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2014 Order of the Arrow Conclave Camp Southaven May 30 – June 1, 2014



Please print clearly.
Each individual must complete his/her own form.

Form must be submitted to lodge by April 2, 2014
Do not use this form after 4/9/2014

Qty.	Size	Item	Price	Total
		Participation Fee	\$45	
		Package Deal T-shirt, back patch and 2014 travel mug	\$28	
		Conclave Patch	\$5	
		Conclave 6" Back Patch	\$10	
		Conclave Neckerchief (Embroidered)	\$12	
		Conclave T-shirt (S, M, L, XL)	\$12	
		Conclave T-shirt (2XL)	\$13	
		Conclave T-shirt (3XL)	\$14	
		Conclave Travel Mug 16oz. stainless steel mug with Conclave logo	\$6.50	
		Conclave 2013 Ceramic Mug Special discount on last year's mug	\$4	
Total Fees Enclosed:			\$0.00	

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

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 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____
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Shirt Size (for lodge T-shirt) _____

CHOOSE 9:00AM TRAINING SESSION

- 10 Ways to Improve Ceremonies
- Cooking
- Elangomats
- Let the Chief Lead
- Lodge Chief Forum
- Native Dance
- OA High Adventure
- Public Speaking
- Pyrotechnics
- So, You Want to be an Officer?
- Use the Media!

CHOOSE 10:00AM TRAINING SESSION

- 10 Ways to Improve Ceremonies
- Arrowman 101
- Chapter Meetings
- Communication
- Elangomats
- Let the Chief Lead
- Native Dance
- OA Outside the Lodge
- Public Speaking
- Severe Weather
- So, You Want to be an Officer?
- Use the Media!

Check payable to **Boy Scouts of America** (mail or in person)

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CHOOSE 11:00AM TRAINING SESSION

- Adviser Seminar
- Arrowman 101
- Communication
- Cooking
- Native Dance
- OA Outside the Lodge
- OA High Adventure
- Pyrotechnics
- Severe Weather
- Centuries of Service

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 of 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. Confine 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 officially 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 2, 2014.
 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.

This form can also be found on the council website at WWW.ITCBSA.ORG

New Section Chief

Congratulations to Alex Kieffer, new Section NE-3A Chief. Alex recently served as lodge chief for Ashokwatha Lodge #339. Alex assumes leadership from Kyle Piper, who was recently elected as the 2014 Northeast Region Chief. We hope that Alex and Kyle enjoy productive terms in their new roles.



Lodge Information Via Email

We are going to be sending out more information through email in the coming months. If we do not have your current email address, you will be missing out. Please send your current email address to:

lodge339chief@gmail.com or lwoodman@rochester.rr.com



Pre-registration form for the 2015 NOAC will be available soon. Keep checking your Inbox and the council website for details.

Winter Banquet

This was my second year acting as the Master of Ceremonies for Lodge #339's annual Winter Banquet. First of all, I would like to thank everyone that helped out at the banquet as well as everyone who turned out for the event. We had a total of 85 people in attendance.

After the banquet the annual patch auction was held. Don Ames once again put together an excellent selection of patches. There were patches for new and experienced collectors of Lodge, OA, and summer camp memorabilia.

Altogether, the Lodge raised \$2,038 from this fund raiser. The one item that brought in the highest bid of all items there was the lamp made of wood from Camp Sam Wood trees. A final bid of \$300 was made by Don Morris. I know that Don will enjoy his new lamp. I hope that everyone who attended had a good time and enjoyed the food and fellowship.

Yours in Scouting,
Rufus
A.K.A. Evan Kindron



(Lodge Adviser, continued)

We will be auditing all of the records we have in the Lodge-Master database in order to insure we have correct phone numbers and email addresses. Filling out all of the information in the registration will make the job easier. One more new thing that has been added to the registration form is the addition of a permission slip for the youth. In the event there is a problem that may require medical attention during an OA event, we want to be able to get you the help you may need.

Finally, please make sure we have your current email address, as the lodge officers and I will be sending more information to you every month, and I don't want you to miss out.

