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LEADERSHIP IN SERVICE AWARD

In recognition of the Order of the Arrow's heritage of service, the National Order of the Arrow Committee created a three-year Leadership in Service Program which was announced at the 2004 NOAC. The Order strives to strengthen Scouting's foundation of service by further fostering in Arrowmen the ethic of servant leadership. By promoting and rewarding service that benefits the Boy Scouts of America's outdoor program, and the communities in which Scouts reside, the Order will be acting to support Scouting at the most important level.

Leadership in Service Award Criteria

Arrowmen must complete the following requirements each year in which they earn the award:

- Give 8 hours of service participating in a Lodge or Council service project benefiting a local Council camp (Lodge induction weekends do count). Service may be split over two or more events. (Working as camp staff does not fulfill the Council service requirement)
- Give 6 hours of service doing a community service project planned and run by the Lodge or approved by the Lodge.

The timeline for the Leadership in Service Award is a graduated system that encourages Arrowmen to continue their service from year to year. Requirements for the award can be met during the calendar years of 2005, 2006, and 2007. Service from a previous year cannot be carried over to meet the next year's requirements. Arrowmen of all ages may earn the First Year award in 2005, 2006 or 2007, the Second Year in 2006 or 2007, and the Third Year Award in 2007 only.

Signatures for the requirements of this award may be signed off by the Lodge Chief and Lodge Adviser. The Leadership in Service form has been added to the download section on our web site (lowwapanew.org).

The form and \$5.00 for first year awards signed by the Lodge Advisor or Lodge Chief are due no later than December 1, 2007. They should be returned to Lodge Advisor John Croom along with the payment.

Second and third year awards will be free of charge but the completion form process that is in place will be the same.



GAUDENZI NAMED SECTION SECRETARY

At a recent Section NE-2B Council of Chiefs meeting at Camp Alamuchy, our past Lodge Chief AJ Gaudenzi was elected to the position of Section Secretary.

Also attending that meeting was current Lodge Chief Ben Raines who will also be serving the Section this year as the Activities Chairmen for the upcoming Conclave at Camp NoBeBosCo in June.

Congratulations to both AJ and Ben!

CROOM AWARDED CROSS & FLAME

Mr. John Croom was recently awarded (and surprised with) the Cross & Flame Award. This award is the nationally recognized adult Scouting religious award presented by the United Methodist Church.

This rare award given by the United Methodist Church recognizes at least five years of using and supporting the church's Civic Youth-Serving programs and serving in church leadership positions as well as Unit, District, or Council participation.

Mr. Croom is very active as a leader in his church, Moscow United Methodist, and also serves actively as a counselor for the Protestant youth religious awards for Scouts, among his many other Scouting roles.

Congratulations Mr. Croom!



CHIEFLY SPEAKING

At this point in time, our Lodge is doing great. We passed the by-laws in November at the General Lodge meeting. If there are any Arrowmen that would like a copy of the newly revised by-laws, please e-mail myself or Mr. Croom and we will be happy to send them to you. There was the Holiday Banquet on December 28, where the 2007 Lodge Officers were installed in their positions. Also, the awards of the NOAC competitions for Ceremonies were given out along with the Founder's and James West Awards.

The newly inducted Officers gave the opening ceremony at Merit Badge College with the help of some of the Chairmen and Past Officers. The Lodge had thirty three people at the Lodge Leadership Development where there was great training given to the Lodge by past Chief, AJ Gaudenzi. The Council of Chiefs in section NE -2B met to set plans for the Conclave. The fellowship weekend will be coming up March 23-25. I know that the Chairman for the activities committee, Bill Carlo, already has a great weekend planned for us.

Don't forget that there is the Season Pass for any Lodge member that would like to pay for their Lodge events ahead of time and save money in the process. This is a great idea for anybody that plans to go to the lodge events. If you purchase the pass, you will save around 18 dollars for the season, including the Fellowship Weekend and the Conclave. The NE-2B Conclave this year is at Camp No-be-bos-co in New Jersey the weekend of June 15-17. For the Conclave, I am the Conclave Vice-Chief for Activities. I know that when you go to the Conclave that you are going to have a great time.

