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## *Does your unit have an OA Troop Representative?*

### **A MESSAGE FROM OUR LODGE CHIEF**

Dear Lodge Brothers,

We have several upcoming events in our Lodge. September 5-7 is our Fall Fellowship and Ordeal weekend, held at Camp Dittmer. Our LEC meets the third Wednesday of each month. The OA Fun weekend is scheduled for November (details will be published soon). The annual Lodge Winter Banquet is held in January, the date will be included with the information about the OA fun weekend.

I hope to see many Arrowmen at these events. They are always a lot of fun. The OA fun weekend is a time for all lodge brothers to come together for fun and fellowship. Held at Camp Sam Wood's Call Lodge, brothers bring every game system they can think of along with TV's, DVD's, and DVD players. Don't forget to bring snacks and beverages. The lodge usually provides bug juice, nachos, and other munchies for Friday and Saturday evening. One fun thing about this weekend is there is no set "lights out" or bedtime. This fun weekend is usually in November at Camp Sam Wood. All that is asked from participants is \$10.00 to cover the cost of food, and 2 hours of cheerful service on Saturday. I look forward to seeing new Arrowmen at events.

Sincerely,

Austin J. Boyd

Lodge Chief

*"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.

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## A work weekend at Camp Dittmer

While many of our Lodge Brothers were attending the Conclave at Camp Scout Haven in Freedom, New York, another event was taking place at Camp Dittmer in Phelps, New York. As summer camp program director, I was aware that a work weekend was scheduled at Camp Dittmer. These weekends have previously been referred to as “beaver” weekend or “red jacket” weekend. I was a little concerned about participation at this event because I hadn’t heard any announcements or seen any flyers advertising this work weekend.

I arrived at Camp Dittmer late Friday evening, found an open cottage in the staff area, and got some sleep. When I awoke Saturday morning and made my way to the dining hall I was amazed to see about 25 vehicles parked in the area. I could hear grass trimmers, lawn mowers, and chainsaws already in use around camp.

Mr. Drury, the Towpath District Executive and OA Staff Adviser, related to me that the majority of the people working around camp were not affiliated with scouts or our Council. Lake Remick lies within the boundaries of Camp Dittmer and is private property. Most of the people working around camp were providing a day of labor in return for the coveted Lake Remick Fishing Permit. There were scouts and scouters present as well. Troop 23, from Middleport, was there with a dozen scouts; several members of the summer camp staff were present; and several Council-level Scouters were there as well.

Breakfast and lunch were served while I was there (thanks to Judy Anderson from the Batavia service center), and at lunchtime there were approximately sixty people present. A lot of work was accomplished by Saturday evening. The biggest project undertaken was providing a new roof on the Trading Post. When you see the Ranger at Camp Dittmer, Steve Croll, thank him for his efforts coordinating this project.

Next year we hope to advertise the work weekends well in advance. Workers at these weekends can come as individuals, patrols, troops, crews, etc. All are welcome and appreciated. Hope to see you there.

Yours in Scouting,  
Ron Boyd  
2008 Program Director  
ITCBSA Summer Camps

## My experience at ArrowCorps5: The largest National service project since World War II

Dear Brothers,

I recently attended my first Order of the Arrow National Event, Arrow Corps 5! I attended the Bridger-Teton Site in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. I went with the contingent set up by the Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee Lodge from the Buffalo area’s GNFC Council.

We were one of the largest contingents that went, made up of 42 youth and adults. Despite our large numbers we were distributed evenly throughout the crews. The crews were each made up of about 20 participants from all over the United States. I was on Crew 17. This Crew was assigned the a5 site or the 5th and final section of the Arrow trail. The Arrow trail is named after our project because it was a product of our project. The Arrow trail was a bike trail created to take a similar route to a horse trail that already existed (bikes and horses don’t mix). The other trail sites were Ridge Trail and Historic Trail, at these sites crews were doing maintenance work on the trails where they were deteriorating. The last two sites, Groh Vaunt and Goosewing, were building and removing fence respectively.

For the Teton Pass (i.e. The Trails) we were quartered at the Jackson Hole High School grounds. The Groh Vaunt and Goosewing sites were sleep-on-site projects. Before and after the project, the contingent I worked with (with many thanks and blessings to Mona Lloyd) stayed without charge at Camp Tracy near Salt Lake City, Utah where our flights were arrived and departed from. During the project we were blessed with the wonderfully delicious, nasty and disgusting Philmont trail food for lunch and breakfast, some said we were lucky not to have to eat the dinners as well.

I am proud to have participated in the first National service project of this scale by any service organization, undertaken by the Order of the Arrow, since World War II!

