



# Smoke Signals



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## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL NEW BROTHERHOOD MEMBERS

The Brotherhood Committee is happy to report that the total number of bonds sealed this year is 69! This number leaves last year's total in the dust, and is a promising sign of growth for our lodge! We had a great year, had a lot of fun, and learned a lot at all three of our very successful Brotherhood opportunities this year! Once again, congratulations to everyone!

If you're interested in sealing your bond, especially if you took your Ordeal at the 2009 Spring Ordeal, why not considering doing it as soon as possible?

The next opportunity is in just a few months: Fellowship Weekend! This is a great weekend in March where you can seal your bond, and have fun while doing it! Of course, anybody who has been a member of the lodge for at least 10 months is eligible! Make sure you get those bonds sealed and get active in the lodge!

*~Kris Tomaine, Brotherhood Committee Chairman*

## 2009 HOLIDAY BANQUET

Come out to the Holiday Banquet on December 29<sup>th</sup> at the After Five Dinner Club in Dickson City. Starting at 6 PM for Fellowship and Dinner at 6:30 PM, the night should be an exciting event. We will be presenting two James E. West Fellow Awards, Dave Srebro's awards, special awards that you won't want to miss, possible Founders award presentation, a patch auction, good Fellowship, great food, slide show and more. Speaking of food the menu is looking something like this: tossed salad, chicken strips in butter and garlic, Italian meatballs, pasta, kielbasa, parsley buttered potatoes, rolls, butter, dessert, coffee, tea and soda. This is a tentative menu, subject to change. Hope to see you there for this wonderful event to share, great food, fellowship, awards and fun for the mere low price of \$22.00.

## MY NOAC EXPERIENCE

When I first got off the bus at Indiana University it was hot, crowded, and I was exhausted from the long bus ride. I thought the next few days would surely be a disaster.

Things started looking up when I visited TOAP, The Outdoor Adventure Place. Basically it was a display of all the cool outdoor things you can imagine: rope swings, Dutch oven cooking, colossal pioneering projects, and even an ice-climbing simulator (which was nearly impossible to finish...). After visiting TOAP I realized how many cool new things there were at NOAC, and I wanted to find them all.

There were four big shows, each of them held in an arena full of about 7,000 arrowmen – all showing lodge spirit. They were really entertaining as well as impressive, utilizing advanced lighting, projectors, effects, and of course pyrotechnics.

The meat-and-potatoes of NOAC were the sessions. I took classes everyday, and they were all really well organized and prepared, and relevant to me. Some included "How to get them to camp," "Preparing the show," and the signature session, "The Power of One."

Overall my experience at NOAC was great, and I would recommend all arrowmen to try to make it to the next one. It's a very unique event: you meet scouts from all over the country, see the best performances, discover new things, and, most importantly, have fun!

*~Mike Frischetta*

(More NOAC stories inside!)

## CHIEFLY SPEAKING

Brothers,

We are approaching the end of the year once again as time flies by. Many things have been done throughout the year and each one of those accomplishments are possible due to all the hard work by you. This year we sent a successful contingent to NOAC and they had a great time! They participated in many activities such as scuba diving to learning new and exciting information about Ceremonies.



Even though the end of the year is approaching, we still have some work left to do. Remember the words of Allowat Sakima, “you must remember that this obligates you to a life of cheerful service, and that membership in our Order is given, not only for what you have done but for what you are expected to do in the future”. So go on out and partake in the various opportunities presented to you and get active in the lodge!

*In Brotherhood,  
~ Nick Murley, Lodge Chief*

## 2009 LODGE OFFICERS

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## ADVISOR'S MINUTE

I am writing this at Camp Alpine in New Jersey where Mr. Minello and I are attending the National Lodge Advisors Training Seminar (NLATS) and Chief Nick is attending the National Leadership Seminar (NLS).

At our training we are hearing how other Lodges from our Region are running the normal operations of their Lodges, their problems, what is going right or wrong and how they are handling it.

