains Scouts who have leadership skills, camping ability, and potential within scouting. There is a connection between individuals who are members of the Order of the Arrow, and those with leadership abilities. This is an opportunity that no Arrowman should miss. If you interested in attending JLT, drop the course Senior Patrol Leader Joe Showers an e-mail at masterkatra@hotmail.com or the Course Advisor Jack Vosburg at dvosburg@rochester.rr.com. Either of these two will get you all the information you need. Slots are filling up fast, so give them an e-mail today.

Dan Jones





## Ceremonies

### Ceremonies

The ceremonies team is still hard at work preparing for the upcoming fall weekend at camp Dittmer. We are on a once per month practice schedule, and are working hard at practices and privately to make the upcoming weekend a success. Unfortunately we were not able to compete in this years ceremonies competition at the 2004 conclave, however we are ready to capture first prize at next years conclave. We are always looking for new members in the ceremonies team, we are indeed still looking for persons that are interested in speaking parts. However, all persons joining the Ceremonies team do not have to have speaking parts, help is needed clearing trails, setting up, and taking down the ceremonies areas. We are also in need of individuals whom have experience with Native American Regalia, and sewing experience. If you want our ceremonies to exceed the highest expectations, which everyone does, we need help with what we are doing, come and help us clear the trail at the OA weekend, set up the ceremonies, and help us take it down when its all over. This is a truly meaningful way to fulfill your obligation in this brotherhood of cheerful service. If you are in any way interested in helping out the ceremonies team please e-mail me at demvictory2004@yahoo.com.

Thanks for your support,  
Dan Jones

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### Ceremonies

Being a member of the ceremonies team makes you a better person.

It's true—the four principals (with an *a l*) of the ceremony each embody the basic principles (with an *l e*) of the Order and of Scouting; therefore, to be an effective member of the team, you, yourself, must embody these principles as well. It's easier to do than you think. After all, the best ceremonies team members have all this stuff memorized.

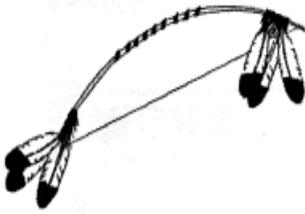
You may have noticed this past Ordeal weekend that each of the four parts of the ceremony had four different individuals playing them. This was, in the simplest term I can muster, excellent. However, I must remind everyone that although we have the ability to cast a complete team into the ceremony circle; this is no reason to give up on the lofty aspirations you might have of being the next Meteu or Kichkinet. Indeed, now is the best possible time to join the ceremonies team, because there are people who know your part around and available to help you carry this weighty responsibility.

Make no mistake: being on the ceremonies team is a weighty responsibility. It entails hard work. On the other hand, so does anything else that is worth doing. "He alone is worthy to wear the arrow who will continue to serve his fellow man."

Yours in the Wimachtendienk,

K. Volk, Ordealmaster





## Supreme Chief of the Fire

To all of you who participated in the Section 3A Conclave this past weekend – THANK YOU! For those of you who missed this opportunity, you missed a great weekend of FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, and FUN! Our lodge can take pride in hosting a great conclave. The reports from the other lodges and those Arrowmen we hosted were most complimentary.

Now that the conclave has passed, there are so many other activities to get involved with and make a difference in the lodge. I would encourage everyone to carefully read every one of the articles in this newsletter and plan their calendar accordingly.

Our new chief has some very exciting plans for the summer and fall months. Every youth member should take the lead of the chief and get involved. Our adult members need to take a keen interest in the activities and see that EVERY youth member has the opportunity to participate in as many events as possible.

It is a new lodge year. Rekindle the flame and get involved!

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### Order of the Arrow ----- Meanings

When I was elected to join the Order of the Arrow, many Moons ago; I was not sure of what to expect. Was this some new part of our troop or a new adventure? What would be my role in this new membership?

All through the four part Ordeal I took ( mine was during a summer camp night and day; ) I saw Arrow men working on our camp. I, too, became involved in " cheerful service. " The day was clear and warm, but since then I've worked on sunny days and rainy days too. The same activity to join the Order regardless of the weather ----- rain or shine ----- have produced friendships that still are true.

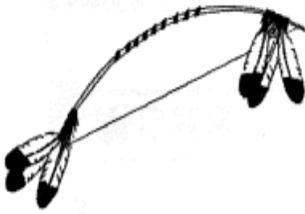
As the moons rise and set over the years, friendships have been found and valued. Just because you enter the "Brotherhood of Cheerful Service; " this may not draw you to the group. You must answer the call via the newsletters and monthly meetings to push yourself to attend the Spring and Fall Weekends plus the annual Winter Banquet.

Participation becomes the priority of an active OA membership. As with experience I've found many friends through the Order. It is like joining a new troop; members not necessarily of my community but are the whole Iroquois Trail Council. Some of the members are barely thirteen, although some are many times thirteen. We are all members and help each other. All are friends ----- we all wear the " white sash with a brilliant red arrow. " As each ceremony ends, the campfires fade to glowing coals ----- my friends / brothers of the Order know the traditions of our Order. Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. Fun too !

