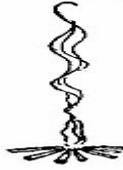




# Smoke Signals



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## 2010 FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND CAMP ACAHELA

Don't miss this weekend of fun and camaraderie with fellow Scouts and Scouters. The OA Lodge hosts this weekend on March 26-28, 2010 at Camp Acahela as a time of brotherhood and fellowship for everyone. The weekend begins on Friday night between 6-8 pm and ends on Sunday around 10-11 am. The event is filled with tons of programming including movies, video & board games, competitions, activities, general relaxed fun and much more.



On Saturday there will be a short time of Cheerful Service around camp in the morning. There will also be a Brotherhood Ceremony on Saturday for those eligible to "Seal The Bond" with a Brotherhood training session on Friday night. The event is open to any Boy Scout (with adult leadership) or Scout leader...you do not have to be an OA member to attend! Make plans now to attend this great weekend...bring a friend! Please use the registration form on page 11 to sign up for the Fellowship Weekend today!



← Last Year's Fellowship Weekend →

### WHAT'S NEW FOR 2010?

This year the Smoke Signals has some new changes. On Page 8 you will find the Members' Section. This section focuses on the Members' experience in the Order of the Arrow. We are also adding an Order of the Arrow Centennial Column. This column will focus on what the Order of the Arrow will be doing for the Centennial of the Boy Scouts of America. Unfortunately, this year we will be discontinuing the Ask Mr. Dave column. Look for the column to return in the 2011 editions of Smoke Signals. Finally, Lowwapanew Lodge is trying new means of sending out Smoke Signals. This year we will be sending out the Spring and Fall editions via email.

### BACK TO THE FUTURE!

It may not seem like it, but the Section NE-5B Section Conclave (which is taking place at Goose Pond!) is right around the corner!

From June 11-13, 2010, our Section will be gathering at Goose Pond for this annual gathering filled with brotherhood and training. It's Lowwapanew's turn to host the Conclave, which means we have a lot to get done in the coming months! If you're interested in helping in any way, we'd love for you to get involved as soon as possible! You can email any of us (our emails are listed at the end of this article) or you can talk to us at an LEC or other OA event.

There are so many things to prepare and plan, and it's all very exciting! Plus, since there's so much going on, there's a job for everybody! If you're interested in first aid—there's jobs! If

you're interested in pointing lost conclave guests in the right direction—there's a job for that! Almost anything you can think of, we'll need help with it during the Conclave!

So, what are you waiting for? There's no reason not to get involved with this opportunity that only comes around once every few years! Contact us today and help put on a Conclave that will leave everyone saying "Wow!"

Conclave Committee:

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Nick Murley – tasd2008@yahoo.com

Mike Minello – minello@nawarhorse.com

John Croom – croomjr@gmail.com

~ Kris Tomaine, Conclave Committee Chairman

## CHIEFLY SPEAKING

Brothers,

What can I say except for that we are going to have a great year in 2010? I foresee a great deal is going to happen for the good of everyone. We have so much to look forward to.

First off, I'm looking forward to working with all the chairmen and their advisors to make this great year possible. I'm expecting much out of them and so should you, because I know they can pull off what they need to. To all of the chairmen, good luck and congratulations, we have a long year ahead of us and a lot of work to do!

Secondly, the goals have been set for the upcoming year. With everybody's help I know we can accomplish them. Overall, we are in for a tough haul, as always, but don't fret over the future. For when we work together, all roadblocks in our future can be overcome.



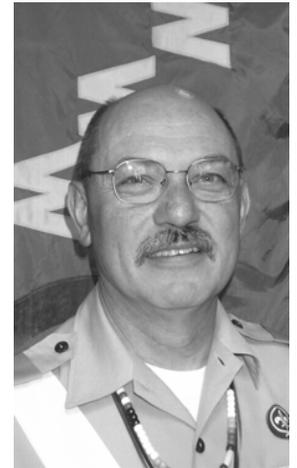
## ADVISOR'S MINUTE

The new officers hit the ground running in January working at the Merit Badge College and running a very successful Lodge Leadership Development training.

As you may know I have been out of service for a while and would like to thank Chief Nick Murley and Mr. Minello for keeping us going down the correct trail.

