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HAWK MOUNTAIN COUNCIL 528, BSA



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LODGE CALENDAR

2005

- November 5**
Vigil Weekend / OA Exec Mtg (2 pm)
Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation
- November 8**
CP&E/OA Troop Rep Presentation
Appalachian District Roundtable
- November 9**
CP&E/OA Troop Rep Presentation
Broad Mountain District Roundtable
- November 10**
CP&E/OA Troop Rep Presentation
Cacoosing District Roundtable
- December 14**
CP&E/OA Troop Rep Presentation
Frontier District Roundtable

2006

- January 12**
CP&E/OA Troop Rep Presentation
Indian Run District Roundtable
- April 21-23**
Ordeal/Service Weekend
Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation
- May 19-21**
Ordeal/Service Weekend
Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation
- June 2006**
2006 Section NE-4A Conclave
Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation
- July 29 - Aug 3, 2006**
NOAC - Michigan State University
East Lansing, MI

Chief's Corner

Rich Tylka
Wingachtochwilsit Kotschemunk
Lodge Chief

Brothers,

It has really been a busy time for our lodge. We had our LLD on October 8th, our weekend the 23-25th of September and many other things happening.

Your executive committee is still working hard for you, planning and implementing new programs to improve your experience with the lodge. So let's talk about ways you can get involved.

Ask your scoutmaster if your troop has a Troop OA Representative, and if not ask him if you can get the job. The role of the Troop OA Rep. is simple, your to schedule the troop elections with your district's CP&E team, and give information to your troop regarding the activities of our lodge.

There will be a form sent out during the Unit OA elections this year for Troop OA Representative's to fill out and return to the lodge. It is vital that you get involved and get other brothers involved with you. As always we are looking for a few good men to fill positions in our lodge and help out the committee's.

If your interested or have any questions you can email me at chief@kittatinny5.org.

CONCLAVE 2006 Are You Helping?

Dear Brothers!

The call is out! It is now November and our turn to host the section's Conclave is almost upon us. It is Kittatinny's turn to host the sections annual event that brings together brothers from all seven lodges in our section for a weekend of fun, food, and fellowship.

For those of you who have not had the pleasure of my acquaintance my name is Ryan Gebely and I am the immediate past Lodge Chief and I have the distinct pleasure of being the conclave coordinator for this year's event. My duties include getting everyone in the lodge organized and together to make this one heck of a shindig, hoot-n-nanny, or (insert another exciting phrase to describe how awesome conclave at our camp is going to be). We will be needing help from everyone!

Random new member, "Ryan, what if I just got my Ordeal?"

My response, "Congratulations, are you involved with conclave planning?"

Random new member, "No, I'm new!"

My response, "That's no excuse!"

Everyone can help. Even the new guy (or girl). Basically we are putting together a weekend of fellowship with out all the work. This means we will not be putting up or taking down tents (that weekend)!!! Instead we will be feeding 500 people, entertaining 500 people, and housing 500 people who are expecting one of the most exciting conclave's of this millennium. We need everyone's help to do this.

The form for staff registration can be found on the website, which is conveniently, www.Kittatinny5.org, or on the back of this issue of the Wolf's Tale.

So how can you help? Come to the next two service weekends. It is important that we have all the members of the lodge around to help get camp ready to show off to the section! This is our chance to make our Lodge look like it should. We want to be that Shining beacon on the hill and show the section and region how Kittatinny 5 does it. I greatly urge all brothers to put aside any other obligations, events, or reasons not to attend the April and May service weekends and come. We need everybody's help. Please feel free to email me Geb2122@cup.edu with any questions.

Please if you plan to help, hand in a form or mail it to the service center c/o Ryan Gebely/Conclave and we will process your form. (Please do not email myself or other to say you can help. We need it in paper) But please feel free to ask questions and I will try to answer. You can also reach me at (610) 763-3030.

Again to recap, come to the weekends, sign up for conclave to help or attend, give us money (pay your dues), and be there or don't but those that will be there will be having the time of their lives ! I promise !

Yours in all that is brotherly,
Ryan Gebely

Leadership Training Opportunities

Josh Nimmerichter, *Membership Chairman*

This past weekend (September 16th-18th) I, along with Casey Miller, Pete Secor, and Jim Buerger, had the opportunity to attend NLS, National Leadership Seminar. NLS is absolutely, without a doubt, one of the best training programs you will ever have the chance to participate in.



