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GOOSE POND ORDEAL PREVIEW

The Goose Pond Ordeal is right around the corner and it will be here before you know it. It is **May 21-23, 2010** at Goose Pond Scout Reservation. If you're not signed up yet you can sign up at the council office. The spring ordeal is a great way for new and old Arrowmen alike to become active in the lodge or just to have a good time. Some events that will be happening at the ordeal are drumming, ceremonies, cheerful service, patch auctions, movies, fellowship, and much more.



There are many ways you can help out at the ordeal. One way is to be an Elangomat. As an Elangomat you become a "leader or friend" to the candidates. You almost take the ordeal over again.

Another way is to become a ceremonialist. As a ceremonialist you do the pre-ordeal ceremony and Ordeal ceremony or the brotherhood ceremony. You could also join the food committee and help prepare and cook meals for the ordeal. Another way you could help is to join the drum team and drum during the ordeals and the ceremonies. You could also just come to the Ordeal just to have a fun time with other Arrowmen. There are many ways to have fun and help out with the ordeal. Once again the Spring Ordeal is **May 21-23, 2010** at Goose Pond Scout Reservation.



SECTION NE-5B CONCLAVE

Brothers,

Conclave is approaching and we are still looking to fill some staff spots! This is an opportunity of a lifetime that you don't want to miss out on! All you have to do is go on www.lowwapaneu.org and go under conclave and submit your information, it's that easy! Conclave will be held at Goose pond on June 11th-13th. If you have any questions feel free to contact any of the concave committee and we will be thrilled to help!

There will be meetings in the near future for staff, so keep checking your email's for the meeting information!

*~Kris Tomaine, Sam Levandoski,
Conclave Committee Chairmen*



GOOSE POND CLEANUP

Scouts from Hudson Bay Council in upstate New York performed some cheerful service and cleaned up Goose Pond. Their help gave NEPA council a head start on the 2010 Goose Pond Summer Camp program.

*Absent when take: Mr. Croom, Mr. Minello, Mr. Beckage

LOWWAPANEU IS GOING GREEN!

You are currently looking at the very first electronic edition of Smoke Signals. For 2010 there will be two electronic editions: Spring and Summer. These editions will be in **full color**. Therefore pictures are wanted!! Enjoy the edition!



CHIEFLY SPEAKING

Brothers,

As we continue to move forward in our year we have a lot to do. The Goose Pond Ordeal is coming up fast and I would like to see you there. The more people there the better because that will be our main setup for conclave. Also it is a time when our candidates will be going through their induction so more members the merrier. I really hope to see you guys there.

Also the conclave is coming up fast in June and we need as many members as we can get to volunteer. Actives, food, security and other areas need members to volunteer and help us out. We can put on a great Conclave, but only with your help. Let us keep busy and have a great year!

~ Nick Murley, Lodge Chief



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ADVISOR'S MINUTE

As you can see from this jam packed "e-mailed" edition of the Smoke Signals, our Lodge, YOUR Lodge, is very busy. I hope you have taken advantage of this and join a Committee and become active. We could sure use more hands to help this year with the upcoming Ordeal (May) and Conclave being held at GPSR in June. See more in this edition of Smoke Signals, our first to be e-mailed with a limited supply available at the Scout office in Moosic.

We will be looking for feedback on this new adventure using different media to spread our words and activities to our members.

There are a lot of exciting projects going on in the Lodge at this time, the rebuilding of the Aachela Gateway, the screen and projector project at the Serviced Center and getting permanent screens mounted at both camps.

Hope to see you at the projects, Ordeal and Conclave.

~ Mr. Croom, Lodge Advisor

HELP WANTED

If you are interested in a committee please email the chairman and advisor. All committees are looking for new members. Joining a committee is a great way to get more involved with the Lodge and the Order of the Arrow.



