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In Memory of
Mrs. Sheila French
(1938-2008)

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



Dear Lodge Brothers

I would like to thank everyone who attended the fellowship weekend, September 5- 7 2008, at Camp Dittmer. We arrived Friday and expected rain that night from hurricane Hanna. When everyone was checking in, we asked for help taking down tents immediately. We were able to get all the tents down and folded from the Upper Peninsula.

By 10:30 Saturday morning, all tents were down and inside the dining hall. They were folded and put away by lunch. After lunch, the ground outside of the new shower house was leveled. We also had a crew working on the docks, headed up by Mr. Crassi. I was told that it took less time getting them out of the water and stored away than last year, which is awesome. Great work!

We then went to work at the scout craft area and in the barn. The scout craft program area was expanded. The crew in the barn constructed 37 cots from parts, and there are still more parts. Joe Nuebecker built 20 cots working at Camp Dittmer while Finger Lakes Council was in residence. We still have parts for roughly 40 more cots.

Twenty new ordeal members came through this weekend and six members went through the Brotherhood conversion. There were 43 members present, for a total of 63 brothers attending. I want to thank everyone who attended. Without your help, I don't know what we would have done.

I also would like to thank Tim Brounschiedel, Don Starkey, John Luby, Paul Lewis, John Shrenker, Ron Schmidt, Paul Crawford, and Nate Demare for all of their help in the kitchen this past weekend. Without you guys, we wouldn't have had the awesome food that we had. The food was delightful. If you're free this summer, feel free to apply as the cooks at camp!

Mr. McMullen attended the weekend and was impressed with the work that was accomplished. I want to thank Chas Streb for all of the work he has done as Ordeal Master during the past years. I also would like to wish him the best of luck in his Eagle Scout project, and hope to see him back when it is completed.

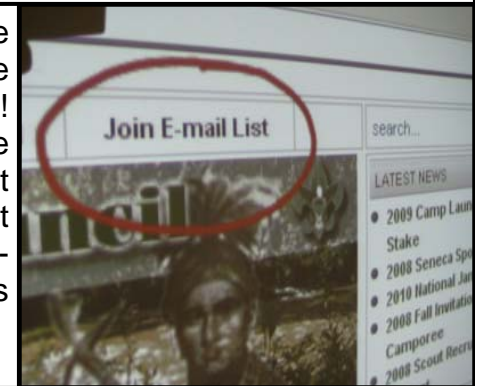
Austin J. Boyd

Lodge Chief

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Please Join the Lodge ListServ

With a simple click of the mouse you can join the **NEW** Lodge ListServ!! Please navigate to the Council web site, select "Join E-Mail List", select "OA", then input the information asked for. Help us keep you better informed.



Please donate to the Patch Auction

Wow!! It is already October, which means the annual winter banquet isn't far off. One highlight of the evening, the patch auction, helps fund camp improvements. Please consider making a donation to this worthy event. Ask Dad, or Grandpa to dig into their patch collections. We are looking for OA patches and flaps, neckerchiefs, and summer camp patches. Bring your donation to the scout office, the LEC, the fun weekend, or coordinate with Mr. Ames, carsnquilts@geneseeit.com.

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Does your unit have an OA Troop Representative?

"Let it be remembered that the Order of the Arrow was created to help the unit - to help it present its membership a better ideal of the inner qualities of the good scout camper. Qualities of character, like cheerfulness and service are hard for a boy or a man to understand in the abstract. They come easier when seen in human life.

Let us realize the significance of the Order in the unit - for the unit is our best hope in scouting."

