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LODGE CALENDAR

- September 10-12
Northeast Region NLS/NLATS
Camp Alpine, NJ
- September 17-19
Ordeal Weekend
Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation
- November 5-7
Section Officer Seminar (SOS)
Camp Alpine, NJ
- November 6-7
Vigil Weekend
Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation
- December 27-30
National Planning Meeting
Westlake, TX

NOAC 2004

By: Jonathan Teter
Neka Auwen Papabin Achipiquon
Publications Chairman

A few weeks ago, a contingent of brothers from Kittatinny 5 journeyed to far away Iowa to participate in something they will never forget. Alright, with today's transit systems Iowa isn't really that far away, but the experience was still memorable. I'm talking about NOAC 2004! The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is held every two years. Hosted by a large university, it boasts delegations from almost every lodge nationwide. During the stay, arrowmen can participate in numerous athletic, ceremonial, and traditional Native American competitions, training cells, and of course camaraderie. NOAC is open to all members of the Order and can be a life changing experience for youth and adults alike. Sadly, I could not attend this year's NOAC. However, that won't stop me from bringing you the best NOAC coverage in the Wolf's Tale. For all of you anxiously awaiting reports and articles from the NOAC contingent, you must wait until November for the next Wolf's Tale and complete NOAC 2004! coverage. Features will include articles by attendees, information on events and programs, and pictures galore. So sit back and relax or spend some time checking out NOAC online!

Where's Your Favorite Camping Spot ?

Later this year, Kittatinny Lodge will be asking you "Where are your favorite camping spots?" An Honor Lodge requirements is to promote camping by producing a 'Where To Go Camping' guide for unit leaders. You will be asked to tell us where your unit has gone in the past so we can share those places with other leaders throughout the Council. A copy of our current booklet is available for download on the lodge web site.



You can get all your NOAC news including competition winners, event news, trading post merchandise, and much more online. Plus, you can access great information on the Order of the Arrow and the national programs it offers! Just check out:

<http://www.aa-bsa.org>

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The NOAC 2004 Contingent from Kittatinny Lodge 5 stops for a moment to pose for a picture. NOAC was held at Iowa University Campus and boasted much fun, fellowship, and food!

Photo Credit: Ken Becker

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Chief's Corner

By: Ryan Gebely
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Lodge Chief



Ryan Gebely

Aloha Brothers!

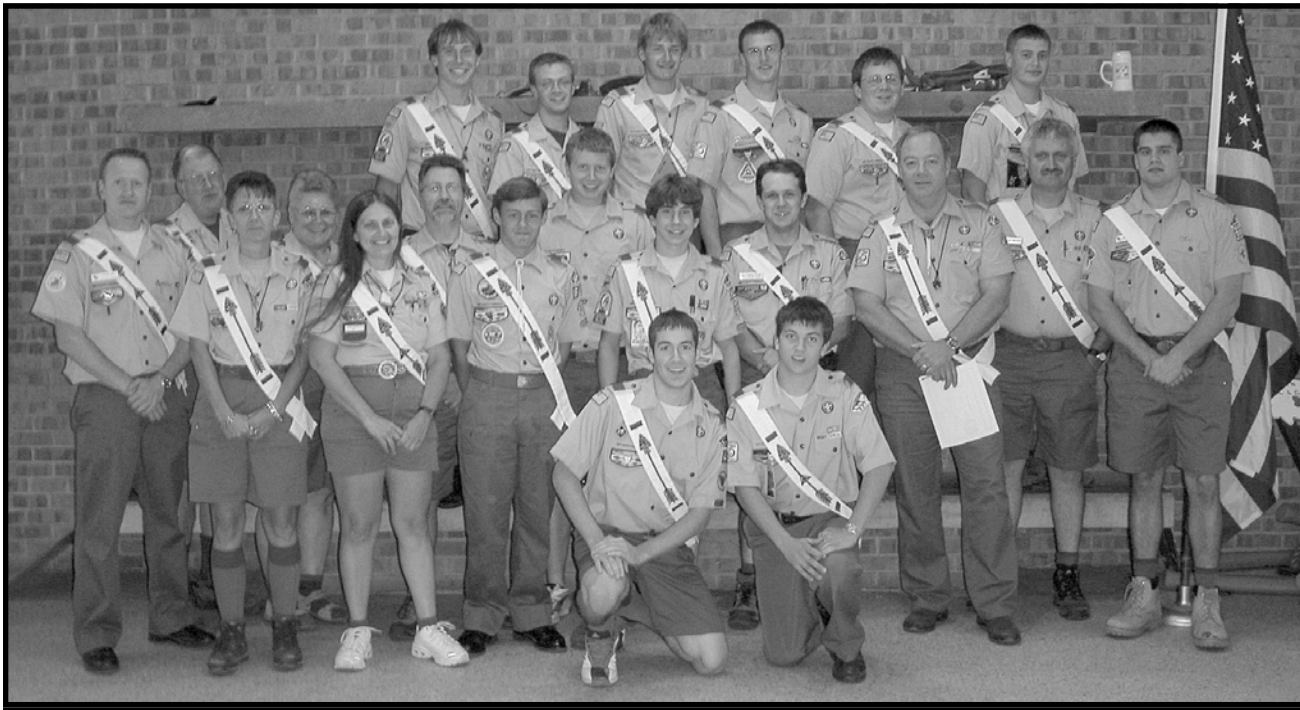
Summer is past and we are again upon another September OA Service weekend. If you have not already signed up, get your money into the Council Service Center ASAP or you will miss out on our great pig roast! That is right! I said pig roast! No not a Sysco Pig or pig from a can or any

