

The Flying Eagle

Order of the Arrow



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30 Arrowmen Enjoy the Event of a Lifetime

The National Order of the Arrow Conference, the pinnacle of Order of the Arrow events, occurred this year on July 27-August 3, and Wa-Hi-Nasa went in full colors. From jam-packed arena shows, to the many different competitions, Wa-Hi-Nasa always added its own flavor. The 30 Arrowmen from Wa-Hi-Nasa attended training classes, ranging from Ceremony Training to Leave No Trace Training, and competed in sports including dodgeball, volleyball, and ultimate frisbee. Wa-Hi-Nasa on Founder's Day got to bring the pirate within in them out to NOAC becoming The Pirates of the Tennessean. These fierce marauders served pirateade and gave out intimidating copies of the Planbook. After Wa-Hi-Nasa had fought off the evil scurvy, they attended the last of four arena shows. Each show had a specific theme such as American Indian Events and the Awards Night. Every show was spectacular as approximately 8,000 Arrowman sat and watched the fine displays of talent. Let all of these things remind us of our duty to strengthen the bonds of Brotherhood as we come to join in fellowship with our fellow Arrowmen.

For additional information on 2006 NOAC, visit the NOAC Live! website (www.live.oa-bsa.org). The 2009 NOAC will be held at Indiana University.

Submitted by Matt Cooksey, Lodge Secretary

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Fall Fellowship Promises to Be GAR-ATE Fun!

At this year's Fall Fellowship, on September 15-17 at Boxwell Scout Reservation, you will have the most fun you've ever had at an OA event!!! This year we're having a pirate theme, ARRRRR!!! Let me lay it out for ya'z Friday we'll have a movie/cracker barrel and silent auction for an assortment of patches. Saturday morn'n we'll have some swell train'n where you'll have the chance to earn the special "eye patch" patch. That afternoon we'll have all kinds of pirate games, ARRRG!!! Another thing we'll have is a boat race where you will race the boat your chapter should be building !! If you haven't heard that your chapter has/or is making a boat, get on your chapter chief, ARRR!! So come prepared for the best weekend EVER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Registration and additional information can be found on the website (www.wa-hi-nasa.org).

Submitted by Corey Guisinger, Vice Chief of Activities

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Chiefly Speaking



Dear Brothers,

When I sat down to gather my thoughts about the lodge to write this article, I found myself reflecting on the Pre-Ordeal ceremony. Several parts of the ceremony stand out to me that relate to the present circumstances surrounding our lodge. First, our foundation has been shaken. This summer brought a sea of uncertainty with several leadership changes in the lodge officers core, and also with our professional advisor. Secondly, the generation gap in our active lodge leadership is more glaring than ever. Third of all, I think back to my feelings during my Pre-Ordeal ceremony. I was anxious and excited, not sure exactly what was going to come next. I also was trying hard to understand through it all what the principles were trying to tell me.

During the ceremony, each of us was asked to test the bow. Bound by the bowstring, which represents the ties of brotherhood, the bow was bent but not broken. This "testing of the bow" was symbolic of the tests that we would undertake the following day. But just as the bow sprang back, we endured the tests of the ordeal and sprang back to full strength. I believe that our lodge has endured several tests this year.

Our ability as a lodge to spring back from these tests will be determined by our commitment to each other. Only with these strong ties of brotherhood will we rebuild our lodge to greatness.

The Ceremony begins with the lines of Nutiket, "Awake my friends." I mentioned earlier the generation gap of our active lodge leadership. As Nutiket bids us to awake, I ask our members to do the same. Who among you is willing to serve? Who will be the next generation of lodge leaders? Who has the passion of the order and the inspiration to lead?

The Pre-Ordeal ceremony ends as Kitchkinet shoots the arrow off into the distance and remarks, "let us seek the arrow." As a lodge we sit at the doorstep of opportunity. We have endured an ordeal together and embark on our journey to seek the arrow, ever traveling onward and upward. Fall Fellowship hosts our lodge's annual elections. I challenge you to search yourself for the inspiration to lead and serve our lodge, either as an officer, chairman, or chapter officer.