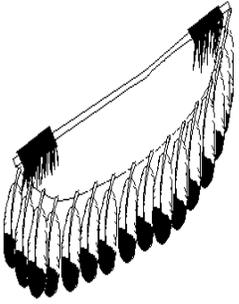
We hope if you have taken a position in the Lodge that you do what you signed on to do! If you do not have a position we hope you will get involved with a Committee.

As you will see in this issue we are the Service Lodge for our Section's conclave in June of this year at Goose Pond Scout Reservation and will need everyone help and cooperation to make this a successful endeavor.



*~ Mr. Croom, Lodge Advisor*

## 2010 LODGE OFFICERS



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Vice-Chief -Program  
Vice-Chief -Admin  
Lodge Secretary  
Lodge Treasurer  
Lodge Advisor  
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## 2010 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### LODGE COMMITTEES



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Vice Chief of Program



**Philip Diefenderfer**  
Vice Chief of Admin.



**Tim Merkel**  
Secretary



**Branden Bender**  
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## INDUCTION PRINCIPLES

As fellowship weekend and spring ordeal quickly approach us, we must remind ourselves of our duties to each other and the new candidates. The Order of the Arrow has 10 strict Induction Principles that should be followed at each ceremonial weekend. If these principles are followed and strictly adhered to, the candidates view of the Order of the Arrow could be simply life changing. Remember brothers- we are the best of the best- let us inspire the new candidates as well as older members to get involve and belong! below are the 10 Induction Principles:

### **Principle 1 - Purpose**

The purpose of the induction is to encourage and inspire each candidate to develop firm individual dedication to the ideals of Brotherhood and cheerful service.

### **Principle 2 - Eligibility**

The right to earn Ordeal and Brotherhood membership is given only by the Scouts of a candidate's unit during an authorized Order of the Arrow unit election. Only the candidate himself can overrule their decision.

### **\*\*\* Principle 3 - Candidates Compliance \*\*\***

The candidate has the continuous choice of meeting the tests of the Ordeal to the best of his ability or of withdrawing.

### **\*\*\* Principle 4 Members' Compliance \*\*\***

All members participating in the induction must respect and comply with the tests of the Ordeal, to the extent allowed by their responsibilities.

### **\*\*\* Principle 5 – Discretion \*\*\***

In cases where the strict application of the tests and requirements of the Induction is not possible, the lodge may choose an alternative that will best preserve the spirit of the induction, and the quality of the candidates' experience.

### **Principle 6 - Importance of the Individual**

All actions and procedures must recognize the worth, dignity, and separate identity of the individual and his present or potential ability to govern himself.

### **Principle 7 - Generosity**

The attitude of members toward the candidate must be one of acceptance, respect, understanding, OA sincerity, friendly encouragement, support and trust.

### **Principle 8 - Focus**

Everything in the lodge-created environment must direct the candidate to the central meaning of the induction, and not distract him from it.

### **\*\*\* Principle 9 - Symbolic Progression \*\*\***

No symbol or symbolic procedure should be mentioned or used unless and until it is called for in the authorized ceremonies.

### **Principle 10 - Active Membership**

Lodge policy must recognize that one who understands the Obligation of the Order and is striving to fulfill it is an active member, and that his dedication in itself accomplishes the major service of the lodge.



## LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN

Every member of the Order of the Arrow has relied on his or her Elangomat during their ordeal. The Elangomat supplied a sense of leadership to help every one get through the ordeal. If you wish to give your leadership talents back to others who are going through their ordeal, please consider becoming an Elangomat. We can use everyone who wants to help out the candidate. If you are interested please contact me and come to the Elangomat meeting and training on April 18 at Goose Pond Scout Reservation.

*~Pat Fricchione, Elangomat Committee Chairman*

## BIG PLANS IN STORE FOR ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Well, for the 2010 year, also the 100th year of scouting, the activities committee has some changes. Well now we are bringing back meetings so that we can get a lot of things done. This includes themes for Fellowship Weekend, and the Goose Pond and Acahela ordeals. We want to gain 5 members as one of our committee goals for the year. Next I want to introduce myself and our new advisor for the year. I am Zach Rossetti the new chairman for the committee. The new advisor for the year is Jim Healey. If you would like to join the committee you can contact me at [zdrossetti95@aol.com](mailto:zdrossetti95@aol.com) or Mr. Healey at [jhealey1@keystone.edu](mailto:jhealey1@keystone.edu). We hope to get more people involved with the planning and functioning of the lodge.



