

The Flying Eagle

Order of the Arrow



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140 Survive Ordeal Weekend

With the rain holding off, results at the Ordeal pour down

This weekend, nearly 140 members of the scouting movement were inducted as members to the Order of the Arrow. Thanks to 29 Elangomats, and over 70 members, candidates were guided through tasks in order that they could learn what it would be like in the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. The Ordeal is important to not only our lodge, in receiving new members, but it was also a fundamental weekend for the progress of the Boxwell summer camp program. Council Executive, Joe Long, had this to say about the ordeal:

Bowell is the camp serves nearly 6,000 Cub scouts and Boy Scouts from around the Middle Tennessee area over the summer.... Without the Order of the Arrow we would not be able to function.

This statement often proves true as Order of the Arrow candidates often perform tasks in the benefit of the camp by setting up tents, cots, and fulfilling other tasks laid out by the camp executives. The candidates began their Ordeal by first meeting the principles of the Order of the Arrow ceremonies, including the guide, guard, medicine man, and the mighty chief of the fire. They told the candidates of the hardship that they would encounter within their Ordeal and, one by one, each gave the candidates their own task to carry out the next day. Work would begin at Camp Craig, Stahlman, and Cubworld to prepare for the upcoming weeks of summer camp for the council. By the end of the long day of non-stop work, the candidates, once again, come before the principles of the Ordeal ceremony. Being in this ceremony, our new brothers in our fellowship became learned in our obligation, admonition, and even our official Order of the Arrow song. As the new brothers almost left, the great chief left them with the words that we would not be praised for the work we had to do to be inducted into the Order of the Arrow, but rather the work we would be expected to do by our peers, our leaders, and even ourselves as we push ourselves onward in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities. Many questioned themselves wondering, "How can I serve my lodge? I am only an Ordeal member." This last statement is absolutely ludicrous, as our lodge has many outlets for an arrowman to become active in; some such committees include ceremony work, AIE (American Indian Events) Pow-wows, becoming an Elangomat, and many other interesting and diversified groups to serve on. In fact, every one of those committees will be working at the Fall Ordeal on August 10-12. But maybe that sounds too hard for you; if that's the case, you can join the members crew so that you may have all the perks of eating, but still do the work like the candidates. However remember the words of the great chief who said that those you called you, need you. Do not let them down by not being in an attitude of cheerful service, as we find ourselves slipping into such dismal moods. Remember the example of your friendly guide as he labored with you, eating little and be that companion for those who have and have yet to be accepted into our order.

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Big Event draws in Big High Adventure Fall Fellowship promises larger than life activities

Dear Arrowmen,

Do you know what you're doing September 14-16? Well I do, and it involves you coming to the 2007 Fall Fellowship. You're probably asking yourself, "Why should I go to Fall Fellowship?" Fall Fellowship is going to be a fun and exciting adventure for all who come to this High Adventure themed event. Throughout the weekend, attendees will enjoy not only the Philmont experience, not only Sea Base, and not only Northern Tier, but rather all three combined in a great weekend. We will learn of the finest opportunities of the High Adventure in the nation while also reflecting on our history of our organization being the Order of the Arrow. Some might even engage in the now famous lodge art, patch trading. Most events that you have been to at Boxwell keep you at one camp, but while we climb, canoe, and hike, we will all learn about the greatest chances to have an experience of a lifetime.

Nate Danielson, Vice Chief of Activities

Conclave was a BIG hit! Wa-Hi-Nasa nails a homer to win quest

Over 100 arrowmen from Wa-Hi-Nasa helped to bring home the Section SR-6N Golden Arrow. Conclave, an annual event where lodges within a section compete, was held this year in the scenic Rockwood, TN. Members of the section poured in from six states, including Arkansas, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Virginia. With each lodge giving their unique flavor to the competition, Wa-Hi-Nasa did not fail to deliver in many competitions of various types. The lodge placed well in the publications, finishing individually in the website competition, newsletter, and even *Where to Go Scouting* placed well within the other applications. Outside the corporate competition of publications, ballers of Wa-Hi-Nasa delivered on the field, from events ranging to fridge box relay to the spoon relay all the way to the infamous tug-of-death (only joking, it's a tug-of-war.) At the end of a non-stop weekend, Wa-Hi-Nasa emerged victorious receiving the coveted Golden Arrow.

Jake Jones, Conclave Chairman

What is The Flying Eagle?

The Flying Eagle is a non-profit newsletter sponsored by the Wa-Hi-Nasa lodge through various event funds throughout the year. It serves the purpose to inform arrowmen around the Middle Tennessee Council area of upcoming events during the year, registration forms for all events, and even has reviews of how everything ended after the dust settled. The Flying Eagle is sent on a semi-monthly agenda, but frequent letters will be received within the summer for the Fall Ordeal and Fall Fellowship. If you do not receive Flying Eagles through the mail, you can access all the files for the Flying Eagles for the past year through the past year through the lodge website, www.wa-hi-nasa.org in addition to all lodge publications. For more information on how to receive The Flying Eagle, contact Matt Cooksey at lodgesecretary@wa-hi-nasa.org