We are entering the time of year where the youth of our Lodge will be choosing officers for the upcoming year. Everyone is scurrying around trying to tie down another year of Quality Lodge, planning the Holiday Banquet and planning a new officer's training class and the Lodge Leadership Development Seminar scheduled for January.

We hope to see you at one of these upcoming events. Remember “let us catch the higher vision, let us find the greater beauty in the life of cheerful service”.



*~ Mr. John Croom, Lodge Advisor*



**Jack Spitzer**  
Vice Chief of Program



**Philip Diefenderfer**  
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## 2009 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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## PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

We are always looking for writing contributions to the *Smoke Signals*.

Consider submitting an article for the next issue:

The submission deadline for the next *Smoke Signals* is:

**February, 2010**  
(Details to follow)

Submit to: **eaglebound@verizon.net**

We are currently looking for new members. If you are interested in taking pictures, writing articles, or interviewing many people, please email me at eaglebound@verizon.net.

~*Brian Henning, Publications Committee Chairman*

## CAMPING COMMITTEE

Brothers! The Camping committee is calling! Who is it calling? ALL Arrowmen! We are in dire need of new members to help us get in swing for the season ahead of us! We need your help to prepare for the troop visitations coming up this spring.

We are also looking for arrowmen interested in helping us survey Rickett's Glen State Park in the very near future (Date TBD, but we are aiming for the first available weekend, so be ready!). These camp visitations are not only productive but also a lot of fun; so don't miss out!

If you are interested in joining (or just helping out!) the Camping Committee please Email me at [trischettam2@scranton.edu](mailto:trischettam2@scranton.edu). ALL arrowmen are welcome, so please consider it!

## LOOKING FOR LODGE OFFICERS

On November 25th, there will be a general Lodge meeting at the Council Office. During this meeting, YOU the members of the Lodge will cast your vote for the next group of Lowwapaneu Lodge officers.

If you intend to run for office, you must submit your letter of intent by November 18th to Mr. Croom. The letter must be in the format found on the lodge website. The website is <http://www.lowwapaneu.org>.

It is your turn to be proactive and elect the next chief, vice chief, and secretary- treasurer. Remember "Through inspiration, Lead them."

This will be the last General Meeting of the year and should be a good one to attend with the elections and the Photo contest being held the same night.

## GREAT EXPECTATIONS

### Leadership Training Workshop for Troops

**November 14, 2009**

**Sheehy-Farmer Campus Center, Kings College**

**Cost: \$22.00/person. \$27.00 after 10/31/09**

You and your troop are invited to attend a one day training course — offered only once every year and designed here in Northeastern Pennsylvania especially for Boy Scout leaders: youth and adults. What's it all about? Delivering Scouting's Promises. The Goal of Great Expectations is simple: Better Troops. All Scouts and Scouters who currently hold a leadership position in their troop are strongly encouraged to attend. Individuals who may be youth or adult troop leaders in the future are also equally welcome.

The course is an intense, practical program with sessions on everything from Communicating, to the Patrol Method, to Troop Program Planning. Interpatrol Games and activities will add some excitement to the day.

Contact your troop Scoutmaster to make a reservation. For more information contact:

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Staff Advisor Dave Srebro (570) 207-1227 or [dsrebro@nepabsa.org](mailto:dsrebro@nepabsa.org)

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## MY NOAC EXPERIENCE

I attended my first NOAC in August, and it was nothing like I expected! Actually, I didn't know *what* to expect as I boarded that bus. I had no idea what NOAC was all about, and I was wondering if it were even going to be worth the money. Well, I can assure you that it was worth every penny and more! The things I learned and the experiences I had were priceless.

After the drudge of unpacking and getting situated after the bus ride out to Indiana, we were off! We had time to look around and get ourselves acquainted with the campus on our first evening there. It was a beautiful place right in the heart of Indiana. Later, we enjoyed our first dinner there, and went to bed, excited about what the next morning—our first training sessions—would bring.