This newsletter would not be complete without thanking AJ for his hard work in our Lodge. During his terms, he has done countless things for our Lodge including helping me take over this position. Thanks AJ and we look forward to your continued involvement in the Lodge and Scouting.

Ben Raines, Lodge Chief

ADVISOR'S MINUTE

As we begin the new Lodge year with a new Chief and most of the other officers being first time officers, we are a revamped group of Advisors and Chairmen working together to maintain a successful program. We are striving to achieve the Quality Lodge award. This would be our eleventh year to attain the award, a distinction of honor for us and the Council.

The year started off with AJ Gaudenzi running a very successful Lodge Leadership Development training with thirty three Arrowmen in attendance. At the training a plan was developed and "smart" measurable goals were set for the year. A few nights later at the Lodge Executive Meeting it was very encouraging to see some new youth and adults in attendance.

The rest of this year will be as busy as the first six weeks. With the Fellowship Weekend, the election season running until April 15th, The University of Scouting on March 31, NLS at Camp Alpine and the Camps Work Days this will be a very busy time of the year.

To attain our goals we will need you! Come out and join a Committee, become a Troop representative, come out to our Camp work days, become ACTIVE.

Mr. John Croom, Lodge Advisor

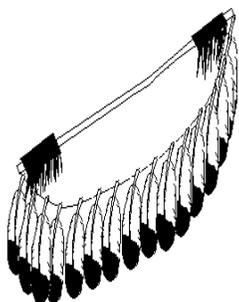


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Vice-Chief -Admin
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Lodge Treasurer
Lodge Advisor
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Assoc. Lodge Advisor
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2006 HOLIDAY BANQUET RECAP

On December 28, our lodge had our annual Holiday Banquet at the After 5 Restaurant. Before the Banquet we had fellowship, followed by an excellent buffet style dinner. Then we had our reason for the night: our program. During the program we had our newest officers sworn in, who are: Ben Raines- Lodge Chief, Jack Spitzer- Vice Chief of Program, Mike Brunetti- Vice Chief of Administration, Jacob Curtis- Secretary, and Philip Diefenderfer- Treasurer. We also had our NOAC awards and recognition for our Brothers who attended NOAC. Then we had our Lodge slide show followed by our James E. West Awards, which were received by: Greg Russick and Brandon Gething. Finally we had our Founders Awards which are awards for those who go above and beyond the call of duty of Scouting and the OA. These high honors were received by AJ Gaudenzi, who just left office for Lodge Chief, and Mr. Mike Minello, who is our Council Treasurer and our Financial Advisor for our Lodge. Throughout the Ceremony, we had our tradition of "special" Dave Srebro awards, which are always fun for everyone. This great evening is a tradition of Lowwapaneu Lodge and it will carry on for years to come. For anyone who may have missed our Banquet, you missed a great time and we expect to see you all next year. Don't miss out for 2007!

Philip Diefenderfer



ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND NEWS

Attention all lodge members! The activities committee will be holding committee meetings, tentatively, on the following dates: April 11, July 11, October 10 and December 12. Although these dates are subject to change, please circle them on your calendars. All meetings will be held at the Scouts Training Center in Moosic.

The fellowship weekend will be held between the 23rd and the 25th of March, at Camp Achela. This is a fun weekend for all Arrowmen and other interested scouts. The cost of this event is \$20.00, which will include food, lodging and activities. Brotherhood candidates will need to include an additional \$10.00 for the brotherhood sash. Additionally, since there are limited sleeping accommodations indoors, all scouts should take their tents with them and assume they will be sleeping outdoors that weekend.

