



WOLF'S TALE

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



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LODGE CALENDAR

May 16-18
May Ordeal Weekend

June 8
Family Picnic
HMSR

June 13-15
NE-4A Conclave
Camp Horseshoe

August 2-7
OA Indian Summer

September 26-28
September Ordeal
Weekend

September 28
Quarterly

From The Lodge Adviser

Spring has finally arrived and I hope you are enjoying it. Take some time for yourself but don't forget about your upcoming obligations. The camp is in dire need of cheerful service after the devastating winter snowstorms. Our elections have been completed and hopefully your OA Troop Representative has helped get everyone registered.

Encourage your Scoutmaster to keep the OA weekends open on the troop schedule. Wouldn't it be great if all the OA members of your troop - youth and adult- could make it to a weekend for some fun, service, and brotherhood? That's what the OA is all about!

Summer camp is rapidly approaching and the role of the OA is rather extensive. Encourage your troop to participate in the OA sponsored Kittatinny Award and a visit by the Summer Chief.

You can also volunteer to serve on OA summer ceremony teams. What a great way to get involved with the lodge.

Just a reminder about the June 8th picnic, it is the first OA function like it for several years, so come out and support it. We have some great activities planned and will also be recognizing some special arrowmen. See you there!

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Crossover and Arrow of Light Ceremonies



Preparation - Pat Medely applies face paint to Alex Hafer. This is one of many different steps that goes into a crossover ceremony.

The ceremonies committee has been busy over the winter months conducting crossover and Arrow of Light ceremonies in both Berks and Schuylkill Counties.

The ceremonies are not something that can be put together overnight, normally. The ceremonies teams practice these ceremonies for weeks before the first ceremony even takes place. Then after we reach the location where the ceremony is being held, which is a task in itself, there is more work involved. We have no stage crew so the principles must set up our "scenery" and then get ready. Getting ready involves getting dressed-which for some is a rather difficult task, applying face paint-which sometimes takes some help, and reviewing lines-this is a must.

After all of the prep-work is done the ceremony

is ready to go, most of the time. A monkey wrench or two can sometimes get thrown in to the ceremony usually due to lack of communication between the ceremony team and the cubmaster or scoutmaster, but the ceremony team always takes these difficulties in stride.

We had positive feedback from almost every Cubmaster. Many of them already reserved us for next year.

On the topic of next year, we will be looking for more people to help out because many of the speakers will be getting ready to leave for college or the military. The parts are not long but if you don't want to speak that's fine also. We can always use some people just to dress in regalia and flaunt our lodge. If you or anyone that you know is interested in helping next year, just let me know.

Seek the true spirit of the Arrow through the Summer



The Chiefs Corner

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devote themselves to doing elections for troops all around the council. Thank you for your continued dedication to our organization, and cheerfully serving our lodge.

Another group that has been overlooked are our arrow of light/crossover teams. Again thank you to the youth and adults who give up weekends and weekdays to cheerfully promote our organization to cub packs all over the council.

Now that I have finished up the three principals of our organization, I hope all our members follow and apply these principals; brotherhood, cheerfulness and service, to both their scouting and everyday lives. I hope everyone makes an attempt to attend the May weekend, and the upcoming Conclave. Hope to see you there.

Yours in Cheerfulness,
Mike Miller
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Lodge Chief

In my last two articles I have focused on 2 of the 3 principals of our organization. The final one that I am going to talk about is cheerfulness. This is the principal that, to me, stands out above the other two.

Cheerfulness is being able to smile when your not in a good mood. It is also being able to do jobs that you wouldn't normally do willingly with a smile on your face. Let's act like we're in 5th grade and use it in a sentence. Because Dave picks on me so much because of my "lack of navigation skills", I have to make myself "Cheerfully" write articles for him.

The jobs that we don't want to do we end up doing, because we are bound by cheerful service. Since I am on the principal of cheerfulness, I would personally like to thank those people who are members of the CP&E teams and their advisers. They have cheerfully given up many hours to

Lodge Picnic

Bob Cook
Second Vice Chief

The snow is melting, spring is here, and summer is a comin' on quickly....and you know what that means: it's almost time for our Kittatinny Lodge 5 Annual Picnic!