NLS was held at Camp Alpine in Alpine, NJ. When we arrived, at approximately 7:40pm Friday night, we got to meet people from all over the region. Our contingent met and ate with the National Chief, Patrick Murphy. We also got to meet several of the Section Chiefs along with the Regional Chief. While there we learned how to be the best leader we can be.

Throughout the day on Saturday we were in training cells. We got to participate in games such as OA Jeopardy, The Game of Life and some Role Playing. On Sunday the seminar was wrapped up with a movie and a lesson in how to apply our new skills. After the final session we set goals for ourselves. Then we went to the final meal. There we received our pin and certificate.

And now I'm sure you're saying, well what about that nifty patch that other participants in NLS wear. Well, there's the catch, we will not get our patches until we achieve our goals. Our goals were written on carbon copy, the "contract" and when the goals our completed we must have the Lodge Chief sign it. Then we send the "contract" into the regional office and finally we will receive our patch and completed the NLS experience.

This may sound like a lot, but, like I said, NLS is one of the best training programs out there and if you are offered a spot, take it! And, if you are not offered a spot but would like to take it, you can talk to Sally, Richie, or George. If you have any questions feel free to contact me or any of the other participants in our lodge.

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What is an OA Troop Representative Anyway?

Jim Buerger
Sisilija Papablin Gock
 Brotherhood Advisor

The leadership position of OA Troop Representative in many units is merely an honorary position with no true responsibilities. But this doesn't have to be. The OA Troop Representative should be a senior scout with extensive camping experience. His role should be to promote camping within his unit and to encourage older scouts to take advantage of high adventure camping opportunities as well. The job description reads as follows:

- Serves as a communication link between the lodge and the troop.
- Encourages year-round and resident camping in the troop.
- Encourages older Scout participation in high adventure programs.
- Encourages Scouts to actively participate in community service projects.
- Assists with leadership skills training in the troop.
- Encourages Arrowmen to assume leadership positions in the troop.
- Encourages Arrowmen in the troop to be active participants in the lodge and to seal their membership in the Order by becoming Brotherhood members.
- Sets a good example.
- Enthusiastically wears the Scout uniform correctly.
- Lives by the Scout Oath, Scout Law, and OA Obligation.
- Shows Scout Spirit

An OA Representative taking an active role with his position should enhance the camping experiences of his troop seeking new and challenging opportunities with the Patrol Leaders Council. The OA members in his troop will be better informed which will result in greater participation in OA activities. It is a leadership position that, if properly exercised, will enhance that Scout's ability to communicate and manage multiple functions - a key ingredient in an individual's ability to function in today's fast-paced adult business environment.

OA teams will be visiting the Roundtable in each District according to the following schedule. Scoutmasters - plan to bring your OA Troop Representative to the Roundtable in your District - we look forward to seeing you both there.

Appalachian	November 8, 2005
Broad Mountain	November 9, 2005
Cacoosing	November 10, 2005
Frontier	December 14, 2005
Indian Run	January 12, 2006



Kittatinny Lodge 5 Ahead of the Ball

Ben Novinger
 Vice-Chief Administration

Well the lodge has had a lot of good things happen recently.

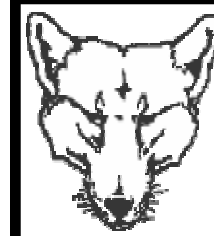
First the Brotherhood conversion percentage was met and we ended up going fourteen over what we needed. Also we have just completed our LLD and the percentage of Executives attending was met.

Completing these two tasks was great, but there is a bigger task ahead of us in June 2006, CONCLAVE.

We definitely are ahead of the ball and hope to stay ahead, but the biggest thing needed is your help. The more Brothers that show up to help out at this event the easier the work is for everyone.

We have big hopes for this June, so your help is greatly appreciated. If your no able to make the Conclave, but would like to help out with the preparation, the April and May weekends will be filled with the preparation for the Conclave, so come on up to camp and lend an hand them weekends.

These weekends won't just have work involved, but good food and lots of fun and games.



News from the Committees

If you are a committee chairman, you can have you article printed right here in the Wolf's Tale. Submit articles or pictures for the January/February edition now. The deadline is **November 18th, 2005.**

\$ Dues Time \$

Josh Nimmerichter
 Membership Chairman

It is that time of year once again. It is time to pay your dues. Please pay your dues as soon as possible.