other form of pre-processed pork, this is the real deal. We will have two gigantic pigs roasting all day on a spit. The kitchen clan, along with a little outside help from a few other brothers, will be preparing an amazing feast for all brothers attending the weekend to dine on. Besides the amazing food, we will have a spectacular cracker barrel with a luau theme.

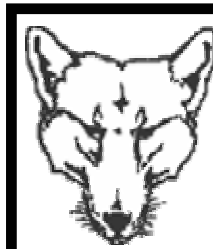
Although we have a stupendous weekend of activities planned, we also need to keep in mind the ultimate purpose behind our gathering. We've covered the fun and the food but we can not forget the service. This weekend I challenge every brother to police yourselves and push yourselves. Let us put back the meaning behind the Ordeal. Including the vow of silence, not eating in front of hungry candidates, and other such ideals as those. I would also like to challenge every brother in the break down of camp. I believe that we can do three times as more service than we ever have done before, including building benches in the circle which will continue in September with the help of our friendly Camp Ranger, Kevin, who will help by delivering us stone and dirt.

In conclusion, I would just like to remind everybody to remember to bring their brightest Hawaiian shirt and come for the food, fun, and fellowship that will be part of one of the best service weekends in years!

Ryan can also be reached via email at:
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Officers, committee chairmen, and advisers pose during the recently held Lodge Leadership Development course, held Aug 15th at Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation. Photo by: Ken Becker



News from the Committees

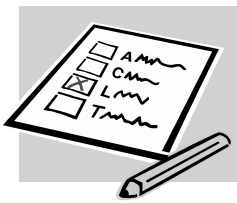
If you are a committee chairman, you can have your article printed right here in the Wolf's Tale. Submit articles or pictures for the November/December edition now. The deadline is **September 18th**.

Candle Supplies Needed!

By: W. Ed Hanson
Manjanat Wiakipuin

We are in need of cans (regular size tuna fish or cat food) for use in making candles used for ceremonies. We have enough cardboard and wax for now, but if you can bring some of those, it would be appreciated. We desperately need cans though. With what I will be bringing to the September Weekend, I will have used up the supply of cans I have at my house, and will be unable to make any more during the winter for the April and/or May weekends. We should also try to recycle as many of the burned cans as possible, so care should be exercised in handling them after the ceremonies are over. A crushed can cannot be used to make a new candle, and is only good for recycling at the community recycling bins. Looking forward to September and a goodly supply of empty tuna fish or cat food cans for candle production.

Troop OA Elections To Be Held Early This Year



Troop OA Elections will begin earlier this year than they have in the past. As early as September, Troop OA Election packets may be mailed out to Unit Leaders, and CP&E visitations to

conduct elections may be scheduled shortly thereafter. More time is needed to process all the unit youth elections as well as the applications for adult nominations, and they need to be in earlier to allow time to plan for the April Ordeal weekend. The process is not changing, only the timing is. Scoutmasters should keep an eye out for election kits and schedule their elections as early as possible.