So ya haven't heard anything about the picnic yet? Well then I guess I'll just have to fill you guys in. The picnic will be held on June 8th at camp from 12-5:00 pm, at a cost of 6 bucks per person. It's going to be a day of fun, sun, relaxation, and good food, I guarantee it. There will be plenty of games to choose from, as well as music, activities with all your favorite chairmen, possibly the pool, and even some quality time with your lodge officers.

If you're not hooked on the idea already, do you like tie-dye, classic rock, or jean jackets? If you answered yes to any of those questions, then this is definitely your activity because the picnic will have a 1960 & 1970s theme. This means wear your hair big, ask dad for his old bell-bottoms, and tell your girlfriend to pull out her sun blouse, cause were gonna party 70s style!

Any way you put it, the picnic promises to be an awesome time, and everyone should definitely sign up ASAP.....the papers are due May 30th!

So tell your family, your friends, and anyone else you want to bring that you're going to spend June 8th having a great time partying with Kittatinny 5!

Servant Leadership The Final Frontier

Hey, have you heard? It's the latest trend! Lead others by serving them! What better a way to set the example AND actively lead at the same time! Sounds neat, huh? I thought so myself.

So how do I begin?

Well...setting the example involves a lot of things within and outside the Order. For example, we could set the example in our troop by continuing to wear our complete scout uniform to all events and meetings, remaining active in or encouraging key planning processes in our units, and helping out our scoutmasters by actively acting as liaisons between the troop and the Order (Through our Troop Rep. Program). We can set the example by helping the younger members in the troop, regardless of what rank we are now.

In our communities, we can set the example by taking an active part in vital community programs, helping our neighbor's without anything in return, and being courteous in general to those around us.

In our families, we can set the example by going out of our way to help each other. We can stop fighting with our little/big brother(s) /sister(s) for a while to take some pressure off of our parents.

In the Order of the Arrow, we can set the example by becoming active in the lodge and coming back to take our Brotherhood. We can show others what it truly means to be brothers in our Order and contribute our ideas to lodge events.

I warn you, such a path takes extreme amounts of courage and dedication. Choosing the path of servant leadership is truly the way to live the Scout Oath and Law in everyday life. It will tax you greatly, and only the strong will survive; however I know that, as brothers in the Order will live up to these high standards, this is why you were elected.

I sincerely hope that we, together, will continue to set the example for others.

May this journey take us ever onward, inspiring us to make our world a better place.

Josh Abramowicz
First Vice Chief

To Serve and Defend

JoAnn Hafer
Ordeal Member

Most of us in BSA know the values we try to instill in our scouts, the values we try to live by. One of the teachings passed on from adults to children is service. Duty to scouting, duty to community, duty to God and country. These values are so instilled in most of us that we do that duty without consciously thinking about being asked.

At this time we knew we wanted to do an article on our service men here at home and overseas. We wanted to touch on how many people we knew in the military, serving this country. We could not get enough information to name every serviceman involved in scouting in this area. We could not write a complete article on them for fear we would leave someone's name out.

I will, therefore, write about a few people in particular that I know personally. We at Troop 607, Pottsville, PA, have a long-standing history of military service. One of our Eagle Scouts, Ed Hosler (1996), just finished service in the Army Airborne. Another of our Eagles Jack Snyder III (2000), is a Fire Fighter/EMT stationed at Scot Air Force Base in Illinois. A third Eagle, Kyle Snyder (2002), is a Radar Technician at Cavalier Air force Base in North Dakota. Two of our Eagles, Eric Herb (1996) and Josh Curry (2000) just returned from being stationed in Germany for nine months. They were called up from Army National Guard. We have a sixth Eagle, Brandon Hafer (2001) in the NROTC program at Penn State University, College Park, PA. These are but a few of all the boys out there who have been through the scouting program and gone on to serve their country through military service.

