



Smoke Signals

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OA ELECTION DAY

As another year slowly winds down and comes to an end, we look back and ask where exactly did the year go? As you know, the Lodge Officers Elections are just right around the corner, **Wednesday, November 21, 7:30 at the SSTC**. The Lodge is looking for qualified, mature Arrowmen to step up to lead our lodge into the 2008 year. Being in such respected and responsible positions allows you to develop leadership skills, while making important decisions that impact hundreds of Arrowmen from the most northern tip of Wayne County down to southern Luzerne County and everything in between. These skills that you obtain throughout your period of being an officer do not just last with you through your lodge term, but through YOUR LIFE!

As a former Chairman, Lodge officer and Section officer, I challenge those whose aspirations may not be quite clear, or those who question their position in the lodge to step forward and ask "What can I do for the lodge?" Those who elected you need you, is never a truer statement than at this time in our lodge, as we look for the newest and brightest leaders inside of Lowwapanew to lead this prestigious lodge. If you have aspirations to lead, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Croom (Lodge Adviser) or myself (ndfball3@hotmail.com/570.351.8385) about the particulars of being a Lodge Officer. I challenge the Arrowmen in our Lodge to step up to the plate to insure our continued success.

AJ Gaudenzi, Immediate Past Lodge Chief ('05 & '06)

2007 HOLIDAY BANQUET

The 2007 Lowwapanew Lodge Holiday Banquet is right around the corner! It's hard to believe that another great year has passed for the Lowwapanew Lodge and it's time to celebrate again! This year's Holiday Banquet will be on Sunday, **December 30** at 6:30 at the After Five Supper Club - 280 Main St. Dickson City, PA. Doors will open at 6:00 for gathering and fellowship. All Arrowmen and their spouses, girlfriends, families, and friends are invited to join in the celebration of the Holidays and the achievements of the lodge this year. The cost is \$20 per person. Please complete the registration form in this edition of *Smoke Signals* and return to the Scout Service Center no later than December 21. Highlights will include presentation of the Founder's Award and recognition of all Arrowmen who took their Ordeal, Brotherhood, or Vigil this year. Special highlights will also include the annual "Mr. Dave" awards and other recognition. This is a night of celebration that you don't want to miss!

Bill Carlo, Activities Chairman

UNIT ELECTIONS

Once again unit election season is fast approaching and the Unit Elections Committee is getting ready to meet the challenges of this busy time of year. As always, we hope that this year will be better than last. Last year 93 youth were elected in the three districts to take their ordeal. With a combined effort we can surpass this mark. The Unit Elections Committee training will be held at the Scout Service Center in Moosic on **December 2** at 7:00p.m. I would ask all Unit Elections Committee members and anyone interested in becoming members to attend this important training session. We would like to create a uniform procedure for performing unit elections during this session. There will be refreshments available and lots of fun, so please join us! Unit election season begins on January 1 and lasts until April 15. There will not be any elections held after April 15. Each troop will be contacted to determine their election status at the beginning of the election season.

If you have any questions, concerns, want to request an election, or would like to join a local elections team contact me, Kevin Jacobs, unit elections chairman, at: jgjacobs7@comcast.net or my adviser, Mr. Nestorick, at (570) 675-1293 or bsa418@epix.net. I hope to see you on December 2!

Kevin Jacobs, Unit Elections Chairman

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 nearby historical sites. The cost to participants is \$250, which includes all safety equipment, accommodations and meals during the project. The age of participants is 16 to adult ... provided participants meet the "Philmont height and weight requirements". A \$100.00 deposit to secure your reservation with the contingent is due no later than December 31, 2007. Our slot allotment will be filled on a paid basis so get your deposit in early to reserve your spot. More information can be obtained by contacting our youth coordinator Mike Kugler at oadude191@comcast.net or our adult coordinator Mr. Minello at minello@nawarhorse.com. To confirm that you are on the contingent list as a possible participant or to add your name, please email your contact information to either Mike Kugler or Mr. Minello.

