



WOLF'S TALE

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



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LODGE CALENDAR

- November 1-3
Northeast Region
Section Officers' Seminar
- November 2
LLDC at H.M.S.R.
- November 2
Brotherhood Day at
H.M.S.R.
- November 2-3
Vigil Weekend at H.M.S.R.
- November 15
OA Lodge Support Pak
Available
- November 30
OA Service Grant
Applications Due
- December 27-30
OA National Planning
Meeting, Irving, TX
- December 31
Lodge Charter Renewal
Deadline

ACTIVITIES

Thinking back on this last September weekend, I can't help but remember all the fun that I had. Not only did I have a chance to devote service to the lodge, but I was able to have lots of fun at the weekend as well. First, they showed a movie during crackerbarrel, namely, National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation. Then, the following day, they had a little bit of a volley ball game going just before supper. The supper itself too was the best I've had during OA weekends in a long time. They even had this really good pineapple fluff stuff that just blew my palate away. Then, I heard there were some Simpson's episodes shown for Ordeal members, but, most of all was the luau.

It all began as some crazy guy wearing a coconut bra stood up, and starting yelling about getting into line for the root beer floats. I couldn't really hear much more, but I knew that I loved root beer floats, so I rushed forward. A little bit later they had a limbo, and four prizes were given out to respective people, both for the limbo and the variety of costumes. Then, the night slowly died away, as I saw someone get their picture taken with the OA girl. The excitement of everyone could hardly be contained. And, most of all, I can't wait to go back to the next weekend!

Ben Trump
Klamatchpin Nitis Amemens
Activities Chairman

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Four of our officers (from left to right: Bobby Cook, Josh Abramowicz, Ryan Gebely, and Steve Phillips) pose for a picture with Brian Favat (Center), North East Region Chief at NLS.

Kittatinny Arrowmen Attend NLS

Josh Abramowicz
First Vice Chief

The Northeast Region's National Leadership Seminar was an opportunity for our officers to receive the training they needed to help run our lodge. They learned many basic leadership skills and participated in many fun games and events with members of other lodges in the Northeast Region. Not to mention, they also had a truck load of fun!

The trip began well when we got lost in the "more secluded" places of Pennsylvania. Mr. Mory wasn't too happy. I won't mention the name of the person who got us all lost, but if you REALLY want to know ... ask Mr. Mory.

We finally arrived at Camp Mountain Run and set up in our great cabin accommodations (They were real log cabins). The rest of the weekend was full of intense training.

Those in attendance included Steve Phillips, Bobby Cook, Ryan Gebely, and myself.

In addition to the top-notch training our participants received, they also got to speak with many of the section chiefs and even the region chief, Brian Favat. You can see that in the above picture.

All in all, I'd like to suggest, brothers, that if in the future, you have a chance to take NLS, take it. It was an incredible experience, and I recommend it to all.

Season's Wishes For Your Unit

Dick Keppler
Associate Advisor

As we look ahead it is time to focus on elections and camp promotions. With the summer program behind us, I hope you have had time to instate the Troop O. A. Representative in your units. Please use your representative to coordinate your elections.

To all Ordeal members who have 10 months now or by the April weekend it is time to start planning to seal your membership in the Lodge. As we approach the holidays I hope that everyone has a joyful and safe Holidays.



The Chiefs Corner

“The Order of the Arrow was created to help the unit...”

— Dr. E. Urner Goodman

Around this time of year the lodge begins to slow down a bit and begins its winter planning and exec. meetings to keep it functioning. This year, over the next couple of months, your exec. committee will be very busy. We will first of all be working on a new lodge participation award. Also we will be looking ahead at the upcoming weekends for various themes and other activities, and also a committee will be working on a new lodge plan book.

There is also the opportunity for you to stay involved in the lodge. First of all you can suggest ideas and attend any of the Exec. meetings as a lodge member.

Another new program we are still working with very carefully is the Troop/Team Representative program. This program has some service project requirements involved and some other ideas. I also encourage you, as OA members, to try to get involved in Den Chiefting. The future of the OA rests

in the future Cub Scouts. See if there is a way you can get involved in helping them out, and maybe even sometime during the year do a short presentation for them about the OA and Boy Scouting. If you need any resources for this, contact one of the officers or your District CP&E chairman.

