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ASHOKWAHTA TEHTAS

Camp Sam Wood Ceremony Arrow Replaced



Thanks to Mr. Grabowski, the Lodge has a new ceremonial arrow for Camp Sam Wood. Many of the new Arrowmen have never seen the arrow lit. The arrow was reconstructed by two students in the Welding Class at Orleans Niagara BOCES Medina Center, where Mr. Grabowski teaches. It was made with the help of the Welding teacher, Mr. Eric Farrell. Ashokwahta Lodge would like to thank Mr. Farrell and his students for their contributions to the camp. The welding class is also cutting and bending metal tiki torch holders for use at ceremonies, which will replace the bamboo holders presently used.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE:

The following persons have expressed an interest in running for the following offices and are proposed by the committee: Chief, Austin Boyd; Vice-Chiefs Kevin Drury and Ben Tyx; Secretary, Henri Burdett; and Ordealmaster, Chas Streb. We are still looking for a Treasurer, Ceremonies Chair, and a Newsletter Editor.

Annual Winter Lodge Banquet and Elections
Saturday, January 5th, 2008, Dinner at 5:30pm
Batavia Party House - Send in your registration Today!

- December Lodge Executive Meeting12/19/07
- Reservations due for OA Winter Banquet 12/26/07
- OA Winter Banquet, Elections, and Auction. 1/5/08
- Section COC at Allegheny Highlands..... ..1/13/07
- January Lodge Executive Meeting1/16/08
- January OA Troop Unit Elections
- National Boy Scout Week February 3 – 9, 2008
- February Lodge Executive Meeting 2/20/08
- February OA Troop Unit Elections
- March Lodge Executive Meeting3/19/08
- March OA Troop Elections
- April Lodge Executive Meeting4/16/08
- April OA Troop Elections
- OA Spring Induction Wknd (CSW) 5/30-6/1/08
- OA Section Conclave 6/6-6/8/08
- June OA LEC6/08 third Wednesday
- NO JULY LEC MEETING
- August LEC3rd Wednesday
- Cub Parent Weekend.....8/22-8/24/08
- OA Fun Weekend11/08
- National Order of the Arrow Conf August 1-9, 2009
- Lodge Executive Meetings are held at the Batavia Service Center located at 45 Liberty Street Batavia (side door).



QUALITY LODGE PINS AVAILABLE

Quality Lodge Pins are available at the Council Office, or from the Order of the Arrow Trading Post when you attend an OA function. The cost is \$2.00 each, and they are placed on the far right of your Lodge Flap. They will be on sale at the Annual Lodge Banquet in

A Note From the Supreme Chief of the Fire

The holiday season is upon us, and I am once again mindful of the spirit of giving and service to others that our lodge members carry with them throughout the year.

The wintry weather heralds a season of celebration. That season brings with it opportunities for further service to the Scouts in our local troops as we share the skills that will make their camping experiences successful and fun. Your role in the coming months will be to help others prepare for their outdoor winter adventures including the upcoming Klondike Derbies.

You may also be called upon to share your summer camp experiences with your fellows. When asked, be generous with your memories and your enthusiasm, so that every Scout knows how much fun he'll have and how much there is to learn in the great outdoors!

Yours in Cheerful Service, Jim McMullen

Iroquois Trail Council's OA Dance Team

The dance team practices are underway!! We worked on Aprons and bells, and at the next meeting we are working on headdresses and leggings. We are looking for new members. If you are interested Contact me at Mac-Cam@aol.com or call (716)433-1079 for more information. Dance Dates for Practice and Work Sessions: December 16th, January 13th, and 27th, and February 3rd and 17th, 2008 Yours in Scouting, Philip Crane

Some Lodge Banquet Auction Pointers by Don Ames

1. Get a number and register to create a tab previous to the start of the auction
2. Write down the numbers of the articles you are interested in bidding on
3. The "Youth Only" auction will be conducted first
4. Any item not receiving a youth bid will be opened to adults for bidding
5. Bidding will be in dollar increments only
6. Cash, Checks, and Visa and MasterCard accepted
7. If you need to leave early and want to bid on a special item, let the auctioneer know
8. If you are bidding, raise your card so the auctioneer knows
9. Keep talking to a minimum during bidding, so everyone can hear
10. The items will move quickly, so if you are interested in something, be ready to bid
11. When you are not bidding on any further items, pay the cashier what you owe
12. Please be patient when checking out.

