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## WORDS FROM OUR LODGE CHIEF

Greetings Fellow Lodge Brothers,

Since the last newsletter our lodge has been up to a great number of things. First with the Spring Ordeal, a record number of members were honored with the Vigil Honor in our lodge with new members including staff members from the council's camps and its National Youth Leadership Training program. In addition to the Vigil honorees, 52 of the 75 elected scouts and scouters completed their ordeal joining our lodge this past June. The lodge also experienced 13 Brotherhood conversions as lodge members sought to seal their membership in the Brotherhood. Following spring weekend the lodge put on "Order of the Arrow days" at Camp Dittmer hosting an ice-cream social each week, in order to educate people about the Order and increase interest for next year's elections. Next on the agenda for the Lodge will be the NE3A Conclave at Camp Gorton with a contingent of 24 lodge brothers. At the conclave Brothers from our lodge will share fellowship with Order members from the entire NE3A Section which includes lodges from all over the state of New York. Attendees will also be able to attend different classes related to the Order and participate in activities like themed games and traditional Native American games. I look forward to working with all of you as the Fall Fellowship weekend approaches in September, and would like to remind all of you to talk to your fellow lodge members who may not be active and encourage them to share in the fellowship this fall at Camp Dittmer

YIS,

Kyle Smith



Conclave 2011 is History!

Plan now for 2012

Just a short report about the Conclave held this past week-end. We had 25 arrowmen from Ashokwahta Lodge attend. It appeared that they are had a good time. For seventeen of them it was their first Conclave. We had the responsibility of doing the newsletters at the week-end. The fellows did a awesome job. If you want to see what they created attend the fall week-end and the things will be on display. We were awarded the "Honor Lodge " , received the Red Bordered Patch which no one else will get. Most also earned the participation award. We also had 2 receive Master's degrees, 4 receive bachelor's degrees and the others received an associate degree in Lodge Training. They had the opportunity to attend 3 classes in the morning, and to do different things in the afternoon. There was Meet the man, where the section and region officers answered questions from the crowd, swamp-a-thon, native American games, softball, Frisbee, bottle rockets and much more. On Sunday morning they had election of the new Section officers, but more on that later. You will see a few of the pictures below. Come to the weekend to see them all.



## Camp Staff Nicknames . . . What's Up With That?

If you have attended summer camp at Camp Dittmer during the past decade or so, you may have noticed that a majority of the camp staff are known by nicknames rather than their given names. You may even recognize Hoss, Little Joe, or The Boy on sight. But where do these nicknames come from?

Some nicknames come with a person, such as "The Boy". Some may be derived by association - you can't have a "Hoss" without a "Little Joe". Most nicknames are bestowed by the camp staff onto other staff members. As a matter of fact, receiving a nickname is considered (by most) as an honor.

Have you met: Little Joe, The Boy, Spyder, Bambi, Oz, MO, Levi, Burt, Ernie, Little Bob, Matchbox, Hammer, Ginger, Just Jeremy, or Uncle Ron? They all worked at either Camp Dittmer or Camp Sam Wood (or both) this summer. Without giving away too many secrets, "Burt" was Brandon Parker, a CIT from an out-of-Council Unit. He looked somewhat like Tim Burton, hence "Burt". Alex Keifer was a CIT at the same time. Well, you can't have a Burt without an Ernie, so Alex became "Ernie".

MO - pronounced "Moe" - is a nickname derived from the initials for Matt Orleman (MO). Many years ago, Little Bob (Kevin Drury) followed his Dad like a shadow during his first year at camp as a scout; Oz (Derek Kohmann) is the man behind the curtain - or in the bell tower, take your pick; Matchbox is Michael Karcz, a little "Karcz" or "Matchbox"; you would have to see Spyder (James Madejski) climb a wall to understand his nickname.

