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ASHOKWAHTA TEHTAS

Spring 2013

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Ashokwahta Lodge Hosts
2013 NE3A Conclave
May 31-June 2
Camp Sam Wood



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Advisor's Look Ahead

We are heading into the busiest part of the year for our lodge. We will act as hosts for the Chili Dinner/ program night for Summer camp leaders on Feb. 27th.. We are working to do elections for all the units that need and want them. We will have our fellowship weekend in May. At the weekend we will again have the youth choosing officers for the upcoming year. May 30-June 2, we will be acting as host for the NE3A section conclave at Camp Sam Wood. During summer camp at Camp Dittmer, we will again host the Ice cream social night. Several members are planning on attending the National Jamboree this summer. As always the first weekend after Labor Day, we will have our Fall Fellowship at Camp Dittmer and put things away for the winter.

For all the youth who are interested in running for a position as a lodge officer. By rule, the by-laws say you must have a signed letter from your Scoutmaster backing you as an officer. We will accept a call from him also. This must be to me as the Lodge Advisor or Mr. Drury as Staff Advisor. If your Scoutmaster is at the Spring Fellowship, he can do it in person. If you run for office, you need to be willing to be at most Lodge meeting and events. The Lodge Chief and Vice Chiefs should plan on attending the Section meetings in Oct., Jan. and April. They should also commit to attending the Section Conclave to represent our Lodge. If you can't commit to these meetings, you can't represent our Lodge as it should be done.

In this newsletter, you will find a form for signing up for the Conclave. Even if you have already registered and paid your \$40 dollar fee, you need to fill out this form. If you have already paid the fee, leave that blank or mark paid in the box. Everyone that is going to take part needs this form filled out. You should fill in a class in each time slot and order any items you want. Some of them may be available in the Trading Post, but they will cost more.

Spring 2013 Fellowship - Weekend Registration - Camp Sam Wood. Pike, New York

May 17-19, 2013

Reservations due in the office by May 8th 2013

* After 5/8/13 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 = _____

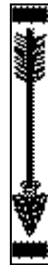
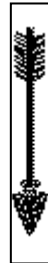
_____ \$ 8.00 Membership Dues (Last dues paid listed on the mailing label of newsletter) must be up to date for Brotherhood

_____ Total reservations _____ Total enclosed * Add \$5.00 Late Registration Fees After 5/8/13 for each LATE reservation

_____ 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: _____



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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

Event Code 339019



Advisor's Look Ahead (continued)

If you are coming just to help work, (Adults only) you can skip the classes. If you are coming to help and will be there before 5:30 pm on Friday, dinner will be served about 5:00 pm on Friday and will be at no cost to you. If you have the proper Health form for the Spring Weekend, it will be there for the Conclave. You must have Parts A and B. You must also sign all forms in all the requested places.

Mr. Schmidt

Chiefly Thoughts

Hello everybody, welcome to the new year of 2013. I hope you all are looking forward to this year as much as I am. We have so much coming up this year, like our chili dinner, the Boy Power dinner, and our Conclave coming up at the end of May.

Our Winter Banquet was great. We had delicious food prepared by the church, and we had a very successful patch auction bringing in over \$2100 in revenue. We were joined that evening by a few section officers who we then had met with a couple weeks ago to plan the conclave where we are making progress to make the 2013 conclave as enjoyable as possible.

All in all, I'm very excited to see how this year turns out and I'm looking forward to the participation from everybody to make this year great.

Thank you,
Alex Keiffer

Calendar of upcoming Events

Feb. 20th	Lodge Meeting	Batavia office
Feb 27th	Chili/camp launch	Batavia First United Methodist Church
March 20th	Lodge Meeting	Batavia office
April 14th	On time Conclave registration	
	Due in the office	
	Conclave trading post closes	
April 17th	Lodge meeting	Batavia office
April 20th	All election results due in the office.	
April 20-21st	COC at Babcock Hovey	
April 26-28	Spring Camporee at Camp Sam Wood	
April 27th	Tapout at the Camporee???	
May 8th	Spring Weekend Registration Due	
May 11	Beaver Weekend	Camp Dittmer
May 14	Late Registration for the Conclave Ends	
May 15th	Lodge meeting	Batavia Office
May 17-19 ^t	Spring Weekend	Camp Sam Wood
May 30-June 2	NE3A Conclave	Lodge 339, Host
June 8	Beaver Weekend	Camp Dittmer
June 19	Lodge Meeting	Batavia Office

Lodge 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 youth members. Adults coming should try to bring some youth with them.

