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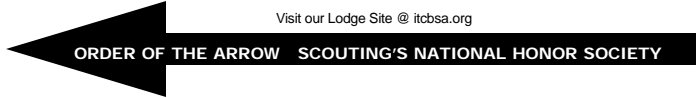
Ashokwatha # 339 Upcoming Events.

Lodge Executive Cm--Btva Office - 7:00 PM Oct. 18th
 OA Fun Weekend --- CSW --- Nov 3-4-5
 Ceremony / Dance team – Btva Office --- Nov 12th
 Lodge Executive Cm– Btva Office --- 7:00 PM Nov 15
 Ceremony / Dance team --- Btva Office --- Nov 19th
 C.O.R.E Training ---Camp Cutler --- Nov 17- 18 –19th
 Ceremony / Dance team ---Btva Office – Dec 3rd
 Ceremony / Dance Team ---Btva Office –Dec17th
 Lodge Executive Cm --- Btva Office --- Dec 20
 Winter Banquet Reservations due DECEMBER 30
 Winter Banquet – Batavia Party House ---Jan 6, 2007

Ashokwatha Lodge # 339 Slate of Officers -2007

Connor Grabowski -----Lodge Chief
 Cory Hall / Bob Lawson ----- Co- Vice Lodge Chief
 Zach Roberts ----- Secretary

Visit our Lodge Site @ itcbsa.org



ORDER OF THE ARROW SCOUTING'S NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



Did You Know.....

The national Order of the Arrow committee, a subcommittee of the National Boy Scout committee, sets policy and directs the program of the Order. The Order has more than 183,000 members nationally, organized into more than 310 lodges grouped into sections of the four regions. The Order is exclusive to Boy Scouts of America only. Every two years (with the exception of the next session –it will be 3), the Order holds a national OA conference on the campus of a major university. This event is called NOAC, or the National Order of the Arrow Conference. Twelve Arrowmen from our lodge attended this year. I'm sure they'd love to tell you about it and how you can go in 2009.

The four geographical regions that serve the OA include Central, Northern, Southern and Western. Each region has a Chief (under 21 years of age), a volunteer adult leader called the Advisor, and a Scouting professional called the Staff Adviser. These are the Key three of the region. This Key Three leadership is also common to National, Sectional and our local Lodge. Each region is made up of sections.

The section provides an inter-lodge forum for lodge and chapter leaders, bringing them together for fellowship and mutual improvement through the exchange of ideas. Our section meets 4 times a year in Falconer, NY in a session called the Council of Chiefs (COC). Our own staff adviser, Harold Teller, is the section Staff adviser, and our own, Dan Jones, is section Vice Chief. We have eight lodges in our section and every year they host a Arrowmen only camping event called a Conclave. We hosted our conclave in 2004 at Camp Sam Wood, and will host another in 2012. Conclaves have Native American Dance competition, Lodge Leadership Development sessions (LLDs) and all kinds of fellowship and fun. That is where the section



Words from the Advisor... Greetings fellow Arrowmen.

It's hard to believe the leaves are changing and winter will soon be upon us. It has been a fantastic year for the lodge with a couple of more events to ice the cake.

Our youth leadership is stronger than ever. We have a new slate of lodge officers to be that are on staff or have been trained by NYLT, or National Youth Leadership Training. Being previously involved with the NYLT program, I can attest to the great leadership training the youth have received. The next crop of youth under these future leaders is enthusiastic and hard working as well. This is a key factor to our strong lodge.

Another key factor to our strong lodge are the Scouters. The drivers and committee mentors for our lodge deserve recognition as well. The lodge elders, the DeWalt Crew, and a new group of involved parents assure the future success of the lodge. There is a new crew forming called the Friends of Dittmer- best of luck! Thanks very much to all of you for helping- you make a huge difference.

I am sorry to say that we are losing a great lodge asset. Dave Brown has been our number one Scouter for keeping the Native American traditions alive that are the roots of all lodges. Your work with the youth in making regalia, teaching dancing, and even the great (and plentiful) stories you brought to us will be sorely missed. Best of luck in Hawaii.

Our work has just begun, fellow Arrowmen. Through training, fellowship and hard work we will keep Lodge, camping and Council traditions alive for future generations of youth, and that's what it's all about. I'm looking forward to our future.

Yours in Service,
Paul



BOY SCOUT EXHIBIT - BATAVIA OFFICE

Have you seen the Boy Scout / Order of the Arrow / Cup Display??? Several months ago, David Brown selected many articles of historical interest with many items to place in the display cabinets. His comment was, "we'll leave these for several months and then change them." You might want to get to see them before he changes them.