The training sessions were spectacular! The trainers themselves were extremely knowledgeable, and they not only make the courses informative, but fun! I learned so many things about how to help the lodge grow, especially how to grow in Brotherhood Member conversions. Not only that, but I attended a session about planning Conclaves and was fascinated by all the ideas that lodges from all over the nation were putting into practice. I also attended a session about how to put emerging technology to use in the lodge, and also one about effective advertising and promotions for lodge events. Overall, I can say the training was just out of this world, and I regret not being able to pick certain courses because of time just couldn't allow it.

As you can imagine, the training is a huge part of NOAC. But that's not the only thing there is at this national gathering. The shows, which were a nightly event, were simply outstanding. There were all kinds of special effects, jokes, fun, and fellowship. One of my favorite shows was the closing show, which was a full-featured play of sorts that tied the whole week together, and was entertaining to boot.

But there's even more to NOAC besides the shows and training! There were all sorts of events going on all the time, from sports competitions, to drumming and ceremonies evaluations, flash events, patch trading, the trading post, the Experience, and the list goes on. In fact, one of the only complaints I have about NOAC was that it was too short and there wasn't enough time to get everything in!

My absolute favorite part of NOAC came at the very end, after the closing show. All of the thousands of Arrowmen present joined hands and sang the Song of our Order. You know, the one we sing at the end of every lodge function? Except this time, thousands of voices joined in. It was truly a moving experience for me, to see all the Arrowmen singing together as one Brotherhood.

Basically, what I'm trying to say is that my trip to NOAC was one of the absolute best experiences that I've had as a Scout and Arrowman. My words can't come close to describing fully how much I appreciated my time there, so you'll just have to go for yourself in 2012 and feel the energy, camaraderie, and experiences that only NOAC can give you.



~Kris Tomaine

## LODGE SENDS CONTINGENT TO NLS AND NLATS



In the photo left to right: Ryan Hay (Region Chief), Dan Higham (National Vice Chief), Nick Murley, Mr. Croom, Mr. Minello

On September 25<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> The Lodge Advisor Mr. Croom and Mr. Minello along with Chief Nick Murley went out to Camp Alpine, NJ, to participate in National Leadership Advisor Training Seminar and National Leadership Seminar respectively. Out there they participated in various activities and sessions to learn different aspects on how Lodges can function in different ways and there is not always one way.

In NLS Nick learned about the 18 different leadership skills that make up the trust in a Lodge. How to communicate effectively with others and how everyone goes through different stages of development. In order to provide a more complete experience movie clips were used to reinforce the knowledge, table guides (which were the different Section Chiefs, Region Chief, and the National Vice Chief) to ask any questions and guide conversations, games, and many more activities to provide a great experience.

Meanwhile downstairs from NLS, the advisors were participating in NLATS. There many techniques were discussed and presented to help empower the youth of the lodge to perform to the best of their ability and to help the lodge run as a whole. The power of one person to serve others and to the have the Lodge become One.

All in all everyone had a great time throughout the weekend learning much and growing as individuals. The weekend culminated in a graduation ceremonies where the Advisors in their private graduation received their certificates and shook hand with the lead training Kay Trick. For NLS the graduation was held in the dining hall with everyone there from the weekend. Nick got his certificate and shook hands with the National Vice Chief, Region Chief, and the Section Chiefs that helped with the weekend. Nick was quoted saying, "It was a great experience and I recommend it for anyone who is going to be an officer or even a chairman to take it and learn from the experience".

## NGUYEN RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD AT 2009 NOAC

The Distinguished Service Award was created in 1940 to honor those who rendered service to the Order beyond the lodge level. The award is presented to those Arrowmen who have rendered distinguished and outstanding service to the Order on a sectional, regional, or national basis. The award is presented every two to three years during the National Order of the Arrow Conference. Since the time the first awards were presented, less than 840 Distinguished Service Awards have been awarded.

The award seen above is a sterling silver arrowhead, bearing an arrow pointing upward and to the wearer's right, suspended from a white neck-ribbon upon which are embroidered red arrows. A white square knot embroidered upon red cloth is also available.

