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Important Dates

May 12, 2018
Camp Maintenance Day

May 18-20, 2018
OA Service Weekend

June 1-3, 2018
NE-6B Conclave

June 9, 2018
Camp Maintenance Day

August 5-10, 2018
NYLT (National Youth
Leadership Training)

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Chiefly Speaking

Andrew Simmons

Brothers,

How is it already May? On December 9th we held our annual Lodge Leadership Development (LLD). At LLD we trained officers, chairman, advisors, and members on areas such as Camp Promotions and Elections, Troop Team Rep Program, Ceremonies, and goal setting just to name a few. I am proud to announce that Kittatinny Lodge maintained the Bronze Level for Journey to Excellence in 2017.

The April service weekend was a huge success and the May weekend is almost upon us. Have a trade you can contribute, or just want to serve camp? Then register online at <http://kittatinny5.org/> and come on out.

Looking ahead, we have fifty spots available for our conclave contingent and they are going to go fast— so register right away. This year's theme is "DO IT". Hope to see you there!!

Yours in Service,
Andrew Simmons
Lodge Chief



CONCLAVE 2018— DO IT!

We don't mean you should just do Conclave... "DO IT" is the theme for the NE-6B Conclave to be held June 1-3, 2018, at nearby Bashore Scout Reservation, Pennsylvania Dutch Council, hosted by Wunita Gokhos Lodge #39.

What exactly is "IT"?

Training— Learn IT

Games— Play IT, Win IT

Food— Eat IT

Shows— Enjoy IT

Accommodations— Experience IT

Conclave— Remember IT!

For our newer members, Conclave is an annual gathering of the five lodges in our section for training, competition, friendship and fellowship. It rotates to a different camp in our section each year, so you get to experience different camps, different programs, and a different way of doing things so you can share those things back with our lodge. Kittatinny Lodge will be allocated fifty slots for Conclave, so many of our members will be able to attend. The cost will be only \$36.00 for the weekend. Keep an eye out for more information as it comes out, and mark your calendars now.

Visit <http://kittatinny5.org/conclave/> now for more information and to register.



2018 OAHA Scholarship Information



OAHA. That's High Adventure, OA Style. If you've wanted to participate in High Adventure but wanted to find a more affordable way to join in the fun, here it is. Sign up to perform one week of service at any of the High Adventure sites with a crew of Arrowmen, then spend a second week experiencing the challenges your base offers. When you get back, you'll be required to provide the region with an account of your experiences that can be posted on the region website for recognition and promotion for the programs and the scholarship. The amount awarded to recipients will be up to \$250. The Northeast Region Key 3 will determine the committee that will select the recipients each year. More information can be found at the OA High Adventure website, adventure.oa-bsa.org.

To be considered for the OAHA scholarship:

1. Must be a first-time participant in an OAHA program prior to submission of the application
2. Must have current lodge dues paid for the upcoming year.
3. Must have approval from the lodge adviser.
4. Must meet all requirements and be admitted to an OA High Adventure program.



The four Order of the Arrow High Adventure patches
(from left to right) Northern Tier, Philmont, Florida Sea Base, High Adventure Triple Crown.

Camp Promotions & Elections

A REVIEW OF THE 2018 ELECTION SEASON AND A GLIMPSE OF WHAT MAY BE

Congratulations to all of this year's successful candidates!

As the 2018 election season draws to a close it's a good time to reflect on what has been a very interesting election season. Each year a small dedicated team of Arrowmen fan out across our council to bring OA elections to every troop with qualifying candidates. Many Arrowmen I talk to think Camp Promotions and Elections (CP&E) is a boring and thankless task. To be sure— it is very frustrating at times.

This year we started seeing an concerning trend appearing— more troops commented that they didn't have any candidates because the troop didn't camp enough to meet the 15 days of camping. Equally concerning is an uptick in the number of troops who's Scoutmaster commented, "I spoke with the troop and they are not interested in the OA". Of the eighty-four troops in Frontier, Cacoosing & Black Rock districts, more than twenty-seven troops declined to hold an election for one or both of the above reasons.

As a Scoutmaster myself and a real believer in the value the OA brings to Troop 183, I find this trend concerning. We use the OA as the natural leadership stepping stone for past SPL's to keep them involved and challenged to grow. If you are part of one of these troops what can we do to help?

As I write this we will be inviting 119 successful election candidates to undertake their Ordeal in the Class of 2018. We have a few more elections to conduct, so this number may grow by ten or so, but this year's total is well short of the 150 candidates in the Class of 2017.

If your troop is one of those who couldn't hold an election this year for the above reasons, what can we do to help? Arrowmen, if you have any ideas I would love to hear from you. Whether it is by email or in person at one of our service weekends, please get in touch. If you know Arrowmen in troops who are struggling or don't really know how valuable the OA can be, reach out to them as a fellow brother. For, said he, who serves his fellows is, of all his fellows, greatest!