"Respect for Tradition"

By: Dan Althouse
Lodge Secretary

It has been many years since the traditions of the Order of the Arrow began, and they are still continued today. Or are they? The vow of silence of the candidates has long been apart of the Ordeal. In recent years, it has been neglected by the candidates.

I spoke to some of them following their Ordeals, and I was told that they were told that as long as they were working, they were allowed to talk. It was to my knowledge that they were permitted to speak about their work, saying such things as, "Where does this go?" and "Where do you want this one?" This is something that should be changed. Our lodge has kept the traditions of the OA well, but this one in particular should be more strictly enforced. I ask you at weekends to come, please consider OA tradition and keep the candidates under their vow of silence.

Summer Chieftain Report

By: Richie Tylka
*Wingachtochwilsit Kotschemunk
Summer Chieftain*

As the Summer Chieftain I have the responsibility to make sure the Lodge programs at Summer Camp run smoothly. I would like to report the new Pathfinder Program for new scouts has been a huge success. Also, Brotherhood Review during the summer has helped relieve some of the stress off the reviewers at the weekends and has helped Brotherhood conversion tremendously. All of the ceremonies have run smoothly and have shown well on camp evaluations. It has been an enjoyable year and I am looking forward to another fun summer next year.

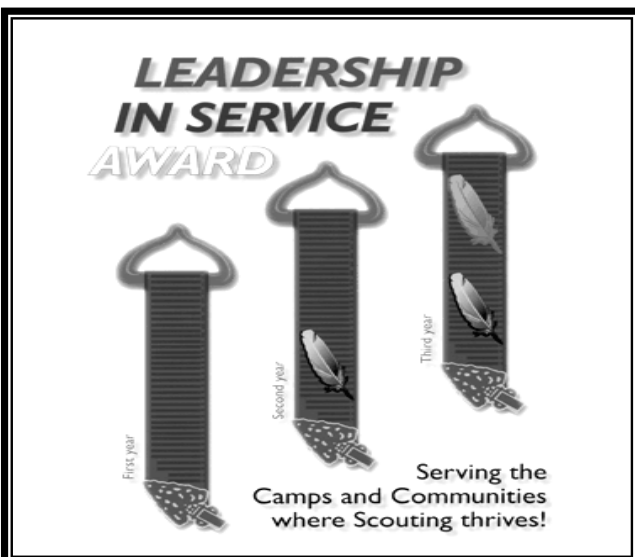
Treasurer Outlines Policies

By: Richie Tylka
*Wingachtochwilsit Kotschemunk
Lodge Treasurer*

As the treasurer for this upcoming year, I will try to keep you abreast of all of the happenings in the lodge on the monetary front. We have always tried to make sure that the financial part of the lodge is kept in good order. All of the committees have their own budgets to spend on the things necessary for their committee to run well. As they spend money on those things they need to give the receipts to the Lodge Treasurer or the Council Office and they will be reimbursed for the money they spent.

OA Announces Creation of New Leadership In Service Award

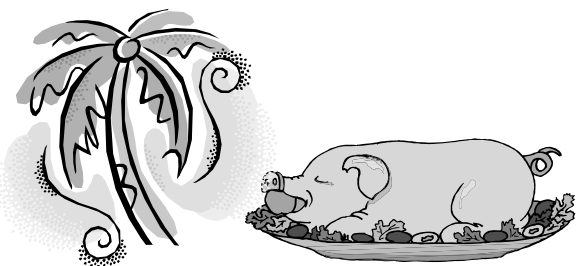
The 2003-2007 OA Strategic Plan states that "the heart of the Order of the Arrow is its heritage of service." With the Leadership in Service Program, the OA strives to strengthen Scouting's foundation of service by further fostering in Arrowmen the ethic of servant leadership. By promoting and rewarding service that benefits the Boy Scouts of America's outdoor program and the communities in which Scouts reside, the Order will be acting to support the Scouting program at the most important level. Arrowmen must complete the following requirements each year in which they earn the award: 1) Give 8 hours of service participating in a lodge, chapter, or council service project benefiting a local council camp (lodge induction weekends count). Service may split over two or more events.; 2) Give 6 hours of service doing a community service project planned and run by the lodge or chapter. The initial award is a pocket ribbon, with silver and bronze feathers earned for subsequent years earned.



Rally the Troops !

Are you usually the only person from your Troop attending an OA Weekend? Bring a fellow Troop OA member (or members) to the September weekend to show them what they've been missing!