Congratulations to the following Arrowmen and Silver Arrowmen of the month: June - Austin Boyd and Dave Hawley; July - Kyle Smith and Alice Barrett; August - Henri Burdett and Guye Smith; Sept. - Brandon Lewis and Ron Boyd; Oct.—Cameron Lanphere and Ron Schmid

This is the 1st article I have ever written, so I will take no criticism (especially from the likes of a certain U.S. Army sergeant who was stationed in Germany!) in its structure, grammar, or word selection.

Now, with that out of the way I thought Fun Weekend was indeed...FUN! It was the 1st fun weekend I had been to in quite a long time, and I was uncertain what to expect. I had heard some scuttlebutt of rows upon rows of high definition 80-inch flat screen televisions hooked to Xbox 720's and Playstation 3 7/8's, but I guess I was mistaken. The day was not lost however, as Austin (and Mr. Boyd to I guess) brought his very classy SUPER NINTENDO!!!!!! It was a rather nice experience to go back to the good 'ole days of video games, where your character was just a couple of squares of color, and tanks could have super duper fun blowing each other up. We watched a few good movies (I'M SAMUEL JACKSON!) and had some good laughs (ENOUGH WITH THE SNAKES!!!)

In the morning, we had the wonderful idea (cause it was REALLY cold) to put off our required 2 (or was it 3...) hours of community service. So, the video games continued until after lunch, which by the way was like every other meal (DELICIOUS!). A very special thanks goes out to Mr. Schmidt for the wonderful job he did cooking (and all on the old stove in the back of Call Lodge)

Once we finally decided to get to work, the youths were split, with Connor Grabowski, Kyle Smith, Ben Tyx and myself helping the Dewalt crew move some old timbers near the primary parking lot (that's the one with the Rifle Range). The rest of the youths helped clear some brush out of the commando field, finally retaking some lost ground from the malicious (3 syllables!) jungles of Pike, NY. The weekend went extraordinarily (HOLY COW 7 syllables!!!!) well, and I am very glad I attended the weekend (and dragged a long lost sash and dash with me). (That means YOU little Timmy Kaiser!). This weekend is a good time to meet some new friends, rediscover old ones, and get to hang out and not do a lot of work, which isn't always possible during ordeal weekends. I suggest all of you that did not attend, to try to make the next one, and that I'd like to see more of you at the LEC meetings (3rd Wednesday of the month, 7 o'clock, scout office in Batavia). That's enough muttering and sputtering from me, hope to see you all at Spring Ordeal at the beloved Camp Sam Wood.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Brandon "Bipple" Lewis

WORDS FROM THE CHIEF

Hello Brother Arrowmen - We have many events the rest of the year - our annual Banquet and Auction at the Batavia Party House, if you haven't signed up yet, you still have time! After that, we have a community service project (date to be announced), and then we are coming up on our Spring Weekend at Camp Sam Wood. This year is special, because the Conclave is after the Ordeal weekend, which means all new arrowmen can attend. Also - to anyone interested - National OA has organized ArrowCorps 5, which is a High Adventure program during the summer in 5 different National Forests to choose from. 5000 Arrowmen will be in attendance!! This is a "one shot" deal - don't miss it. Information is on the National website. I hope to see many of you at the next LEC - if you have questions about ArrowCorps 5, ask me there. YIS - Connor Grabowski, Lodge Chief

Dues Payment 2005 Is Called Into Question

Gentlemen. Again we are faced with the upgrading of our mailing lists. We are coming into compliance with our current policy of the payment of dues. If there are any of you that do not, and have not, kept current; those who have not paid their 2005 dues; you stand to be dropped from our mailing lists. Payment will restore you to active mailings.