And the final thing is stay involved with the unit. You are there as a member to serve them. Stay active and attend meetings, campouts, and other activities. Remember that "The Order of the Arrow was created to help the unit - to help present its membership a better ideal of the inner qualities of the good scout camper." Dr. E. Urner Goodman, founder. I hope that you stay active and in touch with the lodge over the winter.

Yours in the Brotherhood,
Mike "Mikey" Miller
Pitkullentsch Nutiket Wyskelenepe
Lodge Chief

September Weekend 2002

Kittatinny goes to Hawaii

NO, KITTATINNY DIDN'T REALLY GO TO HAWAII, BUT WE DID BRING HAWAII TO US!

From Activities

Ben Trump

Activities Chairman

This past weekend went exceptionally well. I was very pleased with the activities that were held, even though this was just the first weekend that we've tried this new idea. I got a few new ideas this past weekend, which should ensure that the next weekend will work out. Currently, I'm thinking of either a wild west theme, or maybe a Roman theme. But, long before the next weekend will be Brotherhood Day, so get ready for some of the activities that'll be posted there. We're bound to have a few games going on in between sessions. Lastly, if you have any ideas or concerns, be sure to give me a call or leave a message for me. Any idea at all will be greatly appreciated.

Elangomattng

Richie Tylka

Co-Ordeal Chairman

I would like to thank you all for coming and helping at the September weekend. I would like to ask all brothers to try to experience the fun of elangomattng during a weekend. This is an experience you will surely never forget. If you want to experience the ordeal from "THE OTHER SIDE" please contact me or my co-chairman Chris Leitzel. Both of our numbers are on the back of this *Wolf's Tale*.

Can Activities Throw A Luau or What?

Chris Leitzel

Co-Ordeal Chairman

I recently attended the OA luau thrown together by the activities committee. Let me just say that it was kicking! Anytime that there's Hawaiian shirts and barrels of beer (root beer of course!) I'm going to be there!

When I got there, the party was just getting started. The whole fact that we had cool decorations, awesome food and Bobby Cook in a coconut bra said we had ourselves a party!

I just like to thank the Activities committee and everybody else that helped set up. I just liked the fact that so many brothers were dressed in their Hawaiian wear. Good job guys and way to support your lodge.

September Ordeal Experience

Matt Brown

Ordeal

I went on my ordeal during the September weekend. The weather was not too good on Friday night, so instead of sleeping under the stars like we were supposed to, we slept in the Cub Scout dining hall.

All day Saturday, we were working. The leaders split us into 3 groups. One group (my group) had to deliver wood to a couple of cabins throughout camp, and then make a large pile of wood at the warehouse. Another group had to use weed-whackers to trim the grass at the Dam Breast. The third group then had to move cots from campsite to campsite. My job wasn't that hard, but it was tiring. Right now I have two blisters from the work.

Saturday night was fun. First we went through our ordeal ceremony, then we went to the cracker barrel, which the theme was a Hawaiian luau. The luau was really awesome. We had all the root-beer floats we wanted, had a dress contest and had a limbo competition. I only did one round of limbo, because my back didn't really agree with me.

All and all, my ordeal experience was definitely fun and different. I plan on going back in April, but not as a candidate.



BRINGING HAWAII HOME - Ben Trump and Adam Ulrich show off their best Hawaiian Dress. Many Brothers such as these two dressed for the cracker barrel. The dining hall was full of a rainbow of colors. Many brothers also had wacky and crazy hats, and grass skirts, and even possibly coconut bra's. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

the night so as to be prepared for the early wake up call the next morning. I, being the only female taking my ordeal, was led off to another building.

Saturday dawned early, chilly, but dry. It looked to be a good day. I arrived early for my breakfast and got to watch the other candidates emerge from their "cocoon", the Cub dining hall. We were faced with our first task of the day, the dreaded orange and egg breakfast. I had heard the whispers, the warnings. Wait until you see what you have to eat. Ugh!!! Actually it wasn't that bad. It was certainly entertaining to watch all of us trying to fix this meal and eat it as we were following Mr. Lerch's instructions to the letter.