Hammer's first name is "Armand" and Ginger (Nick Winkley) has red hair. We couldn't think of a good nickname for Jeremy Green. He said he preferred just Jeremy, so he became "Just Jeremy". Gio is such a cool moniker that Giovanni Madejski lucked out and keeps his actual name as his nickname. "Little Joe" (Joe Neubecker) has already been explained. "Bambi" (Garrett DeFilippis) is the Nature Director and "Levi" (Kevin Rushlow) is his assistant. I have no explanation for Levi, you would have to ask "The Boy".

Which brings us to "The Boy", otherwise known as Ben Metcalf. Legend has it that The Boy (always capitalized) is the official approver of all staff nicknames. I'm told that for years Ben actually thought his given name was "The Boy". As in "have The Boy do it", "bring me The Boy", or "where's The Boy".

So what's the real deal with those nicknames? Well, we probably all know a Ben or a Kevin, as well as several Michaels, James, Joes, and Matts. Scouts probably wouldn't remember camp staff by their given names. Tagging staff members with nicknames often makes it easier for campers to remember who their merit badge counselors are. Dale Carnegie agrees. That's my story and I'm sticking to it.



## From the Lodge Adviser's Desk

We are concluding another camping season, summer camp is finished, troops are beginning to plan their calendars for the coming year. There are several things that we need to be thinking about. **First, we have Fall Fellowship coming up September 9-11, at Camp Dittmer. We still need to find staff that will run the kitchen. There are many leftover supplies from summer programs, so the planning will be simple. I will assist with it, as I will have a list of the supplies that are on-hand. However, I cannot act as Advisor and run the kitchen both. If you know of adults and youth that would like to help, let Kyle or myself know.**

Second, Mr. Drury, myself, and the properties chairman have started to identify some projects to do in addition to closing camp. Be sure to bring work gloves, and basic tools if you have them. We will also need to have volunteers to be Elangomats. If any youth are going to be there around 5:00, we could use help with registration. This would be for non-ceremony people. We have 24 potential Ordeal candidates. The letters have gone out to potential candidates as well as eligible Brotherhood candidates. We need Brotherhood conversions to make quality lodge again.

We will be setting up some troop visits this fall to units that don't have active OA members so the Lodge can try to do a better job with elections this year. These will be done by me and a couple of the current and past officers.

Remember that LEC meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at the Batavia office. Also remember that next summer NOAC will be held at Michigan State University. We will begin to promote the National Order of the Arrow Conference as soon as we know more about it. The dates will be July 30-August 4<sup>th</sup>. The Lodge will be going as a group.

I hope to see everyone at the fall weekend or at the "Taste of Scouting".

Ron Schmidt  
Advisor

### Calendar of upcoming Events

<b>August 17</b>	<b>LEC</b>
August 19-21	Conclave at Camp Gorton
Sept. 9-11	Fall Weekend, Camp Dittmer
Sept. 21	LEC
Oct. 19	LEC
Nov. 16	LEC
Dec. 21	LEC
July30-Aug 4 2012	NOAC at MSU

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.

**LEC meetings begin at 7 PM and end around 8:30 PM**

### Mailing List and Dues Payment

During the past several 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 2010 OA Weekend. Payment of the 2010 and the 2011 dues will bring into line those members who have not remained current in dues -- \$8.00 per year or \$16.00 total. The upper right 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

Come one, come all, to the

Ashokwahta Ceremonies Team Practice

**Saturday, September 3rd** at the Batavia Scout Office!

From **1-4PM** we will be practicing the ceremonies and learning new ways to improve in preparation for the

***Fall Fellowship Weekend***

(September 9-11 at Camp Dittmer)

**New members to the Team  
are always welcome!**

RSVP at [339ceremonies@gmail.com](mailto:339ceremonies@gmail.com) today!!!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Jake and Aaron

-Ceremonies Team Co-Chairs-

**At the World Jamboree ... (Conclusion)**

more. We were right up in front of the stage, too. We saw Sanna Nilssen in the pouring rain. Then we saw a Belgian singer who danced out in the rain right in front of us. We also saw Europe perform The Final Countdown and a couple other songs for us, which was super-awesome!!! We also saw the king. That was great. And he led us in the 'Rocket' before we left. And on the way back, me and Sofia got a free sombrero. The next morning, after spending the night with about ten other people in one tent in the pouring rain, we packed up the tents and our packs and everything else, and headed to the busses. And after that, we moved over to the train and went home.