CHIEFLY SPEAKING



Brothers, as we prepare for these final months in our year, there is still much to accomplish such as choosing the leadership of Lowwapanau Lodge for 2008 in the November Elections, preparing for the Holiday Banquet, and most importantly, achieving Quality Lodge for the 11th straight year – a virtually unheard of feat throughout the Order of the Arrow nationally.

This past year we have made tremendous and monumental gains in Lowwapanau Lodge with the induction of nearly one-hundred Arrowmen into our illustrious Order. With all of the progress and success we have shared throughout this year we still must prepare and plan to complete our lodge goals that we set back in January at the Lodge Leadership Development training.

This work and execution of completing these goals could not have been done without you, the Arrowmen of Lowwapanau Lodge. But, the job is still not finished! I encourage all that read this to aspire to become more active in our Lodge on any level and assist us as we prepare for the stretch run with one goal in mind....to continue upon our years of success and insure the prosperity of Lowwapanau for years to come.

In Service,

Ben Raines, Lodge Chief

ADVISOR'S MINUTE

Here we are in the final quarter of 2007! The Lodge year is quickly coming to an end. The Lodge elections are just four weeks away and we are trying to get the youth excited about running for a Lodge office. We are working diligently towards another year of Quality status. Positive growth in membership may hold us back from achieving this lofty award for the eleven straight years, but we haven't given up.

The Lodge is excited about the Arrow Corps 5 service adventure that will take place next June. We have chosen the George Washington and Jefferson National Forest in Virginia and hope to take twenty five or more members on the trip.

I am very pleased with our new training plan for the Election Team members and the patch and pin that will be awarded to those who get "trained". Hope you can attend on December 2nd.

I hope we can get you as pumped up like so many of us and get involved in the Lodge to attend Lodge activities and take part in its leadership. It certainly is a worthwhile adventure.



In Service,

John Croom, Lodge Advisor

2007 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ~ LODGE OFFICERS

Lodge Chief
Vice-Chief -Program
Vice-Chief -Admin
Lodge Secretary
Lodge Treasurer
Lodge Advisor
Assoc. Lodge Advisor
Assoc. Lodge Advisor
Lodge Financial Advisor
Lodge Staff Advisor

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Lodge Chief



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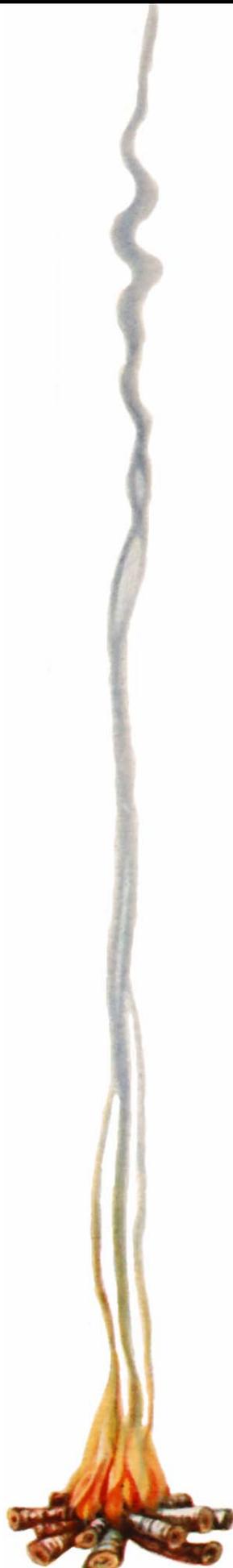
Mike Brunetti
Vice Chief of Admin.



Jacob Curtis
Secretary



Philip Diefenderfer
Treasurer



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Be Sure to Join Us...



Holiday Banquet 2007

An Annual Tradition of Fellowship



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

WHEN: Sunday December 30, 2007. 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 \$20 per person. Register today!

