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Adviser's "Minute"

As we begin the new lodge year with a new slate of officer's let us renew our commitment to improving the communications among all lodge members. We will have a general lodge meeting, (previously know as an LEC meeting) the 3rd Wednesday of every month except July. It is open to all lodge members' that wish to attend. Adults are welcome to join us, but this meeting is meant for the youth, so If you're coming, offer a ride to a couple youth in your area or your troop.

We have much to work on this coming year, as we are the host lodge for next year's conclave, elections, taste of scouting, as well as the things we normally do. We need to be working to improve our ceremonies teams, elections procedures, camp promotions. We need to continue to be visible in the council, helping with events, and Camporee's if needed. Anyone who would like help out in anyway, you can contact Mr. Schmidt at headchef339@yahoo.com and he will put you in contact with the person in charge of that area. You will also find a contact list in this newsletter included with our calendar of important dates.

Our lodge may be the smallest in numbers in our section, but we should be proud that we are the strongest in supporting scouting and our council activities. We lead the way in helping our council with projects at camp, helping with Cub Scout activities, and promoting camping activities for all scouts within our council. That does not mean that there are not other things that we could do.

I would like to say thanks to those of you who came to Kendall to assist with the repair of the folding cots that were damaged during last year's camping season. Mr. Hofer made new pieces for all the cots, and the old plastic pieces were removed, and new aluminum pieces were inserted.



Fall 2012 Fellowship Weekend Registration Camp Dittmer

Sept. 7-9th, 2012, Phelps, New York
Reservations due in the office by Sept. 1, 2012

** After 9/1/12 Add \$5.00 Late Registration Fees*

Name _____ Unit _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Qty		Additional Names of OA Members included with this payment
_____	\$35.00 Ordeal = _____	_____
_____	\$31.00 Brotherhood = _____	_____
_____	\$15.00 OA Members = _____	_____
_____	Total reservations _____	Total enclosed * <i>Add \$5.00 Late Registration Fees After 9/1/12 for each LATE reservation</i>

____ Pay by Credit/Debit Card ____ Check Enclosed Make Checks payable to: Ashokwahta Lodge #339

__MC__ Visa _____ exp. Date __/__/__ Security Code ____

Signature required for credit/debit payments: _____



Pre-register with payment in advance: By Phone call 585-343-0307 or 1-800-592-0242

Mail to: Ashokwahta Lodge #339: Batavia Service Center
45 Liberty Street Suite 2
Batavia, New York, 14020

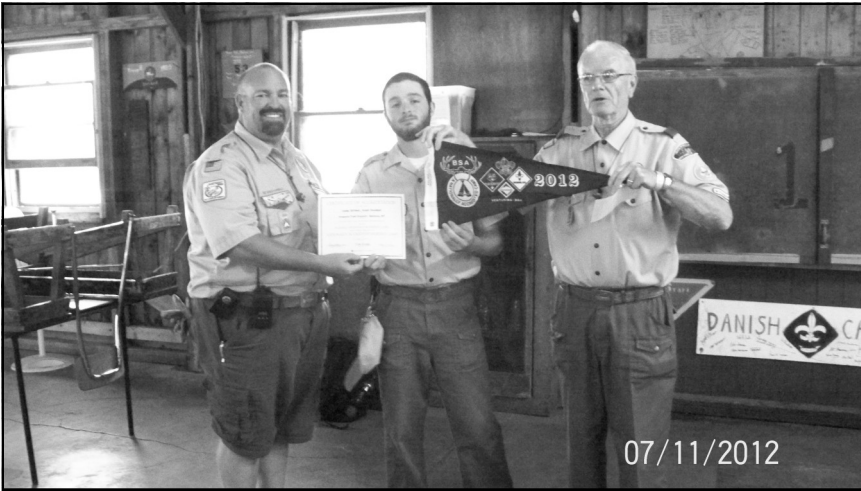
All participants are expected to register and pay in advance* by mail or phone.

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.

Checks payable to: Ashokwahta Lodge #339

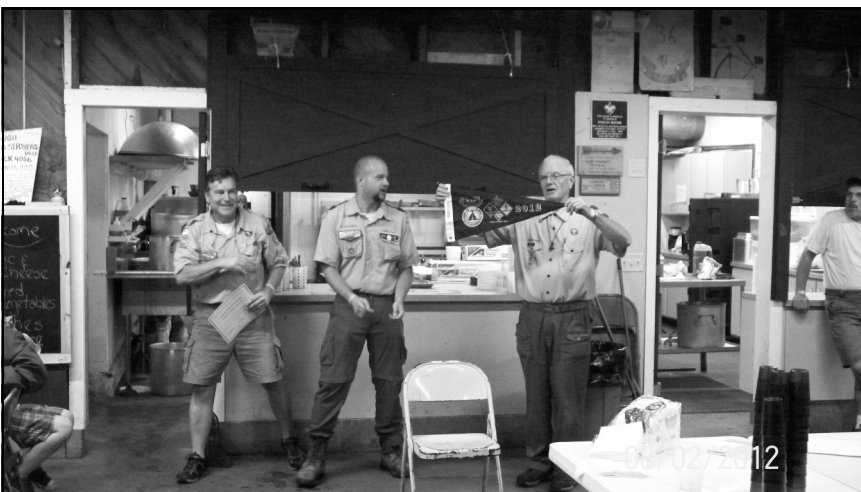
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For more information on the Ordeal Weekend contact
Ron Schmidt, at headchef339@yahoo.com or 585-356-7692



Above: Camp Director Bob Drury and Program Director Garrett DeFilipps accept the “Accredited Camp” pennant from the National visitation team. Camp Dittmer’s waterfront tower was cited as a model that should be used nationally.