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TROOP REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

If you know someone in your troop that does not belong to a committee, yet needs a leadership position and they want to have fun, I have a committee for you. It's the Order of the Arrow Troop Representative Leadership position. This is an important leadership position for both your troop and the lodge. This is a start of a new year, and I have many ideas on how to better this committee. I hope to have an adult representative from every troop designated to be an overseer of the Troop Representative to make sure scouts go to LEC's and informs his troop on the happenings of our lodge. As a Troop Representative you are asked to attend the monthly LEC meetings, take notes on what you hear at the LEC, and relay that information back to your troop. The purpose of an OA Troop Representative is to get more people involved in the lodge. As the committee Chairman, I came up with an incentive to become an OA Troop Representative. I set up a list of goals that I would like each OA Troop Rep to complete, and if you do complete the list, you get a special prize at the end of the year. If you have any questions or would like to know more about the Order of the Arrow Troop Representative committee, feel free to contact me at oat-roop@hotmail.com.

*~Carl Jurkowski,
Troop Rep. Committee Chairman*

NATIVE AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

Brothers, the Native American Activities committee needs you! We need your help to get ready for the Goose Pond Ordeal and the Conclave. We will be learning two new songs soon, so please come to the meetings! They are on the second Wednesday and fourth Tuesday at 7PM. They are held at the Scout Service and Training Center in Moosic. Please be there! WE NEED YOU!

LODGE PICNIC 2010

Do horseshoes, frisbee, tennis, boomerang tossing, coal mine touring, geocaching, waffle-ball and barbequing interest you? How about just lounging around exchanging stories with some of the coolest Arrowmen around? These are just some of the events that have been featured at our lodge's annual Summer Picnic.

Lowwapanew Lodge #191 will be hosting their seventh annual picnic this year on July 17th at McDade Park in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Although you are not required to bring anything, it would be appreciated if you considered bringing items such as deserts, snacks, and drinks. Members are also encouraged to bring recreational items as the lodge does not own them. See you there!

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

If you have an article of general interest to the Lodge please send it to me at eaglebound@verizon.net. The deadline for the Summer Edition is

July 11, 2010

Also, the Publications Committee is looking for new members. If you are interested in writing articles, interviewing people, or taking pictures please email me at eaglebound@verizon.net.

~Brian Henning, Publications Committee Chairman

CEREMONIALISTS WANTED

Do you like performing in front of a crowd? Are you looking for a fun way to get active in our lodge? Do want to make a profound impact on your fellow Arrowmen? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then the Ceremonies Committee is for you! As a Ceremonialist, your fellow Arrowmen will see YOU. You will be representing your lodge to bring in the new members of our Order. You will be able to make the new members' Ordeal ceremony as meaningful to them as it was to you. Maybe performing is not for you, that's ok! You can still help! We are always looking for stagehands and site cleanup, especially with fun events like the Goose Pond Ordeal and Conclave coming up! Join Ceremonies!

~Jordan Hughes, Ceremony Committee Chairman

~Ray Posluszny, Native American Activities Chairman

GOT BROTHERHOOD?



“You need seek no rocky summit; for these high places are within you,” is perhaps one of the most quoted lines from the Pre-Ordeal ceremony. But what does it mean? How does it apply in one’s quest to fulfill their obligation to themselves as well as to the Order of the Arrow? How can one advance in life and spirit such as to gain a fuller knowledge of themselves and others? Is it even possible for one to understand the true nature of cheerfulness, service, and brotherhood?

None of the above questions can be definitively answered with a “yes”, “no”, or “maybe”. However, while we may never know the true nature of good values nor fully understand our own and other’s actions, there’s a program in the Order of the Arrow that will enable you to have a more complete understanding of them. The Brotherhood is a series of actions where Arrowmen come to understand the underlying truths and foundations of the principles and values of the Order of the Arrow. Brotherhood members also undergo a continuation of the journey started at the Ordeal. One of the more unique aspects of the Brotherhood process is it empowers the individual to take power of their growth; namely, it is solely the youth who decides when it is time to enter into the Brotherhood honor.

Do you think it’s time for you to become a Brotherhood member? If you do, there are two immediate opportunities awaiting you: the Spring Ordeal and the Fall Ordeal. At each Ordeal there will be a Brotherhood Training on Friday night followed by a Brotherhood Ceremony the next day. All you need to do is check the box that’s marked “Brotherhood” on the Ordeal pamphlet that will arrive soon, send in \$22.00 (This money covers the meals for the weekend), and show up in Class A on Friday night of the Ordeal. You will receive further instructions on the Brotherhood training, hike, and ceremony at the Ordeal.

LOOKING FOR THE SUMMER OF A LIFETIME?

