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Season Greetings—Holiday Wishes



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PATCH AUCTION

Arrowmen, it is time to be checking your stash of scouting memorabilia to see what you can donate to the annual auction to be held at the Lodge banquet on January 8th. We need any kind of Scouting items including patches, neckerchiefs, books, old uniforms, camping gear or any collectible items you can part with.

The auction will include a youth only section so the younger Arrowmen will not be bidding against the adults. Youth can also bid in the adult / open section of the auction, but those items will go to whomever has the deepest pockets and wishes to help the major fundraising event of the Lodge. It has been the policy of the Lodge to use the proceeds to benefit the Council camping program. The promotion of camping has always been the priority of the Order.

I will accept all donated items until December 20th. I need the additional time to catalog, package, price and organize the items so they can be ready for another spirited evening of bidding. We will accept cash, check or credit card so remember to bring one of these with you. We do not extend credit. If you contemplate bidding on several items our cashiers will keep a running tab so that you can pay for all your items at one time.

To date I have received items from only 2 people. Items can be left at the Batavia office or at my home. NO items will be accepted for auction at the banquet. It becomes too confusing !!!!!!! I look forward to another evening of great bidding.

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ORDER OF THE ARROW SCOUTING'S NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



CORE

By Connor Grabowski

Hello fellow Arrowmen. I recently attended CORE with Wes Hall and Dan Jones a few weeks ago. CORE is a fun weekend to help prepare for leadership positions of the lodge, and teach the participants how to deal with situations within the lodge. Throughout the weekend a select few Arrowmen from other lodges put on presentations about topics such as lodge/council relationships and strengthening Unit Reps. (If anyone goes to the next year's CORE, bring a notebook, it helps.)

CORE training is very useful for anyone aspiring to be elected to a lodge position. CORE is also a great camp out. The meals were good, participants were nice, and it was an all-around fun weekend. I recommend it to anyone and everyone.

National Youth Leadership Training For ITC in 05

Formerly known as Junior Leadership Training, NYLT makes its debut in the Iroquois Trail Council starting Jan 05. Jack Vosburg, Dave Hawley and myself attended the NYLT training conference at Camp Alpine in NJ in October, and were greeted by many enthusiastic NYLT test pilot troops.

Major changes in the program include female youth participation is now possible, GPS training is to replace map and compass, and the program has been condensed to six days from the previous seven. The age requirement is now 14 years old, but the rank requirement remains the same, at a minimum of First Class. As it has been, scouts attending the conference are expected to know their scout skills (including map and compass), and should be your current or future Senior Patrol Leaders, Patrol Leaders, Crew Presidents & Vice Presidents. The principle function is to help adult advisors instill their top youth leaders with the skills of leadership. In the words of Robert Baden -Powell, we want to "Train Scouts to do a job, then let them do it".

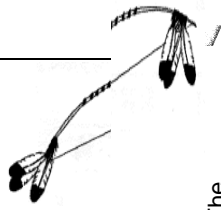
Scouts and Scouters, this is an excellent opportunity to learn skills that will improve your Troops and Crews today, and instill leadership skills that will last a lifetime for tomorrow. For the people that take it to heart, I've seen good Scouts go in and honed leaders come out.

The dates of the conference are August 13- 20, at Camp Dittmer in Phelps NY. For an Informational brochure, please feel free to call me at (716) 625-9487. There are a limited amount of positions open and they will be available to qualified Scouts on a first come first serve basis.

I'm looking forward to the best ITC leadership year ever.

Yours in Scouting,

Paul Crawford NYLT Scoutmaster 2005



2004 Winter Banquet and Patch Auction January 8, 2005 @ 6:00 pm

Once again the time for our lodge winter banquet has arrived. As always it will be held at The Batavia Party House Rt. 5 in Stafford. The cost will be \$12 and is payable at the door or you may send a check to the Lockport service center. All we ask is that you PRE-REGSTAR BY MONDAY DECEMBER 27.

NO Reservations can be accepted **AFTER THURSDAY DEC. 30**. Please call the Lockport office at 716-432-2851 to register. Parents, spouses or your guest are welcome.

Lodge Dues are now payable and are still only \$6 per year if you forgot last year or have been inactive and wish to reactivate your membership. All you need to do is pay one years back and this years current; you will then be in good standing once again.

Dig through your patch bag, clean out the attic or basement and Please make a donation to the Auction. We really need some more items. Lets make this year the best ever! Items don't have to be just patches, any scout related item would be great!

Please call Don Ames at 585-757-6661 if you have any thing you'd like to donate. Get together and social hour starting at 6:00 dinner served at 7:00PM.