Name: _____ Unit #: _____

Number of Guests _____ x \$20 = \$ _____

Phone: _____

Make Payments and Registrations to:
Lowwapanew Lodge 191
Northeastern PA Council, BSA
1 Bob Mellow Drive
Moosic, PA 18509



SIGN UP AT THE SERVICE CENTER TODAY!

ELECTIONS TEAM TRAINING

This year Lowwapanau Lodge is starting an all-new unit elections training program. This interactive program will run from 7 – 8 PM on Sunday December 2, 2007 at the Scout Service Center.

Every person that completes this training will receive a coveted Unit Elections Trained Patch to be worn on the uniform at elections by unit elections teams. This patch is shown here at the right.

Our hope is that Troops will start to recognize that dedication and training make a difference in the quality of their OA elections. This program is free to all lodge members.

Registration is required to guarantee that personalized materials can be created for you.

Please register no later then Wednesday, November 21, 2008 to hold your spot.

The dress for this evening casual. Drinks and snacks will be provided.



Complete the portion below and mail or fax to:

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Lowwapanau Lodge
 C/O Northeastern PA Council
 1 Bob Mellow Drive, Moosic, PA 18507
 (570) 207-1227 Fax (570) 207-1232

I am planning to attend the 2008 unit elections training at 7:00 PM, December 2, 2007 at the SSTC.

Name: _____

Troop Number: _____ District: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail: _____



100 YEARS OF SCOUTING

Celebrating the Adventure ★ Continuing the Journey

NATIONAL LOGO CONTEST

In honor of the BSA's approaching 100th Anniversary, we want to create a memorable logo that captures the true spirit of Scouting... and, we are calling on Scouts all across the country to help us in the effort! We have launched a national contest to inspire creative thinking and engage Scouts at every level. Every registered Scout is eligible. Entries are due by Nov. 30, 2007. Winners will be chosen in several categories. The overall winner will work with nationally-recognized graphic artist and Eagle Scout, Kit Hinrichs, to format the design for broad use throughout our celebration.

RECOGNITION

Every participant will receive a patch and certificate from the BSA. Winners, chosen from the following categories, will be recognized at the May 2008 National Annual Meeting:

- Overall design
- Best Design by an Eagle Scout
- Best Design by a Venturer
- Best Design by a Boy Scout
- Best Design by a Cub Scout or Webelos Scout

HOW TO ENTER

Sharpen your pencils. Get out your crayons. Warm up your computer mouse. Create a logo design that best captures what YOU believe to be the true spirit of Scouting. Log on to <http://ww2.scouting.org/100years> for more information.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR TROOPS
NOVEMBER 17, 2007
BRENNAN HALL, UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON
COST: \$20.00/PERSON

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 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. Inter-patrol games and activities will add some excitement to the day.

Contact your troop Scoutmaster to make a reservation. For more information, call Course Scoutmaster, J Croom at (570) 499-8855.

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 1, 2008

Submit to:
publications191@hotmail.com

LODGE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

On **January 20, 2008** Lowwapaneu Lodge will hold its annual Lodge Leadership Development at the Scout Service Center. This is a required event for all chairmen, advisors and the new officers. In addition, any and all other Arrowmen are both encouraged and invited to attend. The training will start at 1 PM.



Everyone in attendance will learn helpful leadership skills such as dealing with committees, what a committee is expected to do throughout the year, working with adult advisors, and learning effective communication and training skills. Those in attendance will also have the privilege with helping to develop the annual goals that the lodge will try to achieve in the next year.

If you are interested in attending, please mark it on your calendar now and pay attention to the lodge e-mails to receive more information.

