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ARROWCORPS5 A HIGHER ADVENTURE

In the summer of 2008, a contingent from Lowwapanew Lodge will travel to George Washington and Jefferson National Forests in Virginia as part of the 2008 ArrowCorps5 leadership in service initiative. ArrowCorps5 will provide a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for each participant to set an example of leadership in service to those who treasure our national forests. 5,000 Arrowmen will converge on 5 different US Forest Service lands over 5 separate weeks.

The Virginia projects will occur from June 21-June 28, 2008 and will include a full day recreational opportunities such as whitewater rafting, fishing, mountain biking, rock climbing, water skiing and viewing nearby historical sites. The cost to participants is \$250.00. This includes accommodations, meals, recreation and recognition during the project. The age of participants is 15 to adult ... provided participants meet the "Philmont height and weight requirements". To help defray the cost of our transportation, the Lodge held Burger Burn at Sam's Club on April 20th. Thanks to all who came out and helped make it a very successful fundraiser!

2008 SECTION NE-2B CONCLAVE

June 13th– 15th, 2008

Kittatinny Mountain Scout Reservation

Come join OA brothers
from all over New Jersey,
Pennsylvania and New
York in a weekend of fun
and fellowship including:

- ◆ Great Activities & Games
- ◆ Awesome Shows
- ◆ Great Food
- ◆ Special Events
- ◆ Exciting & Informative Training Sessions
- ◆ Meet National OA Officers!



The cost will be: \$24 for adults & youth

For those with season passes, it is \$19

To register, fill out the enclosed registration
form at the back of this Smoke Signals.

Don't miss this great annual event!

SPRING ORDEAL IS UPON US

The Spring Ordeal is right around the corner and it will be here before you know it. It is May 30 - June 1 2008 at Goose Pond Scout Reservation. If you're not signed up yet you can do so at the Service Center. 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, 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 and do a little cheerful service. There are many ways to have fun and help out with the ordeal. So come out and have a great time. See you there!



CHIEFLY SPEAKING

We are almost half way done with this year and that means that the Spring Ordeal is just a few weeks away. A lot has happened since January. First there was the Merit Badge College where some of the officers and brothers helped with the opening and helped scouts find their way to their classes. Then later in the month, there was the LLD, Lodge Leadership Development. The Fellowship Weekend followed in March ..it was a huge success, with many fun events going on all weekend.

There is still a lot that is happening though for the rest of the year. Coming up are Hammer & Saw Days at Goose Pond and Beaver Days at Acahela. After that there is the Spring Ordeal, May 30-June 1. The OA Section will also hold the annual Conclave in June. The Conclave is a lot of fun...Not only you should go to represent are lodge, but it is going to be the most fun OA event until the 2009 National Order of the Arrow Conference. There is also the Lodge Picnic on July 12. I hope to see you at these great events.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Nick Murley, Lodge Chief



ADVISOR'S MINUTE

Spring is here! The season when the trees bud, flowers bloom and new life is evident all around us.

How is your life in the Lodge? Are you going to blossom and get active in our Lodge?

We are always looking for members who are seeking involvement. Come out and support our new Chief, Nick, the other Officers, Chairmen and Advisors in our quest for 12 years of Quality. Let's make our Lodge the best it can be!

I would like to send out a thank you to those who have worked, wrote articles and moved their Committees in positive directions during the first portion of this year. Please keep up the good work.

Mr. John Croom, Lodge Advisor

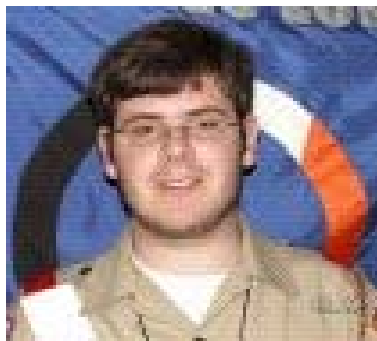


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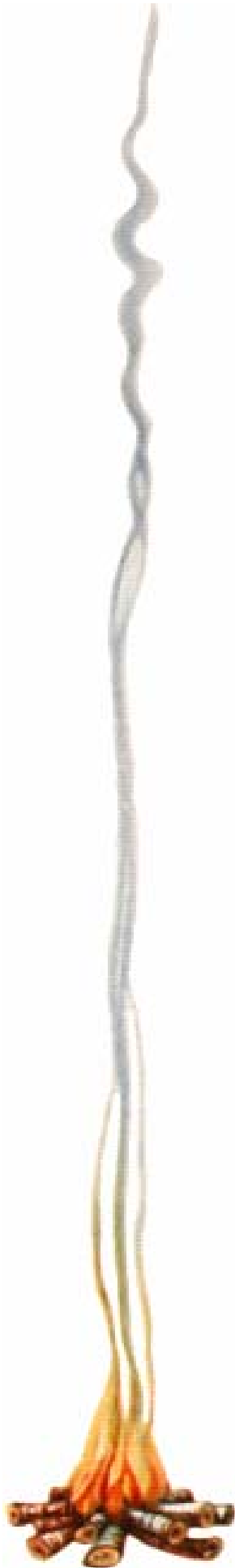
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SERVICE COMMITTEE