Harold M. Teller, Phone/Fax 585-343-0307, E-mail: hteller@bsamail.org

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Ashokwahta Lodge #339

2005 Winter Banquet

Registration

Act#: 339

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Make checks payable to: _____

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Enclose and mail to: **Ashokwahta Lodge #339** Iroquois Trail Council, BSA 7121 Rochester Road Lockport, NY 14094-1625

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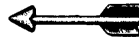
I will be attending \$12.00

I will not be attending

Additional Guests \$12.00 Each

My 2005 Membership Dues are enclosed.

**This form will be on the council website.
On Line Registration is now Available**

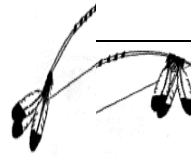




OA members - did you miss the "FUN WEEKEND?"

IF so this was the letter I wrote to a few of my friends.

I was at the OA " Fun Weekend " and we had twenty five OA members attend. Also had a Troop from Webster up at the Out Post, and Bill Louvain (Troop 70 -- Geneseo) in at the Barlow Cabin. So camp was multi -use



for this past weekend. I was asked about the Barlow Cabin and its history. Surprisingly, Bill did not know of the antics that have happened there. I can only tell of things from 1970's on --- constructions and history.

We had a very laid back weekend. Several OA members watched movies till 3:30 AM on Saturday morning. The two play stations almost ran constantly. Good food and slight misty rain. Work only happened from 10:00 AM till 12:00 Noon. No work was allowed from Noon on / unless you cried, begged or screamed. Several of the adults did some but they were grown up about it ----- no tears. We got about eleven things done for the camp from the " walk around listing " and two that appeared after the " walk around listing was made. "

No one slept in soft tents - all were in hard shelled tents. Many of the guys were in the Dinning Hall. A good time was had by all. The overall response was that we need more of them in the future.

Along the trail,
Dave H

Ordeal Weekend Camp Dittmer Fall '04

With over 80 Arrowmen all together, the Fall weekend at Camp Dittmer was a huge success. The fall ordeal almost doubled last year's numbers with 24 new Ordeal members and 2 more Scouters that sealed their membership in Brotherhood.

The mess hall was never cleaner as the Arrowmen Sanitation Police evicted many a rodent from their comfortable behind -the -sign abodes. The gentle drone of Jack's chain saw assured us that a future camper would not get pummeled in his tent by a widow maker. The frigid waters of the lake did not deter the seasoned Scouters from retrieving the boats, docks and raft. Followed by a delectable dinner by Chef Ron & Co., no better a day for fellowship and cheerful service.

A first and by no means a last, all of the new Arrowmen were introduced to the lodge officers. Each gave a detail of their duties and asked that they personally join a committee and help grow the lodge. A great communication opportunity taken advantage of by the youth staff.

Thank you to the many participants in a very successful Fall Ordeal weekend. To all new ordeal members, we're looking forward to seeing you at the next OA event.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Paul Crawford



Resources and Opportunities.



Our lodge national or area websites can be reached through the council website "itcbsa.org or directly at <http://www.itcbsa.org/oa>.

Jump Start Web site - <http://www.jumpstart.oe-bsa.org/>

2005 National Order of the Arrow Trail Crew

14 Day experience 1/2 Trail Reconstruction 1/2 backpacking trek.
\$150 Plus transportation.

2005 National Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure

13 Day experience 1/2 PADI Scuba training 1/2 community Service working on the coral reefs of the Florida Keys. Cost \$250 Plus Transportation

2005 National Order of the Arrow Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage.

14 Day experience. 1/2 Portage trail and campsite maintenance, 1/2 canoe adventure.

Requirements for the above treks:

16 years old but under 21, Physically Fit, Registered member of the BSA and a local lodge.

Leadership in Service Award:

8 hours of service to council service project. **Plus** 6 hours doing a community service project planned and run by the lodge.

Our lodge is in itself a resource, a tool, a brotherhood, and provides opportunities for life. Please reflect to your own ordeal , brotherhood, or vigil ceremony and remember the values that were emphasized. Help our lodge help others to discover and develop these values. Please attend our lodge functions and make it the best lodge in Western New York.

Harold Teller Lodge Staff Advisor.

Third Wednesdays

Does your troop have representation at the monthly lodge executive meeting? If not ---- WHY NOT? This meeting takes place in the Council Office at Batavia at 7:00 PM each third Wednesday. Your ideas and input will help the Ashokwahta Lodge plan and carry out activities. Ask your Scout Master, an adult OA member or a parent to provide a ride to the meetings. Your presence and discussion will help improve our activities for the upcoming year. Best yet, you will become friends with others that want to go camping, do activities, and learn aspects of leadership. Members attend to find out and help plan the activities of the lodge.