Below: Camp Director Jess Markel and Program Director Joe Neubecker accept the “Accredited Camp” pennant from the National visitation team at Camp Sam Wood.



The cots should not break in that area again. A special thanks to Mr. Hofer and the crew at his machine shop for leading this effort.

For those of you who missed the elections held at Camp Sam wood during the Spring fellowship, the youth elected Andrew Sykes to be our Vice Chief in charge of the Conclave. This is a position that will only be used during the year that we are hosting a conclave. Mr. Jim Barrett will serve as his adult advisor during this coming year. You will find their contact information along with that of all the officers in this newsletter. Feel free to contact 1 or both of them if you want to volunteer or have ideas for the Conclave.

Remember that we are hosts, but, the members of the Council of Chiefs have the final say on what program and things go on at the Conclave. Our youth can present our ideas to the group when the next COC is held in late October. One of the problems that our lodge has had is not enough youth from our lodge attending these meetings. Remember that it is the youth that must be willing to lead this effort in planning and then executing that plan.

I hope to see all of you at the fall fellowship weekend.

Mr. Schmidt
Lodge Adviser



Lodge Calendar

July 30-Aug 4 NOAC		Michigan State University
Aug 15 th	Lodge meeting	Batavia Office
Sept. 1	Fall weekend Registration Due	
Sept. 7-9	Fall Fellowship	Camp Dittmer
Sept. 19 th	Lodge Meeting	Batavia Office
Oct 13-14	Taste of Scouting	Camp Sam Wood
Oct 17 th	Lodge Meeting	Batavia Office
Oct. 27-28	Section COC	Camp Sam Wood
Nov 21 st	Lodge Meeting	Batavia Office
Dec 19 th	Lodge meeting	Batavia Office
Jan 5 th	Lodge Banquet	TBD
Jan 16th	Lodge Meeting	Batavia Office
Feb. 20th	Lodge Meeting	Batavia office
Feb 27th	Chili/camp launch	TBD
March 20th	Lodge Meeting	Batavia office
April 17th	Lodge meeting	Batavia office
April 24th	All election results due in the office.	
May 15th	Lodge meeting	Batavia Office
May 17-19 th	Spring Fellowship	Camp Sam Wood
May 30-June 2NE3A	Conclave	Lodge 339, Host

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.



WHERE TO GO CAMPING INFORMATION

Do you have a favorite camping site, hiking trail or just a favorite place that you like to stay, tell us about it. Ashokwahta lodge is trying to compile a list of places to go and things for units to do.

Facility Name _____	Contact Name _____
Address _____	Email _____
City _____	Website _____
State _____	Latitude _____
Zip _____	Longitude _____
Telephone _____	
Fax Number _____	Submitted by _____
	Contact info _____

Facility Features of interest _____

Things of interest close to the facility _____

Facilities available, check all that apply:

4 Season <input type="checkbox"/>	3 Season <input type="checkbox"/>	Summer only <input type="checkbox"/>	Backpacking <input type="checkbox"/>	Tailgate Camping <input type="checkbox"/>	Resident Camp <input type="checkbox"/>
Ranger <input type="checkbox"/>	Showers <input type="checkbox"/>	Restrooms <input type="checkbox"/>	Drinking Water <input type="checkbox"/>	Flush Toilets <input type="checkbox"/>	Pool <input type="checkbox"/>
Trails <input type="checkbox"/>	Shelters <input type="checkbox"/>	Dining Hall <input type="checkbox"/>	Activity Fields <input type="checkbox"/>	RV Hook Ups <input type="checkbox"/>	River <input type="checkbox"/>
Hiking <input type="checkbox"/>	Fishing <input type="checkbox"/>	Tent Sites <input type="checkbox"/>	Project Cope <input type="checkbox"/>	Climbing wall <input type="checkbox"/>	Lake <input type="checkbox"/>
Cabins <input type="checkbox"/>	Boating <input type="checkbox"/>	Fire Rings <input type="checkbox"/>	Archery Range <input type="checkbox"/>	Adventure <input type="checkbox"/>	OK for Cubs <input type="checkbox"/>

Reproduce this sheet as many times as you need to in order to make multiple submissions, which is definitely encouraged. Please feel free to pass thing along to someone that might not have received it.

When completed please submit to:

Ashokwahta Lodge 339
 Iroquois Trail Council
 45 Liberty Street Suite 2
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Or

Email to wtc339@gmail.com or wtc339@yahoo.com

Or

Just drop off the form at either the Lockport or Batavia service centers.



