



# WOLF'S TALE

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HAWK MOUNTAIN COUNCIL 528, BSA



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## LODGE CALENDAR

2005

September 23-25  
Fall Ordeal Weekend  
Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation

November  
Brotherhood Day/Vigil Weekend  
Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation

2006

June 2006  
2006 Section NE-4A Conclave  
Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation

July 29 - Aug 3, 2006  
NOAC  
Michigan State University  
East Lansing, MI

### Attention

**Deadline for Articles for the September/October Edition of the Wolf's Tale is JULY 18th. Please support your lodge and write an article. A reminder that ALL officers and chairmen should write an article about their committee/position with updates and news for general membership.**

## Chief's Corner

Rich Tylka  
Wingachtochwilsit Kotschemunk  
Lodge Chief

I would like to thank you all for supporting me in becoming this great lodge's next chief. As your chief I want to make sure that if anyone has any problems or suggestions you get those concerns heard. You can contact me or anyone in the executive board whenever you want. I also would like to invite anyone who has any amount of interest in a committee to talk to the committee chairman and get involved. September's theme will be beach party so bring your board shorts and Oakleys, its gonna be a blast.

## Important Notice

Josh Nimmerichter  
Membership Chairman

It's recently come to my attention that there is a serious problem within our lodge. People have become used to just paying late fees and dealing with the consequences. The thing is, when someone or a significant number of people sign up for events late or don't sign up at all we don't have the food. We all know how it is when there isn't enough food; everyone gets very frustrated and the weekend is significantly less enjoyable.

Late fees were designed to discourage tardiness. The kitchen and those involved in administration cannot deal with these escalating issues. Please just register on time and starting in September, we will no longer accept Saturday dinner walk-ins. If there is no improvement by next May, we will start turning away ALL walk-ins. Please do not let this happen; pay on time and encourage others to pay on time and all will be well.

## NE-4A CONCLAVE 2005 COVERAGE



Members of Kittatinny Lodge 5, dressed in Greek regalia, announce the theme for next year's conclave "Play the Games". The event will be hosted by our lodge at Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation in June 2006. The Conclave will be built upon an Olympic theme, and the torch will travel from lodge to lodge over the next year, arriving back at Hawk Mountain in time for the opening ceremonies of our Conclave.

My name is Nathan Wyandt. I am 12 years old, and star scout. I became Brotherhood during the May weekend. I heard so many good remarks about last years Conclave, that I came this year.

The Conclave was fun, but Friday was a little bit boring only because there was nothing to do. Then on Saturday there were training cells which were also fun. The second cell I went to I was late because they changed the place the cell was at. After the cells were done we had lunch. After lunch was over there were a lot of things that we could do, like volleyball, horseshoes, also you could watch dance comp., and ceremonies comp.. I played volleyball with five other Kittatinny members. We played against six other lodges. Kittatinny came in fourth. This year Kittatinny had to run the patch action. The action was fun. I helped with keeping track of: who bought what and how much. I got some patches, some of our lodge flaps old and new, and other lodge flaps.

On Sunday morning there was a section meeting. Before the meeting started some kids were trading lodge flaps, so I traded one of our new lodge flaps for one of his flaps. If you liked what I wrote you should come to next years Conclave. You can also be on staff next year because Conclave is at Hawk Mountain. See you next year, hopefully!

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## Attention All Cubmasters

Kyle Balthaser  
*Ceremonies Chairman*

It is never too early to start thinking about the next Scouting year. As always, your Webelos scouts will be taking steps to earn their Arrow of Light award. As a service of Kittatinny Lodge 5, we extend the opportunity for you to invite a ceremonies team to conduct your Arrow of Light banquet.

To take advantage of this opportunity, please contact Kyle Balthaser at 610-775-4119 if you are in the Berks County area. Contact Susan Zierle at 570-678-9713 if you are in the Schuylkill County area. If you are interested in this opportunity, be sure to contact one of us before January 31, 2006. No requests will be accepted after that date. This is a change from last year - Please make note of it.

I look forward to another great year in Ceremonies!

## Kitchen Update

JJ Miller  
*Kitchen Clan Chairman*

First of all I would like to congratulate all the new Ordeal and Brotherhood members from the past two weekends! I would also like to thank Ryan and the outgoing officers for a wonderful year and look forward to working with the new officers for the upcoming year!