Now that summer is right around the bend, there are many service opportunities afoot. Foremost, the Hammer & Saw and Beaver Work Days at our Camps followed closely by the Spring Ordeal on May 30-June 1 with plenty of service planned for those who attend. After that comes a nice long stretch of summer. Are there any projects in the summer you ask? Why, yes there are! Each week at summer camp, there will be an opportunity to do cheerful service during the week. But on Thursday's, There will be an OA service project done at camp. Which ones you ask? Well, you'll have to show up with a smile and ready to do cheerful service to find out.

To the adult members of our Order, the Service Committee is still looking for people with special skills (masonry, electrical, carpentry, plumbing, etc). Just e-mail me at claycrusher@comcast.net if you are willing to help us out with a specialized project.

Before I finish here I would like to remind you that when you completed your ordeal, you took an obligation, and part of that obligation is cheerful service, so come get active in the lodge and do cheerful service.

Erik Hayden

LODGE AGREES TO UNDERTAKE LOCAL GOOD TURN SERVICE PROJECT

What: A Lowwapeanu Lodge new "Good Turn" to benefit sight impaired and mentally challenged youth.

The goal is to produce up to 500 audio CDs containing the voices of Scouts and adults from the Order of the Arrow Lodge reading short stories from Boy's Life Magazines. Distribute the CDs to area Associations for Retarded Citizens (ARC) and agencies that serve sight impaired and mentally challenged youth.

An additional CD will be produced that will include voices of adults reading stories. This CD will cater to adult members of ARCs.

Why: Area schools and agencies are always searching for new educational materials that promote literacy in youth.

Schools and agencies that serve the sight impaired and mentally challenged will be thrilled to receive audio CDs containing youth-oriented stories read by, and for youth – at no cost.

Area ARCs will also appreciate receiving CDs for their adult members.

When: Begin recording this summer, with CDs being produced this fall.

Who: Any interested Arrowman who has good reading ability.

How: To get involved, contact Scout Executive, Tom Slavicek at tslavicek@nepabsa.org or 570-207-1227 x227.



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 register for the Ordeal (form at the end of this *Smoke Signals*) as a Brotherhood Candidate and show up in uniform on Friday night of the Ordeal. You will receive further instructions on the Brotherhood training, hike, and ceremony at the Ordeal.



BURNING ISSUES...ASK MR. DAVE

This is a regular Smoke Signals forum, answered by "MR. DAVE", our Lodge Staff Advisor, Professional Scouter, and all-around Good Guy. Ask Mr. Dave anything (well almost anything) that has been a "burning issue" on your mind.



Dear Mr. Dave,

When I took my ordeal last year, there was a Scout who was our Elangomat and guided our Clan all weekend. He was pretty cool, how can I become an Elangomat for a Clan at an Ordeal?

-Ian

Ian, I'm glad you thought your Elangomat (which means 'friend') was cool and even more excited that you want to become one! It's easy...Contact Sam Levandoski or Mr. Fitzgerald. They are the leaders of our Lodge Elangomats. Their contact information is listed on Page 3. I'm sure they would be more than happy to have you join their ranks. They can tell you what you need to do to become a "friend" to our new Arrowmen.

Dear Mr. Dave,

I'm interested in knot tying and I heard you and some others talking at the Fellowship Weekend about a "western knot". I looked in my Scout Handbook, Pioneering Merit Badge book and a few other books for this knot but I could not find anything on it. Help!

-Jared

Well Jared,...what you heard us talking about over breakfast was actually a "James E. West" knot. This is one of those knots that you wear on your uniform. You can earn (or get presented) knots for a wide variety of things in Scouting like completion of training, being a unit leader, or earning a special award, to name a few. The West knot may be worn by anyone who becomes a member of the James E. West Fellowship. This is achieved by a permanent gift of \$1000 or more to the Council's endowment fund. The contribution may be made directly by the individual himself, or made in memory or in honor of someone else by an individual or a group. The gift is added to other gifts and invested. The earnings are used to insure that the Scouting program continues on well into the future. I hope someday you too can proudly wear the West knot!

Dear Mr. Dave,

My dad was in the OA as a boy and he told me they had to wear small wooden arrows around their neck during their ordeal which got marked if they talked. It sounds kinda bizarre, do you know if this ever happened?