OA WILDERNESS VOYAGE ADVENTURE

Incredible does not even come close to describing the awesome time I had this summer at OA Wilderness Voyage. If you want to experience one of the country's most beautiful landscapes and scenic sunsets, then Northern Tier is the place to be! Two weeks of trail building, more than 130 miles canoed, Bald Eagles galore, thunderstorms, waterfalls, portaging canoes, a sense of accomplishment, avoiding swamp foot, and fellowship with likeminded Brothers



is what I experienced during my most memorable trek. The work was hard, the weather was great, and the time just flew by! I will treasure the memories of this trip for ever. Our crew of 9 (7 youth and two

staff members) ventured out miles and miles away from civilization performing trail maintenance and conservation projects while experience sensational countryside.

This is one of the best deals going! Where else can you spend two weeks in the great outdoors for only \$125? The only thing I had to pay for was my transportation. I even received a scholarship from the lodge and from the Section to help offset the cost! Even though the work was hard I would jump at the chance to go again. This was one of the best Scouting outings I have been on during my Scouting career. I would like to encourage every Arrowman to consider attending one of the OA High-Adventure programs during their time in the OA. 2008 OA High-Adventure applications are available now online at <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org>. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity. It's never too soon to starting planning for next summer's Scouting activities!

Tiwahe Lodge Chief, Bobby James

GET INVOLVED

Have you ever wanted to have an awesome time with all your arrowman friends? The secret is to get involved in a committee. Its easy, all you have to do is look in the back of smoke signals, and find the chairman's email address. Send him an email saying that you want to join and ask when the meetings are. Now go to the meetings and have fun with your new arrowman friends. See you there.

*Mike Brunetti
Vice-Chief of Administration*

ORDER OF THE ARROW OCEAN ADVENTURE

By Jack Morton

As an OAOA participant, for two weeks in July I was engaged in becoming certified in scuba diving, providing service to the local community, and diving in the undersea wilderness of the Atlantic Ocean. I discovered that learning how to scuba dive was a lot more difficult than I had anticipated. Also, many dives to the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean helped me realize that our coastal coral reefs and marine life face many threats to their existence.

Upon arrival at Sea Base, the OAOA training center in Islamorada, Florida, I was confident that I had sufficient swimming skills to easily pass all the requirements for scuba diving certification; this was not to be the case. The first several certification tests were held in a swimming pool and most of my class of 14 passed them with ease. Tests measured mastery of basic swimming strokes and the ability to float for three minutes without moving. Next, we entered one of the two scuba training tanks and put on our scuba gear. After entering the tank, we learned how to clear our regulators and how to control our buoyancy for ascent and descent. Finally, we were ready to breathe for the first time under water.



We all slowly descended and grouped together at the bottom of the pool. This is where the skills we learned became more involved. They included such maneuvers as having our regulator shut off to simulate a diver's oxygen tank running out of air. We also took off our scuba masks and learned how to breathe off a buddy's regulator in the event we somehow became separated from our own air source. All of these pool drills were much more mentally challenging and difficult for me since they were taking place sixteen meters under water. Not panicking when taking the last few breaths of air before my air tank became empty was especially challenging. After a few days of training in how to handle underwater emergencies, I felt comfortable performing the maneuvers required for deep water scuba diving and received Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) scuba certification.

Before participating in OAOA, I had not known much about the state of the marine environment off the coasts of the United States. At Sea Base, I learned that the coral reefs and marine life around Florida were in an irreversible decline. Our dive master told us that in just fifty years the entire population of coral on the East Coast of the United States will be dead. Further, he told us that although the Mississippi River is many miles away from the coral reefs, it is to blame for their pending demise. The many pollutants dumped into the Mississippi each year flow into the Gulf Stream, a water current which pulls water out of the Gulf of Mexico and up the east coast of the USA by curving around the Florida panhandle. Thus, tons of pollutants are cast across thousands of miles of ocean floor each year. Like most of nature, the ocean floor is not immune to the effects of pollution. Chemical pollutants bleach and kill coral and coupled with trash and other discarded debris endanger fish species. In order to help slow the impending death of the coastal coral, my fellow divers and I participated in a trash removal program at the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean. We recovered a large amount of trash and spent almost six hours of diving for a full week cleaning the ocean floor. One day we brought up over four hundred pounds of trash in one dive. It was easy to see evidence of what our dive master had told us about the effects of pollutants on coral. Much of the coral was bleached and already dead. It was distressing that much of the trash we found had labels of companies based in states lining the Mississippi River.