Dave is now living in Los Angeles California and is a certified public accountant. He is an Eagle Scout from Troop 16, a Founders Award recipient and Vigil Honor member from Lowwapaneu Lodge. Dave has served Scouting in many ways including: NOAC staffs, Arrow Corp 5 staff, NLS staffs, National Conservation and Leadership Summit, Chief and Vice Chief of Section NE-2B, Lowwapaneu Lodge Chief and Vice Chief, Senior Patrol Leader of Great Medicine and Great Expectations, a ceremony team member of Lowwapaneu and a Committee Chairman. David has never left Scouting once he started and as you can see has had quite a career for his age.





*Be Sure to Join Us...*



# ***Holiday Banquet 2009***

*An Annual Tradition of Fellowship*



**WHERE:** The After Five Restaurant, 280 Main St, Dickson City

**WHEN:** Tuesday December 29, 2009. Fellowship begins at 6:00PM with Dinner at 6:30PM

**DIRECTIONS:** The After Five is located near Schiff's and Johnson College. Take I-81 to Exit 190. At the end of the exit ramp, turn right onto Main St, watch for the After Five approaching quickly on your right.

**WHAT:** This year's banquet will feature the usual fare of good food, outstanding awards, and lots of fun and fellowship.

**WHO:** The Banquet is for all Arrowmen but is also open to anyone...please bring your family, friends and other guests as well.

**COST:** The price for the Banquet is \$22 per person if paid by Friday, December 18th.  
Price is \$27.00 if paid after December 18th. Register today!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Guests \_\_\_\_\_ x \$22 (by 12/18) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$27 (after 12/18) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Make Payments and Registrations to:*  
Northeastern PA Council, BSA  
Lowwapanew Lodge 191  
1 Bob Mellow Drive  
Moosic, PA 18507



**SIGN UP AT THE SERVICE CENTER TODAY!**

## LLD TRAINING

On January 17th, 2010, Lowwapanu Lodge will be hosting the annual Lodge Leadership Development training. This is where all chairmen and officer are trained to run the Lodge for the upcoming year. There many different topics to be covered and great time to be had during the training. This training will be run during part of the day and put on by the best Lowwapanu has to offer. This training is open to anyone who wants to attend so come on out and partake in this great opportunity!

## LODGE ELECTIONS TRAINING

The annual elections training will be held on December 6th. This training is to prepare anyone on the elections committee to run an effective and presentable election to the local troops. Throughout the night different situations present what could go wrong in an election and how to deal with those particular situations. At the conclusion, those who come on out will receive the Lowwapanu Lodge Election's Trained patch and the 2010 pin. See you at the training.

~*Jake Martin,*  
*Unit Elections Chairman*

## HARVEST FEST THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who came out to Harvestfest and volunteered their time. Due to all of your hard work and effort we were able to provide a workforce that supported the activities there. Plenty of Cub Scouts came out in force on both days to enjoy the numerous activities around Acahela. It is thanks to you who graciously volunteer your time we are able to help at events such as Harvestfest.

~*Jake Martin & Len Slater*

## PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

There is an exciting opportunity for any youth members in the Lodge! We are holding a Lowwapanu Lodge Photo Contest. Anyone who is under the age of 21 is eligible to submit up to 3 photos. The theme of which the photos will be The Spirit of the Order of the Arrow. The photos can be old or recent, digital or physical photos. You can send the photos to [tasd2008@yahoo.com](mailto:tasd2008@yahoo.com) or to the attention of Chief Nick Murley at the council service center. The absolute deadline is November 24th at 11:59 PM. When sending in the photos please attach your name, age, and reason why you think it exemplifies the Order of the Arrow. The winners will be select at the General Lodge Meeting on the 25th and 2nd place will receive \$15 to the Scout shop and 1st will get \$25s. Adults if you feel left out, there will be a separate category for the glory just like at the pinewood derby. If you have any questions, please refer them to me at [tasd2008@yahoo.com](mailto:tasd2008@yahoo.com). Have fun and Good luck!

