



# WOLF'S TALE

THE EYES AND EARS OF KITTATINNY LODGE 5  
HAWK MOUNTAIN COUNCIL 528, BSA



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## LODGE CALENDAR

2006



### May

19-21 **Ordeal/Service Weekend**  
**Theme: Around the World in 80 Days**  
Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation

21 **Lodge Quarterly Meeting**  
Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation

### June

9-11 **2006 Section NE-4A Conclave**  
Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation

July 29 - August 3  
**National OA Conference**  
Michigan State, East Lansing, MI

### September

15-17 **Ordeal/Service Weekend**  
**Theme: Tailgate Party**  
Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation

15-17 **National Leadership Seminar**  
Camp Alpine, Alpine, NJ

17 **Lodge Quarterly Meeting**  
Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation

## Chief's Corner

Hello Brothers,

This is my last article as Lodge Chief, its been a fun and tiring year. So it's time to reminisce and think about what the OA has done for me.

I first got involved in the OA through CP&E committee, going out and doing elections and meeting new people. The ordeal committee was my next home, elangomattin for 13 weekends. Treasurer, looking at the money pass by on its way in and out. Summer Chieftain, running summer ceremonies for two years.

I've made a lot of friends and a lot of mistakes in my career. But all in all I wouldn't give this up for the world, I'm in college now trying to get a good start to my life, and yet I'm still involved with camp and the OA. I don't think there is a better reason for doing all this than mine, the brotherhood, sure working for camp is great, being in a good organization looks good, but those reasons mean nothing compared to brotherhood. Some of my best, most trusted friends have come from scouting.

That's why I hope you all get involved in the OA and never let it go. Other than that all I have to say is thank you all for your help over the years and I hope to see you all stick around for the next few years, I'll sure be there.

Yours in Scouting,  
Rich Tylka  
soon to be ex-chief Kittatinny Lodge 5



## "A BIG THANK YOU!"

This article will be my last as Lodge Adviser of Kittatinny Lodge 5, as my two-year term expires at the end of the Section Conclave on June 11. It has been a great privilege serving the Lodge in this role, and it's hard to believe that the time has passed so quickly. I'm proud that during the last two years, our Lodge had continued its long tradition of attaining Quality Lodge status. This achievement is a direct result of the dedication and service of the youth leaders of the Lodge. Both Ryan Gebely and Richie Tylka did a great job as Lodge Chief, and the other Lodge officers also rose to the occasion every time to organize and perform their jobs well. The Committee Chairmen have taken their jobs seriously, planning programs and meals, running elections, and providing ceremonies not only on OA Weekends, but also at Eagle Courts of Honor, Blue Gold Banquets, and Conclaves. When a vacancy arose, other Arrowmen stepped up and filled the gap. The Wolfs Tale came off the presses on time; service projects at Camp were completed; and new Ordeal candidates were shown the way. It made my job much easier knowing that talented young leaders were in charge. Thank you for your efforts!

I want to thank each of the Committee Advisers for their cheerful service as well. Their involvement and counsel helped steer the course. When asked to give advice, they did so effectively without taking over the job, leaving our youth members running the show. These dedicated adults have given much of their time to make sure that the Lodge lives up to its high standards.

I want to especially thank Sally Trump, as Staff Adviser, and Greg Portner, as Associate Lodge Adviser, for their help and support. I wonder if the members of the Lodge realize just how much Sally does to make sure that the administration of the Lodge is handled smoothly and efficiently.

Greg stepped up whenever other duties took me away from OA business; he will be an excellent Lodge Adviser, and I look forward to serving as his Associate Lodge Adviser during the next year.