You should have received a green postcard in the mail telling you where to send it and how much to send. The quicker you send in your dues the earlier you don't have to worry about it and the quicker we can get you an updated Lodge ID Card. And, as a side note, if there are any mistakes on your ID card once you receive it, please e-mail us updates or changes at membership@kittatinny5.org.

N. O. A. C. - The Other Big Show

With all the talk about us hosting Conclave next year, it may be easy to overlook NOAC, The National Order of the Arrow Conference. Held every two years, next year it will be at Michigan State University in East Lansing, July 29-Aug 3.

NOAC is like "the National Jamboree of the Order of the Arrow." In 2004, over 6,500 Arrowmen representing some 300 lodges converged for a week of fun, fellowship, training, and vision.

If you have the Spirit of the Order in your heart and in your mind, this is not an event to miss. Kittatinny Lodge will be taking a bus to NOAC to

keep the costs to a minimum. We are estimating \$700.00 for the week, which includes all food, lodging, transportation, and event participation.

If you are considering attending NOAC, you should be sure to have your deposit in to the Council Service Center no later than Dec 31.

If you do not, you will not be included in important mailings, participant announcements, pre-orders for merchandise, and other important information as we approach the conference date.

Do not delay - send in your deposit today !

The Back Stage

Don Kline, Scoutmaster - Troop 430

Having just completed my first service weekend since becoming a Brotherhood member, I was completely amazed at the "backstage" that takes place. No, this isn't a "tell all" story. What it is, however, is a stunned adult member. The good news is I was stunned in a very good way.

From the very moment we arrived, it was obvious that a plethora of planning was put into the process. Check-in was a breeze for everyone and the Ordeal candidates were headed in the correct direction - not one candidate had that "deer in the headlight look" as they wondered camp trying to find the activities. Yes, some were obviously nervous about the coming event of the great unknown. Their fears were set to rest, temporarily at least, as they asked questions that were answered with respect and very good directions or instructions as to where to go and what to do.

Watching the Friday night activities from the "other side" was fascinating as a new procedure was followed, which was apparently not even 24 hours old. Seamless from the observers point of view, extra assistance was asked for with specific instruction and followed to a tee. WOW - what an exhilarating experience as the Ordeal candidates followed the path to OA membership.

Experiencing the volunteerism for task assignments on Saturday morning was equally astounding. When asked to step forward to take on a few tasks, everyone moved and got to work. As service projects progressed there were periods of waiting for tools, trucks, and answers. At those times everyone took on another task in

a different section without ever uttering "that's not my area." A river of service-minded Brothers flowed from place to place as they took the load, divided it and conquered most of the items on the weekend's To Do List.

From the incredible food through an absolutely moving ceremony to the cracker-barrel, the fellowship of having a goal, working hand in hand and accomplishing great things for the good of a common cause was obvious as everyone gathered Saturday night. If anyone had any doubt of what OA is all about, Saturday answered all the questions!

They say "parting is such sweet sorrow," and so it went on Sunday morning as we enjoyed breakfast, observed our religious service and headed for wherever the roads lead us next. A lot of "See you in a few," "Remember in 10 months it's Brotherhood," and "What are you doing for Conclave?" showed a sincere care for the friends, Brothers, that attended this weekend with the hope and expectations of meeting again soon.

What really set me back was the entire weekend was run completely by the Scouts!!! Many people in our Troops are afraid to turn the reigns over to the youth members of our organizations. Afraid the program might not be successful. To them I say, "Go see what the kids can do - go to the OA weekends and be prepared to be amazed!"

Great job guys!

HEY BROTHERS, WHERE ARE YOU? (PART 2)

Editorial by: John Fenstermacher

Attention Campers. I'm still looking for a few adults, or troops, to step up and commit to help make summer camp OA cracker barrels more interesting from a gastronomical perspective. Yea, food!

We currently have three of the seven Wednesdays covered but didn't exactly have any line cutters knocking people down to sign up at the last meeting. Also, I would like to apologize to the troop who provided the snack for week three. I certainly didn't mean to insult their effort but I was just disappointed that more adults didn't step up to help.

The other thing I discovered while eating my humble pie was that there was some confusion about exactly how to help. So let's clear that up. The best case scenario is to sign up, either as an individual, group, or troop, and then show up with the snack for that night. An alternative would be to provide the finances to support one of the cracker barrels.