Next came the workday. I now understand why our camp always looks so good. The OA does such a great job of taking care of all the little things you don't notice because they blend into the background of the overall picture. The buildings being painted, the beds being moved, the bathhouses being cleaned, the trading post cleaned and straightened, the grass being cut, the weeds attacked for being where they shouldn't. My biggest question of the day was actually, "Why do we have a ranger taking care of camp when we have this fantastic work force. Is there really anything for him to do?"

Now we come to Saturday's dinner, which I must say was excellent. It was a wonderful experience sitting in the dining hall with all those other scouts sharing a meal after that long day. Lunch was far behind us and, of course, notoriously small, so there were quite a few famished ordeal candidates sitting at the tables (you could tell us not only by the arrows around our necks, but by our tongues hanging out waiting for the food to be served). It was a good meal. This is where that pleasure word comes in.

The ceremony we finished up with was also a wonderful experience. The guide leading us the dark; the fires in the woods; the beautiful starry sky and clean cool air. The whole ceremony we took part in was both emotional and memorable.

The luau theme to the cracker barrel held afterward was a fun ending to the day. Root beer floats all around started the celebration. The limbo and cup games were fun to watch, if not participate in, since both took much energy and dexterity. Dexterity disappears in most of us with age.

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A Scouting Mom's Ordeal

JoAnn E. Hafer

Ordeal

This past weekend I had the great honor and pleasure of doing my ordeal for OA. Honor and pleasure you ask with an exclamation point and question mark!? How can you describe an ordeal weekend by using those words? Let me tell you about September 27-29 weekend.

As everyone knows, Isidore came calling on Friday, September 27th. It made for a very soggy walk in the woods and an unfortunate change in sleeping arrangements from what most ordeal scouts get. We had to sleep inside to not only avoid getting our sleeping bags wet, but to make sure we did not drown sometime during the night's monsoon-like rains. As we were led thru the dark woods towards the ceremony, trying in vain to keep our hands on the person in front of us, we splashed thru many puddles, slipped on many stones and tripped over what should have been easily avoided roots on any other night. We met in a pavilion for the ceremony and strained to hear the OA ceremony team perform their lines and try to keep their costumes dry, while the rain came pouring down through the trees and off the roof. They did a commendable job considering the conditions. We were then led back thru the rain to our sleeping quarters and told to turn in for

From the Flow Rebit

The September weekend has come and gone. I must admit, the Hawaiian shirts and leis didn't match my fur coat too well, but it was all in good fun. I was impressed with the efforts made by the Officers and the Activities committee to put it all together. Keep it up!

Another good thing I saw at the weekend was the re-awakening of some of our clans. The Turtle clan has been doing very well - the chapel service was very nice, and their regularly scheduled activities keep their members busy.

I also saw the Snipe clan getting organized again. Watch out, they're a spirited bunch of birds!

On the same paw, though, what happened to the once mighty Beaver Clan, the zany Wild

Potatoes, and my favorite, the dignified Wolf Clan?

I remember a time when the dining hall was filled with the deafening shouts of clan chieftains proudly promoting their clans to the new candidates.

The Turtles and Snipes are leading the way, and I hope the others follow their lead.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Brotherhood Day in November. I'll be there... will you?

Your eyes and ears,
Flow Rebit



It's More Than Cloth and Threads - Patch Collecting 101

by Glenn Piper
Publications Advisor

If you are new to the lodge, you may be a bit mystified by some things. Perhaps you've seen them. They quietly go to a corner of the dining hall after cracker barrel, open up backpacks and notebooks, hold discussions for hours on end, and finish up with a Scout handshake. Who are these mysterious people and what are they doing? They are the patch collectors and traders.

The world of patch collecting is as varied as the number of patches that exist. If you are interested in beginning patch collecting, you should talk with some of the collectors and traders in the lodge. They can help steer you in the right direction. After getting to know a little about patches, you may decide to start a collection of your own. Some people collect only Kittatinny patches, others collect patches with a particular totem (Wolves, Turtles, or Bears). Some people collect everything (although this is not recommended). You may start out generalizing, and slowly develop a focus for your collection.

People collect patches for many reasons: some for the history, some for the money, some for the artwork, but at the heart of all good collectors and traders is the fact that you meet new people, make new friends, learn about your lodge or other lodges, and share in the Brotherhood of Scouting.