*Dr. E. Urner Goodman
Founder, Order of the Arrow*



Contact your Lodge Chief for more information about the Troop Representative qualifications and responsibilities.

lodgechief339@yahoo.com

Bipple Babbles

Buenos Noches amigos! How are we this evening? Gooooood..... anyways back to the topic of discussion (thank you for the reminder Mr. Belvadere!). This past fall weekend was a great success! Never before have I seen so many tasks accomplished in such a short amount of time in all my days associated with the lodge. With the promise of rain on Friday night and most of Saturday, the decision was made to immediately start taking down tents (because we all know wet tents make for a sad bipple). With the entirety of upper peninsula taken down before dark on Friday, a lot of work was out of the way Saturday. We managed to not only get the usual tasks done (tents down, docks out, sites cleared, barn filled with shtuff, kitchen cleaned and inventoried and I'm sure there are others I forgot) but we also managed to repair a LOT of cots. Like a lot. It's a good thing. We (and by we I mean YOU) also cleared a new Scoutcraft area (thank you!) which should be amazing for this summer. Also, the hidden path leading to the left of the barn down to the staff cabins was cleared and opened up more. That's all the tasks I can think of. If I forgot something you did that was awesome, feel free to send me a nasty email berating my character and attacking my self esteem (my mother hasn't been emailing me lately.....) (bipple2212@gmail.com) (parenthesis) As always, thank you very very very much to the cooks, the food was of course delicious (as always). I hope that all our new brothers, and new brotherhood members will continue their cheerful service in the lodge. If you know of an arrowmen who isn't getting his/her newsletter (obviously you are because you're reading my mutterings of awesomeness) tell them to call Ms. Judy Anderson at the Scout office (5853430307) immediately!.....or else.....thats all for now. Mr. Belvadere and I have a very important meeting with the commissioner. Something about potato wedges claiming to need more salt more salt to.....

Along the Trail

Hello Fellow Brothers,

Here we are, at the crossroads of our scouting adventure. A lot of troops have lost some members due to college or high school activities, but have gained new members this past May from boys either crossing over or joining new. We are also at the so called start of the "new scout year". Soon we will or have already completed recruitment night at our local schools. Some will join, others will not. In the midst of recruiting for our local troops, we must also recruit those members that have excelled in our troops and offer them a chance through troop elections to the Order of the Arrow.

Well many of us are looking at these areas of new potential growth, one area sometimes get over looked. This is the area where I am currently in my "second tour". As a Scouter for over almost twenty years, I have been involved in many of the aspects and functions of Scouting. The one area that sometimes gets over looked but is also a great area that needs to be tapped into for continued success in our Troops and Order, is in the Cub Scouts.

I do know that Bob Drury and Anne Marie have been working on this in the Towpath and Nundawaga Districts. We hope to experience successes this year in recruiting young scouts and parents to be a part of the Scouting experience, beginning at the Cub Scout level. I know the two Cub Packs in my area have been hurting because we have seen our number decrease by fifty percent - from forty cubs to twenty cubs - in the past few years.

So, you can not only pass along the fun and joys of camping in the great outdoors and all the wonders of Boy Scouts, but also share the wonders you had when you were in Cub Scouts to boys and their parents. When you are out and about, please pass along the good word and mission of the Boys Scouts to boys of any age and encourage them to join this wonderful and exceptional program called (in my words) the "Boy Scouts Adventure". If you have a chance, help out a Cub Pack. All too often, our Cub leaders are learning on the fly and need someone like you and I who may be in our "second tour" to help guide them along the path.

Thank You,

Glen Busch II (Brother hood Member)
Assistant, Webelos I
Pack Activities Coordinator of
Cub Pack 28 Medina



Help Wanted

Wanted: Your donations to the annual patch auction are needed. Go through your patch collection (or your brothers, or fathers) and dig out those Amo'chk, Tuighaunock, Camp Sam Wood, and Camp Dittmer patches and donate. Proceeds fund camp improvements. Please contact any member of the LEC.

Help Needed: Brothers needed to serve on the Camp Promotions Committee. Participants travel to units, present a video or slide show and let cubs and scouts know of the wonderful activities they will experience at our Council summer camps. Contact Mr. Boyd if interested:
reboyd2@hotmail.com

Positions Available

Youth volunteers are needed for the Lodge Ceremonies Team. We would like to be able to field two separate teams for Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies. Please contact Mr. Boyd if interested:
reboyd2@hotmail.com

Please Join

Due to graduations and college entry, the Dance Team is seeking new members. Any adult or youth interested in participating, please contact Phil Crane or Mr. Crane at:
maccam@aol.com

Brothers Needed

The National Order of the Arrow Conference will be held August 1-6, 2009. A youth and adult chairperson are needed to coordinate Lodge participation. Please contact Mr. Grabowski if interested.

