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THE EYES AND EARS OF KITTATINNY LODGE 5
HAWK MOUNTAIN COUNCIL 528, BSA



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LODGE CALENDAR

2008



Trip To New York City
March 22

April Service Weekend
April 11—13
HMSR

Trade-O-Ree / Native American Day
April 26
HMSR

May Service Weekend
May 16—18
HMSR

Ordeal Plus Thirty Years = Brotherhood

I don't remember exactly when my Ordeal took place. I can make a good guess though. While I had been a Cub and Boy Scout while living in California my family moved home to Central New York when I was fourteen. The OA memorabilia I have left from my youth is from the Taghajute Lodge of the Cayuga County Council in New York State. Incidentally, the very Lodge my nephew belongs to today. But aside from a Lodge neckerchief and memories of friends picking up an axe and performing a ceremonial dance while camping, or another friend arriving on a ten-speed bicycle wearing his uniform and a headdress, nothing. Certainly not Brotherhood.

Even after I left Scouts, I continued camping, sometimes more frequently than others. You have got to be a good camper to get into OA. And that love of camping carried over into my life even after I had left Scouts. A friend from my years in Albany and I still spend Columbus Day weekend in the Adirondacks, although I moved away from New York over a decade ago. Often our trips included his sons, both Scouts in their day, although by that time I was involved in a career with heavy travel requirements, and I played no role in their unit or any other. So no Brotherhood there.

After my son Joined Cub Scouts I was encouraged to 'reinstate' my OA membership so I could participate in the work weekends at camp. Work weekends were billed as a lot more fun than work by one of the adults in the Troop that our Pack fed into.

And you know, as an aside, it is. I had a great time building tent platforms last Fall - I got to use a nail gun! Call it fun for the simple-minded.

So I began trying to hunt up any evidence that I had ever been in OA. Well, my old council had no records. Any membership cards I had had were long gone. So I wrote a letter pleading for re-admittance, with only my honor as a Scout as proof that I had once been an Arrowman. And they actually let me in. I was even assigned an Ordeal date - July, 1977. Who knows when it was really, but close enough. Still, I wasn't thinking about Brotherhood. I just wanted to go to the work weekends, help out the camp, you know.

But then, Summer Camp. There I was, responsible for mother-henning two Pathfinders, my son one of them, for the week. And I found out that you can complete Brotherhood right there at Summer Camp. And I had been to lodge meetings, so I knew that Ordeal to Brotherhood conversion is important to maintaining our Quality Lodge status. And I thought to myself, how hard can it be?

It was both harder, and easier, than I could have known at the time. I needed a lot of help from the young Arrowmen, Scouts, there at camp. I don't know if I had ever memorized the Obligation as a youth, but I memorized it there at camp in an afternoon. I had help with responses to the questions I would be asked as I entered the Lodge campfire circle. A lot of help. But describing the lessons of the Ordeal was easy. Self denial, isolation, service to others. I can't speak to how I would have described the Ordeal thirty years ago, as a youth, but in that time I have been, continue to be, a father, husband, son and grandson, friend, employee. And in every one of those roles in life there are opportunities to do what is right, or to 'go along to get along', opportunities to take on work, and to strive to complete it cheerfully - or to leave it for someone else to do, and there is loneliness and opportunities missed never to return in doing so. But it is still the right thing to do, and the lesson of the Ordeal, for me, is that if you choose the harder path, you have the resources within yourself to see it through.

So there you have it. Ordeal, July 1977 and Brotherhood thirty years later - to the month.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Dave Bailey

Chief's Corner



See you all at the
Spring Weekends!

Hello Brothers,

I hope everyone is having a good new year. These past couple months have been very busy with winter ceremonies, OA elections and other events. Please keep alert for upcoming events such as the Lodge to New York City and the Native American Day. If anyone is interested in being involved with the lodge please contact either myself or the chairman of the committee you are interested in getting involved with. As always have fun but keep your scouting values in mind.

Jonathan Fritz
Lodge Chief
Kittatinny Lodge V

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Spring Time is in the Air

I hope that everyone is enjoying the strange weather this winter. I know that the warm days reminded me of spring, and we all know that spring brings... OA weekends! I hope that everyone else is having the same thoughts. Come on out to the weekends and share in some fun and fellowship. We'll have volleyball and football games, and we'll even have movies showing in the dining hall. The weekends look like they're going to be a lot of fun this year. To all the Ordeal members out there, we encourage that you take your Brotherhood review and become Brotherhood member. It is an excellent experience that one should take part in. You can take your Brotherhood at any of the three service weekends, or any Tuesday during summer camp.

Conclave this year promises to be a great event. It is being hosted by Wunita Gokhos Lodge at Camp Bashore from June 13-15. The theme this year is The Adventure Continues which is an Indiana Jones theme. This year there will be a volleyball tournament, a ceremonies competition, and their COPE course will be open for use. These are just a few of the many activities that are planned. There are a lot of things to do at conclave, so get your registrations in early. We have 40 spots to fill, but they will go fast.

Another event the lodge is hosting this year is Native American Day which is being held on April 26. Native American day will also feature a patch Trade-O-Ree for you the patch traders out there. At the event tribes from all over the area will be represented to show us traditional dress, dances, and other Native American customs. The Lenape Nation will also be present. This is the tribe that the OA is based off. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the basis of the OA and to learn about Native Americans in general.