Only your participation brings you to the campfire light. There are ceremonies, newsletter writers, election teams, camp promotion teams and the monthly (third Wednesday night in Batavia at the Scout office --- 7:00 PM ) meetings that bring us together. See you in the Order soon.

Along the trail,





## Upcoming Events

### Camp Sam Wood Cub & Parent Weekend

Last Summer while at Camp Dittmer, I had the pleasure of sitting in the ITC Executive Committee meeting. They had statistics showing that the greatest loss of boys in the scouting program is at the time of crossing over from Webblows to Boy Scouts.

There are many reasons why this happens. Based on the boys in our troop (and my own sons), sports, cable TV, X box, PS2, and the internet, all offer some pretty interesting fair to entice the boys away from the scouting program.

Our Ashokwahta Lodge offers Cub Scouts an outstanding opportunity to enjoy the scouting experience within the security of both their pack and family units. These future scouts need heroes to look up to and keep them on the right track- the Scouting track.

On Friday August 27- Sunday August 29, 2004, the Order of the Arrow Lodge #339 will be hosting a Cub-parent weekend at Camp Sam Wood. It is open to all registered Cub Scouts and parents, in groups or as individuals. Arrowmen are needed to run the archery, fishing, swimming, nature, crafts, skits and campfire sessions, to name a few.

Please spread the word to all of your fellow Arrowmen AND your local Cub Packs. The weekend is free.

Come and make a positive impact on a Cub Scouts life. The world can use a few more heroes.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Paul Crawford

Included in this newsletter is your registration form for this event!!!!!!

Flag ceremony at last year's Cub and Parent weekend.



Tons of fun at the archery range!!! I think someone got a bulls eye, hooray!!!!!!





## And now for some actual testimony from someone who enjoyed last year's Cub and Parent weekend

"We had a great time there last year. My new friend Vern and I ran the nature course. You should have seen the grins on the Cub's faces when we took them to Barlow's Cabin, turned over a few rocks and found crayfish and salamanders. I'd pit that against a video game any day."

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## Fall Ordeal Weekend

Brothers,

Although it seems far off yet our annual fall weekend at Camp Dittmer is approaching fast. **September 17-19 2004** is just around the corner. Its time to think about registering now for this wonderful event.

All those who have achieved the ordeal membership in the order and have been a member for at least 10 months are eligible for brotherhood. In order to seal your ties of brotherhood you must attend the weekend with a few completed pre requisites. First we ask that you be filled with the spirit and cheer that characterizes our order as well as the dedication to the service of others that we hold so dear in our hearts. We also ask that you bring a completed brotherhood letter the requirements for which are detailed in your OA handbook. The price of the weekend for those planning on achieving the brotherhood membership is \$22.

All of you who know someone who has not yet passed their ordeal but who has been elected by their troop, please pas this information on to them. The cost to attend is \$24. We will be sending letters to all those elected if someone you know has been elected and does not receive a letter within the next month and a half please contact me.

Everyone else who is planning on attending as always you are more than welcome. The cost is a steal at \$10 for a fun filled action packed weekend that should prove to be worth every penny and much more, not to mention the satisfaction that you helped make cam a possibility for a young scout next year. Help keep the spirit of camping alive and support your local OA lodge. I hope to see you all at the fall weekend.

For anyone who has ever been to one of these weekends you may have noticed that registration was a mess. We are trying to do away with that for this fall's ordeal weekend. We ask that everyone pre-registers. If you fail to pre-register then there will be an additional late fee of five dollars added to the price of the weekend. We do not ask that you pay in advance all we want to know is if you are attending the weekend or not. You can register by contacting either council office and they will put your name down. Thank you for your cooperation.

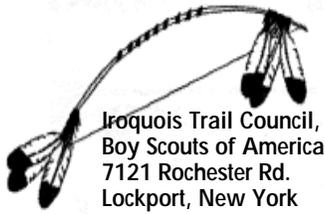
This years ceremonies team is hard at work to make this years ceremonies the best they've been in a long time. This whole weekend is guaranteed to be a success don't mss out become a part of the fun TODAY.

Come on down to Camp Dittmer on **September 17-19 2004** for a great time.

Wes Hall  
Lodge Chief

Included in this Newsletter is a copy of the Ordeal weekend registration form. Fill yours out today. And feel free to make copies for other Arrowmen!!!!!!!!!!!!





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- We will be hosting the annual Cub and Parent Weekend August 27-29, 2004. The cost for arrowmen is NOTHING. A weekend of fun and service for free. Sign up today
- Our fall Fellowship weekend is September 17-19, 2004. Register today to avoid the \$5 late fee
- This summer we will have OA day EVERY week at Camp Dittmer don't forget your sash our new camp chief as well as our other officers on staff have some great ideas for this summer. Don't miss them.
- Lodge Meetings are the third Wednesday of every month. If you are interested in receiving a reminder about these meetings please E-mail me at lodge339@excite.com
- We have a new slate of officers and they need all the support they can get if you see any of them tell them how good of a job they're doing
- We are looking to have an active Troop Representative in every troop. If your troop would like to get involved contact one of the officers and they will tell you what you can do
- If you have any burning issues you would like posted contact me at lodge339@excite.com