The first annual Lowwapaneu **Talent Show** will also headline the weekend. So make sure that if you have any hidden talent (and we're sure you do), that you come prepared to entertain the rest of us. All prospective entertainers should e-mail Bill Carlo no later than the first week of March, at bcarlo@earthlink.net so you can be included in the program. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. This will be a lot of fun, so take a chance and enter.



LODGE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT RECAP

The 2007 Lodge Leadership and Development was held on January 21, 2007 at the Scout Service and Training Center in Moosic. The planned course assisted in planning the lodge's goals for the year as well as placing emphasis on committee and individual accomplishment for the calendar year. The program could not have been a success without the dedication of great presenters, Mr. John Croom Jr., Ben Raines, Jason Bender and Mr. Dave Srebro. The training included committee breakout sessions, Leadership Style, How to Set the Example, and planning of this year's lodge calendar. We hope that all officers, chairman and advisers that attended took back with them a better meaning of what being part of the TEAM is about, the Lodge Executive Committee team that you create together as a support system to run our very successful lodge here in Northeastern Pennsylvania.



2007 CONCLAVE

As you know, Conclave is quickly approaching. The 2007 Conclave will be hosted by Lenapehoking Lodge IX from June 15-17 at Camp No-Be-Bos-Co, where the movie series, *Friday The Thirteenth*, was filmed.

The cost will be \$24. It is only \$19 for those Arrowmen who have the Season Pass. Please see further editions of *Smoke Signals* for more information.. The 2007 Conclave goal is 40 members!

Mark your calendars!

Ryan Caviston

BURNING ISSUES...ASK MR. DAVE

This is a new Smoke Signals forum, answered by "MR. DAVE" Srebro, 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,

I saw you a few months ago with out a goatee, now you have it back. Why did you shave it off in the first place. I think you looked weird without it?

~ Steve Sashman

Dear Steve,

The guy you mistook for me without a goatee was actually my younger, thinner, much better looking, brother, Andrew. He fills in for me occasionally and did so a number of times while I was on sabbatical. He lives pretty far down the valley so you won't see him much. I'll tell him you send your regards.

~ Mr. Dave

Dear Mr. Dave,

I thought you retired from Scouting in October, or was someone pulling my leg? What gives?

~Sam Sakima

Dear Sam,

I did retire from my Professional position in the Council (but not from Scouting) in October, for about a month. I missed everyone so much and everyone missed me so much that I returned as a member of the Council Professional Staff in a new role, Council Program Director, in November. It's great to be back!

~Mr. Dave



Dear Mr. Dave,

Do you own Goose Pond and Camp Acahela? If so, thanks a whole bunch for letting all the Scouts and the OA camp and hang out there, they are two pretty cool places!

~ Manny Fires

Dear Manny,

Thanks! And I couldn't agree more, they are two really great places. I can't think of anyplace I'd rather be. I always say, "A bad day at Acahela or Goose Pond is better than any day anywhere else!" As for owning them, I wish I could say I did. In fact, the camps belong to all of us, all the registered Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers and Scout Leaders in our Council. As the North-eastern Pennsylvania Council of the Boy Scouts of America, collectively these jewels belong to everyone and are ours to use, treasure, enjoy and preserve. Along with the OA, lots of volunteers and Ranger Tim, part of my role on the Council Staff is to help manage these two properties the best we can in the best interest of all our Scouts.

~ Mr. Dave

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.

IT'S ELECTION SEASON

Unit election season is upon us once again! The unit election teams are out there performing elections in each of the three districts. The election season runs from January 1st to April 15th. April 15th is the deadline for unit elections to be performed. There are no exceptions! Our main purpose is to elect new brothers into the Order of the Arrow by going to each Troop and presenting ourselves to the prospective arrowmen, which is followed by an election in which new arrowmen are voted into the Lodge by their fellow Scouts. There are three District Chairmen who oversee each individual district and one Unit Election Committee Chairman who oversees all elections in the Lodge. After April 15th, we participate actively in other Lodge functions and assist other committees. The first Sunday in December is always the unit election training for new and current team members. We would like every election team member to attend this function. If you have any questions or concerns, want to request an election, or would like to join a local election team; contact me, Kevin Jacobs, Unit Election Committee Chairman, at 570-735-0281 or at jgjacobs7@comcast.net or you can contact my advisor, Mr. Nestorick at 570-675-1293 or at bsa418@epix.net. If we are not immediately available, we will get back to you as soon as possible!