Your Brother from Lodge #339,  
Nate DeMare



## Fall 2008 Calendar of Events

Sept. Fall Induction Weekend @ Dittmer ...	9/5-9/7/08
September LEC .....	9/17/08
Webelos Woods .....	9/26-9/28/08
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

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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.

Phone number 1-585-343-0307

## Conclave report from: *The Dragonfly*

Conclave was success this year. It was hosted by Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee #159 at Scout Haven, only 15 minutes away from Sam Wood. It was also the 60<sup>th</sup>, and the final, NE-3A Conclave. The three lodges belonging to Pennsylvania are merging with two other lodges to become (name), while the remaining five lodges from NE-3A are merging with five other lodges in New York State, combining into NE-3, a section extending from Niagara Falls to the Adirondacks. We will surely miss Gyantwachia #255, Ho-Nan-Ne-Ho-Ont #165, and Langundowi #46; though we are now separated, we are still bound in Brotherhood.

With every new Conclave comes a new band of officers. David Lloyd stepped down as Section Chief as his successor, Mike Mahanes of Langundowi #46(Secretary), rose to the position. Rising to the Vice Chief position was Travis Cunningham of Gyantwachia #255, and succeeding Mahanes as Secretary is Mike Hynes of Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee #159. We are depending on our new officers to do a good job at running the Section.

Ashokwahta was represented at the Conclave by nine youths and twelve adults: NJ Solis, Philip Crane, Kevin Drury, Austin Boyd, Brandon Lewis, Connor Grabowski, Steve Parsons, Peter Bronschiedel, Ben Rushlow, Jonathan Doherty, Mr. Grabowski, Mr. Oliver, Mr. Crane, Mr. Burger, Mr. Hawley, Mr. Olsen, Mr. McNut, Mr. Starkly, Mr. Bronschiedel, and Mr. Olsen Sr.. These twenty-one arrowmen frolicked in fancy free as they ate heartily in the dining hall, competed fiercely at the Golden/Silver Arrow Games, and had intense fun.

Brandon and NJ helped judge the Ceremonies Competitions, while Austin Boyd helped judge the Best-All-Around-Lodge Competition. Austin also had the pleasure of representing Ashokwahta for the Whipped-Cream-Pie Toss, where Austin survived multiple pie throws in the face. Austin left the event scarred with cream, especially with some residue up his right nostril. He was not the only one who went down with the dogs, for NJ and Peter attended the Starch-Water Wrestling Tournament with a 0-0-1 and a 1-0-3 status respectively. Phil and Mr. McNutt also represented in the Canoe Swamping, ranking 6<sup>th</sup> out of the 8 boats that competed.

The lodge itself had some personal highlights. Connor broke his personal record for most showers taken in a weekend with a whooping 7 showers. All from Ashokwahta wore NJ's Conclave shirt designs, the only lodge shirt to actually take form of the Conclave theme. Kevin had fun playing with his 100% DEET bug spray. Peter, NJ, and Ben wore thick green capes, blending into the Lord-Of-The-Arrows theme for only half an hour. And finally, Mr. Crane scared away most of the bugs at night with his signature snore attacks.

The Conclave was very fun this year. Arrowmen from all over celebrated for the last time as a Section. We will miss our old brothers to the south, but we will also welcome our new brothers to the east. We hope that more Arrowmen from our lodge attend the next Conclave, and we also hope that the next Conclave will be as close as it was this year. Till then, see you later!

~The Dragonfly



## Order of the Arrow at Summer Camp 2008

The resident camp season is finally over, and this arrowman has finally returned after 7 weeks deep in the jungles of Phelps and Pike NY. While at Dittmer (as those of you who were cool enough to take it know...) I taught wilderness survival and some other hardcore merit badges. While merit badges and advancement are all well and good, another fun part of the summer camp experience was Order of the Arrow Day (also referred to as Thursday)!

This summer's OA day was unique in that our Chief and two of his vice chiefs (myself and Kevin) were camp staff. We also had an associate lodge advisor (Ron Boyd) and our lodge staff advisor (Bob Drury) on staff as well. During the last session at Dittmer, we had our third vice chief (Ben Tyx) and our lodge secretary (Henri Burdett) as campers. What does this mean to you? Basically during the last session we had an impromptu LEC and voted to raise dues to \$65 to help pay my way through college (a joke.....or is it???)

Moving on.... One of the purposes of the Order is to promote and help our Council summer camps. Obviously, our lodge is doing something right. With two elections and three call out ceremonies performed at camp as well, our lodge is doing its best to get out there and to get ourselves seen by the units in our council.