At the completion of scuba training and diving and service projects, I realized what a terrific two weeks I had experienced. I had learned the techniques required for PADI certification. Being certified allowed me to enjoy the wonder of being able to breathe under water. I also learned that pollution is not just a product of smoke stacks and gas guzzling SUVs. Clearing trash that had been dumped into the Mississippi River off the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean was a fascinating illustration of the horrendous pollution problem our nation faces. I left Sea Base wondering what it would take to bring an end to the pollution problems in the United States; problems so pervasive they even effect the environmental health of the ocean floor.

Any Arrowman interested in the 2008 OAOA program can find information at:

<http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/index.php?p=oaao>

2008 OAOA applications are now available. If an Arrowman wants to contact me about OAOA, I can be reached at: airforce20072011@yahoo.com

THE VIGIL HONOR ~ NOMINATIONS

Alertness to the needs of others is the mark of the Vigil Honor. It calls for an individual with an unusual awareness of the possibilities within each situation.

The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to lodge, council, and Scouting. Membership cannot be won by a person's conscious endeavors.

The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition 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:

- Lodge
- Order of the Arrow
- Scouting Community
- Scout Camp

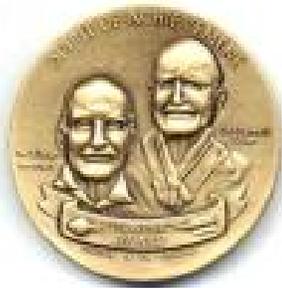


Under NO circumstances should tenure in Scouting or the Order of the Arrow be considered as reason enough for a Vigil Honor recommendation. Any member of the Order of the Arrow registered in Scouting and in good standing in a regularly chartered lodge is eligible for recommendation to the National Order of the Arrow Committee for elevation to the Vigil Honor provided that, at the time of the recommendation, the individual has been a Brotherhood member for a **minimum of two years**.

If you know someone who meets these lofty requirements you may nominate them for this Honor **All nominations must be made on the nomination form located on our web site (www.lowwapaneu.org). They should be sent the Scout Service Center to the attention of Vigil Committee/John Croom. Deadline for these nominations are December 1st**. More information and the forms are on our web site.

THE FOUNDER'S AWARD ~ NOMINATIONS

With the death of the Order of the Arrow's Founder, Dr. E. Urner Goodman, The National Order of the Arrow Committee decided that the time was right to reinforce the values first established by the founders. The 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 Arrow-



man who demonstrates to fellow Arrowmen that he or she memorializes in their everyday life, the spirit of achievement as described by Goodman. The award consists of a bronze medallion bearing the likenesses of founder E. Urner Goodman and co-founder Carroll A. Edson. The reverse of the medallion is inscribed with the words, which immortalize the meaning of the award, "For he who serves his fellows, is, of all his fellows, greatest!" The recognition piece for the Arrowman's uniform is an arrow ribbon, similar to the universal arrow ribbon, except that it has a gold-colored arrow suspended from a solid red ribbon. Local Lodges may petition the National Committee to present one Founder's Award annually for every 500 lodge members or portion thereof. Since it's inception in 1981, only 20 Lowwapaneu brothers have received this award.