~*Zach Rossetti, Activities Committee Chairman*

## PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE SMOKE SIGNALS INPUT

Do you have an article of general interest to the Lodge that you may like to have published in a future edition of *Smoke Signals*? You can email them to me at [eaglebound@verizon.net](mailto:eaglebound@verizon.net). Also, we are looking for new members to help at the Fellowship Weekend, Ordeals and this year's Conclave. If you are interested in becoming more active in the Lodge and enjoy writing articles or taking pictures please contact me at [eaglebound@verizon.net](mailto:eaglebound@verizon.net).

~*Brian Henning, Publications Chairman*

## A LENNI LENAPE STORY

An Indian trader by the name of Little Crow went on a journey. He traveled for three nights until he came to a river. The reason he traveled at night was because he was in enemy country. At the river he secured a canoe, camped there that evening, and at sunrise the next morning started down the river and traveled two suns (days).

He now traveled in daytime, because he was in friendly territory. He was an Indian trader in shells, which were used for wampum and ornamentation. At the end of the fifth day's travel he reached the village where the shells were obtainable. He rested there for three days in conference with the chief, and as a result he traded for a large amount of shells, and at sunrise on the fourth day he loaded his canoe and started down the river and traveled for two days.

On the second day a storm came up, with rain and lightning. He saw the lightning strike a tree and set it afire. As a result of the storm he became sick, so he searched and found some medicinal plants and waited there a couple of days until he felt better.

He then traveled at night and hid away in the day time. He knew that the country abounded in game because he heard foxes and wolves. He finally reached home, though some days late. Twenty braves of the tribe came out to meet him, including their chief, Standing Bear. Their hearts were glad as a result of his safe and successful trip, and they all had a very sociable time.

## CEREMONIES COMMITTEE

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! Join Ceremonies!

~*Jordan Hughes, Ceremonies Committee Chairman*



## GOT BROTHERHOOD?

**Attention, all Ordeal Members!** Fellowship Weekend, taking place from March 26-28, 2010, is the first opportunity this year for you to seal your bonds! If you took your Ordeal last spring, or before then, then you're eligible to participate!

Are you ready to take your Brotherhood, Service, and Cheerfulness to the next level? Are you ready to become more active in the lodge at such an exciting time? Do you have what it takes to live up to the Obligation? If you answered yes, then I'll see you at Fellowship Weekend!

To register, look for a letter in the mail or you can use the sign-up form in the back of this issue of Smoke Signals. If you have any questions, I'm always available by email at [lolkrst@gmail.com](mailto:lolkrst@gmail.com).

**Attention, Lowwapaneu!** Anyone who is interested in helping the Brotherhood Committee run Brotherhood Conversions, from making the calls and folding the letters, to running the training and leading the hike, should email me at [lolkrst@gmail.com](mailto:lolkrst@gmail.com). Even Ordeal Members can help with the committee, so don't be afraid to send me an email and I'll help you get started helping our brothers seal their bonds.

*~Kris Tomaine, Brotherhood Chairman*



## SERVICE COMMITTEE

The Service Committee invites all brothers to join us in providing cheerful service. There are many opportunities for service coming up and we need your help. Foremost in March is Fellowship weekend, April & May are Hammer & Saw and Beaver Work Days at our Camps and the spring road clean up followed closely by the Spring Ordeal in June. We have much work to do to get our camps ready for summer, mark your calendar now, and plan on coming out to fulfill the obligation you took when you joined the Order. Remember, many people make for light work.

To the all members of our Order, the Service Committee is still looking for people with special skills (painting, carpentry, electrical, plumbing, etc). We would like to update our list, so if you have a hobby or specialize in a skill/tool send an email to [claycrusher@comcast.net](mailto:claycrusher@comcast.net), or call me at 563-2966.

When you joined the Order, you made a pledge to do cheerful service. Please fulfill that pledge in the upcoming months, support the lodge events, and come out to do some cheerful service with a smile.

Join the service committee, get involved, help decide on the projects and organize them to accomplish as much as we can to be an effective tool. Hope to see you at our next meeting in March.

*~Erik Hayden, Service Committee Chairman*



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY BSA!