Remember: September is a Hawaiian/Tropical theme, complete with pig roast. Bring your loud, flowery tropical shirts and be ready to limbo Saturday night. See you there !



Kittatinny Ceremonies: The Upcoming Year

By: Kyle Balthaser
Ceremonies Chairman

Brothers, with a new year almost upon us, I am anxious to inform the lodge of the high expectations I have for this year's ceremonies. Incorporating numerous "veterans" along with a few "rookies", I believe this year has the overwhelming possibility of becoming extremely successful as far as ceremonies are concerned. Every principle is in place and scripts have begun to be issued for practice. I am also very excited about the Ordeal ceremony this September. Four previously prevalent ceremonies members are returning to conduct one final "farewell" ceremony. Mike Miller, Steve Phillips, Bob Cook, and Ryan Gebely will combine to form, once again, one of the most impressive teams in all of Kittatinny history--a must see for any new or returning arrowmen. I encourage everyone to watch the ceremonies this coming weekend and year. With my guidance, I am sure Kittatinny will experience knowledgeable, exciting, and informative ceremonies throughout the year to come!

From the Lodge Advisor

By: George Shoop
Lodge Adviser

Let me start by congratulating Mike Miller, our own recently "retired" Section Chief, on his receipt of the James E. West Fellowship, presented by our Lodge. Mike's honor was recently announced at the Hawk Mountain Council Executive Board Dinner at the Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation, and our Lodge Chief, Ryan Gebely, made the presentation with Bob Sharretts, the Council Endowment Chair. Mike's leadership as Section Chief in 2003-2004 was evident as he ran the Section, led the Lodge Chiefs during the Council of Chiefs meetings during the year, and coordinated the many duties that led to a successful Conclave at Camp Minsi in June. When the election for the new Section Chief for 2004-2005 at the Conclave was completed, Mike came over to our #5 contingency with a huge grin on his face, announcing "I'm back!". We're very happy about that, Mike. Great job!

Speaking of Conclaves, this year's event at Camp Minsi helped me focus on what it takes to run a great Conclave for our Section. I spent Friday through Sunday taking mental notes on the huge logistical effort that is required to pull off a successful meeting of seven lodges, from arrival parking to closing cleanup. For those of you who haven't gone to a Section Conclave (and you should !!!), we are talking about hundreds of Arrowmen coming together for training, games, fellowship, entertainment, and (most importantly).....food!, over a 3 day period. It's a celebration of brotherhood, cheerful service, ceremonies, and competition, and most of all, a really fun time.

The venue for the Conclave changes each year, with one Lodge hosting the other six lodges.

Kittatinny 5's opportunity comes back around in 2006. Your Lodge officers, chairmen, and advisers are already starting the process of planning, picking a theme, and looking at special events. **What we want (NEED) you to do is to commit to being part of the team, and to do your part to make Conclave 2006 the best ever.** Each year, the bar is raised, and next year's Conclave will be, I'm sure, every bit as exciting as this year's at Minsi. We will need a large staff to help with parking, logistics, getting Arrowmen and gear to and from campsites, setting up training areas, conducting evening programs, manning the dining hall to feed the masses...the list goes on and on! This is **NOT** something that just your officers and chairmen handle, as those of you who were on staff of previous Conclaves at HMSR know. It's an effort that requires dozens and dozens of Kittatinny 5 brothers pitching in and getting the job done, starting soon.

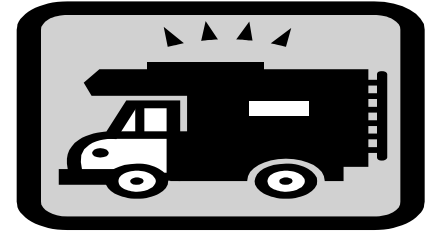
What can you do now? Get excited, and get knowledgeable, about Conclave 2006. Let your officers and advisers know that you want to be part of a great team, and do your part. More information will be rolled out in the coming months, so keep your eye on the Wolf's Tale, and your email (you are signed up to get Kittatinny E-News, aren't you?!! If not, go to www.kittatinny5.org ASAP).

Finally, the September weekend of the Lodge is coming up fast. The new officers, chairmen, and advisers are pumped up and full of new ideas, so come up to Camp for the September weekend and catch the excitement. Recommit to the Lodge by taking your Brotherhood Review on that Saturday, if you are eligible and haven't done so already. It's going to be a great year in the Lodge...don't miss any of it!