Kevin Jacobs

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) 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!

NATIVE AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

Brothers, do you hear that? Well it's the sound of the drum and the rhythm of the dancers. And guess what? I think it's calling you! Now you might be asking yourself how can I become a dancer or drummer? Well it's very simple just email Mike Kugler at oadude191@adelphia.net or Mr. Greg Morcom at glmdgm@aol.com. Both teams meet at the Scout Service Center at 6pm. The drum team meets every second Wednesday of the month and the dance team meets every second Sunday of the month.

We perform at a lot of events throughout the year such as both of the Ordeals, Fellowship Weekend, Blue & Gold dinners, and much more. So come on out and join the Native American activates committee today!

Mike Kugler

GOT BROTHERHOOD?

The Brotherhood committee will be holding their training and ceremonies at the following events and dates:

Fellowship Weekend (March 23-25)
At Camp Acahela

Spring Ordeal (June 1-3, 2007)
At Goose Pond Scout Reservation

Fall Ordeal (September 7-9, 2007)
At Camp Acahela)



The Brotherhood training will take place Friday evening of the weekends and the ceremony will occur on Saturday afternoon so your attendance is required both Friday and Saturday to obtain Brotherhood. If you have any questions please contact myself at cheeseburg1013@hotmail.com or my Advisor Mr. Josh Tucky at jatucky@hotmail.com. We look forward to seeing all Arrowmen who have been an Ordeal member for at least 10 months out this year to Seal your Bond in Brotherhood.

Sean Burger

PUBLICATIONS 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 cbsysco@msn.com.

Jason Bender

ELANGOMAT COMMITTEE

Unless you've been under a large rock hibernating for the last several months, you should be well aware of the brand new year. And in order to remain a well-informed above-rock dweller, I would like to introduce you to the Elangomat Committee's goals, plans, and wishes for the coming year. As always, the Elangomat Committee is excitedly awaiting the coming Spring Ordeal. But to provide the most enlightening experience for our potential candidates, we require the best of the best Lowwapanewu brothers to serve as Elangomats. Since only the best of the best would read this article, I am asking you to serve with us at the Ordeals this year.

Beyond the Ordeals we plan to hold two other events this year. The first of which will be the Elangomat Training. It is here where aspiring Elangomats will be properly trained over the course of a day. The date is tentatively set for April 28, but I'll keep you posted. The second will be a general committee meeting, where we hope to distribute materials, clothing, and have a brief session on the job description. This date should be sometime in early May, so once again I'll keep you posted.

Finally, we plan to provide new Elangomat garb for the coming year, including shirts and committee necklaces. Hopefully, the new shirts should serve as Class-B's complete with lodge identification while the necklaces will restart an old tradition. In the end though, we hope this will not only be a great year to be an Elangomat, but a great year for those that follow their paths into our Order. So if you are interested in becoming an Elangomat, a friend to all our new brothers, feel free to contact me at 344-3095 (Those who melt in the rain need not apply).

SERVICE COMMITTEE

It is the beginning of a new year and many things have already happened. First off, we have our goals for the service committee this year.

1. Compile a list of people with special skills/tools
2. Organize projects more effectively.
3. Encourage more activity in the Service Committee

In order for these goals to met, we need your help brothers. None of this can be done without you. Now in order to complete the first goal, it lies on you to help us. We are looking for people with skills in order to compile a list of people with special skills/tools on it. If you specialize or hobby in skills like painting, carpentry, electrical, plumbing, etc., or have special tools, e-mail me at tasd2008@yahoo.com or call me 586-0866 and leave a message with your name, skill/tool, and phone number and/or e-mail address.