On Monday, February 8, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. Over 1200 Scouts, Scouters, and their families joined together under the Toyota Pavilion to celebrate the Centennial. The ceremony was well worth sitting in freezing temperatures. During the ceremony the Lackawanna County Officials spoke and proclaimed February 8, 2010 Northeastern Pennsylvania Council Boy Scouts of America Day. There was also a flag ceremony where all the troops present displayed their flags. Finally, there was a candle light rededication ceremony where the participants rededicated themselves to Scouting and was remembered to spread the light of Scouting. Before it was time to go home, there was a Fireworks display while the Drum Team of Lowwapaneu Lodge performed.



## NATIVE AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Brothers, WE NEED YOU! This year we have so much planned, but there is so much fun to be had! If you come out and get active you will have a great time! And maybe get some free food!! Everyone loves that. We participate in drumming at the ordeals, conclave, and much more including Blue and Gold banquets, public events, and almost anything else we get asked to do. Our meetings are the second Wednesday and fourth Tuesday of every month at the Scout Service and Training Center in Moosic at 7PM on both nights. Please come out and get active in your lodge! We need you to make this lodge great!



*~Ray Posluszny, Native American Activities Chairman*

### TROOP REP. 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 [ootroop@hotmail.com](mailto:ootroop@hotmail.com).

*~Carl Jurkowski, Troop Representative Committee Chairman*

### UNIT ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Do you like acting, traveling around the area, and meeting new people? If you do, then the Unit Elections Committee is for you! The Election is a Scout's first step toward membership in the Order, and a crucial time in the life of that Scout as he prepares to undertake the challenges he will face in his upcoming Ordeal. We're currently over a month into the elections season, but there are many more opportunities from now until April for you to come and join in the fun, and we're always looking for new brothers to come and help out. If you would like to become a member of this outstanding committee, feel free to contact me at any time.

*~Jake Martin, Unit Elections Committee Chairman*

### LODGE SEASON PASS

Each year the Lodge Season memberships increase so it truly is a Great deal!

Here is how it works, you pay \$70 for the Season pass and get the following:

Event covered by Pass	Original Cost
<b>Goose Pond Ordeal</b>	<b>\$22</b>
<b>Achela Ordeal</b>	<b>\$22</b>
<b>Holiday Banquet</b>	<b>\$22</b>
<b>Annual Dues</b>	<b>\$10</b>
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$76</b>

Additional Savings:

<b>Fellowship Weekend:</b>	<b>W/O Pass</b>	<b>\$22</b>
	<b>With Pass</b>	<b>\$17</b>
<b>Conclave:</b>	<b>W/O Pass</b>	<b>\$30</b>
	<b>With Pass</b>	<b>\$25</b>

<b>Cost for All Events:</b>	<b>W/O Pass</b>	<b>\$128</b>
	<b>With Pass</b>	<b>\$112</b>

**Total Savings for the Year:** **\$16**

Hurry and get your Lodge Pass! The sooner you do the more you save!!! The Lodge Pass is available for payment at the Service Center

# Members' Section

**BRAND NEW FOR 2010!!!!**

## ARTICLE SUBMISSION

If you would like to submit an article or a picture to the Members' Section showing your experience in the Order of the Arrow, please send it to eaglebound@verizon.net. The deadline for your submissions is April 4.

My time in the Order of the Arrow has been great. It started the moment I was elected by the members of my troop. I knew that this was going to open up many opportunities for me. The Order of the Arrow is more than work I came to find out. You make tons of new friends, and you get to travel to awesome places. Whether its NOAC or this year's conclave, there has to be someone you don't know there. The fact of the matter is, membership is down not only in the OA but Scouting in general. So together as brothers we should try to get more teens involved and make this year, the 100th year of the Boy Scouts of America, an excellent one.

In Brotherhood,  
Zach Rossetti  
Troop 2001  
Activities Committee Chairman



## Pictures from the 2009 Holiday Banquet

### 2010 LODGE GOALS

1. Run and staff a successful 2010 Conclave.
2. Achieve quality lodge.
3. 75% of attendance of chairmen at LEC.
4. Review lodge calendar monthly at the LEC, email it to the general lodge.
5. 100% unit election contact with troops.
6. 100% new lodge member contacted within 60 days of ordeal.
7. Committees complete 63.3% of their goals.
8. Rebuild wall at Acahela gateway.
9. Conduct another major service project for the council.

With these goals, we can better the lodge through our hard work. Only by working together we can achieve Quality Lodge for the year.