LEC meetings begin at 7 P.M.

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 after the December charter is done. We will send newsletters to those who have paid dues thru 2011, but only those who have paid thru 2012 will be on our National charter. Payment of the 2012 and the 2013 dues will bring into line those members who have not remained current in dues --- \$8.00 per year or \$16.00 total. The first line of your mailing label indicates the last year your dues are paid through. Example: Dues paid thru 2011, Dues must be current to take Brotherhood, or become a Vigil member.

If you don't get a newsletter and you believe you should, please contact Mr. Schmidt as the Council office does not work with Lodgmaster and doesn't have the ability to check our records. You may email Mr. Schmidt at

headchef339@yahoo.com or call 585-356-7692

Beaver Weekends at Camp Dittmer Saturday, May 11 & Saturday, June 8

Does your Unit support our Council's Camping Program and Boy Scout Camp? Does your Troop regularly attend summer camp at Camp Dittmer or use the camp during the "off-season"? Have you ever wondered what it takes to prepare our summer camp for campers?

Our Council has scheduled two Beaver Weekends this spring, on May 11 and June 8, to assist with preparing the camp for the summer camp season. As the name implies, we will be as busy as beavers taking care of several projects around camp. All Units and anyone interested are encouraged to participate.

In previous years, most of the volunteers attending Beaver Weekends have no affiliation with our Council. In fact, most of the workers attending Camp Dittmer Beaver Weekends do so to earn the coveted "Lake Remick Fishing Permit". These are usually individuals from the communities around Camp Dittmer who enjoy fishing at our private lake. These individuals have helped replace the shingles on the Dining Hall and Health Lodge, repaired water lines, replaced the roof of the Trading Post, and several other major projects.

This year, we hope that more of our Scouts and their Units will turn out. If your Troop has a favorite campsite we ask that you consider attending or sending representatives to one or both of the scheduled Beaver Weekends. Bring along bow-saws, pole saws, garden rakes and other implements (chain saws with a properly trained adult to operate them) and help push back the brush that is slowly encroaching upon the campsites.

Simply call the Council Office and let them know how many will be attending. This headcount is important as Council provides lunch for all of the workers. Hope to see you there!

More Lodge #339 Winter Banquet



Above: Lodge Brothers gather for the annual Winter Banquet

Below: Past Founders Award recipients await this year's presentation to Laverne Lamkin.



<p>SCOUTS HELPING SCOUTS HURRICANE SANDY RELIEF NORTHEAST REGION OA</p>		<p>HELP SUPPORT THE NORTHEAST REGION'S EFFORTS TO REBUILD SCOUT CAMPS AFFECTED BY HURRICANE SANDY WWW.NORTHEAST.OA-BSA.ORG/SANDY</p>
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Dear fellow Arrowman,

My name is Tyler Davis. I am an Ordeal member of our lodge and also the youth bugler for our lodge. At our December Lodge meeting I presented the Northeast Region's fundraiser to support Lodges who were affected by Hurricane Sandy.

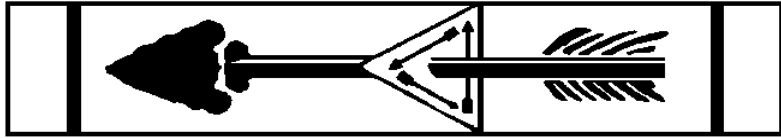
The BSA's Northeast Region has a goal to raise \$35,000 to give to Lodges whose camps and resources were affected by hurricane Sandy. The Northeast Region OA is asking all Lodges to try to make a donation of \$100 or more. A motion was made, discussed, and approved, for our Lodge to donate \$100 to this effort. Individuals can also support this effort by purchasing patches made by the region with the main symbol for only \$10.

If you are interested please contact me by e-mail at titanic1138@hotmail.com or call me at 585-698-8356 for any questions and or concerns you may have. So far, the fundraising effort by the Northeast Region has raised \$32,665 towards their goal of \$35,000.

Thank you for your support
Tyler Davis
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There will be a limited number of these Black bordered patches on sale at the spring weekend.





Conclave Update

To whom it may concern: (And if you're reading this it concerns you)

The Conclave is closing in and on the administrative side it is even closer. After the COC in Victor, we have received the lists of things that the other lodges believe will make the Conclave run smoothly. Now it is simply a matter of locating the items on the list. Please be willing to donate a projector, or a screen, a few boats or a kiddie pool.