I have been hearing comments on how the food is really good and that it has made a big change in the time that I became chairman. I feel the same way! I am glad to hear that everyone is enjoying the food and the Kitchen staff and I will continue to prepare excellent food. We have started planning our September menu already, it's looking good!

One final thing, if it weren't for the adults in the kitchen, a lot wouldn't get done. I want to give a big thanks to them for all their help! I hope to see everyone at camp this summer and at the September Weekend!



## 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 July/August edition now. The deadline is **JULY 18th, 2005.**

## Ceremonies Cross-Over Team

*Ceremonies Team*

Are you a member wanting to get involved in the Ceremonies Team? A great opportunity exists -- Winter Ceremonies. Over the Winter and early Spring months, the ceremonies team travels to cub packs around the council to assist with cross-over ceremonies. There is nothing like the excited face of a Cub seeing you in native regalia and parents are thrilled to have the OA be a part of making their son's cross-over ceremony memorable. If you want to be a part of the cross-over team, give us a call: Jon King (Northern Berks) at 610-916-2056, or Alex Seidel (Southern Berks) at 610-921-3585.

## Lodge Spirit

From Kittatinny5.org

Do you know the Lodge song? If you do, that is wonderful. The song can bring the spirit of the OA into you and others. If you don't, have no worries. Here are the lyrics. It is sung to the tune of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic." The song is traditionally sung at the end of the Weekend's Ceremonies.

### Song of Kittatinny Lodge 5

We're the Scouts of Kittatinny and we're gathered here to serve  
 We may not be that many but our efforts are preserved  
 In the works and fine traditions of our lodge and Brotherhood,  
 Kittatinny is our name!  
 Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
 Kittatinny brings it to ya  
 Brotherhood and cheer pursue ya  
 As we are serving ya\*

\* Past and present lodge advisers traditionally sing an extra "ya" at the song's conclusion.

## Conclave Candids



Alex Hafer, portraying Allowat Sakima, proudly displays his first place award for an individual part in ceremonies competition at the Section NE-4A Conclave held at Camp Karoondinha.



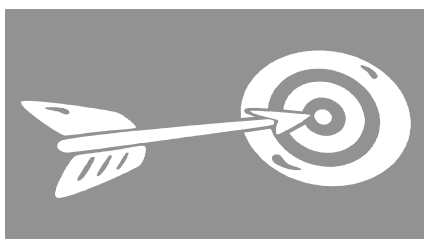
Re-elected as Section NE-4A Chief was Adam Heaps (center), newly elected Section Vice-Chief Dave Schaub (right), and Section Secretary Joshua



Kittatinny 5 Ceremonies team at Section NE-4A Conclave. Pictured are Kyle Balthaser (), Alex Hafer (Allowat), ? (Meteu), and Alex Seidel ().



Passing of the bonnet. Ryan Gebley passes the chief's bonnet to Richie Tylka at the end of the Section Meeting. This is the first time this has happened since changing the beginning of terms of office for our lodge. Richie will be formally sworn in as chief at the September weekend, and will serve as chief until June 2006.



## THE BIG SHOE

Greg Portner  
Associate Lodge Advisor

On the way home from May weekend, I spotted a big shoe lying along Rt 183. I wondered who it had belonged to and how it got there. Seeing that shoe made me think about the job that lies ahead of me. I began to think about the big shoes that I would have to fill as the Associate Lodge Advisor. Looking over the list of names of those who held the position before me, I recognized most to have been involved with Scouting and OA for a long time and most are, fortunately, still very active in the Lodge. But, they have left some very big shoes to fill.

I went through my Ordeal in the former Minsi Lodge back in the mid-60s (and yes, we had electricity, just no plumbing). Much has changed since then, but much has stayed the same. Some of the procedures and methods have changed, but the values and traditions are and should be the same. One thing we all need to address though is the downward trend of participation by our members. Weekend attendance is down, we struggle making our Brotherhood conversion goal each year, and the same people are making things happen year after year.

We need your involvement. We need youth to lead the Lodge; we need adults to advise them. We must start thinking about filling those tomorrow's big shoes now. But to do that, you will need to help us. If you have a suggestion as to how we can get more participation from our members or how we can get more people to convert to Brotherhood, or just want to get involved, contact one of your Lodge Officers or Advisers.