**Mark Your Calendar !!**

**Fall Ordeal & Brotherhood Weekend**

**When: September 9 -11**

**Where: Camp Dittmer**

**See Enclosed registration form for details**

The Lodge needs as many eligible Brotherhood conversions as possible to help us qualify as a Quality Lodge



**BOX ITEMS FOR SALE AT FALL WEEK-END**

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>COST</u>
Pocket ribbon device	\$ 4.00
Vigil honor pin (for suit lapel)	\$ 4.00
Sashes	\$18.00
Extra books	\$ 7.00
OA Stickers for windows	\$ 2.50
Barlow's patch (NEW issue, with Ashokwahta on them)	\$ 2.50
Extra patches	\$ 4.00
Lodge Neckerchiefs	\$15.00
T-Shirts (all sizes)	\$ 8.00
Windbreakers (jackets)	\$30.00
OA back-patches	\$ 8.00
Dangles, pocket ribbons	\$ 2.50
Sash legend-strips	\$15.00
Neckerchief slides	\$10.00
Ashokwahta 339 leather belts	\$25.00

More items available in the \$6 - \$10 range.





## Taste of Scouting

Our Lodge has been asked to assist in staffing a new program for newly registered Cub Scouts. It will be called "Taste of Scouting" and will be held at Camp Sam Wood on Oct 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. The Lodge has been asked to help assist those coming in to set up their sites, help with the campfire on Friday evening, assist in program areas Saturday morning, and assist as kitchen staff for the weekend.

This will involve a lot of work with the need for many Lodge Brothers to participate for it to be successful. The Lodge will be scheduling a work day for any Brothers that want to help but can not be involved with the Cub program that weekend. We will work on some tasks at Barlow's cabin, as well as other things that need attention. Brothers assisting with the program will join the Cubs for a picnic lunch at noon. There will be sign-up forms available at the Fall weekend, as well as on the Council website in the near future. Anyone interested should also contact Kyle Smith or Mr. Schmidt [headchef339@yahoo.com](mailto:headchef339@yahoo.com).

### At the World Jamboree ... (Continued)

though I always survived until the final rounds. And it was a whole lot more fun to play Late Night ninja with my Essex friends when sounds were required. Super-fun. Our food was sponsored by ICA, which had a monopoly over the jamboree. We ate traditional Swedish foods for most of the time we were there.

On Cultural Festival day, Sofia and I went out to meet our Cyprian friends. They had not yet finished with their traditional dish from Cyprus, so they signed our shirts and we left. We went over to an American camp, and they signed our shirts and gave us real Macaroni and cheese with meat in it. Then we got people who passed to sign our shirts. And we went to a Hong Kong camp, and they taught us how to make string flowers. We had to go back to camp to cook dinner, so me and Sofia went and found our friends from Cyprus again, but they still hadn't finished their dish, so we never got to try it. Cultural Festival was about showing off the traditional dishes and cultural celebrations of our countries. Our dish was coconut balls. They are Chocolate balls covered in Coconut Shavings. Our Cultural Activity was picking up extremely large logs and throwing them as far as possible.

We had three large stage events over the course of the jamboree. The first was the Opening Ceremony, where we saw Bear Grylls. We also got to hear quite a bit about Sweden's history. And we got to listen to quite a bit of music as well. At the Cultural Festival Ceremony, We learned about many different cultures. And Our Kenyan friends were on screen for about 30 seconds or more. It was awesome!! Then we got to see Timbuktu! It was intense, with spinning lights too! And then we saw Hoffmeister. It was awesome! They said that Scouting is cool, too. At the Closing Ceremony we got to see a whole lot

