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LODGE CALENDAR

November 6
Lodge Executive Meeting
w/ Training Sessions - 10:30am
Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation

November 6-7
Vigil Weekend
Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation

December 27-30
National OA Planning Meeting
Southlake, TX

December 31
Lodge Re-charter Deadline

2005

May
Section NE-4A Conclave
Woapeu Sisilija Lodge
Susquehanna Council

Founders' Day

Wednesday, August 4, was a day of celebration. Eighty-nine years ago, Dr. E. Urner Goodman and Col. Carroll A. Edson founded the Order of the Arrow. On Wednesday of NOAC, we honored our founders with the Founders' Day Festival.

Founders Day is a day of fun and excitement honoring the lodges, the conference, and the beginnings of the Order. It is a day-long celebration that began with an opening parade where regions and sections are encouraged to use their creative skills to decorate their own golf cart, and join in the parade. The parade will include both Region and National entries. The parade concluded at the Goodman Games field, where a Founders' Day Opening

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NOAC Theme Show "Voices"

The final show of the 2004 NOAC was the theme show Wednesday night, *Voices*. Once again, Arrowmen from across the country filled the Hilton Coliseum. The feeling of expectation was evident during the preshow. The participants were excited, and also a little saddened by the eminent end of the conference. They were ready to have a great time and to enjoy an outstanding show that would motivate them to return to their Scouting activities back home.

The show was set in a very deserted and rocky area, known as "Witches Rocks", just west of Echo City, Utah. Four young Arrowmen, Niles, Aiden, Michael, and Kevin, entered the stage. They were on a backpacking trip looking for a geocache (a time capsule) that their former lodge adviser, Mr. Boranco, had told them about before his death. He had instructed them to go find it.

Aiden was distraught that he could never live up to his father's legacy. Aiden's father had been active Arrowman and community service leader who had died in an earthquake when Aiden was still young.

While searching, the boys ran into a local woman named "Iggy". During the icy interactions between Iggy and the boys, Iggy reveals that she knew both Mr. Boranco and Aiden's father. Once Aiden realizes that Iggy could help him more than hurt him, he was thrilled to learn about his father and his life. Iggy helps Aiden realize that he was already living up to his father's legacy by sending him out by himself for the night with only a candle.

In this night alone, Aiden searches his inner self and realized that by living up to the standards of the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service, he would be living up to his father's legacy. Aiden realizes that Mr. Boranco was trying to tell him this, but he just didn't want to listen. To close the show, Iggy helps Aiden to find the geocache. Inside, he finds a notebook with a message that his father had written many years before describing the wonderful connection between father and son. Aiden's father hoped that his actions would inspire Aiden to be a leader in unselfish service to others.

The show featured an impressive set, with dramatic lighting to highlight the different moods of the production. Impressive special effects, including pyrotechnics, fog, and rotating rock pillars highlighted dramatic moments in the show.

After the show was over, everyone stood and sang the song of our Order. Hearing 6,500 people singing our magnificent song was an unforgettable moment.

Editor's Note: This passage taken from <http://www.live.oa-bsa.org>.

Chief's Corner

By: Ryan Gebely
Tscholentit Wewin
Lodge Chief

September has come and gone, and now we are on to the vigil weekend and the April service weekend. But first I would like to take some time to recognize all the chairmen and advisers of our lodge that have helped make this past weekend a huge success. The planning of a successful weekend takes many hours of devotion from chairmen and advisers alike.



Ryan Gebely

I would also like to recognize all the new ordeal members and brotherhood members along with all the Vigil Honor candidates. I hope to that all new ordeal members challenge themselves to come back to seal there bonds in brotherhood and continue the commitment you have made to your fellow scouts who elected you into Scouting National Honor Society. This is your lodge and it can not function without your help and devotion.

Conclave Conlave CONCLAVE!!!! I know everyone has been hearing that word many a times at every Order of the Arrow function. Even though our conclave is still over a year a way it is time to start planning and gathering ideas from every member in the lodge willing to give. If you have gone to or even if you have never gone to a conclave we need your thoughts and ideas.

Though conclave will be planned out by a committee of members from our lodge, mainly youth overseen by adults, we can not alone make it happen with out the help of everyone. So please any ideas, as crazy as they may be can be forwarded to myself via email. (Chief@kittatinny5.org) I look forward to hearing all of your ideas.

There is one point that I personally believe can not be stressed enough no matter what the situation is. That point is that this program is a youth run organization, made for the youth to teach them life skills of leadership, communication, and other such qualities that help make a young man into a well developed person. This is a chance for youth to take an active role in every major decision in our lodge which effects many areas of our council. If the youth of the lodge work together we can do amazing things including decisions to be made that effect our entire council along with our lodge. Working together we, the youth can accomplish anything.

Furthermore I hope to see you all at the April and May weekends same as Conclave and summer camp. The themes for the up coming weekends will be announced in the near future and we look forward to seeing everyone there.