Also, conclave is waiting this year for you! Come out and have some fun! We are going to need all the help we can get. With your help, we can achieve these goals and have a great 2010 lodge year!

## CENTENNIAL COLUMN ORDER PREPARES FOR 2010 JAMBOREE

In fewer than nine months, more than 40,000 Scouts and Scouters will arrive at Fort A.P. Hill in Caroline County, Virginia, for the 2010 National Scout Jamboree and the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. The Order of the Arrow will play an integral role at this event, as we will be responsible for executing three programs on the Hill. The first program under OA leadership, the Order of the Arrow Service Corps, will provide cheerful service to nearly every aspect of the jamboree. A day for a Service Corps member could include serving as an aide to the Chief Scout Executive, filming with Boys' Life, working in a region action center, or one of a thousand other tasks necessary to make the Jamboree run smoothly. More than 150 Arrowmen will continue the tradition of the OA Service Corps, which has been supporting national Scout jamborees since 1950. The second piece of OA programming at the 2010 Jamboree is The Mysterium Compass, an interactive experience that will test each Scout's ability to stay cool under pressure as he races from station to station. It blends life lessons with improvisational actors, theatrical props, and special effects. The Mysterium Compass will have a staff of 300 Arrowmen who are committed to providing an interactive experience by combining elements of video gaming with theme-park style immersion. The final program under our direction is the OA Indian Village. The Village will depict how some North American Indian tribes lived. The American Indian Craft Zone will house some of the best craftsmen in the OA as they help jamboree participants learn beadwork, quillwork, finger weaving, and Native American games. As a part of the Merit Badge Midway, the Indian Lore merit badge will also be offered. The OA recently revealed the following additional program for the jamboree. "PACEsetters: Leaders . . . for Life," uses PACE as an acronym that stands for Personal Accountability and Commitment to Excellence. It is intended to encourage jamboree participants to take personal responsibility for decisions that affect their health and fitness throughout their lives. If you have an interest in serving on this exciting new initiative, please contact James Flatt at drflatt@aol.com. Join us as we help develop "PACEsetters: Leaders . . . for Life!"

*~ Jeffrey St. CYR and James Tarbox, Order of the Arrow National Bulletin*

### YOUTH STAFF WANTED FOR THE MYSTERIUM COMPASS AND OA SERVICE CORPS

Are you interested in staffing the Mysterium Compass or the OA Service Corps at the 2010 National Scout Jamboree? Visit [www.event.oa-bsa.org](http://www.event.oa-bsa.org) for more information. Mysterium Compass staff member roles include game managers, ushers, audio-video and lighting crew members, stage managers, and special effects staff. The OA Service Corps will provide assistance to many of the Jamboree programs and activities.



### WANTED: SUMMER CAMP STAFF

Are you looking for the opportunity and experience of a lifetime this summer? Look no further...we've got something you can't pass up! Are you (or do you know) someone who is enthusiastic, eager to learn, likes Scouting, working with young people, being part of an awesome team, and having more fun in a summer than you ever thought possible? We've got you covered

If you are at all interested in the summer of a lifetime, be sure to get yourself a camp staff Application as soon as possible. They are available at the Service Center, or on the Council website ([nepabsa.org](http://nepabsa.org)) or contact Dave Srebro to get one sent or emailed to you, or for more information.

All types of positions exist at Boy Scout resident camp at Goose Pond Scout Reservation and Cub Scout resident camp at Camp Acahela for those who are age 15 through adult. Those who are at least 14 years old by June can apply to be accepted into the Counselor-In-Training programs. Its the best deal going-7 weeks of summer camp with leadership training, all for free!



# GREAT MEDICINE TRAINING NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING

## April 23-25 & May 30-2, 2010

### Goose Pond Scout Reservation

Great Medicine, the National Youth Leadership Training Conference, is a two-weekend (formerly week-long) training for youth leaders developed by the Boy Scouts of America and offered by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council. The conference is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide youth with 21<sup>st</sup> century leadership skills and experiences they can use in their home troops and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others. Scoutmasters are encouraged to provide opportunities within the troop for application and use of the leadership training learned at the conference so that the Scout applies the skills he's learned during the conference. Great Medicine is conducted by a staff of top-level, volunteer Scouts and Scouters selected by the Council Training Committee. Due to course dynamics, full attendance at both weekends is required for completion. *Great Medicine is not just a camping trip, but an intense, challenging, leadership experience.*

### WHAT ARE THE CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES?

1. To give participants the confidence and knowledge to run the troop program.
2. To give participants a working knowledge of the concepts of what a leader must *BE*, what he must *KNOW* and what he must *DO*.
3. To deliver through teaching to participants, a clear focus on *HOW TO*.
4. To give participants the opportunity to share ideas and experiences with Scouts from other troops.
5. To create an atmosphere where Scouts will experience "*Scouting at its best.*"
6. To have fun.