Volunteers Needed

Youth volunteers are needed from each District for Unit Election Teams. A volunteer is also needed to serve as the chairperson for the election team. If interested, please contact any LEC Officer.

Order of the Arrow
2008 Fun Weekend
November 21-23 2008
Camp Sam Wood Pike, NY

Ashokwahta Lodge #339

2008 Fun Weekend

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Fall 2008 Calendar of Events

October LEC	10/15/08
November LEC	11/19/08
OA Fun Weekend	11/21-11/23/08
December LEC	12/17/08
January Winter Banquet	01/09
Spring Weekend	
Conclave	

National Order of the Arrow Conf August 1 - 6, 2009

The Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) meetings are held at the Batavia Service Center located at 45 Liberty Street in Batavia (side door). This meeting is for Lodge Officers, Troop Representatives, and any interested members. The LEC meetings begin at 7 P.M. and end around 8:30 P.M.

Mailing List and Dues Payment

During the past five years we have diligently attempted to bring the mailing list of OA Members into line. Members who have not paid, as per the guidelines of the Ashokwahta Lodge, have been dropped from the mailing list. Those members no longer current with Lodge dues were considered inactive for the mailing list after the Spring 2008 OA Weekend. Payment of the 2008 and the 2009 dues will bring into line those members who have not remained current in dues -- \$8.00 per year or \$16.00 total. The upper corner of your mailing label indicates the year your dues are paid through.

Reminder : If a fellow Arrowman tells you they are not receiving the newsletter, please have them update their home address by calling Judy Anderson at the Batavia office.

Upcoming Events

I would like to encourage everyone to attend the Fall OA Fun weekend at Camp Sam Wood, November 21-23rd. Bring all the game systems and TV's you can possibly fit into your vehicle and come on down. A minimal fee of \$10.00, payable at the door if you call the office and register, or payable in advance at the office, is the only cost. All that is asked in return is 2 hours of cheerful service on Saturday. There is no "lights out", so we can stay up all night. However, don't be too loud . . . some of us can't handle sleep deprivation.

Our annual Winter Banquet and Patch Auction will be held January 10, 2009 at the Batavia Party House. I hope to see you there. I would like to encourage everyone to attend if it is possible. Please dig through your patch collection, or your brother's, and donate some of those hard to find items and collector's items. Bring your donations to the fun weekend or to the next LEC and we will get them to Mr. Ames. We'll even provide a receipt!

Another reminder is to look at the mailing label on your news letter (with your name on it) there should be a year in the upper right corner (i.e. 2007, 2008). This is the year that your dues expire. The cost of dues is \$8 per year. If you know someone who is not receiving a news letter it is probably because their dues are not current. To get back on our mailing list, lapsed members need only to pay a year of arrears and the current year's dues (a total of \$16).

Congratulations again to our newest members. I look forward to seeing you at upcoming events. I also look forward to seeing current lodge brothers at our meetings and events.

Along the trail,
Austin J. Boyd
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Words from the Lodge Adviser

Congratulations to all of the new Arrowmen, as well as the new Brotherhood members. Please continue to live up to your oath, and to help others. A reminder to new Arrowmen: you may convert your membership to Brotherhood after 10 months – please return to Camp Dittmer next fall and seal your membership.

As a comment to others – thank you again for all the work you do in the background. People may think they are not appreciated for what they do – but you are noticed. Thank you for giving back to our youth and to the Scouting movement. It would take to long to name everyone, but thank you all. It is a privilege to work with and learn from all of you. You all contribute to putting the fun in Scouting.

Please stay involved! Come to the Fall Fun Weekend, sign-up to attend the Winter Banquet, contribute to and bid at the annual patch auction, work at camp, or sign-up for a committee. Stay involved!



Yours in WWW,

Ed Grabowski
Lodge Adviser



Editor's note: We apologize for the printing error in the mailed version of the newsletter. Some pages were printed upside down and, as a result, were also out of sequence. With future editions, will endeavor to proofread the product of the copy machine before mass production begins. Again, we apologize for any confusion. - Mr. Boyd, Publications Adviser