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LODGE CALENDAR

2006



September 15-17
National Leadership Seminar
Camp Alpine, Alpine, NJ

September 15-17
OA Service Weekend HMSR
Theme: Tailgate

September 30
LLDC
Camp Shikellamy

November 4-5
Vigil Weekend HMSR

November 4-6
Section Officers Seminar
Camp Alpine, Alpine, NJ

Chief's Corner

Greetings Brothers,
The month of September is upon us which means many exciting events in the Lodge are about to occur. On September 15 through the 17 the lodge service weekend will be held at Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation. All brothers are encouraged to attend this weekend. During the weekend there are many fun events planned with are tailgating theme so wear your favorite sports Jersey. (Bonus points to all that wear eagles gear, Fly eagles fly!) Also during the weekend CP&E representatives will be going through training. Reminder to all lodge executive members LLD will be held Sept 30 at a surprise location, keep your calendars open or else. I am hoping to see everyone at the weekend and I encourage all brothers to attend the meeting on Sunday so we can hear what you all have to say about the lodge and new and exciting ideas. As always brothers have fun and stick to the scouting values.

Yours in Brotherhood
Jonathan Fritz

Conclave is History



The NE-4A Conclave is now behind us. It was a huge success. With the planning that went into it everything just fell to place.

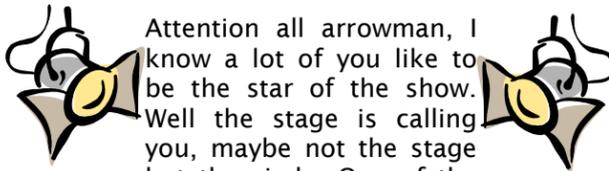
I want to thank Ryan, our chairman, for the planning and carrying out of the plans. A thank you goes out to all chairman and advisors.

A big thank you to the Kitchen Staff for the job they did getting the meals together and on time. A thank you for the fine meals that was prepared.

I hope all participants had a good time. I hope the first time participant members learned something and took memories home with them.

Again thanks to the staff and anyone who helped make it a huge success.

Thanks again,
Dick Keppler
GUNAGUOT MOSTHAKANTPEU ACHIBIS



Attention all arrowman, I know a lot of you like to be the star of the show. Well the stage is calling you, maybe not the stage but the circle. One of the first things an ordeal candidate experiences is the pre-ordeal ceremony. It sets the tone for the entire weekend. You can be a part of that first impression for those candidates. How can I do that you ask? By joining the ceremonies team. I'm sure we have a part that fits you perfectly. For more information contact Alex or Tim Seidel ceremonies chairman and advisor.

Tim Seidel
Ceremonies Advisor

OOOPPPS...

Our sensor apology to the members for Troop 744 who we accidentally missed during the Friday Recognition Ceremony, these gentlemen are members for our honored order that have recently taken their Ordeal or are newly elected. Congratulations to these Arrowmen and once again sorry for the mess-up:

David Marouchoc
Derek Marouchoc
Tommy Kuba
Shawn McArdle
Scott Nevenglosky
Teo Heckman
Steve Homcha
Brent Homcha

Attention WEBELOS II Den Leaders!

It is not too early to start thinking about your Arrow of Light/ Crossover Ceremony. I know it's not till next spring, however the boys in your den have been working extra hard to complete the award. I believe they deserve an extra special ceremony to award it to them. One way to do this is to have the Order of the Arrow perform the ceremony for you. Look for additional information in your upcoming Scouting publications and leader packets or E-mail a request through our web site to Ceremonies at: kittatinny5.org

Tim Seidel
Ceremonies Advisor



Time to Wrap-up

Things are wrapping up for the regular season at HMSR. The list for the September weekend will prove to be quite a lengthy one. I encourage and challenge everyone to make their best effort to come out for the last service weekend of the year. The Executive Committee has some great plans for our lodge and these things can only happen if everyone is there to support the lodge. Also, for anyone that may be wondering what else goes on behind the scenes I encourage you to attend the thirdly meeting on Sunday. Attendance at the thirdly meetings has dwindled greatly and there is a lot of information given out at these meetings so please try and stay Sunday morning.