The trainers for the lessons on Saturday are contacted and billeted with our own lodge adviser as one of them. During the meeting the Conclave Vice Chief's were turned loose into planning sessions where they refined their ideas for activities and recreation, publications and training sessions. Conclave 2013 is taking shape.

We have a large workforce, except that there isn't the youth participation that is needed. If you are open the 31st of May and the first and second of June, we should see you at Conclave having a fun time.

The Section is looking to us for an exceptionally great Conclave. Remember that the Conclave is dependent of how much work we all put into it. Any questions, comment or concerns can be emailed to my new email at : loganffsb@gmail.com.

Yours in Fellowship,
Andrew Sykes
Conclave Coordinator

to get from one bucket top to the other. If you fell off you had to go to the end of the line and you couldn't get off the planks to get the boards. Then the Wampa feet competition and that consisted of holding 5 people's feet to boards while trying to all walk in synch down the walk way around the cone and back again. Also if you were in front, if you fell, your hands went right in the snow.

There were also mini game like things. One was to walk your blind folded patrol leader around a course without touching him. Then trying to hit a ball with a light saber while blind folded. Also you had to stand on balancing two things and you had to knock off your opponent with a foam stick. Then you learned about preparing for winter camping and knots. Then afterword you did a cool memory game with a bunch of trinkets in rows and you had a set time to memorize them the recite your line, box, square or however you chose to memorize the items in the box. All in all, it was a good time filled with games, food, fun, and friends.

Dominic Brown
Troop 6069, Batavia

More Klondike Derby

The Klondike wasn't very cold this year. When we arrived at the Klondike Campout at the Genesee County Park there was about 6 inches of snow: but that didn't last for long! By the end of the Campout we were playing in 6-8 inches of mud because of the warm -rainy weather. Despite the wet and mud, we had a ton of fun! The Klondike had a theme of Star Wars and the activities matched the theme very well. Over all we had a lot of fun and recommend everyone to participate next year, but hopefully it will be much colder and have more snow.

The OA brothers of Troop 6066
Matt Penepent and Tucker Allen

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The Klondike was a wet and muddy day filled with all kinds of snow and sled related games. But it also had its down falls. First off at the very end of the whole thing we packed up and were all ready to go, so we headed over to the pavilion to hear the closing and awards. The schedule said to be there at 8:00, we got there at 8:03 and they were announcing the last two event winners. They said they finished vespers early so they started awards early. We didn't even get a chance to get extra points for a skit or song. Also we tied for third at the tug of war. How do you tie in a tug of war!! My whole troop was disappointed. But there were a lot of fun things like a compass course, sled race, tug of war, sling shot competition, giant sling shot competition and a lot other Star Wars related games. I had a pretty good time and all in all it was a fun filled weekend full of mud and snow.

One game was known as serum race. We had to go along a trail of bumps, turns and obstacles. To add to the excitement one person had to be in the sled with a cup of water and try to keep as much as he could in until we crossed the finish line. Next, there was the sling shot events. In the morning you used a giant sling shot that required 3 people to man it, two holding the sides, and one pulling, aiming, and firing at a yoga ball in a trash bag meant to look like the death star. If you hit it you got a point, and if you missed or under shot it they would measure the distance from the closest one to the ball. Then in the afternoon they had a sling with targets, pictures of Darth Vader and a hole with a small gong inside for you to try to hit with the pebbles you were given.

Then there was a compass course that was timed and you had to answer questions about symbols on a map. Then the sled race, you had to run down a straight away do a U turn and run all the way back while someone was in the sled. Then there was a game called teleporter (F.Y.I. there are no teleporters in the Star Wars universe) you had to use planks of wood



Winter Banquet

On January 5th we held our 2013 winter banquet. This was the first one I had ever attended. Also, I was the Master of Ceremony, which was interesting. Overall there was a very nice turnout for the evening.

There were 84 people in attendance. We had some very good food, We had some of our section officers as visitors or honored guests. They were Section Adviser Wayne Farnsworth, Section Chief Will Farnsworth, Section Vice Chief Tim Jordan, and Associate Adviser Jim Nelson. Will and Tim talked about conclave, jamboree and some other upcoming events.

Then Mr. Mc Mullen and Dr. Madejski each gave a short speech. After that Dr. Vukman gave a couple special awards to Dave Hawley and Don Ames. Then he gave out the Founders award. This year the Award went to Laverne Lamkin. Then after the banquet we had the patch auction where we raised \$2111. This makes the total amount raised in the past 18 years to over \$45,000.