~*Nick Murley, Lodge Chief*

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR ARROWMEN AT NATIONAL JAMBOREE

The village will be filled with American Indian areas representing several tribes from across North America which depict life for these tribes. Craft area where some of the most capable crafters in the OA will be on hand to help Jamboree participants learn particular crafts. Indian Lore merit badge. Daily flag ceremonies and daily dance vignettes

**OA Service Corps:** Since 1950 the Order of the Arrow Service Corps has provided the example for how Arrowmen should act and cheerfully serve others. The Service Corps' seeks to provide servant leadership through cheerful service to the program areas of the Jamboree.

**OA Show Staff:** At Jamboree 2010, the National Order of the Arrow Committee will present the Mysterium Compass. Staff recruitment for The Mysterium Compass is now underway. People of all skill levels are needed for our team. Staff will include youth and adult members of the OA for the staff of over three hundred. Actors, "game" managers, ticketing and public relations, theatre technical crew like tv/video, sound and light technicians; stage managers; special effects operators; scenic crew; and more.

**For information on any of the above programs please see** <http://event.oa-bsa.org/events/jambo2010/>



# NOAC 2009 MEMORIES



## CHIEF NICK MURLEY ELECTED AS SECTION SECRETARY

At the recent October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Order of the Arrow Section NE-5B in Bloomsburg our very own Chief of Lowwapanew Lodge, Nick Murley was re-elected as the Section Secretary for the 2009-2010 Section year . Nick ran for the position of Secretary along with an Arrowmen from Unami One Lodge and one from Witauchsoman Lodge. After each made a short speech on why they should hold the office for the year and what they would do if elected, all were escorted out of the meeting room. The five lodges had ten votes each to use in the election and in the end Nick had 30 votes and will continue for another year as the Section Secretary.

## NATIVE AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Hello Everybody! This is the last article of Smoke Signals for this year! So I just thought you all might like a recap of the NAA's Activities for the year, that way you can come out and help us have another great year, and have a great time yourself.

This year our committee was busier than ever! We went to North Carolina in January, and had a blast! We learned a lot and had a great time doing it! Just ask any of the six guys that went!

After that we began our busy schedule of Blue and Gold Banquets, and let me tell you, if you want free food, this is the committee to get it! We performed at four Blue and Gold Banquets and everyone there enjoyed our performance.

We also performed at the Scout-O-Rama, Diversity Days at the Social Security Administration in Wilkes-Barre, and a kids Summer Theatre Program. All three were very rewarding in their own right. At the Scout-O-Rama we impressed local Native Americans so much that they invited us to perform at a Powwow! We impressed people from all over the country at the Diversity Days event! Finally, the Summer Theatre Program the most rewarding. We performed for a large group of kids, ages 6-14, and kept them all interested for almost an hour! They enjoyed every minute of it and so did we!

Now I know I may have bored you with this long recap, but let me tell you, this year was AWESOME!!! And we are already planning to make next year even better! It will be difficult, but the more of you that come out and help the easier it will be!! So please make an effort to be active and join the Native American Activities Committee!!

~Ray Posluszny, *Native American Activities Chairman*



## FOUNDER'S AWARD NOMINATIONS



Founder's Award was created in 1981 to honor and recognize those Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to the lodge. The award is reserved for an Arrowman who demonstrates to fellow Arrowmen that he or she memorializes in their everyday life, the spirit of achievement as described by Goodman. Local Lodges may petition the National Committee to present one Founder's Award annually for every 500 lodge members or portion thereof. Since its inception in 1981, only 22 Lowwapanu brothers have received this award.

Nominations should be taken seriously and as much information about the nominee as possible should be submitted to the Lodge Committee. **The Deadline for submission is November 10<sup>th</sup> and all must be on the Nominations form found on our web site. Nominations will not be accepted on any other format.** They should be sent to the Service Center to the attention of John Croom/Founders Committee. More information and requirements are on our web site.

## DREAM CATCHER HISTORY

While dream catchers originated in the Ojibwa Nation, during the Pan-Indian Movement of the 1960s and 1970s they were adopted by Native Americans of a number of different Nations. Some consider the dream catcher a symbol of unity among the various Indian Nations, and a general symbol of identification with Native American or First Nations cultures. However, other Native Americans have come to see dream catchers as "tacky" and over-commercialized, especially as most of them are being manufactured and sold by non-Natives.