The summer may seem far away, but not for me. I will be the OA Summer Chieftain again this summer, and I am looking for troops who would like to sponsor cracker barrels on Wednesday nights after the call out ceremony. If any troops are interested, please contact me. My number is in the back of the Wolf's Tale.

Now for a quick review; please come to OA weekends, take your Brotherhood, Conclave should be awesome, and Native American Day is going to be a good time... so now the only thing left to do is to come to these events and have some fun. And a few more not previously mentioned, pay your dues if you have not yet and if you are an OA Troop Rep. keep your troop informed about everything that is happening this year.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Kyle Dierolf
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Vice-Chief of Admin.

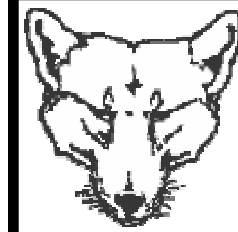
Hello Everyone,

I urge all lodge members to sign up for Kittatinny e-news. E-news allows the lodge to email you important dates, and events. These dates can be very important and include when your dues are due, or when the next OA weekend will be held. The website also offers many different links to pages related to other Scouting organizations. OA troop reps can also register online. The lodge's website is www.kittatinny5.org.

Your's in Brotherhood
Mike Beekman

Lodge Leadership

Kittatinny Lodge 5 is currently looking for people interested in joining a committee. If you are interested in getting more involved in the Order of the Arrow please contact Jon Fritz, Lodge Chief through the contact information listed on the back page of this Wolf's Tail.



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 May/June edition now. The deadline is **April 10th, 2008.**

KITTATINNY LODGE 5 TRADE-O-REE and Native American Day

Hey guys, think its to early to make plans for the upcoming year. Well heres one that you will want to be a part of. Our lodge will be having a very fun and educational experience at camp. Weather your involved in the lodge or not this will be an event you will not want to miss. Kittatinny lodge will be hosting a Trade-O-Ree and Native American Day on April 26, 2008. So you can come and see the patches from our lodge as well as have an opportunity to purchase some for your own collection that are from our lodge as well as many other lodges from around the nation. While you are at the event you will have an opportunity to see Native Americans who will be displaying artifacts from their respective tribes. They will be putting on demonstrations so this will be an event that you do not want to miss out on. The Native American culture plays a very important part of the Order of the Arrow. So talk this up in your troops and get everyone to come out and enjoy the first Kittatinny 5 Trade-O-Ree and Native American Day on April 26, 2008. If you have any questions do not hesitate to call me the numbers in the Wolfs Tail. Thanks and we can not wait to see you and your troop at the special day on April 27,2008 at camp.

Kevin Damato
Vice Chief of Activities
Wulangtowagan Timmeu Mawachpo

CONCLAVE 2008

The adventure continues. Hot off the press, Kittatinny Lodge has been put on notice that plans have been finalized for the 2008 NE4A conclave, to be held at Bashore Scout Reservation June 13th to 15th. In this issue of the Wolf's Tail you will find a registration form for Conclave. A total of 40 delegate spots are available on a 1st come 1st served basis. Cost is \$28.00 per delegate. Join us for a weekend of fun, fellowship and food at Bashore Scout Reservation, home of the Wunita Gokhos Lodge. The planned events are Volleyball & Horseshoe tournament, Dance & Ceremony competition, Cope, Water Balloon Launching, Atlatl Throwing & a Climbing wall. Meals include Pizza, Dogs, Burgers, French toast, Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Pancakes, Pulled Pork, Roast Beef, Cake and Ice Cream sundaes. Also available are various training opportunities to learn about OA Section and Region. Saturday Evening will bring an awesome campfire show designed to enhance the spirit of Scouting Service within us all, followed by a fellowship feast and a huge patch auction, Wunita Gokhos Lodge has planned a unique Conclave featuring an Indian Jones theme to coincide with the new movie: Indiana Jones & the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull. So crack that whip and get registered to join your Kittatinny Lodge Brothers from June 13th—15th at the 2008 NE4A Conclave.

Any Questions, Contact:
Chairman: Pete Secor
Advisor: Tony Damato,

CONCLAVE 2008

June 13th-15th
Camp Bashore

Name: _____

Lodge Member ID #: _____

Phone #: (_____) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Email: _____ ()Adult ()Youth

FEE: \$28.00

Also Class 1 medical form must be filled out and sent in with registration

Mail Completed forms, and fee to:

Kittatinny Lodge 5
Hawk Mountain Council, BSA
5027 Pottsville Pike
Reading, PA 19605



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.

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 is available through the National Bulletin and National Order of the Arrow Web Site. Mark Twain National Forest was the first of the five sites to be featured starting in the 2006 with the other four sites following in 2007.

Sign up for Kittatinny E-News at: Kittatinny5.org

**April 11-13, 2008
OA WEEKEND REGISTRATION**

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

April 4 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 April 4, 2008)
- \$15.00 - Regular Fee (Received before April 4, 2008)
- \$10.00 - Partial Weekend - 2 meals (Received before April 4, 2008)
- \$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**

**May 16-18, 2008
OA WEEKEND REGISTRATION**

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

May 9 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 May 9, 2008)
- \$15.00 - Regular Fee (Received before May 9, 2008)
- \$10.00 - Partial Weekend - 2 meals (Received before May 9, 2008)
- \$16.00 - Additional Brotherhood Testing Fee *ONLY* for eligible Ordeal Members

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

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OLEY, PA 19547**

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(Subject Box: WT ARTICLE)

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High Adventure With the National OA

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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.oa-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!