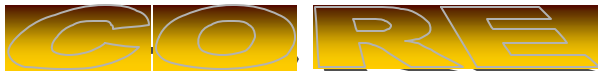
ATTENTION ALL LODGE MEMBERS!

Hi, my name is Joe Smith, and I am the new Chairman of Unit Elections. If you are interested in helping out with unit elections. Please contact me. The Lodge could really use your help. This is your chance to help bring new members into the Lodge.

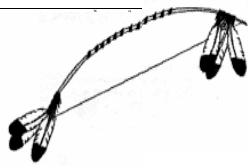
You can contact me at if you have any questions or would like to sign up to help.

My phone number is (585) 624-5096

Or E-mail me at goosmith@msn.com



CORE training is going to be a little different than in years past. It is moving from a training type weekend to more of a planning meeting for the section conclave in June. The program that our lodge is running this year is the dance competition and if you have any ideas or suggestions you should bring them forward to this weekend to ensure that our lodge does its best to make this years conclave a great one conclave. CORE will be held this year at Camp Cutler on November 17-19th. If you are interested in going see Cory Hall.



chiefs are elected.

The Lodge is the most local level of the Order. Each BSA Council has a Lodge. Our Council is the Iroquois Trail Council, and our Lodge is called Ashokwahta. Our totem or symbol is the peace pipe. The Ashokwahta lodge formed over twelve years ago when two smaller councils merged and two former lodges, Amochk and Tuighaunock combined efforts to form what we are today. Our current Key three leaders include Cory Hall, Lodge Chief, Paul Crawford, Lodge Advisor, and Harold Teller, staff adviser. We'd be happy to talk to you about any aspect of the lodge. Get involved- you'll be glad you did!

Yours in Service,
Paul



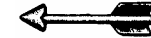
Patch Auction Supports Lodge

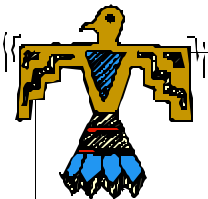
Arrowmen, it is time to be checking your stash of Scouting Memorabilia to see what you can donate to the annual auction to be held at the Lodge banquet on January 6th, 2007. We need any kind of Scouting items, including patches, neckerchiefs, books, old uniforms, camping gear or any collectible items 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 whoever has the deepest pockets and wishes to help the major fundraising event of the Lodge.

Items can be left at the Batavia office or at my home until December 21st. NO items will be accepted for auction at the banquet. It becomes too confusing!!!! I look forward to another evening of great bidding.

Donald Ames 585-757-6661
4788 Ford Rd.
Elba, NY 14058
carsnquilts@geneseeit.com





Ashokwahta Dance Team And Ceremonies Team

For all new and old members of the Dance Team. The Dance Team practices will be on the following dates : 2:00 PM at the Scout Service Center, 45 Liberty Street, Batavia, New York.

October 29

November 12th and 19th

(two Sundays in a row due to Thanksgiving.)

December 3rd and 17th

January 7th and 21st

February 4th and 18th

March 4th and 18th

April 1st --- 15th and 22nd

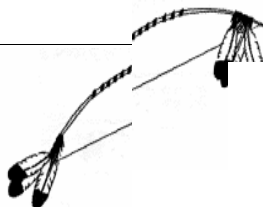
(2 Sundays in a row due to Easter Holiday)

May 6th

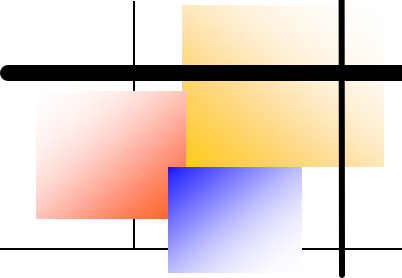
For the new members of the Dance Team you might want to bring the person who will help you sew your Indian clothes with you for the first or second practice.

CEREMONIES TEAM

The team and anyone interested in joining will meet not quite as often but the practice will be at one o'clock (1:00 PM) --- one hour before the Dance Team Practice ---- same location.