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Council is pleased to announce that preparation for this year’s seven week summer camp experience at Goose Pond is in full swing. After a successful Leader’s Kickoff in March, units in our area and surrounding councils are excited about the old traditions and new programs at camp this year. Again our lodge’s very own Staff Advisor, Dave Srebro, will be serving as Camp Director and is currently hiring a four-star staff to provide a great resident camp experience for the 1000+ youth that come through the gates this year. Dave is still accepting applications for all positions from 14 year old CITs through 21+ year old area directors.



If 9 weeks seems like too much scouting fun for you ask about helping out for a week or two....or maybe working at Camp Acahela Cub Scout Resident Camp for 4 weeks! Questions of inquiries about available staff positions or summer camp in general should be directed to Dave at 570-207-1227 ext 225 or by e-mail at dsrebro@nepabsa.org.

UNIT ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Hello once again from the Unit Elections committee! Our 2010 election season drew to a close on April 15th, so our busy season for the year is over, but there’s still more to do. We will be hosting a training session for the 2011 election season sometime later this year, and we also have some responsibilities at the Ordeals. During the Ordeals, the Elections committee helps with registration, service, and troubleshooting, so we’re kept on the move. Other than that, I think that’s pretty much it for now, and more details about the training will come when we have them. Thanks for a great elections season!

~Jake Martin, Unit Elections Committee Chairman

Members' Section

If you would like to submit an article for the Members' Section please send it to Brian Henning at eaglebound@verizon.net.

FELLOWSHIP RECAP

Who had fun at Fellowship Weekend? I sure did. It was a fun experience for all. First I would like to thank all of you for your work on the gateway project the wall was down in an hour and a half. Next, I would like to congratulate the Food Committee for the amazing meals they provided us with. All in all it was good weekend. Congratulations to the winner of Acahela Idol, Matt Marshall.

~Zach Rossetti, Activities Committee Chairman



CAMPING COMMITTEE

Do you like to hike or camp? Does your troop frequently camp around Northeastern Pennsylvania? Do you have a passion for the outdoors? More importantly, do you want to be more active in the Order of the Arrow? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then the Camping Committee is for you! Over a month ago, I became Chairman of the Camping Committee, and I hope to make it a more active committee in the lodge over the next few months. I am looking forward to this challenge, but I am unable to do that without your help. Yes, you: that ambitious Scout reading this current edition of Smoke Signals.



If you know of any great places you and your troop usually camp at, let me know. I am looking to start a monthly "Camp of the Month" feature on the Lodge's website, starting in May. If you want to submit a camp to be posted on the website, email me at mshostek@yahoo.com. Be sure to include the location of the camp, basic information about the camp, and what the camp has to offer to Boy Scouts. When submitting this to me please include your name, and troop, and if you would like to join the Camping Committee. Any member of the Order of the Arrow can join; it is one quick email away. Within the next month I hope to hold a meeting for the Camping Committee at the Scout Service and Trading Center. Hopefully we can plan a day hike for the early summer, if we have enough interest. All interested are welcome to attend. I hope to hear from you soon, and do not be afraid to email me if you are interested in joining the committee, and if you have camping suggestions.

~Michael Shostek, Camping Committee Chairman



Calling *All* Arrowmen
2010 Section NE-5B Conclave!
“BACK TO THE FUTURE”

June 11th – 13th, 2010
Goose Pond Scout Reservation, PA

Come join brothers from all over Pennsylvania in a weekend of fun and fellowship including:

“No Work All Weekend”

There's no room for it with all the...

- ◆ **Great Activities & Games**
- ◆ **Awesome Shows**
- ◆ **Quality Meals with Tasty Food**
- ◆ **SPECIAL EVENTS**
- ◆ **Exciting & Informative TRAINING**
 - ◆ **Meet Section OA Officers!**

Sign up today for what's sure to be the best Conclave in history,
at an all-inclusive price of \$30! (Only \$25 For Season Pass Holders!)

Sign up on www.lowwapaneu.org for staff today!!!

WE NEED YOU! SIGN UP TODAY!!!

CENTENNIAL COLUMN NATIONAL OFFICERS INSTALLED



Left to right: Brad Lichota, 2010 National Chief, and Will Swingle, 2010 National Vice Chief.