Also, our spring road cleanup date at Goose Pond has been set for April 14 (also Hammer & Saw Day). We hope to see you there!

When you joined the Order, brothers, you made a pledge to do cheerful service. Please uphold your pledge in the upcoming events, and come out to do some cheerful service with a smile.

Nick Murfey

ORDEAL COMMITTEE

As most of you know the Spring Ordeal is quickly approaching. The date for the Spring Ordeal is June 1st - 3rd, 2007 at Goose Pond Scout Reservation. The cost of the ordeal is \$20.00 for members and \$30.00 for those sealing their bond in Brotherhood. The Ordeal committee will be holding their first Ordeal Functional Team Meeting on March 23rd, 2007 at the Fellowship Weekend starting at 8pm. I highly encourage all members of the Lodge to come out this spring to the ordeal to welcome the new members to our Lodge, watch those Seal their Bond in Brotherhood and see the next Vigil class. This years Spring Ordeal is again June 1-3 2007 at Goose Pond Scout Reservation. I hope to see everyone there.



The Ordeal committee will be holding a series of meetings this year:

SPRING ORDEAL FUNCTIONAL TEAM MEETINGS

- March 23** (Fellowship Weekend) 8 PM
- April 25** (Scout Service Center) 7 PM
- May 23** (Scout Service Center) 7 PM

FALL ORDEAL FUNCTIONAL TEAM MEETINGS

- July 14** (Lodge Picnic) 12:30 PM
- August 29** (Scout Service Center) 7PM

All Chairman, Advisors, and Officers are required to be at all Ordeal Functional Team Meetings.



CEREMONIES COMMITTEE

The year 2007 promises to be another stellar year for the Ceremonies Committee. The committee plans to focus on improving the ceremonies sites at both of the Council camps, raising membership, and completing exemplary ceremonies. The addition of two new co-advisers John and A.J. Gaudenzi provides a positive asset which should help in the achievement of these goals.

The committee is looking forward to presenting ceremonies at the three main events of the Lodge calendar (March 24, 2007 at the Fellowship Weekend, June 1-3, 2007 at GPSR Spring Ordeal, September 7-9, 2007 at the Aachela Fall Ordeal).

If you would like to join the ceremonies committee please plan on attending one of our meetings which will take place on the following dates: March 24th at 11AM at the Fellowship Weekend, April 15th at 1PM at the Service Center, and May 12th at 9AM at GPSR.

FUN AT FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND

Spring is swiftly approaching and as we all know, Fellowship Weekend is just around the corner. This year's Fellowship Weekend will be held at Camp Aachela from March 23rd to the 25th. It is a fun-filled weekend and all members are invited to attend. Fellowship Weekend is a time to bond with your brothers, no need to worry about being bored. During the Fellowship Weekend there will be plenty of games and contests to compete in. And did I mention video games? There will be plenty of those there as well. I strongly encourage all new members to come out for the weekend and make some new friends. The food is great, but the brotherhood is even better. Don't pass this great opportunity up. Hope to see you there!

SO, YOU WANT TO BE A PATCH COLLECTOR

This will be Patch Collecting 101. I will try and give the new collectors an insight into collecting. The first thing to do is set a collecting area of interest. Most Arrowmen will have an interest in collecting their own lodge's memorabilia, flaps, jacket patches, and neckerchiefs. This can be done with the help of our lodge Trading Post. Many of the items can be purchased from the Trading Post or obtained by trading or purchasing from other collectors in the Lodge.

Our Section has lodges from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and Germany. This area will give a good cross-section for collecting. All of the flaps in the section (NE-2B) are "not restricted", making it easy for a one for one trade.

When getting into collecting full time, Pennsylvania is a good area to collect. Many collectors collect their state lodge flaps. Stay with the current lodges in the state. That will eliminate all of the hard to very hard merged lodge flaps. Many of the old merged lodge flaps in Pennsylvania are expensive. Some can run well over \$2,000.00 each!