OA Summer News

Richie Tylka
Wingachtochwilsit kotschemunk

As last years summer chieftain, I had a lot of fun. For next year I hope to be doing the same job and probably will be. I hope to make several changes to the present summer ceremonies. If you have any comments or ways to make it better please contact me. Also, I am looking for a few old recurve bows to use in the ceremony so if you can find someone to donate those I would greatly appreciate it. I also encourage anyone who is interested to work on summer camp staff to do it. Finally, I hope to see you all at the next few service weekends.

Elected to Serve

By: **George Shoop**
Lodge Adviser

No, this is not a partisan political column, and not a Bush vs. Kerry commentary. But this is about elections.

Let's start with the Purpose of the Order: "To recognize those campers - Scouts and Scouters - who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and by such recognition cause other campers to conduct themselves in such manner as to warrant recognition."

"Those campers" - that is YOU! YOU have been elected by your fellow Scouts, who recognized that you best exemplify what Scouting is all about. That recognition comes not only from other OA members, but also from both members and nonmembers who see in you the model for others. Now the critical point: With that recognition comes an obligation to fulfill the expectations of those who chose you to the Honor Society of Scouting that is the Order of the Arrow.

This is the season of elections. When Americans decide whom to vote for, they look for those who will do the job diligently and follow through to get the job done. Voters have expectations, and those elected take their public trust seriously. They understand the traditions of

From the Kitchen

By: JJ Miller
Kitchen Chairman

We hope you enjoyed the food last weekend. The Kitchen Clan and I were very happy with the outcome of the September weekend. We would once again like to extend our gratitude to Mr. Carl Cooper for his help with the pigs for the weekend. Remember that they were cooking at 4:00am to get the meal for you. You don't realize how much work it really is. From the French toast to the grilled cheese, to the carving of the pig, the Kitchen clan looks forward to the next awesome event.

the office, and that if they don't work hard to get the job done, the job won't get done at all. Likewise, your fellow Scouts elected you to the Order of the Arrow with the expectation that you will be involved and give your time, talents, and efforts to make the Lodge and the OA better. They did NOT elect you with the expectation that you would take your ordeal, get your sash and flap, and never follow through.

Remember, as the OA Handbook says: "As a member of the Order, you are essential to the success of the Order of the Arrow's future and the future of Scouting. Now is the time for you to commit yourself to our vision of the future, our strategy for getting there, and our mutual success."

As a member of Kittatinny 5, will you endeavor, so far as in your power lies, to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others? Others have elected you, and you have taken an Obligation, to do just that! Take the Obligation seriously, and devote the time that is needed to be involved with the Lodge and its committees. If you haven't yet explored what you can do to be involved, now is the perfect time to do so. See your Troop OA Representative, or call or email any of the Lodge's officers, chairmen, or advisers. There are lots of fun and exciting things going on in Kittatinny 5 just waiting for you!



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 January/February edition now. The deadline is **November 18th**.

Membership Announcements

Change of Address/Phone Number?

If your mailing address or phone number changes, make sure you notify both the Scout Office and the Lodge to avoid missed mailings or calls.

2005 Dues Cards:

Please make sure you return your postcard that was mailed to you with your 2005 dues payment. These postcard returns will be processed first and your 2005 membership card will be sent to you directly. Don't wait till you get a "ROUND TUIT", send in your dues payment now!

Note September Ordeal Members:

Your membership card already has been issued with a 2005 expiration date. You do not have to pay 2005 Lodge dues.

A Great Way to Spend a Weekend

By: **Dan Althouse**
Lodge Secretary

This September, the weekend before our service weekend, I attended the National Leadership Seminar at Camp Alpine, NJ, right outside New York City. I had heard from several people that NLS was boring and I would just want to go home. I actually had to go up late, on Saturday morning because of a football game. When I got there, I saw a great conference room with lots of stuff up front- flip charts, posters, diagrams. It looked very complicated, and it seemed like I might be in for a long weekend. Then I saw my friends and lodge members Ben Novinger and Kyle Balthaser, who were also taking the Seminar. They told me about how far away we were staying, but seemed very upbeat and happy. Later, we met up with Greg Portner, who was at the NLATS (National Lodge Advisor Training Seminar). As the day went on, I met more people there and learned a lot. We learned about leadership, planning, organizing, and most importantly, trust. We played NLS Jeopardy, which was crazy but beneficial. After the Jeopardy, we had a great cracker barrel in their fabulous dining hall. We had a fun time there, then went to bed after a long day of learning. Sunday morning we watched clips of the inspirational movie Hoosiers, and reviewed everything we had learned. We then ate at the closing banquet, with speeches by several of the trainers, including a very moving speech by region chief Ed Lynes. Then we received our certificates and pins. We cleaned up, and left, leaving behind nothing and taking with us a wealth of knowledge and great times.

Weekend Photo Coverage

Publications would like to thank **Ken Becker** for submitting these great candid photos of the September "Luau" Weekend.