### TO BE ELIGIBLE A SCOUT MUST:

- Be a First Class Scout before the start of the course.
- Be at least 14 (but not yet 18) years old by the start of the course **and** have at least begun 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Currently hold a leadership position in the troop **and** have the potential and desire to serve as Senior Patrol Leader or Assistant Senior Patrol Leader in the Troop.
- Be recommended by his Scoutmaster to attend the course.
- Should have completed Troop Leadership Training and/or have attended Great Expectations, the Troop Training Workshop.

### WHAT IS THE COST?

The fee for the conference is \$205 (this covers both weekends). However, if the course fee is paid in full by **March 27**, registrants will receive a \$15 discount reducing the total course fee to **\$190**. This fee includes all food, patrol equipment, media supplies, recognition, and a host of other training materials.

**Scholarships** may be available by request through Mr. Srebro at the Service Center. Additionally, many Troops provide their own full or partial scholarships for Great Medicine.

### HOW DOES A SCOUT APPLY?

Applications and information are mailed to each Troop Scoutmaster and will also be disseminated electronically. Scoutmasters should begin discussions with the Troop leaders and committee and with eligible Scouts as soon as possible in order to make plans to attend. The number of participants at Great Medicine is limited to only 48 scouts, so early registration is suggested. **Troops are limit to three registered scouts until March 1<sup>st</sup>. After March 1<sup>st</sup> troops may register up to 8 scouts.**

### FOR MORE INFORMATION YOU CAN CONTACT:

Joe Ferdinand Scoutmaster / Course Director (570) 826-9103 Joeferdinand@verizon.net  
John Croom, Jr. Course Advisor (570) 241-3274 Croomjr@gmail.com  
Dave Srebro Professional Advisor (570) 207-1227 dsrebro@nepabsa.org

# Lodge Dues Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

(Found on Mailing Label)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Ordeal  
\_\_\_\_ Brotherhood  
\_\_\_\_ Vigil

### Dues:

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

\_\_\_\_ Youth

I want the Season Pass: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$70 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Adult

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  
c/o Troop Rep Committee  
1 Bob Mellow Drive  
Moosic, PA 18507

or Email: Carl Jurkowski at:  
oatroup@hotmail.com

## THIS COULD BE YOUR LAST MAILING!

Check the date on your mailing label on the back page, if it says 12/31/09, your Lodge dues have run out and you will no longer receive further *Smoke Signals*, be able to attend OA functions, or wear the sash or flap. Also check with your fellow Arrowmen in your Troop, if they do not receive *Smoke Signals* then they should pay their dues today!



# Fellowship Weekend Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Troop# \_\_\_\_\_

Member: \$22.00

Brotherhood Candidate \$22.00

(\$5 Less with Lodge Season Pass)

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make all checks payable to: Lowwapaneu Lodge 191

Please mail to: 1 Bob Mellow Drive, Moosic, PA 18507

# Smoke Signals

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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.**

*March 24, 2010      July 28, 2010 (at GPSR)*  
*April 28, 2010      August 25, 2010*  
*May 26, 2010      September 22, 2010*

### **General Lodge Meetings:**

*May 23, 2010 - Goose Pond (Goose Pond Ordeal)*  
*September 13, 2010 - Camp Acahela (Acahela Ordeal)*

### **Activities and Other Important Events:**

*March 26-28, 2010-Fellowship Weekend, Camp Acahela*  
*April 17, 2010-Adopt-A-Highway, Goose Pond*  
*May 21-23, 2010-Goose Pond Ordeal Weekend, Goose Pond*  
*June 11-13, 2010-Section NE-5B Conclave, Goose Pond*  
*July 17, 2010-Lodge Picnic*  
*August 20-22, 2010-Acahalea Ordeal Weekend, Camp Acahela*  
*September 11, 2010-Adopt a Highway, Goose Pond*  
*December 29, 2010—Holiday Banquet*