A bout of snow flurries is a memorable way to close out the end of a year marked by great success. However, for 50 section chiefs, the final pages of this decade will be remembered not only as a period of great success, unprecedented innovation, and new transitions, but also as a beginning of something great – namely, the OA's transformation of their typical National Jamboree responsibilities into an awe-inspiring spectacle equal in caliber and magnitude to what the US Scouting movement has accomplished during its first 100 years.

The OA experience at the 2010 National Scout Jamboree will begin with this year's OA theatrical production: *The Mysterium Compass*. "This augmented reality game will be a live-action adventure, combining elements of video gaming with theme-park style immersion, actors, and theatrical settings," said Shows Jamboree Vice Chief Jordan Hammons. "'The Mysterium Compass' will be seen by 20,000 – 25,000 participants and will challenge them to evaluate what they believe in, why they believe it, and what values guide them, all while they navigate elements which will include two 40 foot-high waterslides and three 130 foot-long obstacle courses," Hammons added. "The Mysterium Compass" will showcase over \$7 million worth of Scouting memorabilia and include a seated theatre. "Being lost has never been this much fun," Hammons explained as he promised the *The Mysterium Compass* would be the number-one event at the Jamboree – and not just for the air-conditioning.

Not to be outdone, the American Indian Village and the OA Service Corps are also developing plans deserving of a spot at the event celebrating the first 100 years of Scouting in the United States. The 2010 Jamboree OA Service Corps is gearing up to manage every service request that comes from anywhere within the Jamboree. With 150 Arrowmen serving in the Corps, and the implementation of new technology to help streamline the process, Service Corps Jamboree Vice Chief Will Scott hopes to improve upon the success of the 2005 OA Service Corps. The Corps is divided into chapters that began communicating among their members in late January 2010. "The idea is to arrive knowing other Arrowmen in your chapter," Scott explains. The Corps will be treated to special evening programs including special trips to "The Mysterium Compass" and movie screenings, among other benefits.

The American Indian Village also plans to beat a 2005 record. "Our goal is to increase the Indian Lore merit badge completions by 10% from the 2005 level," said American Indian Village Jamboree Vice Chief Jimmy Dickson. In addition to teaching the Indian Lore merit badge, the Village also intends to host at least two evening pow-wows, display five village vignettes complete with reenactors, and provide many hands-on activities that will provide personal mementos Scouts will be able to take home. To ensure that all participants are able to experience the American Indian Village, traveling shows will feature individual dancers throughout the Jamboree to provide a "taste of the pow-wow" as well as to offer games and opportunities to participate in dance.

In a new component to the Jamboree, our OA staff will work closely with the Jamboree medical staff on a new initiative: the PACEsetters program. This program will include a fitness education trail, personal competitions, and health education. It will offer Scouts an opportunity to earn their Personal Fitness merit badge, while simultaneously competing with Scouts around the Jamboree with the top performers being listed on a Jamboree-wide leader-board. The PACEsetters program, which will be led by Jamboree Vice Chief Dan Wygoda, will urge youth participants to become "PACEsetters-Leaders... for life."

The national planning meeting was not devoted solely to the Jamboree, however. While in Dallas, a group of section chiefs also began revising the LLD program. These members of the LLD Taskforce, lead by its Vice Chief Greg Burke, are tasked with revising old LLD sessions, creating new ones, and integrating all OA training to provide comprehensive resources that align with the current national OA strategic plan to lodges. The Task Force hopes to package a set of 90 LLD sessions for lodges, 45 of which will be new developments. In addition, the task force plans to establish an ongoing LLD review process, and develop a new look and brand to the LLD material.

As the section chiefs returned home to celebrate the first few days of 2010, they did so with a renewed understanding of their responsibility and their commitment to the Scouting movement. These 50 section chiefs will be there when Scouts from all over our nation celebrate the first 100 years of the Boy Scouts of America. It may very well be a selfless act of a Corps member, the existential introspection induced by *The Mysterium Compass*, an American Indian pow-wow, or a well-informed, healthy choice that makes the difference in the next 10 years of our movement.

For more information on the OA's participation in the 2010 National Scouting Jamboree, visit <http://event.oa-bsa.org>.