Unit Elections Crucial for OA

By: Roger Mory
Associate Lodge Adviser

The warm weather camping season is drawing to a close but that is no excuse to put the OA on the back burner. By now every unit should have received their Election Packet! Check with your OA troop representative (if you do not have one -elect one and register them on www.kittatinny5.org) to make sure your unit has scheduled an election. The OA needs the support of your unit to make it an effective Scouting tool. Remind your Scoutmaster that the election team will also do a camp promotion presentation. What a great way to get the troop working on those camping Scout skills. As an arrowman, it is your job to be working with the younger scouts in your troop. Set the Example - Share the Knowledge, should be your motto. Remember that the future of the OA is with the younger Scouts you are working with. We want Kittatinny Lodge 5 to continue and remain a leading quality lodge in the Northeast region.

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Ceremony was conducted. Following the ceremony, the Goodman Games commenced with lodge contingent teams competing during pre-registered time slots. While awaiting their assigned Goodman Games time slot, lodge contingents were able to visit the TOAP site and enjoy stage performances scheduled throughout

the morning.

In the afternoon, Founders Day shifted attention to the Founders' Fair area with a kickoff barbecue lunch. During the afternoon, participants were able to visit lodge displays from across the country. This was an inspiring and fun-filled event.



Weekend Fun

By: Richie Tylka
Wingachtochwilsit kotschemunk
Lodge Treasurer

As treasurer for this year I get the job of dealing with money, but well my fingers are tired and my toes are sore. therefore I'm going to talk not about money but fun. Fun? You may be asking yourself what this fun stuff is and where you can get some. Well there are several good sources of fun I have found through the OA. My favorite fun thing to do is as everyone else will surely agree is work. not for the actual work stuff who needs it, but for the funny things that happen when we do cheerful service. My best memory is of my ordeal was when we were putting bunks together and someone decided jumping on them would help force the parts together, well the bunk had a different idea, it collapsed and sent the kid rolling into a tree. So fun may not be actually playing games but it may be something like watching a reality TV show as people fail and do funny things and that is why I come to the weekends to watch people do funny things and pay for it.

Inspiring Young Youth to Leadership

By: Jeremy Fisher
Achigiguwen Niganitawan
Vice Chief of Administration

Through the years I have seen our Lodge grow into one of the best in America and its been a blast being a part of it. That is why one of my goals as VC- Admin. and Section NE-4A secretary is to help improve communication on the lodge and section level. Another item to touch other than our communication is to get younger youth involved in our fine order such as what Appalachian District is doing by having newly inducted ordeal member Mike Miller be in charge of CP&E for their district for it is the youth that run this fine organization and if it was not for Seth Wolfinger making me the Wolf Clan Chieftain 5 years ago I would most likely not be a Section Officer right now. Make goals and accomplish them for you yourself is your only barrier. Like Meteu said in the Ordeal ceremony, "For he who serves his fellows, is his fellows greatest." On that closing note I hope it inspires the younger youth to get involved because what you learn leadership wise in the next 6 years in this organization will stay with you for the rest of your lives; I know how much it has changed my team leadership skills on the football field so my challenge is this - become a leader and strive for nothing but success.

A NOAC Picture Story

These picture give you a glimpse at the activities and programs experienced at NOAC 2004! Photos are from <http://www.oa-bsa.org>



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NOTE: A decision was made at the September OA Weekend Quarterly Meeting to disband the clans as they existed. They may return under new guidelines at a later date. Contact a lodge officer or adviser if you have any questions.

"The Order of the Arrow is a thing of the out of doors rather than the indoors... It needs the sun and rain, the woods and the plains, the waters and the starlit sky." - E. Urner Goodman, *Founder of the Order of the Arrow*

Giving Thanks?

By: Ken Becker

As the end of the year approaches, so do some of our Nations largest holidays... We celebrate the breaking of bread between our settlers and Native Americans. Strangers entered their territory and how did they respond, they opened their villages and their hearts to give of what little they had to help someone else in a time of need. These are the values we build this great Order on, selfless service for the sake of others. Rightly so, we base the Order of the Arrow principles and traditions on that of the Native Americans. 'Only those in their own interests forget in serving others... to the places most respected, by the chieftain were promoted' - Meteu . In September many of you gave selflessly of your time and service to our camp. On behalf of the thousands of scouts and community organizations that benefit from your hard work, I thank you!

We also take the time to look at those around us and provide gifts of thanks. We receive tokens, often material items, and in return we say thank you. BUT too often we forget the true gifts of this world which we receive more from than any tangible gift. Look at the gifts which help shape the person you have become today. Call that scoutmaster or patrol leader who helped you learn why scouting is such an awesome movement in the development of today's youth. Thank your parents for leading you in the right direction in life, for instilling the values you use in every part of you life. Thank your friends for being there when you needed them most. Find those people who have impacted your life the most, and give them your thanks. The challenge before us as brothers is this: Give that gift, that foundation, that intangible item, to someone else. Spread the Brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service in your home, in your school, in your troop, and your community.

NOTICE 2005 DUES

Postcards for 2005 OA Dues payments have been sent to all registered 2004 OA members. Please insure 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 20 to verify your address information.

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