Dave Mitchell
Dave Srebro
Dave Nguyen
John Gaudenzi

Josh Thomas
Eric Chase
Dan Nestorick
Joshua Tucky

Jeremy Kobeski
John Croom III
Aaron Dombroski
Tino Penzone

Bill McAulifee
Matt Beckage
Greg Russick
AJ Gaudenzi

Bill Botke
John Croom Jr
Bob Gibbons
Michael Minello

Nominations should be considered carefully and as much information about the nominee as possible should be submitted to the Lodge Committee. **The Deadline for nomination submissions is November 13th and all submissions must be on the nominations form found on our web site (www.lowwapaneu.org). Nominations will not be accepted in any other format.** They should be sent to the Scout Service Center to the attention of Founders Committee/John Croom. More information, requirements and forms are on our web site.

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 Super Guy. Ask Mr. Dave anything (well almost anything) that has been a "burning issue" on your mind.



Dear Mr. Dave,

I recently learned that our Council Scout Executive, Tony Rogers left NEPA. Where did he go and does this mean you will be promoted to be the new Scout Executive?

-Ryan

Well Ryan,

Tony Rogers did indeed leave us as Scout Executive of the Northeastern PA Council as of September 1. We wish him well in his new position as the Scout Executive of the Pine Tree Council, Portland, Maine. To answer the second part of your question...NO! As much as you might think I would be a good Scout Executive, I know I would have a difficult time living up to everyone's expectations right now. Besides, I'd hate to have to switch the patches on my uniform again, that's such a hassle. Mr. Thomas Slavicek from the Narragansett Council, Providence, Rhode Island will be assuming the role as our Scout Executive as of November 19.

Dear Mr. Dave,

I will be going away to college next year...can you belong to the OA without being a member of a Troop? Or, can I join the lodge that is near where my school is located?

-Dan

Dear Dan,

Your question has many elements to it, but here is the official scoop in a few brief statements: 1. Technically, you cannot continue to be a member of the OA without being a registered member of the BSA. That registration can be in a Pack, Troop, Crew or District/Council position. 2. You cannot officially be a member of two different Lodges at once, though you can "participate" in two lodges. 3. You can be a registered member of the BSA in two different Councils. 4. Keep it simple, tell your Scoutmaster to keep you listed on the Troop charter; and pay your Lowwapanau dues while you are away at school to maintain your OA status. If you are a half-decent guy, the Lodge and your Troop will understand, but don't be a complete stranger...show up and help out whenever you can!

Dear Mr. Dave,

Whats the deal with the Boy Scout Monopoly game? I saw them in the Scout Shop recently.

-Kevin

Dear Kevin,

The "deal" is called 'join the club'...Scouting is now as cool as all the other "___opolies" Have you been camping under a rock and not noticed the trend?: Nascar-opoly, Yankees-opoly, Penn State-opoly, etc. Watch for Goose Pond-opoly and Lowwapanau-opoly coming out this Holiday Season!

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

OA TRAIL CREW AT PHILMONT

Watching the sun rise upon the mountain horizon of Mount Baldy is a memorable experience that one will remember for the rest of their life. The Order of the Arrow wants to provide you with the chance to experience that moment and to explore the backcountry of the Philmont Scout Ranch where Arrowmen from across the country gather each summer to take part in fellowship, fun and service. All Arrowmen, who arrive are separated into crews led by OA Trail Crew Foremen, who have been trained in various conservation techniques used to assist in solidifying in the pristineness that is Philmont. During the first week, participants will labor with the other participants to provide service to the Ranch with each other by engaging in trail building and to help rebuild some of the area destroyed in past wildfires. After this week, crews design their very own trek that is unique to those involved in the experience. As a participant, what you say is what you do. Some choose to climb to the heights on Mount Baldy, others choose to enjoy the sights from Mount Phillips and still some choose to explore historic Philmont with its caves, mines and villas. Maybe what you are looking for is the final descent from the Tooth of Time upon base camp. Whatever your fancy, Philmont has what you are looking for but only through the Order of the Arrow will you be given the opportunity to utilize the synergy of brotherhood that will take you Philmont's ultimate depths.

For more information about the Trail Crew program, visit Adventure.ou-bsa.org .