We want this experience to be one that you will remember fondly for the rest of your life. Remember, this is YOUR Lodge. I look forward to working with the youth and adult advisers in the years ahead. Just remember, everyone that gets involved and stays involved now will be helping to fill those big shoes of the future.

## FROM THE VICE CHIEF

Ben Novinger  
Vice Chief of Administration

As you all know I have just received the office of Vice Chief of Administrations. I look forward to having some fun times as Vice Chief with my brothers in the lodge. I had a lot of fun as the Ordeal Chairman, but it wasn't just me who made the Ordeal go. There were many brothers involved in making my past three weekends a success. My advisor Terry Wade, and the other advisors who were present during the Ordeal gave me the motivation in which I needed to keep going, they were also advising me in making the right decisions. Also, the brothers who showed up on Friday night, to help me and to set the example for the candidates. I look forward to having some fun times as Vice Chief with my brothers in the lodge. I would like to remind all the new brothers to come back in ten months to experience the Brotherhood experience. I would also like to ask all new ordeal members and brothers to attend the September weekend, I have a feeling that this weekend will contain a lot of fun and excitement. If someone were to come up to me and would ask me if I had fun at the OA weekend, I don't think I could just say yes, because I literally have a lot of good times with fellow brothers and the activities in our lodge and on the weekends. If you have just completed your Ordeal, it's kinda cool to see how the Ordeal is run, and the best thing about OA weekends is the food, man it's always good. Well I hope to see you at the September weekend with the rest of our brothers.



## Philmont Employment

From the Kittatinny V eNews Wire

School is either out or almost out for most of you. Have you made your plans for this summer yet? Are you looking for a great summer job in a great location? Do you want the chance to explore some new territory?

Each season, Philmont employs more than 850 staff members. A wide variety of paid positions are available, including rangers, backcountry program counselors, and training center and base camp support staff. Applicants must be 18 or older. Previous Philmont or other high-adventure experience is helpful.



Other opportunities are available for Scouts and Venturers willing to work on trails or perform other tasks during their stay. Those special experiences include Order of the Arrow Trail Crew and R.O.C.S., the Roving Outdoor Conservation School.

Philmont Scout Ranch is still hiring seasonal personal. More information can be found at <http://www.scouting.org/philmont/main.shtml> This is a direct quote from one of our own lodge members who is returning to Philmont for his second year of Summer work this year. "Working at Philmont is a great experience!"

So why don't you consider some "Cheerful Service" not only for our own lodge, but to all the Scouts who attend Philmont, and have a great time while you are at it !!!

## MY LAST WOLF'S TALE

Jonathan Teter  
Neka Auwen Papabin Achipiquon  
Publications Chairman

This edition of the Kittatinny Lodge 5 Wolf's Tale will be my last as Publications Chairman. I would like to extend a thank you to everyone who contributed to the Wolf's Tale. It is not possible without the support of the general membership. The decision to give up this post came because of my distance from camp during the year while at college near Baltimore, Maryland. I will continue to receive all articles until a new chairman is chosen. But I will also continue to submit articles because I know how difficult it is to find people willing to write. I hope that Arrowmen of all ages will support Publications and keep it going. This, along with the Lodge website, are the only media outlets and means of communication for the general lodge membership. I wish everyone the best of luck in their new positions as the officers for the 2005-2006 year take their place. I encourage all of the new members and younger members to become involved in the lodge. There is really a great deal to do before you turn 21. It is longer than you think and the opportunities never cease. Become involved in the Weekends and strive to serve your lodge, your camp, and your troop. Join the camp staff and help the OA Summer Program or become involved with ceremonies for a more hands-on approach. Whichever avenue you choose, Kittatinny Lodge 5 certainly has what it takes to give you a fulfilling experience in the Order of the Arrow.

### NOAC 2006 Registration

#### Early Sign-up

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. Thank you.

FEES:

[ ] \$700.00 - Trip Package Fee

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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### CLANS

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.

*Editor's Note: Since the Slate of Officers, Advisors and Chairmen has just changed this list is not yet complete for the next year. Not all positions have been determined and the complete Directory for the 2005-2006 year will be in the next Wolf's Tale.*

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*"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*

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September 23-25 , 2005 OA Weekend Registration

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

**September 10 IS THE FINAL DATE YOUR REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE COUNCIL OFFICE. PLAN ACCORDINGLY !**

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

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

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FEES:

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TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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