I hope to see you all at the LEC's (third Wednesday of the month) and of course at Camp Dittmer next year (if you think you're good enough you can TRY to take wilderness survival).

Yours in Scouting,  
Brandon P. Lewis  
a.k.a. Bipple  
Vice-Chief



### SECTION NE3 COUNCILS AND LODGES

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Revolutionary Trails 400 Ga-Hon-Ga—Utica

## Along the Trail

Have you ever wondered about things that the Lodge does, like the work around Barlow's cabin? And what about the Patch Auction that for the past several years Mr. Ames has been responsible for? Were you aware that the two are actually linked?

A few years ago, when I was a youth member of Amo'chk Lodge (one of the lodges that combined to create our lodge), Barlow's cabin was deeded to the Council's Order of the Arrow Lodge. In return, the Lodge took over the responsibility of maintaining the cabin. The cabin was always part of Camp Sam Wood and, over the years, a ghost story circulated regarding the alleged John Barlow and his unfortunate family. At the time the cabin was turned over to the Lodge, Barlow's was one main room with a small kitchen area directly behind the main room. There was a fireplace in the main room for cooking and heat, and the kitchen had cupboards, a sink, and a hand pump for water.

In the 1980's, I was present for the work weekends that replaced the wooden floor in the main room with concrete. Since then, the back room has been expanded and serves as a bunk room, the kitchen has been moved, and propane is supplied for the gas stove. Other improvements and repairs have also taken place over the years – removal of the fireplace, installation of a wood burning stove, a new roof, exterior staining, erosion abatement, etc.

So, you might ask, what does Barlow's have to do with the patch auction? Well, the original intent of the patch auction, as I recall, was to raise the funds needed to maintain Barlow's cabin when it was first deeded to the Lodge. Over the years, the Lodge has maintained and improved Barlow's. The Lodge is able to rent Barlow's on the weekends to Scout units and the rental fees provide income for our Lodge. Over the years, Mr. Don Ames has tirelessly worked to make the patch auction the highlight of our winter banquet. The patch auction has grown and the proceeds are used towards maintenance at Barlow's and to support a variety of projects benefiting both Camp Dittmer and Camp Sam Wood.

When Lodge brothers are asked to donate patches or to help with projects at Barlow's, I hope you will recall that the Lodge is responsible for maintaining the cabin and the grounds around it. I also hope to see you bidding at the patch auction!



**Words from the Lodge Adviser**

Fellow Arrowmen,

Congratulations to all of the new Arrowmen joining our ranks, as well as the Brotherhood conversions and Vigil Honor recipients. I hope you all keep very busy with the Lodge, and give back to the Council and other youth in Scouting - join a committee or the Indian Dance Team today - whatever you give comes back twofold. Also -If you know of anyone who was elected to the OA, and have not yet done their Ordeal, please give them a call and invite them or give them a ride to the Fall Ordeal Weekend September 5<sup>th</sup>.

On another note, congratulations to Nate DeMare, Connor Grabowski, and James Stading for their representing Ashokwahta at Arrow-Corps5 in the Bridger-Teton Mountains of Wyoming. From what Connor has shared with us, it sounded like a remarkable adventure, representing the spirit of the Order of the Arrow in giving to others for them to enjoy the outdoors.

I hope all of you are having the great time I am in Scouting and with the OA.

Yours in WWW,  
Ed Grabowski,  
Lodge Adviser

“Thank You” from an Associate Advisor

The ice cream social sponsored by the Lodge on OA Day at Camp Dittmer was fantastic. During Week #1, the ice cream social was part of our “hike-in” movie night. During Week #2 and #3, the movie night was re-scheduled and the ice cream social was held Thursday evenings after open-zip and the mile swim. I would like to thank all of the lodge brothers on camp staff who assisted with the ice cream social. I would also like to thank those lodge brothers at camp with their units who helped set-up, serve, and clean-up. A special thank you also goes out to the youth members (and Bipple) who participated in the call-out ceremonies held each Thursday.

Looking ahead to next year, we would like to develop a list of service projects at camp that could be worked on as part of OA Day. Our Camp Leader’s Guide and Program Guide both mention that service projects are part of OA Day at camp. Bring your ideas to the LEC or Fall Weekend.

Once again, thank you to all the lodge brothers who helped us have successful OA Days during summer camp sessions at Camp Dittmer this year.

Sincerely,  
Ron Boyd  
Associate Advisor

Order of the Arrow  
2008 Fall Weekend  
September 5, 6, 7 2008

**Camp Dittmer Phelps, NY**

Ashokwahta Lodge #339

2008 Fall Ordeal Weekend

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