Photo Credit: David Mckeown/Publications Chairman
PATCHES & MORE - Former Lodge Adviser Mike Barner Sr. displays some of his collection at the September Weekend.

This is the main reason why all patch trades should end in a Scout handshake. Traders love to tell others about their collections, sharing their experiences and lessons learned, and even stories of 'the one that got away'.

Usually, scouts trade with other scouts and adults trade with other adults. The main reason for this is so a scout is not taken advantage of in a trade. Be forewarned though, that there are some very knowledgeable and unscrupulous scouts who can strike an unfair deal with you and claim it's for a good reason. Generally speaking,

flaps cost about the same everywhere. Claims that "mine is worth two of yours" are usually not true (although sometimes that is possible). Always be sure you are getting what you want out of a trade, and that the person you are trading with is getting what he wants also. A scout is trustworthy, friendly, and honest.

Patch collecting can be an expensive hobby. All those flaps at \$3.50-\$5.00 add up quickly, and if you get into chenilles (the big fuzzy patches), they can cost up to \$25.00 or more. You can decide for yourself if you want only to swap patch-for-patch or if you want to purchase patches. If you buy patches, you lose the interaction with other Scouts and Scouters that makes trading so enjoyable.

To learn more about Scout patch collecting and trading, check out the following web sites:

The Internet Guide to O. A. Insignia
<http://www.oaimages.com>

International Scouting Collectors Association
<http://scouttrader.org>

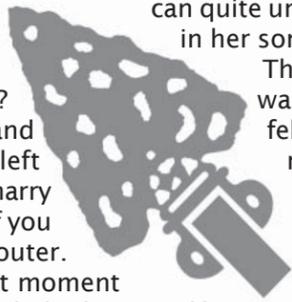
EDITOR'S NOTE: To help you better understand our own lodge history through patches, the Kittatinny web site will be expanding it's memorabilia section over the winter months. Be sure to check it out.

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Energy? Well it was a long day with not enough sleep.

Why did I do this I am asked? Why am I in scouting? Why do I go on hikes, go camping, trudge through the woods, and sleep in tents? How could I not? Besides my strong belief in the ideals and skills taught by B.S.A., I will not be left behind. Where my guys go, I go. If you marry an Eagle scout you become a scouter. If you then have boys, you are definitely a scouter.

I thought I experienced my proudest moment last October when I got to pin that Eagle badge on my oldest son Brandon's chest. I experienced an equally proud moment this weekend when my younger son Alex, taking part in the ceremony,



got to put my sash around my neck. Yes, I cried. He is used to my tears, though I don't think he can quite understand the depth of a mom's pride in her sons.

This weekend was memorable in many ways. Isidore, egg in an orange, the fellowship of silence, the care of a friend making sure you can endure a weekend when your body isn't the same as it was before illness and surgeries changed it. All experiences I will always remember and be grateful for. The most memorable though? Looking into the eyes of my son and seeing the man Scouting has helped turn him into. I am a very proud Mom.

From the Lodge Adviser

Roger Mory
Lodge Adviser

Despite the weather, our September weekend was a great success. Several new activities have been added so if you haven't been to a weekend lately - MARK YOUR CALENDAR - for the April and May weekends.

The officers have all been to the National Leadership Seminar so you can look forward to some energetic and innovative ideas. They need the support of the youth and adults in the lodge to make things happen.

The O.A. functions all year long. We need you to get involved and stay involved all year! Take this opportunity to check out the Lodge Directory on the back of Wolf's Tale and give the chairman or adviser a call. We can use your help and your input. Only you can make a successful lodge! Don't hesitate. Get involved and live up to our tradition of W.W.W.

Snipe Clan Activities Planned

The Snipe Clan is taking to wing, but they are not flying South for Winter. Clan Chieftain Ed Skicki proposed a flock of tentative social activities for the upcoming winter season and next year at the clan meeting on Sunday at the September O. A. weekend. A listing of the proposed activities is on the Snipe Clan page of the Kittatinny web site.

The clan needs to know who is interested in participating for planning purposes. Check the web list of events and let Ed know if you want to participate in any of them via the e-mail link there.

Snipe Clan also wants to update it's member list. If you signed up for the Snipe Clan a while back, your name is probably among the missing. Send the Snipe Clan a message with your name, address, phone, e-mail address, and lodge ID number. As we get closer to activities, we'll try to contact you.