Traditionally, the Ojibwa construct dream catchers by tying sinew strands in a web around a small round or tear-shaped frame of willow (in a way roughly similar to their method for making snowshoe webbing). The resulting "dream-catcher", hung above the bed, is used as a charm to protect sleeping children from nightmares. As dream catchers are made of willow and sinew, they are not meant to last forever but are intended to dry out and collapse as the child enters the age of adulthood.

The Ojibwa believe that a dream catcher changes a person's dreams. According to Terri J. Andrews, "Only good dreams would be allowed to filter through . . . Bad dreams would stay in the net, disappearing with the light of day." Good dreams would pass through and slide down the feathers to the sleeper.

# Lodge Dues Payment Form

*IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO PAY YOUR 2010 DUES!*

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

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

(Found on Mailing Label)

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

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Dues: I want to pay my dues: \_\_\_\_\_ years x \$ 8.00 per year = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_ Adult

*Please make checks payable to:*  
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*After completing this form please mail to:*  
 Lowwapaneu Lodge  
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 1 Bob Mellow Drive  
 Moosic, PA 18507

## ARE YOU GETTING EMAILS FROM THE LODGE?

The Lodge communicates the bulk of our information, reminders, and activities to our members through the **Lowwapaneu E-groups Email List**. If you aren't on the e-list, you are missing out on lots of up-to-date information on the happenings of Lowwapaneu and the Order!

To join the Lodge E-Mail List:

- ◆ Visit the Lowwapaneu homepage at <http://www.lowwapaneu.org>.
- ◆ On the left column of the webpage, there is a link that is called "Mailing List." Click on the link.
- ◆ Follow the appropriate instructions.
- ◆ You will now be set to receive all the latest information from the Lodge.

## THE VIGIL HONOR



The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that a Lodge can bestow upon a member. It is a mark of high distinction and is reserved for those arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position of office to one or more of the following: their lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, or their Scout Camp. Under no circumstances should tenure in Scouting or the Order of the Arrow be considered as reason enough for a Vigil Honor recommendation. The Vigil Honor is a recognition of one's commitment to altruistic leadership and proper example of Brotherhood in Cheerful Service. Alertness to the needs of others is the mark of the Vigil Honor.

Any member of the Order of the Arrow registered in Scouting and in good standing in the lodge is eligible provided that, at the time of the recommendation, the individual has meet all of the criteria bellow. A lodge may nominate a maximum of two percent of their registered Arrowmen once a year. At least 50 percent of all nominated must be under 21 at the time of nomination. The nominee must: 1. Be Brotherhood member for at least two years. 2. Be registered in Northeastern Pennsylvania Council. 3. Be a member in good standing of Lowwapaneu Lodge.

Nominations for the Vigil Honor ought to be taken seriously. Please provide as much information about the nominee as possible. In this way the Vigil Honor Selection Committee can make a fair assessment of the contributions of the nominee to Scouting and the Lodge. In order for a nomination to be accepted, it must be submitted on an official and current Vigil Honor Nomination form. Any additional information can be attached to the nomination form.

**THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS DECEMEBER 1<sup>st</sup>: All nominations must be received at the Scout Service Center to the attention of Dave Srebro no later then the close of the business day.**



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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.**

*November 25, 2009*

*January 27, 2010*

*February 24, 2010*

*March 24, 2010*

*April 28, 2010*

### **General Lodge Meetings**

*November 25, 2009* - Election of Lodge Officers at Service Center

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

*December 6, 2009* - Unit Elections Team Training - Service Center

*December 29, 2009*—Holiday Banquet - After Five, Dickson City

*January 1-April 15, 2010* - Unit OA Elections Taking Place

*January 9, 2010* - Merit Badge College, Kings College

*January 17, 2010* - Lodge Leader Development - Service Center

*March 26-28, 2010* - Fellowship Weekend - Camp Acahela