One for One trading is best for lodge flaps. Try and stick to this rule. There are hundreds of lodges across the country that sell for \$3.00 to \$5.00 each.

Any questions or requests can be sent to me at lj1slater@verizon.net.

MERIT BADGE COLLEGE RECAP

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Council in conjunction with King's College held the 9th annual Merit Badge College January 6, 2007 on the campus of King's College. Scouts must hold 1st Class rank or higher to participate in Merit Badge College at which they can earn multiple merit badges. Approximately 300 Boy Scouts earned several hundred merit badges at this year's College. Some of the more popular merit badges were: First Aid, Citizenship in the Nation, Fingerprinting and Metalwork. Nearly all of the Scouts who attended Merit Badge College left the King's College campus with signed blue cards in hand.

Lowwapaneu Lodge 191 was well represented at Merit Badge College. Several Arrowmen served as merit badge counselors while others helped with various administrative tasks. Any Arrowman who would enjoy helping a merit badge counselor carry supplies to a classroom; assisting a counselor by reviewing badge prerequisites



Scouts completed prior to attending class; assisting with registration or running various administrative errands, should volunteer to assist at Merit Badge College next year. Helping out at the College is definitely a great "cheerful service" experience.

These are photos of the Arrowmen who conducted the Opening Ceremony and all Staff Members.



OA TROOP REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE REORGANIZES

The O.A. Troop Representative Committee of Lowwapaneu Lodge, is in the process of reorganizing for the upcoming Lodge year. The committee requires enthusiastic Arrowmen, who will attend our monthly LEC meetings, and provide information about Lodge activities to members of their home Troop. To become a member of the Troop Representative Committee contact Dan Williams dtwilliams191@gmail.com or Mr. Greg Russick at russickg2@gmail.com. To assist in the recruitment of new members the committee has established a special service award, for O.A. Troop Representatives who fulfill a set of requirements. The award will be determined in the near future.

The requirements for the service award include:

1. Serve as an active O.A. Troop Representative in your unit for ten months (as certified by your scoutmaster).
2. Attend seventy-five (75%) percent of the L.E.C. and OA Troop Representative Committee meetings (The OA Troop Representative meetings are held before the monthly L.E.C.).
3. Attend sixty-percent (60%) percent of Lowwapaneu Lodge Activities as defined by the Advisor of the OA Troop Representative Committee.
4. Encourage members of your unit to participate in lodge activities by fulfilling three of the following:
 - (A) Help two members of your unit become Brotherhood members of the lodge. If this is not possible, help any two Arrowmen become Brotherhood members.
 - (B) Attend the Holiday Banquet and bring at least three guests from your unit.
 - (C) Give cheerful service to the council at least one event (example: Harvestfest, council training event, parent and pal, or others as approved by the O.A. Troop Representative Committee Advisor).
 - (D) Assist the OA elections team in completing an official Order of the Arrow election in your unit.
 - (E) Become a Brotherhood member of the lodge, or if already Brotherhood, advance one rank in scouting (Note: You cannot count yourself as one of the two new Brotherhood members in requirement "A").
5. Meet with the Order of the Arrow Troop Representative Committee Chairman, and Advisor. Discuss how you are providing quality information about lodge activities. Tell the chairman and advisor how this has changed unit participation in O.A. activities.

ANOTHER GOOD BOOK...