Yours in Service,
Josh Nimmerichter
Vice Chief of Administration



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After a lot of rain and some run ins with skunks summer camp proved to be a success. Thank you to everyone that helped make the lodge an important part of the summer camp program. The ceremonies went really well and thank you to those that contributed to the Wednesday Night Cracker Barrel. Chances are pretty good that I will not be returning as Summer Chieftain so best of luck to the next guy.



Yours in Brotherhood,
Josh Nimmerichter
OA Summer Chieftain 06



Dear Brothers,
As your new Activities Chairman, I would like to first congratulate those who recently received their Ordeal and Brotherhood membership, and especially new Vigil Honor members. Furthermore, as the September OA Weekend approaches, I continue to look for more and more ideas for our "tailgating" theme this month. I look forward to seeing you at the weekend. So, if you have any ideas or questions, feel free to contact me at activities@kittatinny5.org.

Yours in Brotherhood & Scouting
Nick Seigenfuse
Activities Chairman



Hello Brothers,
I am looking to this new year of elections. Please talk to your scoutmaster about holding an election. Hope to see you all in September.

Yours in the Brotherhood,
Ed Valibus
CP&E Chairman



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 **December 1st, 2006**.

Hello Brothers,
My name is Josh Seidel and I am the new circle chairman. As being the new circle chairman, I am in charge of making sure that our OA circle looks good for the ceremonies. Due to the flooding during week one of summer camp, the circle is partly rained out. So I ask any help that anyone can provide please do. I also want to encourage everyone to come out, to help and have fun at September's OA weekend.
Josh Seidel
Circle Chairman

Are you an OA Troop/Team Representative?

What to know how to get information to you troop, go to Kittatinny5.org and click on the section on the home page labeled OA Troop/Team Rep. Also another good way to inform you troop/team of upcoming event is to come to weekends and other events such as LLDC. If you need any additional information or you just need a boost to get your troop active, contact any of the Lodge Officers or Chairman.

Kittatinny5.org



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.aa-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!



Dear Brother,

Each year, the leaders of Kittatinny Lodge gather for a Lodge Leadership Development event. The purpose of the event is to build the team of lodge leaders who will guide our lodge for the coming year. The event consists of a number of training sessions that will help us all focus our attentions on issues our lodge needs to again attain the National Quality Lodge distinction.

You, as a valued leader of Kittatinny Lodge, are invited to participate at this exciting event. As a leader, you know that your attendance is vital to your success in the coming year.

What is Lodge Leadership Development?

LLD is a training program that meets local lodge and council needs, builds and orients lodge and chapter leaders, fosters quality service to Scouting, and uses best methods and strategies.



Why do lodges need programs such as the LLD?

1. Lodge Leadership Development leads to personal growth.
2. Personal growth leads to lodge growth.
3. Lodge growth leads to **Quality Lodge**.
4. Quality Lodge leads to building strong leaders.
5. Strong leaders build more leaders using the resources of the LLD.

Remember: LLDC is coming soon!



The Order of the Arrow has had a long-standing interest in coordinating a national service project, utilizing the infrastructure and leadership established over many years of success at the Boy Scouts of America's high adventure bases. Working closely together, the United States Forest Service and the OA have chosen five project sites, spread across America, that will be the focus of our combined efforts. ArrowCorps5 (pronounced Arrow Corps Five) will provide a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for each participant to set an example of leadership in service to those who treasure our national forests.

tional forests.

Five thousand physically fit and able volunteers (determined by the "Philmont Weight Limits for Backpacking & Hiking"), made up of youth and adults, will participate. The national Order of the Arrow committee and key sponsors will fund the projects. Participants will pay a reasonable fee to help pay for accommodations, meals, and a full day of recreational activities during the projects.