Finally, my last official request of the membership of the Lodge, as Lodge Adviser, is for everyone, and I mean everyone, to participate in the Conclave that we will host on June 9 through 11. You have heard the request before, and hopefully it has not fallen on deaf ears. This is a huge undertaking for our Lodge. It simply cannot be done successfully by just a few active members. We need over 100 staff members, and 30 participants. While the leadership is in place, many plans are made, and much of the work is in progress, manpower is the key to success. I've had the privilege of attending the last 4 Conclaves of the 7 lodges of our Section. They have been some of the most enjoyable weekends I have had in Scouting. If you have never attended a Conclave, what better time to attend than when it is in our own backyard? It will be another 7 years before it comes back to Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation. There is a job for you, big or small, and most importantly, lots of great fun, food, and fellowship. If you like our Lodge's OA weekends, you'll love Conclave, believe me. All the fun, times 7! Please fill out a Staff Application online at [www.kittatinny5.org](http://www.kittatinny5.org), or contact Ryan Gebely, our Conclave 2006 Chairman; Dick Keppler, our Conclave 2006 Adviser; Sally Trump; or any officer of the Lodge. Do it for the Lodge...do it for you!

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve the Lodge as your Lodge Adviser, and thanks for all of the fun!!

George Shoop  
Pedhakquon Sisi'Iija Lilenowagan  
Lodge Adviser

***You're running out of time to be a part of Kittatinny Lodge's  
most talked about event ever . . . Conclave 2006.***

***Play the Games ... Accept the Challenge !***

## Proposed 2006/07 Slate of Officers Announced

In accordance with the lodge bylaws, the following proposed slate of Officers for the 2006/07 lodge year were announced by the officer nominating committee at the April Quarterly Meeting:

**Lodge Chief**  
Jon Fritz

**Vice-Chief Administration**  
Josh Nimmerichter

**Vice-Chief Activities**  
Casey Miller

**Secretary**  
Pete Secor

**Treasurer**  
Kyle Dierolf

Petitions and the bylaws regarding rules to run against the nomination committee's proposed slate are available on the lodge web site. Take an active role in your Lodge and be sure to attend the April and May Quarterly Meetings.

If unopposed, the above members will be elected to their respective offices at the May Quarterly Meeting and take office following the close of business at the NE-4A Section Conclave in June.

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# Hawk Mountain Suddenly Awakens!

Well, not really ... but it sure seems like it.

Throughout the winter months a lot of work has been going on up at sunny HMSR. On one particular weekend, March eighth and ninth, a few volunteers came up to camp and assembled almost an entire campsite! Some benches were painted, some lakefront repairs were made, and some great food was eaten.

These special work weekends are a lot of fun but unfortunately all good things must come to an end. However, there is still one more work weekend and one more of our regular service weekends left! **May 6** will be the final official special work weekend. For the special work weekends, we only ask that you call Sally at the Council Service Center ASAP. Just remember you get out of the OA what you put into the OA. These weekends are a great way to strengthen your membership in Scouting’s National Honor Society.

The May OA weekend will be May 19-21. Please make sure you register for the OA weekend on time! Walk-ins are strongly discouraged and the earlier you register the better.

Also, if anyone is interested in sponsoring an OA Cracker Barrel during the summer please let me know, my email address and phone number can be found on the back of the Wolf’s Tale.

Yours in the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service,  
Josh Nimmerichter  
Membership Chairman &  
OA Summer Chieftain

# From The Kitchen

Hello everyone! I hope that everyone enjoyed the food April weekend! Congratulations to all the new members and also to the new brotherhood members. I would like to extend my congratulations to the new members that will hopefully be joining us in a few weeks and those that are going to become brotherhood members. I am very excited for the upcoming May weekend menu and also the wonderful Conclave menu. Hopefully these menus will get some good rave and hopefully you will enjoy them. For those that have e-news, I am happy to say that I am going to be sending out a tentative menu now for all weekends, so that you can get a look at the meals to come.

Since this Wolf’s Tale leads into the summer, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer. Hopefully I will be able to see everyone at camp this year. Also, it marks that time of year for those seniors to move on. So, I would like to extend my congratulations to the class of 2006, of that which I am a member! Best wishes to them and good luck in the fall.

Once again, on behalf of myself and the members of the Kitchen committee, have a safe and enjoyable summer season.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
JJ Miller  
*Wunita Wundsummen*  
Kitchen Chairman

# Letter to Unit OA Representatives From Patrick Murphy 2005 National Chief

Dear Unit Representative,

The Boy Scouts of America recently completed a survey of boys who had left the Scouting program. I would appreciate it if you read this letter and share the information with your unit leadership.