The Indians of New Jersey: Dickon Among the Lenapes
ISBN # 0-8135-0425-2 Soft Bound, Rutgers University Press

Originally written by M.R. Harrington in 1938, this is one of those timeless books that reads like it was just written yesterday and is a must for anyone who has an interest in the Lenape Indians. Dr. Harrington created an ingenious fictional story of a young Englishman who is shipwrecked on the coast of New Jersey and rescued by members of the Turtle band of the Lenapes. At first, he is treated as a captive and forced to do the tasks typical of a Lenape woman, but he is gradually accepted as a full-fledged Lenape, allowed to learn the customs and roles of a Lenape male, and adapted into the tribe. What makes this story so ingenious is that while it is packed with information and descriptions of customs and village life, the story never bogs down. It is told in such a way that the reading is easy and engaging. As Arrowmen, there is a ton of information in the text that you can benefit from since our lodge is based on Lenape traditions and culture. The descriptions such as how to make a complete set of clothes, of Lenape tools, and other items and the techniques used in making them, is worth the price of the book and the time to read it.

I fell in love with the book when I was in fourth grade – our teacher would read us a section of the book every Friday afternoon and all of us would hang on every word that was read. I stumbled on a copy of the book on a trip to Canada years later as an adult and have read it through a number of times since then and then shared it with each of my kids. Abby has read it more than *seven times* and thinks of it as one of her favorites.

The author, Dr. Harrington, was a *respected* white man among the Indian tribes he wrote about and researched. He had a long list of Indian names given to him by the Oneida and the Seneca Iroquois, the Zunis, the Osages, and of course, the Lenapes. His knowledge of their ways and his dedication to preserving that knowledge for all Americans to benefit from is a model that we as Brothers in the Order of the Arrow can follow.

Pick up a copy wherever you can. It's a book you'll go to again and again.

Ranger Tim Bongard

OA VOYAGE AT NORTHERN TIER

Have you ever seen the Northern Lights or portaged a canoe? If not, then the Order of the Arrow has the opportunity for you to participate in the OA Voyage Program at Northern Tier Canoe Base in Ely, Minnesota. Since 1999, the Order of the Arrow has provided Arrowmen between the ages of 16 and 21, the opportunity to explore and service the Boundary Waters and some of the most pristine wildlife seen by few. Even if you



have portaged a canoe or participated in the program previously, there are other opportunities available to you. All participants in the program are placed into crews that will service a portage trail for one week as it is imperative as members of the Boy Scouts of America to leave things better than we found them. After learning how to use a variety of tools

and how to effectively perform a "J-stroke," you and your crew will design your very own trek. These treks are unique in that many of them are longer and travel to uncharted territory than the normal crews that leave the base. Not very many people whom you go to school with or work with can say that they have paddled 185 miles by canoe to International Falls or portaged the final 4 miles that leads to Lake Superior. These examples are experiences that will live with those crew members, who made some of the Voyage's memorable journeys. Experiences are what shape the people we will become in the future. Sign up today for a journey, you will surely not regret.

For more information about this program or any of the Order of the Arrow's High Adventure programs, please visit [Adventure.oa-bsa.org](http://adventure.oa-bsa.org) or talk to Lodge Chief Ben Raines. Don't miss out on the opportunity of a lifetime ; discover the hidden gem of the BSA, discover the OA Voyage at Northern Tier!

Dave Nguyen

SECTION NE-2B ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIPS

The NE-2B Campership Selection Committee has announced it's winners for the Summer of 2007. This year, they offered campership opportunities for both the Philmont Trail Crew and Northern Tier's Wilderness Voyage. The recipients are:

Jason Bender of Troop 106 in Mountaintop. Jason is a Brotherhood Member of Lowwapaneu Lodge and currently serves as Publications Chairman.

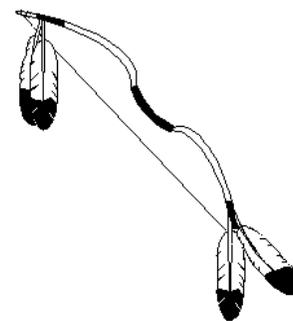
Ryan Johnson of Venture Crew 433 in Mountaintop. Ryan is Vigil Honor Member of Lowwapaneu Lodge and has recently completed a term as Vice Chief of Program and has also served the lodge in various positions.