Additional information will be available through the National Bulletin and National Order of the Arrow Web Site in the future. Mark Twain National Forest will be the first of the five sites to be featured starting in the fourth quarter of 2006 with the other four sites following in 2007. All locations and dates appear below.

Mark Twain National Forest

June 7-14, 2008 / Missouri

Manti-La Sal National Forest

June 14-21, 2008 / Utah

George Washington & Jefferson National Forests

June 21-28, 2008 / Virginia

Shasta-Trinity National Forest

July 12-19, 2008 / California

Bridger-Teton National Forest

July 26 - August 2, 2008 / Wyoming

oa-bsa.org

Jumpstart Your Lodge Inductions

By Riley Berg, 2002 National Vice Chief



One of the most important, yet commonly neglected, parts of the induction sequence is orienting our new members to the Order of the Arrow. After a weekend-long experience, how likely is it that Arrowmen will become active and seal their membership in Brotherhood if they have little or no idea what our organization stands for beyond scant food, hard work, and silence?

With the realization that the lack of an effective new member orientation might be a cause of low membership retention and Brotherhood conversion rates across the nation, it was decided to offer a resource that would help lodges confront these issues.

On January 1, 2003, the "Jumpstart for New Arrowmen" area of the National Order of the Arrow Web Site was launched, and later that month the brand new [Lodge Orientation Guide](#) was distributed to councils around the nation and posted on the National Order of the Arrow Web Site.

At the National Planning Meeting in December 2002, National Order of the Arrow Chairman Brad Haddock asserted that a lodge's use of the *Lodge Orientation Guide*, and a new member's use of the interactive web site were among the National OA Committee's top priorities.

"The introduction and use of the Jumpstart Resource is a critical priority for 2003 because we want to assure each new member appreciates the importance of service to others and provide assistance to the lodge in achieving a high Brotherhood conversion rate as a result," said Haddock.

The Jumpstart Resource comes in two parts: the orientation guide for lodges and the interactive website for new Arrowmen.

The [Lodge Orientation Guide](#), which is available on this web site, provides everything youth leaders need to perform a meaningful orientation. The orientation is split into 6 parts, and takes approximately one hour to complete. The newly inducted members will then leave their Ordeal having all of the information they will need to be successful in our organization. The guide also provides bookmarks for lodges to place in each handbook, directing new Arrowmen to continue their orientation at home on the web.

"The *Lodge Orientation Guide* is an important step for us, because it helps lodges focus on the sixth point of the induction sequence, the 'New Member Orientation'," said Rich Moore, the 2003 National Vice Chief. "Lodges need to put as much effort into having an effective new member orientation as they would a Pre-Ordeal or Ordeal Ceremony."

Perhaps the most exciting part of Jumpstart is the new interactive [JumpStart area](#) of the National Order of the Arrow Website. Here, new members can get a taste of the Order's rich history, learn of the opportunities available to them, and study the requirements for sealing their membership.

"It's an innovative, technology-based way to explain the purpose and high ideals of the Order of the Arrow, and to assist the new Arrowman in understanding and meeting the challenges of Brotherhood," said Haddock. "I wish something like this had been available when I was inducted."



**SEPTEMBER 15-17, 2006
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 !

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:

- \$20.00 - Late Fee (Received after September 10, 2006)
- \$15.00 - Regular Fee (Received before September 10, 2006)
- \$10.00 - Partial Weekend - 2 meals (Received before September 10, 2006)
- \$16.00 - Additional Brotherhood Testing Fee *ONLY* for eligible Ordeal Members

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

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

**COMMITTEE INTREST FORM
OA WEEKEND REGISTRATION**

Name: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

E-mail address: _____

This is a for any member who is interested in joining a committee, bring this form with you when you come to the next weekend and hand it in at registration and the Committee Chairman will contact you during the weekend. Please check the following committee(s) that you are interested in joining.

Committees:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Kittatinny INC. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brotherhood | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
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- E. Urner Goodman -

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Shikellamy!**