-PJ

Well PJ, bizarre as you might think it is, what your dad told you is pretty much true! Back in the day, new Ordeal candidates were given (or carved their own from a branch) a small, 6 to 8 inch long, wooden arrow. This arrow was worn around their neck throughout the Ordeal. If they were caught talking, or doing something they were not supposed to, by an OA member, a notch or mark was made on the arrow. If a candidate managed to accrue 3 notches, he was considered to have **not** passed the tests of the Ordeal and denied membership into the Order. This practice ceased in the early '80's. If you look around at some of the OA adults who took their Ordeal "old school style," you just can't help but wonder how they ever made it!



Do you have a burning question for Mr. Dave? Feel free to email your questions to askmrdave@lowwapaneu.org and Mr. Dave will do his best to answer them in the next edition of Smoke Signals.

LODGE PICNIC 2008

Do horseshoes, frisbee, tennis, boomerang tossing, coal mine touring, geocaching, wiffle-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.

Lowwapaneu Lodge will be hosting their annual picnic this year on July 26th at McDade County Park in Scranton. Although you are not required to bring anything, it would be appreciated if you considered bringing items such as desserts, snacks, and drinks. Members are also encouraged to bring camp chairs, recreational items and sports gear. See you there!



ELANGOMAT COMMITTEE

The Elangomat Committee held its first meeting of the new year on March 25th at the Scout Service & Training Center. We welcomed a number of new Elangomats from last year's Ordeal. The Spring Ordeal is scheduled for May 30th, 31st and June 1st and we are still in need of some of our brother Arrowmen to come forward and join our committee to reinforce our membership. If you enjoyed your Ordeal in the past you can come and do it again. Any Arrowmen interested in joining our committee can contact me at bsaboy50@gmail.com. We are also in the process of setting up a Google-group for all of our Elangomats to get the most up-to-date information. If you have any questions email me for further information.

Sam Levandoski, Elangomat

PHOTO ALBUM..OF RECENT HAPPENINGS



Mr. Bryan Fisk and family after receiving the Cross and Flame Award at the March Council Board meeting. This is a Methodist award for working with Civic Youth –Serving programs as well as Unit, District or Council participation for a minimum of five years.



Sumo wrestling at the Fellowship Weekend



Corey Strauch shown with Nick Murley and Mr. John Croom at the March LEC Meeting where he gave a presentation on his recent hike of the Appalachian trail.



Football game at the Fellowship Weekend



Lots of drum practicing at the Fellowship Weekend



Fellowship Weekend Talent Show Winner (Lee of Troop 8)

OA members who sealed their membership in Brotherhood at the Fellowship Weekend.



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.



Lodge Dues & Event Registration Form

Name: _____

Lodge ID#: _____
(Found on Mailing Label)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

 _____ Ordeal
 _____ Brotherhood
 _____ Vigil

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

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

_____ Youth

Conclave: I want to go to the Conclave at KMSR _____ people x \$24.00 = \$ _____ (\$19 w/Pass)

Spring Ordeal: I am planning to attend _____ people x \$20.00 = \$ _____

Sealing the Bond of Brotherhood at the Ordeal:

☐ I am also planning on going for my Brotherhood Membership on Saturday.
 I took my Ordeal on (date): _____

Total \$ Enclosed For Lodge: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to:
 "Lowwapanew Lodge 191"

After completing this form please mail it to:
 Lowwapanew Lodge
 c/o Northeastern PA Council
 1 Bob Mellow Drive
 Moosic, PA 18507



Troop Representative Registration Form

Name: _____ Troop: _____ District: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

After completing this form please mail it to:

Lowwapanew Lodge 191
 c/o Troop Rep Committee
 1 Bob Mellow Drive
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or Email: Carl Jurkowski at:
 oatroop@hotmail.com

PUBLICATIONS SMOKE SIGNALS INPUT

Do you have an article of general interest to the Lodge that you would like to have published in a future edition of *Smoke Signals*? You can email them to me at: cbsysco@msn.com.

Jason Bender, Publications

Chief Nick Says...

Sign up & attend events! Don't be an Arrowman who just "is"... Be an Arrowman who "does"!



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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.

May 28, 2008

July 23, 2008 (at GPSR)

August 27, 2008

September 24, 2008

October 22, 2008

General Lodge Meetings:

June 1, 2008 - at Goose Pond (Spring Ordeal)

September 14, 2008—at Camp Acahela (Fall Ordeal)

November 26, 2008 - Election of Lodge Officers at Service Center

Activities and Other Important Events:

May 30-June 1, 2008—Spring Ordeal Weekend, Goose Pond

June 13-15, 2008— Section NE-2B Conclave, Kittatinny Mountain Scout Res

June 14, 2008 - Beaver Day II at Acahela

June 21-28, 2008 - Arrow Corps 5, Virginia

July 26, 2008—Lodge Summer Picnic

September 12-14, 2008—Fall Ordeal Weekend, Camp Acahela

December 28, 2008—Holiday Banquet