Currently, Section NE-2B sits atop the totem pole for High Adventure numbers in the Northeast Region and second in the Nation. Lowwapaneu is tied for first in the Northeast Region with five Arrowmen registered to participate this summer. For applications, please check out <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org>. If you have any additional questions about the programs, please contact Dave Nguyen at davenguyen191@aol.com

2007 FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND CAMP ACAHELA

Date: March 23-25, 2007

**Cost: \$20 for Members
\$30 for Brotherhood Candidates**



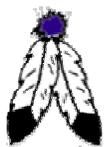
Don't miss this weekend of fun and camaraderie with fellow Scouts and Scouters. The OA Lodge hosts this weekend at Camp Acahela as a time of brotherhood and fellowship for everyone. The weekend begins on Friday night between 6-8 pm and ends on Sunday around 10-11 am. The event is filled with tons of 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 Cost is only \$20 per person and includes all meals (Friday crackerbarrel, Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks and Sunday breakfast). 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!

LODGE SEASON PASS FOR 2007

Have you considered getting the Lodge Season Pass? It's a great way to save money on events you're going to be at anyway!

Here is how it works: You pay \$60 for the Season Pass and get the following:

<i>Events covered by the Pass</i>	<i>Cost of events</i>
Spring Ordeal	\$20
Fall Ordeal	\$20
Holiday Banquet	\$20
Lodge Dues	\$8
	Total \$68



Additional Savings from having the Pass:

Fellowship Weekend	W/Out Pass \$20	with the pass \$15
Conclave	W/Out Pass \$24	with the Pass \$19

Cost for all Lodge events for one year without the Pass is \$112
Cost for all Lodge events for one year with the Pass \$94

Total savings when you purchase a pass is \$18! WOW, what a deal...get yours at the Service Center or use page 11 today!

CAMPING COMMITTEE

The Camping Committee met on Feb 8th to discuss what goals the committee would have this year. After discussion, we have come up with 2 main goals that we will need help with from the rest of the Lodge: They are the promotion of the Council's Cub Scout Camping Programs and the "Where to Go Camping" booklet.

With Cub Scout Promotion, it will consist of visiting Cub Packs in the Council and sharing information to the leaders, Scouts, and parents about what Cub Scout Camping is and where to attend camping. With the "Where to Go Camping" booklet, we need help in compiling information of camps in the northeastern part of the United States. This is a great way to learn more about other camping opportunities that are offered outside the Northeastern PA area.

If you are interested in helping the Camping Committee you can contact either Tyler Fenstermaker at grandillusion92@comcast.net or Connor Lynch at moose404@hotmail.com. With your help, we can spread the word of camping throughout the Council.

*Tyler Fenstermaker
Connor Lynch*

Lodge Dues 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

I want the Season Pass: _____ x \$60 = \$ _____

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: Danny Williams at:
dtwilliams191@gmail.com

THIS COULD BE YOUR LAST MAILING!

Check the date on your mailing label on the back page, if it says 12/31/06, 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: \$20.00

Brotherhood Candidate \$30.00

(\$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

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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 28, 2007 July 25, 2007 (at GPSR)
April 25, 2007 August 29, 2007
May 23, 2007 September 26, 2007

General Lodge Meetings:

June 3, 2007 - Goose Pond (Spring Ordeal)
September 9, 2007—Camp Acahela (Fall Ordeal)

Activities and Other Important Events:

March 23-25, 2007—Fellowship Weekend, Camp Acahela
April 14, 2007—Hammer & Saw Day I, Goose Pond
April 28, 2007—Beaver Day I, Acahela
May 12, 2007—Hammer & Saw Day II, Goose Pond
June 1-3, 2007—Spring Ordeal Weekend, Goose Pond
June 16, 2007—Beaver Day II, Acahela
June 15-17, 2007— Section NE-2B Conclave, Camp No-Be-Bos-Co, NJ
July 14, 2007—Lodge Summer Picnic
September 7-9, 2007—Fall Ordeal Weekend, Camp Acahela
December 27, 2007—Holiday Banquet