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Geoffrey Price

Kittatinny Lodge CP&E Advisor

Lodge Events

NOAC 2018

July 30-August 4, 2018

Indiana University is calling and Kittatinny Arrowmen are answering the call for NOAC 2018. Twenty-eight youth and eight adults will make up the Kittatinny Lodge contingent at this national event held every two years on a college campus. This is the 7th time Indiana University has hosted the event since it was first held in 1948. This year's theme is DECIDE YOUR DESTINY! Training and fellowship are the hallmarks of the National Order of the Arrow Conference.

The bus leaves on July 29th. Will you be on it?



National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

August 5-10, 2018

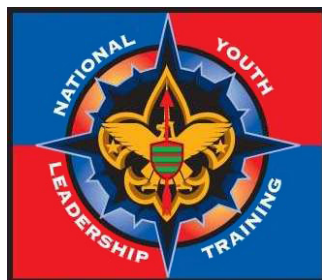
NYLT is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide youth members with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home troops, crews, and in life situations demanding leadership of self and others. The NYLT course centers around the concepts of what a leader must BE, what he must KNOW and what he must DO. The key elements are then taught with a clear focus on HOW TO. NYLT is a six-day course, delivered in a troop and patrol outdoor setting with an emphasis on immediate application of learning in a fun environment.

Boys Scouts must be:

- At least 13 years of age by the start of the course
- First Class Scouts

Venturers must be:

- At least 14, or 13 and completed the 8th grade
- Recommended one year camping experience



All Scouts must have their Unit Leader's recommendation

Contact Gordon Araujo, Course Director
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For more information, visit

<http://www.hmc-bsa.org/Training/Events/NYLT2018>

Arrowman Spotlight

Barry Leister

Barry's history in Scouting started back in 1958. As a youth he finished with the rank of Life Scout in 1970, then returned in 1978 as a leader. His leadership positions have included Assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster, Assistant District Commissioner, Council Committee, District Committee and Regional Level Area Committee.



Barry has served on many training staffs— JLOW, Den Chief, Scoutmaster Fundamentals, Train the Trainer, ten Woodbadge staffs and NYLT staff.

As a youth he attended Camp Shikellamy for five years including one year on staff in the Scoutcraft area. He has been helping at Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation since it's opening in 1978.

He has been a member of the OA for over fifty years, having taken his Ordeal in September of 1961 in Minsi Lodge 5. He took his Brotherhood in 1983 and was chosen for Vigil Honor in 1985, both in Kittatinny Lodge. Barry held advisorship in CP&E at District level, then at lodge level CP&E, Brotherhood Advisor, Associate Lodge Advisor and Lodge Advisor. He also served at the regional level as Associate Section Advisor for two years and Section Advisor for eight years.

He has attended both NLS and NLATS, then served on both NLS and NLATS staff for three years. For many years he's attended Conclave and NOAC, having staffed eight NOACs.

Council & District Awards Earned

Frontiersman Award	1980
Scouter Training	1982
Scouter Key	1982
District Award of Merit	1986
Silver Beaver Award	1997
Commissioner Award	1998
Commissioner Key	1999
James E. West	2006

Order of the Arrow Awards Earned

Vigil Honor	1985
Spirit Award	1990
Advisor Award	1991
Founder's Award	1993
Lodge Advisor Award	1994
Centurion Award	2015
Legacy Fellow Award	2015

Lodge Announcements

OA Troop Representative

If you want to have a voice in the Lodge, why not start with your Troop by serving as the OA Troop Representative? Be the "Voice of the Lodge" by keeping your Troop informed of all Lodge, Section, and National Events. Be the Cheerful Servant who assists young Scouts and displays the Arrowman's ideals for all the Troop to see.

The position qualifies for leadership credit required for rank advancement. If your Troop doesn't have a Troop Representative, ask if you can fill the role! Contact Kittatinny Lodge Troop/Team Representative Committee Chairman, **Jeff Davenport** at TroopTeamRep@Kittatinny5.org if you have any questions!



Lodge Dues

If you haven't paid your 2018 lodge dues yet, please do so immediately. Scouts who don't register will not be allowed to participate in lodge events like service weekends, Conclave, NOAC, etc.

Visit <http://kittatinny5.org/welcome/dues/> to register!

#ChooseOA

#ChooseOA brings us back to why we chose to be part of this brotherhood. It's different for every Arrowman, which goes to show that many benefits of involvement. We're all here for a reason, and

#ChooseOA is about sharing that reason with parents, Scoutmasters, professionals, younger Scouts and Cub Scouts. Tell the world why you **#ChooseOA**.

#Choose OA

Find out more info at <https://oa-bsa.org/chooseoa>.

Lodge Participation Award

With just a little work, you can get started earning the four-part (black wolf dangle patch and three pin segments) Kittatinny Award. Most of it you can do just by being an active member in your unit and attending OA Weekends. Start by earning the patch and then in subsequent years you earn each of the pins. It takes 4 years to earn the complete award set. The requirements for each of the four segments are the same.

Complete **FOUR** of the following:

1. Attend two service weekends and one quarterly meeting.
2. Attend a Lodge Executive Meeting, Conclave, or other Lodge event.
3. Attend Summer Camp or a High Adventure camp.
4. Attend 75% of your Troop's meetings.
5. Attend two troop campouts (other than extended camp).
6. Teach a Scout a new skill.

