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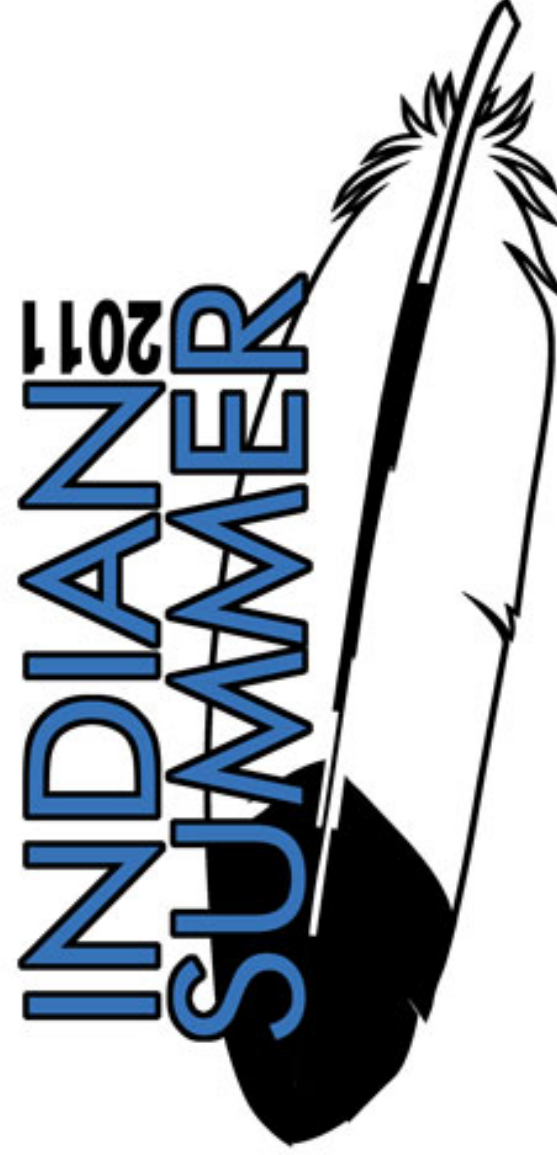
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**LOCATION AND DATES:** Ridgecrest Conference Center near Asheville, North Carolina, August 1-6, 2011. **Indian Summer 2011** will offer an opportunity for Arrowmen across the country to participate in focus areas including American Indian material culture and OA Introductions and Ceremonies.

The Ashokwahta Tehtas is available on-line, in color, at:  
[www.itcbsa.org](http://www.itcbsa.org) listed under "Order of the Arrow"



## WORDS FROM OUR LODGE CHIEF

Dear Brothers,

First off I would like to once again extend my welcome to all of our new lodge brothers who have recently passed the Ordeal to gain entrance to our Order. Welcome and I hope that you take advantage of all that our lodge has to offer. You have proven yourselves as those who go above and beyond what it means to be a scout and we hope that you will continue this pathway throughout your entire scouting career.

I would also like to congratulate our brothers who recently decided to seal their membership in the Order of the Arrow by completing the Brotherhood Ceremony. (see list of new members and Brotherhood conversions, p13)

There are many exciting things that are happening in Ashokwahta Lodge 339 and the Boy Scouts of America. We have finished the 2010 Camping Season with a bang and the 2010 National Scout Jamboree in Virginia was a rousing success. None of this would have been possible if it was not for you, those individuals who decided to actively participate. I would like to personally thank you for making Ashokwahta Lodge and the Boy Scouts of America what they are today. However, I know that we can do even more than where we are right now. I know that we can become even better than we already are and for this I need your help. I need you to attend the LEC Meetings and become involved with things. Sign up for committees and become an active participator in the lodge. If you are concerned about time commitments talk to me and we can find something that will be best fit for you. Not every position requires you to be working 24/7 for the lodge. If everyone does their bit then we all will be able to achieve what we want to achieve.

Finally I leave you with this: be proud of who you are and where you are from. Wear your lodge flap on your uniform with pride! Proudly display your sash over your right shoulder! And now you can even wear the brand new Official Ashokwahta Lodge Shirt. Be excited to be a part of the National Honor Society of the Boy Scouts of America!

Jacob Horner  
Lodge Chief



**SummitCorps: The New River Experience** is the newest service adventure offered by the Order of the Arrow. In conjunction with the National Parks Service, 500 Arrowmen from across the country will invade the New River Gorge National River in West Virginia.

**Arrowmen** can choose which of four weeks to attend in July of 2011. Total, 2000 Arrowmen will give service to the New River by helping to build and restore the Garden Grand Hike and Bike Trail, which will connect the New River to the Summit: Bechtel Family Scout Reserve.