The other issue that came up at the quarterly meeting was, "what to bring", so here are a few ideas I got from my fellow scouts and scouters. Ice cream w/toppings, ring bologna and cheese, rice crispy treats, fruit cobbler, pizza or bagel bites, cake or cupcakes, nachos w/salsa and other toppings, hot dogs, cookie sundaes, soft pretzels w/cheese dip, pudding parfaits, root beer floats, weenie or Hawaiian kabobs, fresh cut fruit w/hot fudge dip, and for the more health conscious fresh veggies with dip or ants on a log (for those of you like me who don't know what that is it's celery with peanut butter or cream cheese and raisins), or anything else your troop likes to eat when you're camping.

It's OK to use your imagination. Your younger brothers are counting on you to feed the lodge with your food and your spirit. If you want to sign up before the April weekend please e-mail me at jjfenster@msn.com.

Thanks again and hope to see all of you soon.

"Plans are only good intentions unless they immediately degenerate into hard work."

Peter Drucker

THE ROLE OF THE SECTION

George Shoop, *Lodge Adviser*

They say no man is an island, and, likewise, no Lodge stands alone. While the Lodge is the key organizational unit of the Order of the Arrow, the Section is the OA organization that provides key support to the Lodge, and we should all be more aware of its role.

Kittatinny 5 is one of seven lodges in Section NE-4A, all located in Eastern Pennsylvania. The seven lodges in our Section are: Unami Lodge 1, Kittatinny Lodge 5, Wyona Lodge 18, Octoraro Lodge 22, Wunita Gokhos Lodge 39; Witauchsoman Lodge 44, and Woapeu Sisiliga Lodge 343. The Section, like all Lodges, is youth run, and is led by a Section Chief, a Section Vice Chief, and a Section Secretary, all elected each year at the Section Conclave. In addition, like in the lodge organization, there are advisers who assist the youth leadership. Section NE-4A's Section Adviser is our own Barry Leister, and there is also an Assistant Section Adviser and a Section Staff Adviser, who is a professional scouter.

The mission of the Section is to provide organizational support to each of its Lodges; to be a liaison between the Lodges and the National Order of the Arrow, to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and programs among the Lodges; and to provide opportunities for fellowship among the Lodges. The Section conducts an annual meeting for delegates of the Councils, better known as the Conclave. We will host the 2006 Conclave at HMSR in June, where you can see the Section in action. The mission of the Section is also fulfilled by creating a Section assistance team to help lodges better serve their

councils and achieve Quality Lodge status; provide leadership development opportunities; serve as a resource to assure compliance with national OA rules and regulations; and coordinate administrative functions among the lodges.

Section NE-4A has set certain goals that we as Arrowmen should help achieve, such as improving communications among the Lodges in the Section through newsletters and its website, having each Lodge achieve Quality Lodge status, encourage visitations and joint projects among the Lodges, provide funds for scholarships to help Arrowmen attend the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC), provide training for Lodge LLD programs, as well as planning and implementing successful Conclaves each year.

NE-4A has been very successful in meeting its goals and fulfilling its mission. Recently, the Section received an excellent acknowledgement of this success by being ranked Number 3 in the United States among all Sections in the country. We are a great Lodge among other great lodges in a great Section.

You can do your part in keeping our Section at the highest level, especially by doing your part to make Conclave 2006 an outstanding gathering of the seven Lodges in NE-4A. If you haven't already done so, volunteer to be on staff for the upcoming Conclave. We need everyone on board to make this a first rate weekend at our camp.

You can find out more about Section NE-4A by visiting its website: www.ne4a.org.

OA Provides Services For Cub Packs

Cubmasters, Webelos Den Leaders, it's not too early to start planning your spring Arrow-Of-Light and Cross-Over Ceremonies.

The lodge ceremonies teams of Kittatinny Lodge 5 can put on a memorable event for your Cub Pack's special day. Staff and dates are limited, so requesting early provides you with the best chance of getting the lodge to perform for your Pack.

For more information, contact the ceremonies committee at ceremonies@kittatinny5.org, or by calling a ceremonies committee officer (found on the back of this Wolf's Tale).

Start Thinking Now . . .

The end of the year is drawing near, and it will once again time to reflect on the past year and consider nominations for our lodge awards.