This seems to be a repetition of the statement, 'please pay up" , but those of us who are current, wish that all would be current. Paying your own dues is one thing; but paying for other's OA Newsletters is another thing.

After the Winter Banquet those not paid up (2005) will be deleted from the active mailing list and future mailings. Current National policy only allows paid up members to wear a Lodge Flap! Your dues also help your council camps through Ashokwahta donations for equipment and the BoyPower Dinner.

Please check the upper corner of your mailing label to denote your last paid dues of our Order. Thank you for prompt payment if you are in the arrears. 2005 --- \$8.00 / 2006 --- \$8.00 / 2007 --- 8.00 and 2008 --- \$8.00. This year and next year's dues will bring you up to date.

People of 2005 and earlier ---- A grand total of \$16.00 will bring you up to date to the end of 2008.





Dave Brown

Scout Gone Home....David Brown passed away on Thursday, November 22, 2007, at the Genesee County Nursing home. Dave was a member of the Boy Scouts of America for 60 years, receiving his Eagle Rank in 1950. Heralding from Erie, PA, Dave had the distinction of being Lodge Chief in two separate Lodges (PA and CA), and was a District Executive Professional Scouter while in California. He was an award winning Indian Dancer, judge, and mentor and friend to many of us. As part of his Woodbadge Ticket, Dave restarted the Lodge Dance Team which continues to thrive. Dave will be missed by many. Our condolences to his family.

Words from the Staff Advisor



Fellow Arrowmen,

After serving the last year as your Staff Advisor I would very much like to thank our Chief Connor Grabowski for his leadership and dedication to the Lodge. I would also like to thank our Advisor Ed Grabowski for his leadership and ability to get a job done well.

I have learned a lot over the past year as to how to work with region and the national Order of the Arrow. I am pleased to say that I look forward to another great year of cheerful service to the lodge.

In closing I would also like to say goodbye to a good friend of the OA and Scouting, our own "Tat Tonka", Dave Brown. He was always a personal inspiration to me as a Scouter, he always had a smile on his face and was a true friend to me as a first year program Director at Camp Sam Wood. I always knew that I could go to Dave for counseling on any matter and he never let me down. He also always worked in a great story as well. A true friend indeed and a fine soul, he will be missed. To quote a friend "I will see you down the scouting trail". Thank you Dave.

Bob Drury, Staff Advisor

WORDS FROM THE LODGE ADVISOR Ed Grabowski

Congratulations to all of the Arrowmen and Silver Arrowmen who have received awards from our Chief, Connor Grabowski. Without your dedication to the Lodge, we wouldn't achieve what we do. I would like to thank Mr. Smith and Kyle for putting together the upcoming Banquet in January - please pre-register. I would also like to thank Mr. Ames and Mr. Schmidt for the work they put into the auction. It raises a LOT of money for the Lodge - please bring an auction item to donate to the next LEC, December 19th. I look forward to seeing and bidding against many of you - if you haven't attended yet, it is a FUN night. This is YOUR Lodge, be a part of it!

Order of the Arrow
2008 Winter Banquet
January 5, 2008 Dinner at 5:30 PM

Batavia Party House in Stafford, NY

Ashokwahta Lodge #339

2008 Winter Banquet

Pre-Register by December 28th

Account #339

Name: _____

Check Appropriate Lines

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I Will Attend \$ 15.00 _____

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Guest Name: _____

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Donations for the Patch Auction due by December 21st to Don Ames. Please support your Lodge—the Patch Auction is a fun annual event that generates much needed funds for the Lodge. Your donations and participation are crucial to a successful event. Please donate today! A big thank you to Mr. Ames and Mr. Schmidt for all their help.