Western Adventures of an Associate Lodge Advisor

By: Roger Mory
Associate Lodge Advisor

Our western vacation trip has exposed me to many new experiences. As Gloria & I are sitting in the Devil's Garden campground of Arches National Park, we have come to really appreciate our anniversary present. We got each other a solar panel for the trailer and can now go indefinitely without the need for electricity. I've come to realize that those panels are to camping what the OA is to Scouting. They make the experience better & more meaningful. I encourage all of you to keep your commitment to the order strong. You will find that it greatly enhances your Scouting experiences. I look forward to seeing you at the next OA event. I'll be sure to have some pictures!

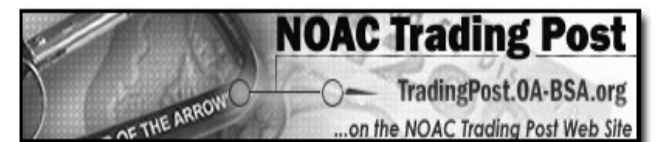


NOAC Trading Post Now Online!

By: Jonathan Teter
Publication Chairman

Brothers, the time has arrived. The heralded NOAC Trading Post is now available online! You can now browse through the endless merchandise available only at the NOAC Trading Post web site. Why not take advantage of this great chance to shop 'til you drop at one of the greatest trading posts the USA has to offer. So, what are you waiting for? Go shop and make TradingPost.OA-BSA.org your one stop shop for OA and NOAC items!

Editor's Note: All banners are from <http://www.oa-bsa.org> and are produced by the Order of the Arrow National Website.



**New Members . . .
"Jump Start" Your OA Experience**

If you are a new Order of the Arrow member, or will be taking your Ordeal in September, you probably will have a lot of questions about the OA. What is the OA all about? How do I get more involved? What steps do I need to take to get my Brotherhood? If this sounds like you, you are encouraged to go to the national web site at <http://www.jumpstart.oa-bsa.org> and log in to the OA "Jump Start" program. You will need your OA Handbook to find the login password. For your convenience, there is also a link to "Jump Start" on the kittatinny5.org web site main page. Don't be clueless. Ask questions, learn more, and get involved !

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Your Publications Chairman



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Postcards for 2005 OA dues payments have been sent to all registered 2004 OA members.

Please ensure that you return the postcard with your 2005 payment.

If you have not received a postcard and you currently have your 2004 dues paid, please call the office after September 20th to verify your address information.

Thank You,
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"What lies before us and what lies behind us are tiny compared to what lies within us."
 - Ralph Waldo Emerson



OA Ocean Adventure

From the National Web Site ...

Beginning in the summer of 2005, the Order of the Arrow, in cooperation with the Florida Sea Base, is offering you an opportunity to cheerfully serve the greatest ecosystem on our planet: the ocean.

Enjoy a two week scuba diving adventure as you explore and serve the undersea world. The first half of the Ocean Adventure program will be SCUBA training and certification, held at the Florida Sea Base. The second half of the program will focus on rendering cheerful service to the ocean marine life and coral reefs of the Florida Keys. Apply now!

Interested members must meet requirements for SCUBA and complete the form available from the National OA web site www.oa-bsa.org and receive the approval of the Lodge Advisor and Council Executive.

Nine sessions have been set aside for the OA Ocean Adventure in 2005. The first two-week session starts June 7 and the last one starts August 2.

Participant cost is \$250 for the 13 day experience. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required with the application. The balance of the fee is due at the time of acceptance as a participant in the program. This cost covers PADI SCUBA certification, food, housing, and all other program related expenses. Additional expenses, including travel to and from Sea Base as well as miscellaneous purchases, are the responsibility of the participant.

September 17-19, 2004 OA Weekend Registration

*** Please Print Clearly - Make sure your dues are paid before registering ***
SEPTEMBER 10th 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 by the office on or before indicated date. Additional forms may be obtained at the council office or the Kittatinny Web Site. Thank you.

FEES:
 \$20.00 - Late Fee (If received after September 3, 2004)
 \$15.00 - Regular Fee (If received before September 3, 2004)
 \$10.00 - Partial Weekend - 2 meals (If received before September 3, 2004)
 \$16.00 - Additional Brotherhood Testing Fee *ONLY* for eligible Ordeal Members

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

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