~Brendan Bertagnol, Staff Writer of the Order of the Arrow National Bulletin

ACACHELA GATEWAY PROJECT

Those of you who have been to Camp Acahela during the last couple of years have probably noticed that Jack Frost took a bite out of the Acahela Entrance Gateway wall and gave it a very nasty disheveled look! The right wall looked like it was about to fall down! The entrance gateway, which is the first thing that most people see when they enter Acahela, was in *desperate* need of repair! It was setting a very bad impression, especially for brand new Cub Scout families who were visiting our wonderful camp for the first time for Harvest Fest, Cub Scout Resident Camp, Parent N Pal weekend or another Cub Scout event.

I'll bet that many of you don't know that this gateway was originally built by Lowwapanew Lodge! So your Lodge's Executive Committee set a Lodge Goal for 2010 to rebuild the Camp Acahela gateway.

Some of you who have been to Acahela in the past month may have noticed that the right wall has been temporarily dismantled and the rocks piled on the left side of the road. We began the rebuild project during this year's Fellowship Weekend. Thanks to all who helped take down the wall and carefully pile the rocks for later rebuild. Special thanks to all who helped build & install the forms and the rebar for the new concrete footer. This dedicated crew of adults worked until dusk on the Saturday of Fellowship Weekend. Extra special thanks to OA Brother Bob Pilgar from T-281 who has been spear-heading the project. Since Fellowship Weekend, Bob has gone back to Acahela and back-filled around the forms with gravel, and poured the concrete in the forms. Within the next couple of weeks he will be stripping the forms and filling up the hole around the new concrete footer with gravel and dirt. Thanks Bob!

Now we need **YOUR HELP** to re-build the wall. Plans are to start re-building the wall on Saturday, May 15 and continuing on any other Saturdays that we can get help.. If we get enough help, hopefully we can finish the project before the opening of summer camp! Wouldn't that be wonderful! So please mark you calendars and plan to come out for at least a few hours of Cheerful Service on May 15th. If you can help any other days with this project please email Mark Diefenderfer at mldiefn@ptd.net. See you there! Remember we are the WWW!

~Service Committee



These pictures are from the start of the project during Fellowship Weekend.



Lodge Dues & Event Registration Form

Name: _____

____ Youth
____ Adult

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

____ Ordeal
____ Brotherhood
____ Vigil

Phone: (____) _____ - _____ E-Mail: _____

Lodge ID#: _____

(Found on Mailing Label)

Dues:

I want to pay my dues: _____ years x \$ 10.00 per year = \$ _____

Conclave: _____ people x \$30.00 = \$ _____

Spring Ordeal: _____ people x \$22.00 = \$ _____

Sealing the Bond of Brotherhood at the Ordeal: _____ people x \$30.00 = \$ _____

Please make checks payable to:
"Lowwapaneu Lodge 191"

After completing this form please mail it to:

Lowwapaneu Lodge
c/o Northeastern PA Council
1 Bob Mellow Drive
Moosic, PA 18507

Troop Representative Registration Form

Name: _____ Troop: _____ District: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Zip Code: _____ E-mail: _____

Phone Number: _____

After completing this form please mail it to:

Lowwapaneu Lodge #191
1 Bob Mellow Dr.
Moosic, PA 18507

or Email: Carl Jurkowski
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IMPORTANT LODGE DATES

Lodge Executive Committee Meetings:

The 4th Wednesday of Each Month at the Scout Service Center at 7:30 p.m.

April 28, 2010

May 26, 2010

(No LEC Meeting in June)

July 28, 2010 (at Goose Pond)

August 25, 2010

September 22, 2010

October 27, 2010

General Lodge Meetings:

May 23, 2010 - Goose Pond (Goose Pond Ordeal)

August 22, 2010—Camp Acahela (Acahela Ordeal)

November 24, 2010—Service Center (Election of Officers)



Activities and Other Important Events:

May 21-23, 2010—Goose Pond Ordeal Weekend, Goose Pond

June 11-13, 2010-NE-5B Conclave, Goose Pond

July 17, 2007—Lodge Summer Picnic

August 20-22, 2010-Acahela Ordeal, Camp Acahela

September 11, 2010-Adopt-a-Highway, Goose Pond

December 29, 2007—Holiday Banquet

PHOTO ALBUM... of Recent Happenings