Don't miss out on becoming a member of what promises to be the most active clan in the lodge.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Other Clan Chieftains are invited to send information about clan activities to Webmaster@Kittatinny5.org to be posted.

WAX WAX WAX

Home candle wax, church candle wax, colored wax, white wax, scented wax, old paraffin blocks - if it's wax - we need it. Kittatinny Lodge needs wax to make ceremonial candles used in the circle and along trails. You can drop off your wax at the council service center or call Roger Mory at 610-944-9390 to arrange a pick up.

YEAR 2003 DUES - KITTATINNY LODGE 5

This form is to be used only if you currently have dues paid for the year 2002 and are registered with the Hawk Mountain Council, BSA. If your dues expired before 2002, please fill out a reinstatement form.

FULL NAME			
LODGE MEMBER #			
PHONE #	()		
REGISTERED AS:	<input type="checkbox"/> Scout	<input type="checkbox"/> Scouter	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Explorer	<input type="checkbox"/> Team Member	
DISTRICT:	<input type="checkbox"/> Appalachian	<input type="checkbox"/> Broad Mountain	<input type="checkbox"/> Cacoosing
	<input type="checkbox"/> Daniel Boone	<input type="checkbox"/> Frontier	<input type="checkbox"/> Indian Run
UNIT:	POSITION:		
SIGNATURE:			
	2003 DUES - PAID AFTER JAN 1, 2003	\$10.50	
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	TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED		

Mail fee, envelope, and completed form to:
Kittatinny Lodge 5, Hawk Mountain Council, BSA
5027 Pottsville Pike, Reading, PA 19605

"I do not know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."

Albert Schweitzer



Photo Credit: Matt Prince

ULTIMATE VOLLEYBALL - During the September weekend many brothers played volleyball. The game was so very intense that the ball couldn't take it. All in all the Brothers had a great time.

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PSA (Public Service Announcement)

Attention Lodge Exec. Committee and all Troop/Team O.A. Reps. Just a reminder that the annual Lodge Leadership Development Course (LLDC) will be held on November 2, 2002, at camp, beginning at 9:00am. It will conclude around 3:00pm. If you planned on attending, but forgot

to contact me you must do so ASAP at chief@kittatinny5.org or 570-205-3324. I must know a final number as soon as possible. Your cost is nothing, and we'll provide the lunch. Remember for a well run lodge we need a well-trained Exec. Committee. Please plan on attending.



FOUNDER'S AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Complete this form as completely as possible and on a separate sheet of paper, explain the reasons for your nomination. Be as specific as possible when listing reasons.

NOMINEE'S NAME		
ADDRESS		
CITY, ST ZIP		
PHONE #	()	Y or A
Ordeal: ___/___/___		Brotherhood: ___/___/___
		Vigil: ___/___/___
DISTRICT: [] Appalachian [] Broad Mountain [] Cacoosing		
[] Daniel Boone [] Frontier [] Indian Run		
UNIT:	POSITION:	
RECOMMENDED BY:		
PHONE:	DATE:	

Mail this form and sheet with specific reason for nomination to:
Attn: Founder's Award - Kittatinny Lodge 5
Hawk Mountain Council, BSA
5027 Pottsville Pike, Reading, PA 19605

Founder's Award Nominations



Introduced at the 1981 National Order of the Arrow Conference, the Founder's Award was created to honor and recognize those Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to the lodge. The award is reserved for an Arrowmen who demonstrates to fellow Arrowmen that he or she memorializes in his or her everyday life the spirit of achievement as described by founder E. Urner Goodman and cofounder Carroll A. Edson.

The Award is a handsome bronze medallion bearing the likenesses of E. Urner Goodman and cofounder Carroll A. Edson, with wooden base and brass plate suitable for engraving. Also available is a special Founder's Award arrow ribbon, with a gold colored arrow suspended from a red ribbon.

Lodges may petition the national Order of the Arrow Committee to present up to four awards annually, based on lodge membership. If the lodge presents more than one award, one must be to a youth under 21.

If you feel someone is worthy of this high honor, please complete the form and attach a separate paper listing the justification for the nomination, or download the nomination form from the Kittatinny web site. This form must be turned in to the council office no later than February 1.