Information on the lodge awards are on the web site. Please consider worthy nominees for those who have served you unselfishly over the past year. Kittatinny Lodge presents the following award annually: Camp Service Award, Spirit Award, and the Founder's Award.

It is also not too soon to start thinking about those around you who have shown exceptional service in leadership who may be considered candidates for the Vigil Honor.

Check the next edition of Wolf's Tale for more information.

CONCLAVE 2006 - HAWK MOUNTAIN June 9-10-11, 2006

KITTATINNY LODGE 5 WILL BE HOSTING THE 2006 SECTION NE-4A CONCLAVE. IT'S A BIG JOB AND WE NEED A STRONG STAFF TO SUPPORT OUR GUESTS FROM LODGES IN OUR SECTION.

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

FULL NAME:		
LODGE MEMBER #		
PHONE: ()		
ADDRESS 1:		
ADDRESS 2:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:
I AM INTERESTED IN A STAFF POSITION		
I AM INTERESTED IN A DELEGATE POSITION		

Interest Form Only !!!
No fee is required at this time, however, a fee will be charged for both staff and delegates.

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

NOAC 2006 - MICHIGAN STATE July 29-Aug 3, 2006 ESTIMATED COST: \$700.00

LIKE THE NATIONAL JAMBOREE, BUT FOR ORDER OF THE ARROW !
FUN, FRIENDSHIP, COMPETITION, TRAINING, TRADING

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

FULL NAME:		
LODGE MEMBER #		
PHONE: ()		
ADDRESS 1:		
ADDRESS 2:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:
APPROXIMATE TOTAL COST:	\$700.00	
DEPOSIT REQUIRED:	\$100.00	

YOU MUST INCLUDE THE \$100.00 DEPOSIT TO ENSURE YOUR SPOT AT NOAC 2006. APPROXIMATE TOTAL COST WILL BE \$700.00

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED:	
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Mail fee, envelope, and completed form to:
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If you have the internet, you can go to www.kittatinny5.org and submit a letter or article of interest to the publications committee , electronically.

The deadline for contributions for the **January/February** issue is **NOVEMBER 18th**, and can be mailed to:

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 153 SUNSET HILL RD.
 BOYERTOWN, PA 19512**

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Get Wolf's Tale on-line plus more at:
<http://www.kittatinny5.org>

2006 Lodge Dues are now payable. You must be a registered member of the Hawk Mountain Council. Return your payment with post card for processing.

Members who currently have 2005 dues paid should have received a post card reminder. If you have not received a post card, please contact the Membership Committee via the E-Mail link on Lodge Website <http://www.kittatinny5.org>. Include your current mailing address in e-mail for verification.

Note: Ordeal members from September 2005 automatically have their dues paid until December 31, 2006. You can also check your dues status/archive at Lodge Website <http://www.kittatinny5.org>. Please allow seven weeks processing for return of your 2006 card.

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 Contact Chaz to become a member of the team!*

High Adventure With the National OA

Have you ever seen the Northern Lights or portaged a canoe? If not, then the Order of the Arrow has the opportunity for you to participate in the OA Voyage Program at Northern Tier Canoe Base in Ely, Minnesota.

Since 1999, the Order of the Arrow has provided Arrowmen between the ages of 16 and 21, the opportunity to explore and service the Boundary Waters and some of the most pristine wildlife seen by few. Even if you have portaged a canoe or participated in the program previously, there are other opportunities available to you.

All participants in the program are placed into crews that will service a portage trail for one week as it is imperative as members of the Boy Scouts of America to leave things better than we found them.

After learning how to use a variety of tools and how to effectively perform a "J-stroke," you and your crew will design your very own trek. These treks are unique in that many of them are longer and travel to un-chartered territory than the normal crews that leave the base.

Not very many people whom you go to school with or work with can say that they have paddled 185 miles by canoe to International Falls or portaged the final 4 miles that leads to Lake Superior.

These examples are experiences that will live with those crew members, who made some of the Voyage's memorable journeys. Experiences are what shape the people we will become in the future. Sign up today for a journey, you will surely not regret.

For more information about this program or any of the Order of the Arrow's High Adventure programs, please visit Adventure.ou-bsa.org or talk to your lodge chief. Don't miss out on the opportunity of a lifetime and try something new. Discover the hidden gem of the BSA, discover the OA Voyage at Northern Tier!