Over the next few months as our leadership will change for 2007, ponder the words of Nutiket from the Pre-Ordeal ceremony:

"The spark is there, already glowing; fan it now, forgetting hunger, feed it, till it is a fire."

Yours in Service,
Jeffrey Finley
2006 Lodge Chief

Fall Ordeal Is a Major Success!

The Fall Ordeal was not only a success for Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge, but a huge success for the Middle Tennessee Council. Our Lodge inducted over 100 Arrowmen into the Order and with the help of our members, we provided over 1,500 man hours to help clean up Boxwell after the Summer Camp activities. Through the Ordeal, we helped the Council take down the steak dinner tent, cleaned campsites and prepared the tent platforms for winter.

Without the help of our Lodge, the Council would not be able to run Summer Camp and thus keeping young Scouts from experiencing camp to its fullest. Because of our efforts, the camp staff can concentrate on their program rather than worry about whether the camp will be torn down properly at the end of summer. Because of this service, Boxwell Scout Reservation has one of the best summer camps in the nation.

In keeping with the traditions of the Order, the Ordeal did not consist of only Service but did contain Brotherhood. On Friday night, the members were treated to fresh hotdogs and great music. The Saturday night activities were extravagant; fresh off the grill Polish sausage and hamburgers and hot wings were the fare for the night. Also on Saturday night, five members sealed their membership in the Order by going through the Brotherhood ceremony.

Special thanks goes to all of those members who volunteered to be Elangomats throughout the Ordeal. These members went through the Ordeal again to help their fellow scouts and Scouters become Order of the Arrow members just like them. The Assistant Ordeal Masters were also very instrumental in making the Ordeal a success.

If you are interested in serving during next year's Ordeal, contact the Vice Chief of Service (vicechiefsofservice@wa-hi-nasa.org)

Submitted by Franklin Curtis, 2006 Ordeal Master



Mel Shoaf and the gang taking care of business at the 2006 Fall Ordeal. Over 1,500 hours of service were given to the council during this Ordeal.

NOAC 2006 Photo-Expo!



The fierce pirate within jumps out of Lodge Treasurer Tyler Stein as Wa-Hi-Nasa visits King's Island.



The Wa-Hi-Nasa Pirates of the Tennessean gather at the ship for the Founders Day Festivities.



Seth Dobyans ,co-contingent leader, throwing out the pirate sign as many a true pirate do in battle. Seth is shown at one of the many areas during the Founders Day Festivities.



Ryan Davidson catching some much needed sleep after the 2006 NOAC on some of Michigan State University's well kept grass.

Winter Camp 2006 Will Soon Be Here!

Dear Arrowmen,

Before we blink our eyes winter will be upon us, and as we all know with the winter comes Winter Camp. As director of the 2006 Winter Camp, on December 27-30, I can promise you this will be the most exciting of years past, with new merit badges and program. To make this the best Winter Camp I need volunteers to help in the different aspects of running a camp. Possible areas that you can work include working afternoon activities, evening programs, kitchen staff, and many more areas. If you are not interested in working on staff, you can still attend this fantastic event. As an Arrowman, it is also our responsibility to pass the word along to other scouts and promote this in our troop or district. Again this will be the best winter camp ever, so please make arrangements to attend the vacation you're not to forget.

Yours In Service,
Ryan Davidson

For additional information on staff opportunities, please contact Ryan Davidson at ryerye1988@aol.com or (931)-561-7110.



Ian Weir and Franklin Curtis standing at the Cripple Crab ready to greet scouts to the 2005 Winter Camp.

Adviser's Corner



Seven years later at Treasure Island on the Delaware River, E. Umer Goodman launched an innovative program, The Order of the Arrow, which is based on peer recognition and Indian lore.

John F. Kennedy, America's 35th President believed that "one person can make a difference and every person should try."

We need to realize that important improvements can begin with one person. If that one person is truly passionate about his or her mission, then they can make a difference.