I really enjoyed the banquet and had a good time, especially being the MC, and I'd like to congratulate those who received awards.

Sincerely,
Evan Kindron



Conclave Registration

Enclosed in this newsletter is the form for registering for the Conclave to be held at Camp Sam Wood. Here are a few words to explain how it works. The form needs to be used for all people going. All youth members need to fill in one choice in each training time period, as well as signing up for any items you wish to purchase. Each youth will receive a patch, and will have a chance to earn one for training and one for participation in Conclave activities. All adults that have not been to a conclave before should sign up for the trainings also. They will be able to earn the same patches. Those that have been to Conclaves before and are coming with the idea of being support staff can skip the training classes. This form needs to be filled out by those who have already paid the \$40 dollars. Just mark that part paid. Be sure to sign all sections. The on time Conclave registration closes April 15th. There will be a \$10 late registration fee until May 15th. Registering late does not guarantee a patch. Anyone registering late that has just taken the Ordeal will not have to pay the late fee. We will find a way to take any new Ordeal members that want to go after Spring Weekend. We just can't guarantee all will get all the patches right away. They may have to do a second order if there are a lot of late registrations. This conclave form will be sent to all Ordeal candidates with their invite to the Spring Weekend. All fees must be paid at the time of registration.



Top Left: patches on display for the patch auction

Top Right: a lamp constructed of wood from trees at CSW

Bottom: Dr. Vukman presents the Founders Award to the Lodge #339 recipient for 2012, Laverne Lamkin.



2012 Founders Award Recipient Laverne Lamkin

This past month, Ashokwahta Lodge awarded the Founders Award to Laverne Lamkin. Laverne became an Ordeal member of Amo'chk Lodge back in 1962 and became a Brotherhood member the following year as a member of Troop 66 from Indian Falls. He received his Eagle Scout award as a youth. He served as an Asst. Scoutmaster for the troop when it was re-organized in the 1990's and currently serves as the Scoutmaster. He has taken the troop to visit the National Jamboree twice. He became a Vigil member of our lodge in 2000, and has been a faithful member for many years. He leads the Brotherhood walk at the Spring Fellowship Weekend and is very supportive of the youth of his troop being active members of the Lodge. He has attended several conclaves and has attended the NOAC conference at Michigan State University where he attended school as a youth.



Patch Collecting

Hello fellow Arrowmen! My name is Tyler Davis. I am currently an Ordeal member, a member of the ceremonies team, and I am the Lodge's new youth bugler. I have decided to start my own patch collection of our lodge's pocket flaps and regular patches. Currently, I have some of the newer patches available from our lodge; but I am still interested in collecting more. I have many other lodge's pocket flaps but I am at this point only interested in our lodge's patches. So if you are interested in trading you may contact me by e-mail at (titanic1138@hotmail.com) or by phone at (698-8356).

Thanks again,
Tyler Davis

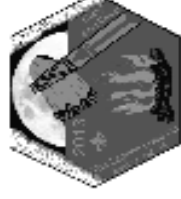




2013 Order of the Arrow Conclave

Camp Sam Wood

May 31 – June 2, 2013



Please print clearly. Each individual must complete his/her own form. Form must be submitted to lodge by April 10, 2013.

Qty.	Size	Item	Price	Total
		Participation Fee	\$40	
		Early Arrival Dinner <small>Served at 6:00pm on Friday</small>	\$5	
		Package Deal <small>T-shirt, back patch and 2013 mug</small>	\$25	
		Conclave Patch	\$5	
		Conclave 6" Back Patch	\$10	
		Conclave Neckertie (Embroidered)	\$12	
		Conclave T-shirt (S, M, L, XL)	\$16	
		Conclave T-shirt (2XL, 3XL)	\$18	
		Conclave Plastic Water Bottle	\$10	
		<small>Highway water bottle with Conclave logo</small>	\$10	
		Conclave Bolt Tie	\$10	
		<small>Metal Bob with Conclave logo</small>	\$6	
		Conclave Ceramic Mug <small>12oz. Mug with Conclave logo</small>	\$4	
		Conclave 2012 Ceramic Mug	\$4	

Note: minimum order quantities must be met for each item.

Total Fees Enclosed:

PAYMENT METHOD

- Cash (in person only)
 Check payable to Boy Scouts of America (mail or in person)
 Credit Card (fax, mail or in person)
 Card Number: _____



Expiration Date: _____ / _____

The cardholder agrees to the amount shown above and agrees to perform the obligations set forth in the cardholder's agreement with the issuer.