THE SOCIAL EVENT OF THE YEAR?
 Photo from the Mr. & Mrs. J. Croom wedding.
 See some familiar faces?



GOOSE POND OA SERVICE PROJECT

Over the Labor Day weekend a few Brothers visited Goose Pond to look at the site of the next major Lodge service project. In the pictures you can see Council President Bryan Fisk, Dave Srebro and Mike Minello.

The project is a 24' x 20' pavilion with a concrete floor that we would like to erect in the Outdoor Learning Center area between the Parade field and the Dining Hall at The Pond.

We are currently working on getting the required building permits. We are also looking for an architect to help us draw up the plans and someone to help us with the concrete work and construction. Please let us know of anyone in those trades.



GOOSE POND
 ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

The Lodge's adopt-a-highway project on the roadway at Goose Pond is complete for another year.

On a wonderful, sunny

fall Saturday morning the project was completed in approximately 1.5 hours with just seven people. We thank those brother in the photo for getting this obligation completed before winter.

We will be doing the first clean up of next year on Saturday April 12, 2008 at 11 AM. See you there!

NATIONAL CONSERVATION AND LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

At the end of July, Ben Raines, Mr. Minello and Mr. Croom traveled to Indiana University at Bloomington to attend the National Conservation and Leadership Summit. The last Summit the Order held was in 1999 at Colorado State University.

Ben and Mr. Croom attended the Leadership track which included the OA's new 2008 to 2012 Strategic Plan, "Living the Legacy" which you will be hearing much more about in the future.

On the other hand Mr. Minello trained to be a "Trail Boss" a leader for the upcoming Arrow Corps 5 Service Project next summer in Virginia (see more in the Arrow Corps 5 article). They were trained in the Hoosier National Forest on topics like, building water bars, fire safety, health safety, crew leadership skills and much more.



TROOP
 REPRESENTATIVES

Hello, my name is Carl Jurkowski and I am the new OA Troop Representative Chairman. I have taken this position in order to improve the participation of the Troop Representatives, and to get information about the lodge to other troops.

I am asking that all of the Troop Representatives come to the next Lodge Executive meeting at the Scout Service Center on November 21st, 2007 at 7:00pm. I would like to talk to you about transferring information from the meeting to your troop. If you are unable to attend the meeting please contact me by e-mail at lordninja90@aol.com. Hope to see you at the meeting.



Carl Jurkowski

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 \$ 8.00 per year = \$ _____

Holiday Banquet: _____ people x \$20.00 = \$ _____

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/Unit Elections Training Registration Form

Name: _____ Troop: _____ District: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

I am interested in:

- Learning about or becoming a Troop Rep Attending the Unit Elections Team training on December 2

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

HARVEST FEST 2007 – ANOTHER LODGE SERVICE SUCCESS

On October 27 & 28 at Camp Acahela we assisted our Council in running the largest event of the calendar year. Haunted Harvest Fest was again staffed by numerous Arrowmen from throughout the Council, helping with registration, parking, costumes, hayrides, dining hall, as well as a number of different program booths for almost 1600 Cub Scouts, parents and families. Our Drum Team also highlighted the program by performing every hour at the Parade Field. Overall, the weekend was a huge success with decent weather and a terrific program. We were an asset in helping the Council with this very important Cub Scout event. Special thanks goes out to our Lodge Harvest Fest Chair, Paul Trzcinski and all Arrowmen who contributed time and effort in making Harvest Fest the success that we all knew it would be!

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.

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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.

January 23, 2008

February 27, 2008

March 26, 2008

April 23, 2008

May 28, 2008

General Lodge Meetings:

November 21, 2007—Service Center, 7:30p.m.—**Annual Election of Officers**

Activities and Other Important Events:

December 2, 2007—Elections Team Training, Service Center

December 30, 2007—Holiday Banquet, After Five Restaurant

January 20, 2008 - Lodge Leader Development, Service Center

April 4-6, 2008—Fellowship Weekend, Camp Achela

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