**Lodges** will be able to send contingents of up to 23 Arrowmen. Each week will consist of 425 guests and 100 staff. The cost for attending SummitCorps: The New River Experience is \$250, but in return Arrowmen can expect a different kind of adventure. An initial allotment of 8 guest spots has been provided to each lodge in the United States. Following December 1st slots will be opened to lodges on a first come first serve basis. Your council office will have received detailed information in mid September.

**For more information**, navigate to [event.oa-bsa.org](http://event.oa-bsa.org).

Have you ever wanted to Join ceremonies team? . . . Well now's the time! Come learn some impressive lines, wear the awesome regalia and help send a good message to candidates undergoing the ordeal. A great induction ceremony can help keep new members hooked. We are looking to build teams for pre-ordeal/ordeal and a brotherhood team. If interested please contact Aaron Guarino at [guarinoaaron@yahoo.com](mailto:guarinoaaron@yahoo.com).

Thanks again,  
Aaron Guarino  
Ceremonies Team



## Smoke Signals

**Contributions needed** Lodge 339 seeks contributions for the annual patch auction. Please consider donating lodge flaps, CSP's, summer camp patches and neckerchiefs to this auction that benefits our Council camping program. Since the auction started, over \$30,000 has been raised. The proceeds have been used to benefit the Council camps, camping program, and youth in general. Contributions may be sent to Lodge 339 Patch Auction c/o Mr. Don Ames, 45 Liberty Street, Suite 2; Batavia, NY 14020

**New Lodge T-Shirts** available at OA Events and at the Batavia Scout Store. These fantastic T-shirts with artwork designed by Mr. Doug Johnson are comfortable and stylish. Don't be the only Arrowman in your Troop without one of these great shirts. All sizes available for the low price of \$8.00. Get yours now before they're sold out!

**Help Still Needed:** Youth members are 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](mailto:reboyd2@hotmail.com)

**Positions Remain Available**  
Youth volunteers are needed for the Lodge Ceremonies Team. We would like to be able to field separate teams for Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies. Please contact Mr. Keith Oliver 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 Mr. Jak Kohmann if interested.

## Words from the Lodge Adviser

Communication will be the key to the smooth functioning of our lodge over the near and distant future. How well all of us talk to each other and keep ourselves informed of the happenings of the lodge will determine how smoothly the lodge runs. This will not just be limited to the Lodge Officers but also all of the members. We must let everyone know about meetings, events where we can help out the council, and events of the 3 Districts to make the Scouting Program work for all. We are charged with helping the council promote all camping programs and opportunities available. This is in addition to running our own events and programs smoothly. If everyone that attends a lodge event returns to their units and informs the members of the unit about the happenings within the lodge the word will spread faster. If you know brothers from other units, make sure you share with them too. Within this newsletter, you will find a calendar of the events of our lodge over the next few months. Some are for officers and committee chairmen but, many are there for all members to participate in. Many of these could use your help in making them a success. If you are going to the Council Camp-o-ree let your lodge chief or vice chief's know as help is needed to make the campfire go smoothly. We will also need help with conducting the Lodge elections in all units within the council.

The role of the adult in the lodge is to be supportive of the youth, to encourage them to do what they can to assist the lodge, We need to help them to get to events including LEC meeting's and week-end events. Offer a ride to these events if you are already going or have the time to help them get there. Offer to help them to get to a neighboring troop to assist with an election or camp promotion. Make sure the members within the units you are connected with are informed of the events of the lodge. If your units has an OA rep, make sure the Lodge leadership knows who it is. If you have problems or need to contact me, you can email me at [headchef339@yahoo.com](mailto:headchef339@yahoo.com) or call me at 585-356-7692. I will get back to you at the earliest possible opportunity.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Ron Schmidt  
Lodge Adviser



## Calendar of upcoming Events

Oct 20 LEC Meeting  
 Oct 22-24 Council Camp-o-ree Lodge to MC Campfire program and build fire.  
 Oct. 24 COC at Jordan Comm. Center. Officer and Conclave chairmen should go.  
 Oct 27 Claim stake for camp; signup for unit elections. GCC  
 Nov 17 LEC Meeting  
 Nov 27 Work day at Barlow's Cabin  
 Dec. 15 LEC Meeting  
**Jan. 8 Lodge Banquet and auction**  
 Jan 19 LEC Meeting  
 Jan 21-23 Conclave planning conference  
 Feb 16 LEC Meeting  
 Feb 23 \* Chili dinner Camp Program kickoff \*  
 Mar 16 LEC Meeting

\* to be held at the United Methodist Church, Rte. 63, Batavia \*

The Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) meetings are usually 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

The first line of your mailing address shows the last dues payment years. Those members no longer current with Lodge dues will be considered inactive for the mailing list after the Spring 2010 OA Weekend. Payment of the 2010 dues (\$8.00) will continue active membership for those members who have remained current in dues. Payment of 2009 and 2010 dues will bring current any inactive member — \$8.00 per year or \$16.00 total. The upper right corner of your mailing label indicates the year your dues are paid through. For those that say 2008, this is your last communication from the lodge unless you pay your back dues.