Once you have completed these, talk to the Lodge Chief, or an Executive Committee Member about what you have done and what you are planning to do for your Troop and the OA in the future.



We've been missing you, Brother!

We have a number of big goals in the lodge for this year, and they involve YOU. We would like to see as many members as possible attend at least one OA event in 2018: service weekends, lodge meetings, Conclave, NOAC, banquet, etc. Active membership does not simply mean being registered in BSA and paying your dues. We are a Brotherhood, and we would like to see our Brothers from time to time. If you are wearing the flap, please consider this Brotherhood aspect of what the OA represents and come out to join us. There is something for everyone!

A Bolo of a Different Color

by Kyle Dierolf

You may have noticed that members of Kittatinny Lodge wear bolo ties with their field uniforms of varying colors. Some of these are awards and some represent present and past leadership positions in the lodge. No matter the meaning, recipients often wear their bolos to show their lodge spirit at scouting functions. You may have also wondered what all the different colors mean and how these came to be. All bolos are adorned with a metal Kittatinny wolf head. Modern renditions have the typical Kittatinny wolf with green eyes backed by a red arrow going up and to the right. Older bolos display the wolf head commonly associated with the Minsi Lodge wolf with yellow eyes and the arrow going up and to the left. Let's explore the different bolos...

Black: These are available in Kitty Inc for any and all lodge members to wear! This is a great way to show your lodge spirit throughout the scouting community. In 2011 when ordering new metal heads for the award bolos the lodge received a shipment of the heads with black bolo cord already in place. It was then decided to sell them in Kitty Inc to the lodge membership. Since then the black lodge bolos have become rather popular with our lodge's Arrowmen. These display the metal Kittatinny wolf head on black cord.

Yellow: These represent the Chief's Award. The Chief's award is presented by the lodge chief annually to youth members who display exemplary enthusiasm towards the lodge and display a high level of dedication and leadership to the lodge's operations no matter their position or level. This award was first presented in 2009 at the lodge banquet following its creation by the 2008-2009 lodge officers; Kyle Dierolf (Lodge Chief), Phil Thomas (Vice Chief of Administration), Dan Kline (Vice Chief of Program), Josh Seidel (Secretary), and Brian Kahl (Treasurer) as a way to recognize youth members of the lodge. Yellow was chosen as one of the lodge's official colors that was not currently in use. The first two years this award was presented the bolo featured a hand carved arrowhead with the lodge's hat pin embedded in them made by former Lodge Adviser (and former Minsi Lodge Chief) Joe Pietruszynski. The Chief's Award has since displayed the metal Kittatinny wolf head on yellow cord.

Red & White: The Lodge Chief's bolo is displayed on red and white bolo cord representing the colors of

the Order of the Arrow. These bolos are presented at the beginning of a chief's term and are meant to be worn for the remainder of their scouting career. The Lodge Chief's bolo was created and presented as an outward recognition to our lodge's youth leader for their service, dedication, and hard work that comes with the role of chief. Current and future lodge leaders may look to these individuals for advice and guidance to learn from their experiences. This bolo was first presented by then Lodge Adviser Kyle Dierolf to then Lodge Chief Tony Stianche at a Lodge Thirdly Meeting on April 23, 2017. Future chiefs have since been presented with the red and white bolo in addition to former chiefs who have been to lodge functions since its inception. The creation of this bolo began in 2015 with discussions among Lodge Adviser Rudy Benkert, Assoc. Lodge Adviser Kyle Dierolf, and Lodge Chief Austin Noguera. This bolo displays the metal Kittatinny wolf head on red and white cord.

Red: The Adviser's award. These awards are typically presented at the end of a Lodge Adviser's term to adult committee advisers and adult members for outstanding service to the lodge and its mission. Recipients serve the lodge selflessly while guiding the youth leaders of our lodge. These were first presented in 1991 by Lodge Adviser Joe Pietruszynski. The Adviser's Award currently displays the metal Kittatinny wolf head on red cord.

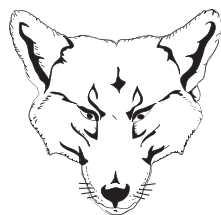
White: The white bolos are worn by the current and former Lodge Advisers of the lodge. This tradition first started in 1984 with a beaded necklace that was passed onto the next lodge adviser until 1998 when the bolos were put into use. The beaded necklaces are on display in the Kittatinny Room at HMSR. These bolos are presented to an incoming Lodge Adviser at the start of their term and may be worn throughout their scouting career as recognition of their service to the youth members of the lodge. The Lodge Adviser's bolo displays the metal Kittatinny wolf head on white bolo cord.

Five bolos colors for Kittatinny 5! Our lodge is rich in history so hopefully this provides some information for something that is so visible amongst our members. If you see anyone wearing these bolos please ask them about their experiences in the lodge and be prepared to listen to some fun stories and pieces of advice.

Register for Website Alerts

Register for Kittatinny website alerts,
and don't miss another announcement.
This is yet another way to stay in touch
with the latest lodge and OA information.

Register at... kittatinny5.org



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