Imagine what would happen if each one of us worked together to improve the attendance at each of our Lodge events. It is easy to say that you don't need to attend the next event, and that it would not matter since you were only one person. What happens when two hundred Arrowmen feel this way? What would be the outcome if these same Arrowmen decided to attend?

You may not realize that each and every one of you are important and can make a difference. But, just think that if one person can make a difference, imagine the difference a group of committed Arrowmen can make to the Lodge.

Robert Guisinger
2006 Lodge Adviser

The Power of One

Each of us has within us the ability to make an important difference. Whether you know it or not, each of us has the power to make a difference in the Lodge. As inspiration for all of us to realize is that each of us can do things to help improve our Lodge, here are several people in history that have proven one person can make important differences.

Gandhi made peaceful protest and peaceful civil disobedience a valuable process of peaceful change.

Susan B. Anthony rose to the challenge as a famous leader in the battle to obtain women's right to vote in the U.S.

In 1907, an acclaimed English war hero, Robert Baden Powell, founded the Scouting movement in Great Britain.

OA Trivia Challenge

Question: If the Order of the Arrow was created seven years after the Boy Scouts program was created and the 100th anniversary of Scouting is in 2007, who was President of the United States when the Order of the Arrow was first created?

The answer will be printed in the next edition of the Flying Eagle along with another OA Trivia Challenge.

Chapter News

Cherokee

Cherokee would like to remind its members that it will be holding its Chapter meetings on the second Thursday of every month at the Latter Day Saints Church behind the previous location of Media Play in the Rivergate Mall area. All meetings will begin at seven o'clock and end no later than eight. The next meeting we will be discussing the effective way to be a troop representative in a chapter. Cherokee is also in the tentative phases of planning a Chapter Pool Party.

Submitted by Matt Cooksey, Vice-Chief of the Cherokee Chapter

Nendawen

Nendawen recently held Chapter Elections for officers in August. Clark Hildegarde was elected as Chapter Chief to fill the shoes of Craig Carpenter, who left for college.

Submitted by John Bontempi, Nendawen Chapter Adviser

Witschindin

Witschindin Chapter recently held their annual Chapter Picnic and worked on their Pirate Ship for Fall Fellowship. They only have a few touch up things to do and the project is nearly complete. They also had two members go through the Fall Ordeal.

Submitted by Corey Barry, Witschindin Chapter Chief

ArrowCorps5 Expected to Be a Fantastic Time of Service

It was announced early and often at the 2006 NOAC that this was going to be the Service trip of a lifetime. It was announced that it is called ArrowCorps5 (pronounced Arrow Corps Five) and called this for very important reasons. This event, happening in the summer of 2008, will host 5,000 Arrowmen from across the United States working at five different areas to provide service to the nation. Participants, consisting of physically fit youth and adults, will pay a minimal price to go to these locations throughout the United States in order to enjoy working as well as fun and games during the project dates. This is one event that an Arrowman would never want to miss.

For more information, go to the National Order of the Arrow website (www.oa-bsa.org) and click on the link titled "ArrowCorp5".

Submitted by Matt Cooksey, Lodge Secretary



The Mark Twain National Forest, located in Missouri, will host its ArrowCorps5 workdays on June 7-14, 2008. This park is located on the Ozark Plateau and promises a beautiful view.



Manti-la Sal National Forest, in the state of Utah, will have its workdays on June 14-21, 2008 at their park.



George Washington and Jefferson National Forests will be hosting their own workdays in June 21-28, 2008. These parks are located in Virginia and George Washington National Forest features over one million acres of property.



The Shasta-Trinity National Forest in California will also be a work site for the ArrowCorps5 Program on July 12-19, 2008.



The final ArrowCorps5 site will be at the Bridger Teton National Forest on July 26-August 2, 2008. This park in Wyoming is located near the Sweetwater River seen in this picture.

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Fall Fellowship September 15-17

Winter Banquet December 2

Winter Camp December 27-30

Wa-Hi-Nasa Calendar

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| December 2 | Winter Banquet | American Legion, Nashville |
| December 27-30 | Winter Camp | Boxwell Scout Reservation |

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