Come to the monthly OA meetings.

SEE YA THERE !!!

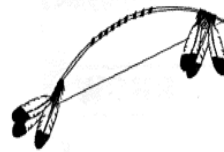




Visit Another Lodge

Have you ever thought of visiting another lodge in our section? Or even out of our section? About six years ago Bob Schmidt (then Lodge Chief) and I visited Languindowi's Fall Fellowship and had a great time. This last October Dave Hawley and I had the pleasure of going to Custalगतown again for Languindowi's Fall Fellowship. They had close to 200 Arrow members there. This is similar to our fellowship we had at Camp Sam Wood in November 2004. Only a couple of hours of work in the camp on Saturday morning and the rest was up to each Arrowman what he wanted to do. There were all types of activities available : card games, football, basketball, soccer or just lying around listening to music, playing video games, watching movies and oh yes ----- they even had a "pudding Wrestling" match. We sure learned a lot about their Lodge and got a lot of good ideas. I have been fortunate over the years to visit other lodges across the country, mainly in the western states. I have witnessed some of the most beautiful ceremonies by visiting these lodges. See me and I will tell you how to go about visiting another lodge.

Dave Brown



Lodge 2005 Dues Payable

January brings the start of a new year. Please be aware that 2005 lodge dues are now due. During this past year an effort has been made to enter / update / correct all name / data information in coordination to address labels. The update has lead to entering email addresses and cleaning up the listing of " paid --- current " Order of the Arrow members. You should be asked to view a current roster and data file to verify as to its correctness.

Dues are \$6.00 per year. \$12.00 will reactivate delinquent members by paying last year and the current year. Thank you for bringing yourself up to date on your dues status.

DID YOU KNOW....

- OA members are elected by both non-OA and OA members from within their unit (Troop or Crew)
 - You must be a Registered Boy Scout, First Class Rank and have 15 nights of tent camping in the past 2 years to qualify for an OA election
 - You can be between the ages of 11 and 21 to be elected, One adult can be chosen by your committee per year if at least one boy is elected
 - If your Troop uses Troopmaster software and the information is current, it will automatically generate an OA eligibility report
 - The OA is an organization that serves both Camp Dittmer and Sam Wood, and one of it's main function is camp promotion. It's also fun!
 - The Order of the Arrow is known as Scouting's National Honor Society, it is an honor to be voted in
 - Although many people pass the Ordeal Weekend, joining the ranks of Brotherhood seals your membership
 - The OA is a Scout run organization. The adults main function is to transport and facilitate
 - Unit elections (Troop or Crew) should be held in Jan or Early Feb, but can be held at Camp Dittmer as well (only one per year though)
 - Arrowmen can become OA Troop Representative (that counts for advancement), and take part in conducting the unit elections
 - Unit election information can be obtained by contacting either Scout Office Lockport 716.434.2851 or Batavia 585.343.0307
- Thanks,
Paul

CEREMONIES - THE TEAM, THE TIME, THE TACTICS

Some of you will probably scan right past this section, because of the title. After all, what do you have to offer the Ceremonies Team and, truthfully, what does the Team have to offer you?

First, the Team should not be just a small number of Arrowmen, who are willing to "perform" in front of people. The ideal Team would include the necessary "behind the scenes" people, who would do important prep work on the trails, council fires, and so on. There should be at least two EXPERIENCED torch bearers in the group, because that part can make or break the Ceremony before it even gets started. It is also important to have some experienced Brothers to choose from, who have been touched by the Scout Spirit and are committed to the ideals of the WWW, to take Brotherhood Candidates on their "Search for truth" Walk.

Ceremonies involves work in many different forms, but it also yields satisfaction, a sense of accomplishment, and a close knit group. The Team is working to revitalize its costumes, with a gradual switch to a more local "flavour", and there is plenty of room in the Team for new members who are seriously interested.

DATES TO REMEMBER --- MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Winter Banquet -----	January 8, 05
January Lodge Meeting (Batavia—7:00 PM)	January 19, 05
February Lodge Meeting (Batavia -7:00 PM)	February 16, 05
March Lodge Meeting (Batavia -7:00 PM)	March 16, 05
OA Spring Induction Weekend CSW	May 20-22, 05
OA Section Conclave—Camp Babcock-Hovey	June 3 – 5, 05
" Fun Weekend " -----	T B A
OA Fall Induction Weekend Camp Dittmer	September 9-11, 05



Newsletter Information

The newsletter committee is looking for members to assist in the production of our lodge newsletter. Anyone interested in assisting or submitting articles should visit with our secretary Dave Porter. When writing please consider ninety (90) words or so depending on how much news you have to share. Happy Holidays to all!