## Welcome all 2010 New Ordeal Members

Ben Agnello	Garrett Eggebrecht	Eric Meitz
Matt Allen	Ryan Fisher	John O'Brien
Sterling Allis	Garrett Frazier	Kevin Palm
Eric Antalek	Donald Gergely	Andy Plewniak
Elliot Austin	Dan Clifford	Luke Rath
Anthony Barillari	Ian Gooding	Josh Raymond
Justin Beckstrand	Ben Hayes	Mason Roberts
Tim Boggs	Matthew Hilbert	Patrick Roberts
Brenda Busch	Dave Hofer	Joseph Robinson
Ben Chatley	Luke Hollenbeck	Zachary Roeseler
Ben Christiano	Tom Holmes	Keith Salyer
Alexander Clark	Michael Karcz	Kyle Salyer
Richard Coleman	Ben Kirby	Allen Sanford
Richard Craft	Ben Korytkowski	Philip Schicker
Brandon Crowell	Christopher Kovach	Dominic Schrock
Cory Crowell	Russell Larsen	Ian Smith
Wesley Darling	Caleb Lehman	Derek Terranova
Tyler Davies	Andrew Lichtenthal	Hunter Tillinghast
Ben DeMare	Theresa Martinez	Peter Treible
Jeff DeMare	Maximilian Mayer	Kyle Waldren
Jacob Earle	Charles McKeown	Nathaniel Wheeler
Wesley Ebersole	Joseph Meyer	Jacob Zitz

## Congratulations Brotherhood Conversions

Dakota Chilson	Thomas Glaser	Melanie Oliver
Steven Cochran	Aaron Guarino	Matt Orleman
Ethan Collins	Austin Herman	James Robinson
Aaron Farley, Jr.	Matthew Hofer	Marc Smith
Alec Ferreira	J. Daniel Joseph	Nick Tatakis
Matthew Finch	Alexander Kieffer	Jacob Thurley
Dominic Friscia	Jack Kruppa	Brian Wells
Joshua Friscia	Dr. Tom Madejski	Connor Wells
Brandon Gabriel	Matthew Morgan	Paul Wendt
David Glaser	Michael Niles	Trevor Wendt

## Be Proud of Your Service

A few lucky people choose to perform "cheerful service" by working as an elangomat at our Lodge work weekends. I am one of them. I have been an adult elangomat ever since completing my Ordeal weekend for membership in the Order of the Arrow a few years ago.

When you take on this responsibility you meet some very interesting people, doctors, lawyers, businessmen and women, and the many "normal" folks. I always like to find out why an adult wants to belong to The Order. Many choose to join when a son or grandson are going through their ordeal. Some have other reasons: they want to be more involved in scouting; or, they are a Scoutmaster that wants to bond more with his scouts. However, the best reason I have ever heard was this past weekend.

During the 2010 Fall weekend at Camp Dittmer, I had an adult ordeal candidate who told me one of the best "reasons to be a candidate stories" I have heard. The candidate told me that several years ago, when he was 14 years old, he really wanted to be a member of the Order of the Arrow, but when he became eligible he was not voted in. He was not elected to a lodge the rest of his years as a youth member of BSA. The candidate told me that he had waited 55 years for this honor, and at 69 years of age he was chosen.

This 69 year old candidate went through the same Ordeal as every other candidate, took his vow of silence, did his cheerful service, ate what he was given, made the walks and slept under the stars with only a tarp and sleeping bag. I might add that he chose to sleep under the stars on the second night as well.

After his sash was placed on him at the ordeal ceremony, I asked this new adult member of our lodge, "Was it worth the wait?" His reply was "Yes, so far so good." So, the next time you wonder if it was worth it for you to complete the Ordeal, commit to Brotherhood membership, perform cheerful service, attend the LEC meetings and so many other events, I hope you will recall this adult candidate. Be glad that you didn't wait 55 years after being eligible to earn the patch on the flap of your uniform pocket and the sash like he did. Take pride in having been elected to this honor society and give back whenever you can by staying active in Scouting and attending lodge functions.

Yours In Scouting  
Jak Kohmann  
Proud Adult Elangomat

## Nominations for the election of Lodge Officers are now open

At the annual Lodge Banquet to be held January 8, at the Batavia Party House, we will again be electing new officers for the Lodge Executive Committee. We will be selecting a Lodge Chief, two Vice Chiefs, Secretary, Treasurer, and Ordealmaster. Any youth that wishes to run for office may do so by submitting a letter of nomination.