FULL NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____
 EMAIL ADDRESS _____ GENDER _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

CHOOSE 8:00AM TRAINING SESSION

- Ceremonial Growth and Dev.
 Crafting Leaders and Dummies
 Event Planning
 I'm an Arrowman, Now What?
 Iron Chef: Camp Sam Wood Style
 Lodge Chief Forum
 Networking Development
 New Arrowman Inductions
 Native American Games
 Pioneering: Knots and Rope Skills
 Pioneering: Wood Splicing and Tomahawks
 So, You Want to be an Officer?
 Unit Elections

CHOOSE 10:00AM TRAINING SESSION

- Crafting Leaders and Dummies
 Cub Scout Reactions
 Brotherhood Inductions
 I'm an Arrowman, Now What?
 Lodge Records
 Native American Games
 Networking Development
 New Arrowman Inductions
 Officer-Adviser Compatibility
 OA High Adventure
 Pioneering: Knots and Rope Skills
 Pioneering: Wood Splicing and Tomahawks
 Promoting Promotions
 Service Projects
 So, You Want to be an Officer
 Survivor: OA Style

CHOOSE 11:00AM TRAINING SESSION

- Ceremonial Growth and Dev.
 Cub Scout Reactions
 Brotherhood Inductions
 Event Planning
 Networking Development
 Lodge Adviser Forum
 Lodge and Chapter Mgt.
 Networking Development
 OA High Adventure
 Officer-Adviser Compatibility
 Pioneering: Wood Splicing and Tomahawks
 Promotion Promotions
 Service Projects
 Survivor: OA Style
 So, You Want to be an Officer
 Unit Elections
 Vigil Seminar

The general welfare of any group depends upon the conduct of each individual member. This ensures the success of our conclave and provides the maximum benefit to every participant. I understand the lodge/section leadership is responsible for the supervision of the event in respect to maintaining discipline and security, and agree to the following Code of Conduct: 1. Observe the Scout Oath or Promise, the Scout Law and the Order of the Arrow Obligation. 2. The Boy Scout Buddy System will be used at conclave. 3. Wear my official uniform and official conclave identification throughout the weekend. 4. The use of tobacco in any form, alcoholic beverages, illicit drugs, weapons of any kind including laser pointers, firearms, fireworks, or gambling is strictly prohibited. Adults, please observe BSA policy on smoking and observe all "No Smoking" restrictions. 5. Understand that the use or possession of any restricted items will not be permitted and will result in immediate dismissal (transportation back home at my own expense) from the event. This standard shall apply to all youth and adult participants. 6. The use of any profane language will not be practiced or tolerated. 7. No fighting will be allowed, including horseplay. 8. No teasing, name-calling, hazing, or personal put downs will be allowed. This applies to threats of the same. 9. Attend all planned general sessions and electives. 10. Conclude trading and swapping to designated times and areas. Observe the adult/adult only and youth/youth only trading restrictions. 11. It is expected that at all times Scouts will show respect for their fellow Scouts, leaders and equipment. You will be personally liable for breakage, damage, or loss of property. 12. Observe quiet hours and lights out from 11:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. 13. Keep my quarters and campsite clean, my bed made, and dispose of trash in the proper manner. 14. Not change my officity assigned sleeping quarters without permission from headquarters. 15. Comply with state laws and camp regulations, including all items mentioned earlier. 16. Comply with camp rule prohibiting the use of private automobiles on camp roads without permission from headquarters. 17. Not be authorized to sell items at the event. I understand that the official trading posts are the only source for purchasing items at the event. 18. At all times, be considerate guests of the camp and the council. 19. It is mandatory that any Scout that witnesses any breach of this Code of Conduct or any other conduct that is dangerous or contrary to scouting principles bring such matters to the attention of their contingent leader immediately. All incidents or infractions will be handled on a case-by-case basis. The lodge adviser or contingent leader will approve the corrective measures for a violation of these rules before being implemented. Corrective measures will be at the discretion of the conclave leadership, which may include dismissal from the conclave at the attendee's expense.

PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Please return this completed form to your council service center no later than April 10, 2012.
 An Annual Health & Medical Record form must accompany your registration.

Per New York State Law, a Medication Permission Form signed by a physician must accompany any medications being taken by a minor at camp.
This applies to both prescription and over the counter medications. Contact the lodge adviser for details.