Of course, they are not alone. We also have the adult scouters. One of our Assistant Scoutmasters at Troop 607 is Richard (Rick) Hutton. He was a Gunnery Sergeant in the Marine Reserves up until January 14, 2003. He was activated and then deployed in February to Kuwait. We, as a troop, follow the action on TV to not only know what is going on with this war, but to try and keep tabs



on our friend. The boys have all written him letters and sent care packages. We talk about him to keep him here with us so we can all express our thoughts, our worries. Still we try to be careful of what we say because his son Ricky is in our troop. We, as adults, try to be there to help, to check on the family to make sure all is OK in Rick's absence. The boys in the troop also try to show support in the way boys do. Talking, rough housing, joking, and getting out on hikes and camping. Rick has sent letters to his family, and his wife Linda got a phone call last Monday before everything started saying he is OK. He told of his ride overseas in a C5 Galaxy, the largest plane they have. He told of the hot days and cold nights. He told of sudden storms with hail. He told of the barren desert and sand. He told of looking up and seeing the stars overhead. Those same stars we see when we look up. How far from home some of our friends and family are. How close they are in our thoughts and our prayers.

We wanted to recognize a few of these scouters now serving their country. There are many, many more out there that those of you reading this article know personally, as I know those named here. Let us all remember those who are not with us right now. May our thoughts and prayers go out to all who serve our country and their families in this time of war.

Duty to scouting, duty to community, duty to God and country. Those are not just words. They are ideals by which many Americans live their lives. They not only describe what we do but who we are. God Bless our Troops and God Bless the United States of America.

New Lodge Activity Award

There's a new award to be earned in Kittatinny Lodge 5. The Lodge Participation Award has been voted and approved. Now is the time to start working on the requirements to secure your valuable piece of lodge memorabilia while living the life of a contributing arrowman. Why valuable? This award will not be handed out lightly. It requires dedication to the purposes of the Order and our Lodge. In return, you get a unique patch/pin combination set, earned over 3-4 years. In the first year you earn the award, you receive the cloth patch. In subsequent years, you get one of three pin parts which overlay the cloth patch. To earn the award, you need to complete

4 of 6 requirements in the period of one calendar year (Jan-Dec), then discuss your actions with a Lodge Officer:

- 1) Attend 2 of the 3 lodge service weekends
- 2) Attend a special lodge activity (Conclave, Lodge Exec meeting, Brotherhood Day, etc.)
- 3) Attend long-term camp or attend a High Adventure Base.
- 4) Attend 75% of your unit meetings
- 5) Attend at least 2 troop campouts other than Summer Camp.
- 6) Teach a new Scout skill to Scouts.

Progress forms are available on our web site.

From Flow

Spring is beginning to bloom outside of my cave again. It's a welcome sight after the long, cold winter. I love this time of year because it seems as if everything comes to back to life as if by magic. If you were at the April service weekend, you saw the same magic occur at HMSR. Scores of Arrowmen, both young and old, as well as brand-new candidates, eagerly pitched in to bring the camp back to life. Though much work remains to prepare the camp for the summer, I was happy to see everyone returning to HMSR for some cheerful service.

However, my spring analogy is not a complete one. Unlike the plants and animals of the forest, who lie low and hibernate throughout the winter, your lodge has been vigorous and active throughout the winter season planning for the service weekends. The results of their work were seen in the activities and enthusiasm shown at the April weekend — cracker barrels, theme dinners, movies, a proposed new slate of officers, the upcoming conclave, and everything else you heard about.

Please accept my personal invitation for a repeat performance in May. Pitch in to finish our contribution toward preparing camp for the summer. Come out also for the cheerfulness, brotherhood, and service that is our, trademark. I'll be there... Will you?

Your eyes and ears,
Flow Rebit



Why Root Beer Floats Rock



ROOT BEER FLOATS - Dave McKeown serving up some root beer floats during the September Hawaiian cracker Barrel. Root beer floats are enjoyed by all during the weekends. Make sure to get your fill of them during the May weekend.

Ben Trump
Activities Chairman

If I think hard enough about it, I think I have but one reason that I come to weekends. And I would have to say that it would be the endless supply of root beer floats during cracker barrel.

It's not just that I love root beer, but it's the ice cream as well. I mean, everyone likes ice cream, its like potato chips; once you start eating it you can't stop. I'd have to say that I think most people enjoy root beer a lot as well as I do. And if you don't, the mixture of the two provides it with a completely different taste than either one would have alone.