The major conclusions from the survey are that young men drop out of the program due to the lack of a good unit program and not enough outdoor adventure. It is no secret that many boys join Scouting with a strong desire to go camping.

How vital is a having a good program? 38% of Scouts leave because of a poor unit program. Two of the major problems related to poor programming are time and personal relationships. When Scouts are not having fun, they are less willing to devote time to the program. Boys drop out so they can have more time to do other things that they enjoy more (32% of dropped Scouts listed this as a primary reason for leaving). Also, 23% left Scouting because of conflicts with unit leaders. Units with good program are less likely to have such conflicts. The Order of the Arrow believes that camping at least once a month is a vital component of a good unit program.

Another interesting statistic from the survey was that 69% of boys leave Scouting with the rank of Second Class or less. Advancement is a by-product of a good camping program. Most Scouts in units that camp monthly should attain the rank of First Class within a year of joining the program.

## How important is camping?

- **51% of dropped Scouts come from troops with 5 or fewer camping outings per year.**



## News from the Committees

If you are a committee chairman, you can have you article printed right here in the Wolf’s Tale. Submit articles or pictures for the July/August edition now. The deadline is **May 18th, 2006.**

- **71% of dropped Scouts come from troops with 8 or fewer camping outings per year.**
- **Only 15% of dropped Scouts come from units that camp every month!**

The Order of the Arrow places a strong emphasis on unit camping; in fact, two of the four purposes of the Order of the Arrow involve camping. The Order believes that Scouting reaches its greatest effectiveness in the outdoors. On a national level, the Order is committed to promoting camping and encouraging units to camp more frequently.

If your unit is not camping on a regular basis, you should ask to have some time set aside during the next Patrol Leaders Council meeting to have a discussion about the possibility of camping more often. If your unit is having trouble finding places to go camping, contact your lodge and ask for a copy of the *Where to Go Camping Guide*. This guide will give your unit great ideas on places to go camping and things to do in the outdoors. By camping more, Scouts will have a better Scouting experience!

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Patrick Murphy  
2005 National Chief  
(from the National Web Site: [oa-bsa.org](http://oa-bsa.org))



Kittatinny Lodge volunteers went to Treasure Island Scout Camp to help with restoration efforts from major flooding. Great work Brothers!



# 2006 National Order of the Arrow Conference

Is the O.A. Really “Scouting’s National Honor Society” ?

The Order of the Arrow call itself “Scouting’s National Honor Society.” Many of you are in high school and some of you will soon be graduating. Hopefully, some of you are also in your school’s chapter of the National Honor Society.

Your school’s NHS chapter has 4 principles: Character, Scholarship, Leadership, and Service. These themes should sound pretty familiar to you as a Scout and as an O.A. member. You have probably heard at lodge meetings and in the Order’s ceremonies that as an O.A. member, you should strive for a higher purpose in your Scouting and personal journey.

When you were elected to the Order of the Arrow, you were chosen by your fellow scouts because they saw in you certain characteristics which made you stand out from the others.

They saw someone who was a friend to his fellow scouts. Someone who they could trust, and some one who could trust in others. Someone who lived up to the principles of the Scout Oath and the Scout Law and demonstrated it in their daily life. Let’s call this “character.”

They saw a scout who had mastered his basic scout skills and could apply them in varied situations. You may have expertise in fire building, backpacking, or one of the many other Scout skills, and demonstrated an ability and desire to share that knowledge with others in your unit. That’s the same as “scholarship.”

They saw a leader, or someone with leadership potential waiting to be tapped. Someone who is willing to accept responsibility and to represent

the needs of the group and look for new and exciting things to do. Someone who can plan and follow through with an idea. We’ll call this “leadership.”

And finally, they saw someone who was willing to give his time in unselfish service to others in his troop, in his church, or his community. Someone who knew that there is always someone out there who do not have it as good as he does, and is willing to try to make it better for that other person. We’ll call that “service.”

So it looks indeed like the O.A. is very much a National Honor Society of Scouting.

We hope and encourage each of you as members to live up to and constantly work on these characteristics. They are not simply something to put on your resume of life. They are characteristics which others will look for in you throughout your life if you make them important enough to guide you.