Ashokwahta youth Arrowmen prepare to vote for new section officers during the 2012 conclave



(Below): Lodge brothers from Troop 59, Clarendon, at evening flag ceremony on OA Day, week one.



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COMING SOON

A SPECIAL EDITION OF THE TEHTAS
Dedicated to reporting about the

2012 NOAC

It will be written by our
NOAC press corp members
Andrew Cheverie and Ben Hayes



Gentlemen,

The Boy Scout's founder, Baden Powell, had a vision over 100 years ago. He built his vision around the ideal of an outdoor program, but his true goal was to influence boys to help find in themselves the better man that lives inside. Every week we promise "on my honor I will do my best...." and that is exactly what B.P. wanted to us to be, men of honor. All we can give is our best.

Will we falter? Sometimes. Will there be those who only focus on the moments of failure? Absolutely. Does that make you a bad person or a poor scout? NO!

The greatest battle we fight is that which is within ourselves. God grants us grace and forgiveness, people, not so much. To make this promise means wearing the shirt even when it is not worn. In other words, living what we promise. The honorable man is clean, a man of his word, trustworthy, and all the twelve points. We only fail when we fail to give this our best effort.

The battle inside is not easy, but worthwhile. It is what defines what a scout is, and by living this code of honor; we make a difference in making this world of ours a better place, a little at a time. This is Powell's legacy to us.

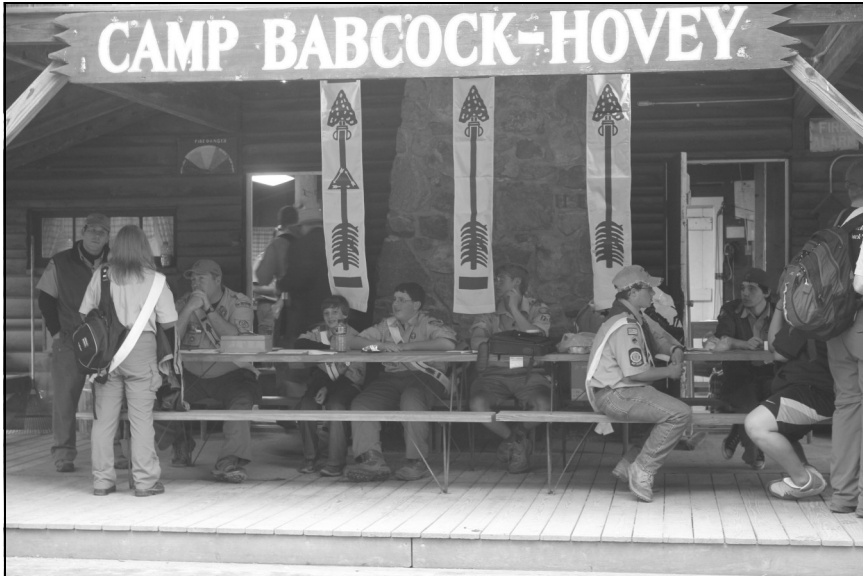
The honor is to serve.
Charles Crassi



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Dear Lodge Brothers,

Our Council Office recently provided my family with a summary of contributors to the Austin James Boyd Memorial fund, which is maintained by Iroquois Trail Council.

As contributions were received, the Council office sent our family an acknowledgement card with the name and address of the contributor. My wife and I tried to make sure that we sent a personal thank you to every contributor.

We noticed that the Lodge was listed as a contributor, but we had never received notification. The contribution by Ashokwahta Lodge was a transfer from one Council account to another. As the Lodge contribution was not "received" by the office, our family was not notified of the Lodge's contribution.

The generous contribution made to the memorial fund by Ashokwahta Lodge helped to ensure that the *Austin James Boyd Brownsea Memorial* at Camp Dittmer was completed in time for the 2010 camp season.

Please accept my apology for the belated acknowledgement of, and thank you for, the Lodge's generous contribution to Austin's memorial fund.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Ronald E. Boyd & family



Hello Fellow Arrowmen

I am Andrew Sykes the newly elected Conclave Vice Chief, and I am writing to you about our expectations for next year's Conclave. I expect that next year will be one of the best Conclaves this region has seen... ever.

However this will not be possible without your help and cooperation. From those who have been to Conclaves for several years in a row or for even longer, I need suggestions for activities and lessons to make our Conclave great. From every Arrowman in the Lodge I need your willingness to help run the Conclave because as good as we are we cannot do everything that is needed to make this great. So I am asking you to be willing to help or sign up to help run the Conclave with your skills from your occupations or interests such as medical assistance. So use the e-mail below to show that you are interested in making Conclave great.

Andrew Sykes
 wolf164@localnet.com

Committees

- Health Lodge- need EMT'S
- Cooking Crew Dining hall and dish crew
- Parking lot crew Friday night only
- Physical arrangements crew
- Registration, (1 adult) Guides
- Training site setup
- Trading post manager and sales agents
- Bathroom and showers attendants
- Trash persons