The only two requirements to hold a Lodge office are that you (1) do not turn 21 until after the term of office is completed, (the banquet next year) and (2) that you have your scoutmaster or unit leaders approval.

If elected, you are expected to be available for the majority of LEC meetings and functions. If you wish to run for an office please write a letter stating which office or offices you would like to run for, have your unit leader sign it, and send it to Ashokwahta Lodge 339 at the Batavia Scout Office, 45 Liberty Street Suite 2, Batavia, N.Y.,14020. Please mark: Attn. Ron Schmidt

The deadline for nomination letters to be received at the Batavia office is December 1st. The Lodge Key 3 will review all letters and forward them to the nomination committee.



Ashokwahta Lodge #339 recognizes Brother Nicholas Kovalski and the challenges ahead. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

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## Unit Election Teams Needed

Calling all Lodge Members:

Are you looking to become more involved as a member of Ashokwhata Lodge? We are in need of lodge brothers to act as unit election teams. Being part of the unit elections team isn't difficult. You simply need to be able to contact Scoutmasters and set up a date for elections; coordinate transportation to the units scout meeting; and, show a DVD that explains what belonging to the OA means.

The rest is easy. Run the election and tally the votes. Then announce the candidates. After that, the only thing left to do is simply obtain the candidate's information and return the unit elections form to the Lodge. You might be asking yourself if you're qualified for this position. All youth members of Ashokwhata Lodge are qualified to supervise and perform unit elections. If you are interested in serving on a unit elections team please contact me at 585-624-5096.

Yours in Scouting,  
Kyle Smith  
Vice Chief



Registration and Lodge Trading Post at the Fall Weekend held at Camp Dittmer.



This is the fantastic new Lodge T-Shirt, with artwork designed by Vigil Honor member Doug Johnson of Geneseo. See the note in "Smoke Signals" for pricing, etc.

## Fall Fellowship/Ordeal Weekend Camp Dittmer



Fall weekend at Camp Dittmer is more than taking down tents. Each tent is inspected before being folded and stored for the winter.



Ordeal candidates take a break while waiting for lunch to be served after a morning of cheerful service.



### It's time for Unit Elections

To all Units:

Elections for Ordeal Candidates for 2011 are now being scheduled. All scouts meeting the requirements are eligible.

Please contact Kyle Smith to coordinate your OA election to take place at your unit meeting. Information needed includes the day of the week your unit meets, what time your unit meets, and the location of the meeting. Please provide an e-mail or phone number and a youth member in your District will contact you and confirm the best available date to hold your election. We would like to start conducting elections soon.

Also, the election committee is always looking for both youth and adults (drivers for youth) to help conduct these elections. Please contact Kyle Smith if you are interested in serving on the unit elections teams.

The more Lodge Brothers we have canvassing units, the more potential candidates we will have for our lodge. Remember, you can not conduct the election for your own unit.

Sincerely,  
Jak Kohmann  
Election Committee Adviser  
Ashokwahta Lodge #339



## Announcing Venture Crew 42

Fellow Brothers,

I would like to relate to all of you a work session that took place at Camp Dittmer the weekend following our Fall Fellowship weekend. At the end of the Fall weekend not all of the swimming docks at the waterfront had been removed from the water. This, of course, could have been terrible for the docks. Although the docks are supposed to be able to be left in the lake for the winter, they have always been removed from the lake before winter arrives for safety reasons.

Crew 42, a newly formed Council service-oriented Venture Crew based out of Gaines, volunteered to complete the task. Participants included myself, Brandon Lewis, Matt Orleman, Joe Neubecker, Mr. Lief Woodman and his son, and Mr. Boyd. At present, Crew 42 members are primarily Lodge Brothers and summer camp staff. With this large work force we were able to cheerfully remove the docks in a timely manner, completing the task that remained from our work weekend and thus saving our Council the possibility of winter damage. I would like to thank all members involved for their dedication to our camps and the Council, and for sparing all of us the additional time and labor.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Giovanni Madejski



Vigil Honor and Venture Crew 42 member Joe Neubecker (aka Little Joe) cheerfully wades into the job.



Ordeal member Leif Woodman (in water), Vigil Honor and Crew 42 member Brandon Lewis, Brotherhood and Crew 42 member Matt Orleman, and Vigil Honor and Crew 42 member Joe Neubecker removing the legs from the last section of docks at Camp Dittmer.



Vigil Honor members Brandon Lewis, Joe Neubecker, and Gio Madejski, and Brotherhood member Matt Orleman, all of Venture Crew 42, making room on the beach for the last section of docks.