Much like high school NHS, you need to keep your skills current by testing yourself or by teaching, actively develop your leadership skills, keep giving service, and maintain your character. Only by doing this can you truly say to yourself that you are a part of this organization.

Don’t accept membership as a passive thing. Take an active roll and put these characteristics to the test. Become involved. Not everyone will have the chance to lead as an officer or chairman, but if you look, there are things to do all around you. Find your niche, and ‘Do Your Best’ in this NHS of Scouting we call the O.A.

Conclave Staff Positions

**Administration**- The Administrative staff will be l charge of registration and check-in at Conclave. Staff will work closely with Health/Safety staff and others.

**Health/Safety**- The Health & Safety staff will be in charge of medical forms, medical rechecks and event security.

**Kitchen**- The Kitchen staff will be responsible for serving and preparing meals. They will also be responsible for maintenance in the dining hall after all meals. The Kitchen staff will also run heater stack for pre breakfast and water delivery.

**Logistics**- The Logistics staff will be responsible for campsite assignments, parking, locations of training cells and patch collection site. The Logistics staff will also choose program areas.

**Program**- The Program staff will be in charge of Friday night and Saturday afternoon activities. This staff will also be responsible for flag ceremonies and Chapel. The Program staff will also be responsible for running areas such as Shooting Sports, COPE, and Aquatics.

**Promotion/Conference Reps**- The Promotion/Conference reps will be responsible for decorations and weekend presentations.

**Publications**- The Publications staff will be responsible for promoting Conclave via newsletters. The staff will also be responsible for putting together registration forms and a welcoming packet.

**Service**- The Service committee will be in charge of trash, transporting contingent gear, building campfires and showing support.

**Shows**- The Shows committee will be responsible for Opening Campfire, Saturday Night show and the awards ceremony.

**Staff Support**- The Staff Support will be responsible for goody bags and Cousins. Cousins are members of the staff that supervise the campsites and assist those that are in attendance.

**Trading Post**- The Trading Post staff will be responsible for running Kittatinny Inc. and running the camp Trading Post.

\*On the application below, place you top three choices in the space provided.

What is NLS?

The National Leadership Seminar (NLS) is a weekend training program focusing on leadership development. Run by the Region Chief and his Advisers, it provides an in-depth look at leadership skills and techniques. An NLS discusses how these skills can be applied in your role in the OA and in other aspects of your life.

The NLS program is offered several times a year at various locations in each region. Scheduled dates are given on the National OA Program Calendar, and are published in the Order of the Arrow's *National Bulletin*. More detailed information is available from your lodge leaders, the Section Chief or Adviser, or the Region Chief or Region Chair.

Each region runs their own NLS program, so detailed information on upcoming NLS sessions is usually available on the appropriate region web site. (The region web sites can be reached from the Official Links page on the National O.A. web site.)

If you are interested in attending an NLS, please contact your Lodge Chief or Adviser for registration information.



(from the National Web Site: oa-bsa.org)

CONCLAVE 2006 - HAWK MOUNTAIN  
June 9-10-11, 2006 - \$27.00

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MAY 19-21 , 2006 OA WEEKEND REGISTRATION

\*\*\* Please Print Clearly - Make sure your dues are paid before registering \*\*\*

**MAY 12 IS THE FINAL DATE YOUR REGISTRATION WILL  
BE ACCEPTED AT THE COUNCIL OFFICE. PLAN ACCORDINGLY !**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge Member ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Ordeal members with 10 months in the lodge are eligible for Brotherhood testing. Check the appropriate fee and indicate the Total amount included. Please use one form per each member. Forms must be received in office on or before indicated date. Additional forms may be obtained at the council office or the Kittatinny web site. Not sure if you are eligible? Check your membership status online at www.kittatinny5.org. Thank you.

FEES:

- [    ] \$20.00 - Late Fee (Received after May 5, 2006)
- [    ] \$15.00 - Regular Fee (Received before May 5, 2006)
- [    ] \$10.00 - Partial Weekend - 2 meals (Received before May 5, 2006)
- [    ] \$16.00 - Additional Brotherhood Testing Fee \*ONLY\* for eligible Ordeal Members

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*- E. Urner Goodman -*



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