Thanks,
Leif Woodman
lwoodman@rochester.rr.com

Lodge Dues

To remain a lodge member in good standing, dues must be up to date. Payment is due on Jan 1 each year. Dues are \$8.00 per year. Your dues must be current to remain active with the National Charter renewal. Members 2 years behind still receive a newsletter and emails. To determine your dues payment, look at the top line of the mailing label for this newsletter. The last year that you paid for is listed. If you know someone that was a member but doesn't get a newsletter, it may be because of a lack of dues being paid. All those who last paid in 2011 will be dropped from the mailing list as of Dec. Those who are listed as 2012 will no longer be considered in good standing, but will receive mailings. You must be in good standing to become Brotherhood or to receive awards and hold office. Those that are behind on dues, can pay at any event or at either office. You only need to pay for the current years dues in order to be up to date. Dues cards are not mailed. If you want yours mailed, you must provide a self addressed and stamped envelope.

Lodge Adviser's Minute

In case you haven't heard, the Lodge leadership changed at the beginning of February. Ron Schmidt has stepped down as the Lodge Advisor and I have taken his place. I would like to thank Ron for the time and energy he has spent as the advisor for the lodge.

I reside in Middleport with my wife and two kids. When I was a boy I joined cub scouts, but didn't stay very long. Then when my son needed a den leader, because his old one was becoming the cubmaster, I got shanghaied. I stayed on as his webelos leader, and now the assistant scoutmaster of troop 23. Contrary to what it said in the fall 2010 newsletter, my son and I joined the lodge as ordeal members in 2011 and became brotherhood members in 2012.

I am employed with Graham Corporation in Batavia in the quality assurance/quality control department. I am looking forward to working with everyone in the lodge in this new role, and especially supporting the lodge officers with the tasks they need to complete to keep the lodge running smoothly.

The registration form for the Conclave is included in this edition of the newsletter. The section has only given us until April 2nd to register for the conclave, which is only a month away. If you are planning to go to the conclave please get your registrations in as soon as possible. The registration forms can also be found on the council website as a PDF form that can be filled in on the computer and emailed to Judy in the office, if you are paying with a credit card. When you fill out the form, be sure to fill in your t-shirt size right under your name and address as we are going to have a lodge t-shirt for the conclave. If you want a shirt that fits, you might want to give us your size. The second thing I want to point out is the registration for the spring fellowship weekend. It is also in this newsletter and on the council website.

Due to rising prices, the cost for Ordeal candidates and for Brotherhood conversion has gone up. Anyone registering by May 9 will receive a \$5.⁰⁰ discount on their registration. Please fill out all of the information on the Conclave registration form. the

Lodge Elections

Election time is here!!!

I am so excited to be our new Elections Chair for this year. If you haven't heard, last year was a great year for Ashokwahta in terms of new Ordeal members and Brotherhood conversions. I'm looking forward to doing even better this year, but I can't do it alone.

I am looking for members who are willing to help with elections in all three Districts: Seneca, Towpath, and Nundawaga. Volunteers will be provided with the contact information for the Troops in their District. Please contact me with your interest so that I can provide you with all the materials you need, as well as information about how to hold an election.

I can't wait for elections to get under way! I hope to hear from Brothers in each District soon. Serving on an election team is a great service to the Lodge.

Yours in Service,
Spencer Cottman
stcottman@yahoo.com



Calendar of upcoming Events

Feb 26th, 2014	Program Kickoff/Chili Dinner United Methodist Church	Batavia First
March 19th, 2014	Lodge Meeting	Batavia Office
March 30, 2014	Ceremonies Practice	1st Presbyterian Church
April 6th, 2014	COC	TBD
April 16th, 2014	Lodge Meeting	Batavia Office
April 20th, 2014	Election results due in the office for all units	
April 27th, 2014	Ceremonies Practice	1st Presbyterian Church
May 16-18th, 2014	Spring Weekend	Camp Sam Wood
May 21st, 2014	Lodge Meeting	Batavia Office
May 25th, 2014	Ceremonies Practice?	1st Presbyterian Church
May30-June 1, 2014	NE3A Conclave	Camp Southaven
June 18th, 2014	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 members.

LEC meetings begin at 7 P.M. and end around 8:30 PM.

Join Our Ceremonies Team!!



- Take part in the Ordeal & Brotherhood Ceremonies!
- Dress is full Indian Regalia!
- Learn about the traditions and history of the Order of the Arrow!

Come to a practice!



Visit our Facebook Page!

- We practice at the First Presbyterian Church in
Batavia on the last Sunday of each month
- Contact Us at: **339ceremonies@gmail.com**