### At the World Jamboree ... (Continued)

and police, then we were all robbed in a big field which was full of biting ants, and they took our scarves and other valuables, then we had to cross a border, and the rescue agency came and took all the injured over, and the rest had to fill out a form that we couldn't read. Then we registered as refugees and got food and we were finished. At People we did activities at four different areas. The garden of reflection helped us think over our lives so far. In the Craft Area, we discussed with each other how our lives have been and what we want them to be using pictures, then we decorated a group photo of us and I became Chuck Norris. In the Town Square we played Rafa-Rafa, where two groups made their own society rules and each society sent over ambassadors to figure out other's rules. At the Stage, we were part of an interactive show which was actually very fun. Earth was an area of four elements: Soil, Water, Air, and Wind. At Soil, we learned about erosion and how certain soils interact with and affect our waters. At Water, we built a landscape of sand which had Animals, a village, and a factory. We weren't allowed to move the village or factory, but we needed to organize the terrain in such a way that when the river ran through, the factory would not tip over and spill the contents of the small cup into the river. Our town survived longest. At Air (Or it might have been called oxygen), we drew and described a major disaster which took place in our country. We wrote about the large tornado which took place in Sweden in 2005. At Wind, we built a wind fan which spun and raised up a 0.1 kilo weight.

I made a lot of new friends at the Jamboree. I made some friends from Kenya (Winnie), UK (Lizzie), Cyprus (Artemis), Sweden (Sofia), and the US. One of new friends from Essex sprained my hand while we were playing Ninja. I still can't bend my thumb all the way without a lot of pain. While in Sweden, I helped import ninja. It became extremely intense,

### At the [World] Jamboree...

(by Staffan Engstrom, Troop 26, Avon)

We went to many different activities and a whole lot of random stuff went wrong. At Dream there was app. 3,000 more people than expected. So the 3 kilometer line in the dark was not fun for those who stayed. (And that was the line to where the activity itself was.) For Hike in Camp, the bus trips were not very well planned. The trip there took 1.5 hours instead of 30 min. and on the way back they argued over how the busses would take us back to camp, since they didn't want to send too many, and in the end, they sent four busses at the same time anyway. My group was the second group. We got back at three. The second group got back at ten after waiting for three hours in the rain, arriving at a camp-in-camp camp and waiting for three more hours there for the bus to arrive. The last group didn't make it back until sometime past midnight.

We participated in many different activities called Earth, People, Dream, GDV, and Quest. "Quest is Best" was the slogan at Quest, and it definitely was. There were four areas, Viking, Medieval, Cave, and Conquest. Viking was just Viking-like activities which were very simple. Medieval was even simpler, and we finished with plenty of time to spare. Cave was a big maze, and we had to find three numbers, one red, one blue, and one yellow, in order to exit. Conquest was super-awesome. It was an obstacle race course and it was extremely fun. GDV stands for Global Development Village. At the GDV, we went to several different areas such as Peace and Health. In Health, we went into the woods and sang songs and did stuff, and we learned about the care packages which are sent to refugees when they need stuff. After lunch we went to Peace, where we had to participate in one of several activities, and ours happened to be the one where we became refugees. First we formed families, then we had to escape the soldiers



Fall 2011 Fellowship  
 Weekend Registration  
 Camp Dittmer  
 Sept. 9-11, 2011, Phelps, New York  
 Reservations due by Sept 2, 2011

\* After 9/2/11 a \$5.00 Late Registration Fee will be applied \*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Qty \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Names of OA Members included with this payment  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ \$31.00 Brotherhood = \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00 OA Members = \_\_\_\_\_

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\* Add \$5.00 Late Registration Fees After 9/2/11 for each LATE reservation

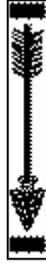
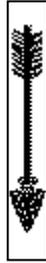
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All participants are expected to register and pay in advance\* by mail or phone.

BSA Medical forms, parts A&C are required to be on-file for each participant attending the weekend. They are available online at [itcbsa.org](http://itcbsa.org).

Checks payable to: Ashokwahta Lodge #339

**Reservations due by Sept 2, 2011 After 9/2/11 Add \$5.00 Late Registration Fees**

For more information on the Ordeal Weekend contact  
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