The best thing about root beer floats during the weekend though is that they're free. You'll never see the servers asking you for money, he'll just keep handing you free root beer floats with a smile. (And if they don't smile, you get your root beer float for free.) There are a lot of games and activities that go on during a weekend, but I'd have to say that of all of them, root beer floats rock like Foreigner (and if you don't like foreigner kindly disregard that comment).

So, the next time you come to a weekend, and the cheerful service has got you down, just remember, you're going to get a root beer float later that night.

From the seconds VC

Hey Guys,

The weather outside is beautiful isn't it? Weather like this reminds us lodge veterans of only 2 things....it's time to wash the winter dirt off all our cars, and more importantly, it's time for spring cheerful service!

With school winding down, I know you guys are looking for stuff to do on the weekends, so how better then to spend them with your brothers in cheerful service? Upcoming weekend May 16-18.

May weekend promises to be a good time, with our awesome ceremonies, excellent crew chiefs, and newly instituted themed cracker-barrel every Saturday night!

So don't spend another weekend standing on the corner eating Cheetos with your friends at home.....send in your paperwork and spend some quality time with your brothers at Kittatinny Lodge 5.

I don't want to sound like a sappy old man, but to have fond memories you need to seize key moments.....because that's all memories are, aren't they?

Do the right thing, spend your time wisely, and make your mark in lodge history by helping the lodge to strive on and continue its amazing reputation.

I'm looking forward to seeing all you guys at the weekends!



Weekend Wolf's Tale

Weekend Wolf's Tale have finally become a normal sight at Ordeal Weekends. These publications are only possible because of the dedication of many members of our lodge. An unknown fact though about the Weekend Wolf's Tale, and even this Wolf's Tale, is that normal people like you and me can have something published. All you have to do is send your article to me, Dave McKeown. If you're interested in getting an article in the Weekend Wolf's Tale, feel free to stop by the Trading Post anytime during the day Saturday at the weekend, and I'll be sure to publish it.

Remember this is the door the rest of the lodge. Take advantage of the tools you have at hand. They were developed to help you, and to help the lodge.

May Weekend Guidelines

As you may have heard... The theme for the May weekend will be Roman! You know what that means...TOGAS!!!!

BUT

Since we, as an organization within the Boy Scouts, provide a safe haven for all, we must adhere to a few guidelines:

1. Ample clothing must be worn under your toga, should you choose to wear one. (This means that you must wear **at least** a t-shirt and shorts under your toga. Foot gear is also required)

2. Be considerate of others. No lewd drawings or signs on or with your toga.

3. There **will not** be a reenactment of Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar," so do not bring anything that may be considered a weapon, even if your name IS Brutus. This would result in immediate expulsion from the campgrounds, including an escort by State Police (and that

wouldn't exactly be an escort home). So please, let's have some fun without that sort of thing.

4. As usual, the fruits of Bacchus will not be permitted under any circumstance.

Stay away from Venus!

Do not be tricked by Jupiter!

And finally, just ignore our lodge adviser's winged shoes, if he is flying around on them! (If you just ignore him, he'll go away.)

In all seriousness, we are there to have fun; however, we do not wish to endanger our ability to do so. Please adhere to the above regulations.

Can't wait to see you all there.

Oh, and for all you history guys out there: SPQK-Senatos Populus Que "Kittatinnylodgis"

Josh Abramowicz
First Vice Chief

May 16-18 - OA Weekend Registration

Please print clearly. Dues must be paid up to register. Use one form for each member registering. Additional forms may be obtained at the council office or on the Kittatinny web site.

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PHONE #: ()

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Explain:

Choose the appropriate weekend fee.

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Add the Brotherhood fee if taking Brotherhood on this weekend.

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Mail this form and letter of recommendation to:
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Hawk Mountain Council, BSA
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Family Picnic June 8, 2003

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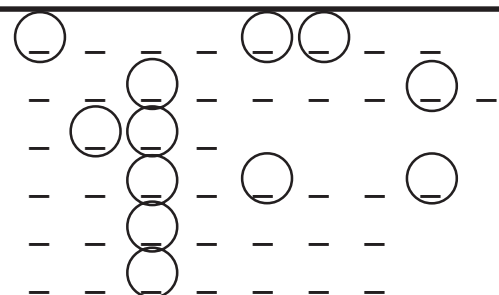
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