Order of the Arrow 2006 Fall Fun Weekend November 3, 4, 5th 2006 Camp Sam Wood



Fill out the form below and mail to the address listed

Ashokwahta Lodge #339 2006 Fun Weekend Pre-Registration by Oct 27th Account #339

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Check One:

OA Member

\$12.00

My 2006 Membership
Dues are enclosed (\$8.00)

Make checks payable to: **Ashokwahta Lodge #339**

Enclose and mail to:
Ashokwahta Lodge #339
Iroquois Trail Council, BSA
45 Liberty Street Suite 2
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**Join Us for the Third Annual Fun Weekend at
Camp Sam Wood**
By Chas Streb



Coming up on November 4th, 5th and 6th is the Third Annual Fun Weekend at Camp Sam Wood. Join us for great food, movies, and video games galore! In exchange for this fun filled weekend, all OA members present will work for two hours to help prepare the camp for the winter season. Last year we had 42 OA youth members attend and we hope for an even bigger turnout this year. Check in starts at 6:00 pm in the Dining Hall. The cost is \$12 per person. We hope to see everyone there! Come join the FUN!

The Fall Brotherhood Weekend

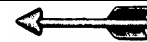
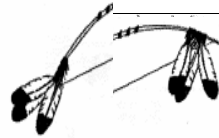
The weekend was a big success. New members came into the lodge and 7 members moved up to Brotherhood. This is great for our Lodge. Everyone had a lots of fun and we got a lot of work done. We took out the dock and all of the boats. Great work everyone!!

Joe Smith

Hello Fellow Arrowmen,

Some of you have already seen the Ashokawahta Dance Team. The Native American dance team was started last year by Mr. Brown. Since then we've met at the Batavia Council Center every other Sunday from 2-3:30 pm to practice in order to perform for various Scouting functions around the area. Anyone who wants to join still may. Don't worry, you don't have to have any coordination to begin, the dances are easy once you get the hang of them. If you're interested contact me at 585-798-4966.

YIS
Connor Grabowski



NLS ---National Leadership Seminar

Have you ever wondered what NLS is? NLS stands for National Leadership Seminar. I got the privilege of going to NLS at the Alpine Scout Camp in New Jersey. Your first session starts shortly after you arrive there; it is a lot of fun. The sessions are taught by different staff members, and it is quite interesting. They teach you qualities of a good leader. Their Dining Hall is about three times the size of Dittmer's. It is huge; on the outside, there is the Health Lodge, and a Trading Post.

NLS is kind of like NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training,) in the way you have to use your leadership qualities in your troop. For NLS you have to write a plan to get the NLS patch; they give you a pin at the end of the weekend. The pin goes on the patch. If you ever get a chance to go you should, the scenery is beautiful.
YIS, Austin Boyd

Communications Committee

For my contract at NLS I decided to try to get better communications in our lodge. I am going to need representatives from each troop and district. If you are interested ---- please contact me at ajboyd337@yahoo.com

Thank you, Austin Boyd



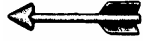


Fun Weekend

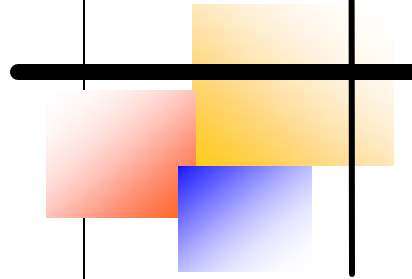
This year brings along the Fourth Annual Fun Weekend to be held on November 3-4-5, 2006. As we have come to understand, this is a " Fun WEEKEND;" but there is a need to make all remember that the Order of the Arrow is a part of the Boy Scouts of America that is dedicated to helping Scouting.

We will need to accomplish two hours of "CHEERFUL SERVICE "to Camp Sam Wood. Last year the two hours were compressed into about an hour and a half. This was due to the service of the youth and adults that made things happen. The jobs will be those that can be stated and stopped without causing a problem to the camp. These jobs will be those that are of ease and completion in a short time. IF not completed, then a hold till another weekend.

Last year there were several thousand dollars worth of electronics, programs, tapes, and ETC. Each person bringing things to listen to, play with, and entertain themselves singly or in competition ----- REMEMBERED *** YOU BRING< YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE> An adequate footage of cable and extension cords might be needed for your electronics. So be prepared. See the reservation from within this newsletter.



Order of the Arrow 2007 Winter Banquet January 6, 2007 Batavia Party House 6:00 pm Reservations Due in Office by December 27,2006



Fill out the form below and mail to the address listed

Ashokwahta Lodge #339 2007 Winter Banquet Account #339

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Check One:

I Will Attend \$15.00

I Will Not Attend

Additional Guests \$15.00

My 2007 Membership Dues are enclosed (\$8.00)

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