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Wa-Hi-Nasa Wins the Quest for the Golden Arrow Again!



By Matt Brown

For the second year in a row Wa-Hi-Nasa has won the Quest for the Golden Arrow! 110 Wa-Hi-Nasa members came to Camp Mack Morris April 18-20 for the SR-6N Conclave. At Conclave, Arrowmen had a chance to see the best that our Order has to offer. After a rainy evening, things got started on a positive note when our Lodge held a pep rally to get ready for the Quest events.

On Saturday morning, Arrowmen attended a variety of different training sessions. Throughout the day countless Arrowmen supported the lodge in one of the major Quest events, the Scavenger Hunt. Items such as clean scout socks, the right leg of the new scout pants, and a musical instrument were all needed. Then came the highlight of the weekend: the Quest field events. Wa-Hi-Nasa stormed the field in a dramatic entrance leaving all of the other lodges in awe of our spirit. Our

lodge did exceptionally well in all of the events placing in the Brown Bag Special (1st), Knot Relay (2nd), Cracker Whistle (1st), Baby Bottle Suck (2nd), and Tug of War (1st). Later that night, participants had the chance to enjoy the evening show with AIE Dancing, drumming, and a slideshow.

The lodge then held its traditional Saturday night cracker barrel with more cobbler than we knew what to do with. We also were treated to a visit by the 2008 OA National Chief, Jake Wellman. Jake had a chance to fellowship with our lodge and learn a little bit about what we do.

On Sunday after packing up and eating breakfast, the Lodge attended the Section Business Meeting where the Section officers for the 2008-2009 year were elected. Taylor Clark from Pellissippi Lodge was elected Section Chief. Jeremy Fair of Ittawamba Lodge was elected

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Boxwell Is Ready For Spring Ordeal

Be sure to mark your calendars for May 30 - June 1 as the lodge once again prepares Boxwell for the upcoming summer camp season.

If you were inducted into the Order in 2007, the Spring Ordeal is your first opportunity to obtain Brotherhood membership in the OA.

There is always a great need for current OA members to help wel-

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Chiefly Speaking

It seems like yesterday that I was coming home from Winter Camp, but today we are past the Arrowman Development Corps and

the Section Conclave. At this rate, Winter Banquet will be here tomorrow and NOAC '09 next week. It has taken a tremendous amount of planning and work to get this far in the year, which is almost half over. One of the first results of this hard work is the Arrowman Development Corps. Michael Moore did a great job at combining training and fun to create a unique and beneficial training event. If you did not have the opportunity to go to ADC, then be sure to attend it next year.

At Section Conclave, our lodge did it again. For the second year in a row, we have brought home the Golden Arrow. Congratulations go

out to the tug of war team for being undefeated throughout the field events, and thank you to those Arrowmen who participated in the Quest games. Without your help, this wouldn't have been possible. Also at Conclave, a ceremony team from our lodge participated in the ceremonies competition, gaining an honorable mention. We had fun and also had the opportunity to attend training in the morning. Congratulations and thanks to Forest Rice, Conclave Chairman, for leading us to victory at this years Conclave.

We are beginning to approach a very important stage in our year. It is induction season, and we have begun to prepare for our Spring and Fall Ordeal. We need Arrowmen to help serve on member crews and as elangomats. If you are available for Spring Ordeal and would like to help, contact me at lodgechief@wa-hi-nasa.org for more information. Register for Spring Ordeal today and come help your fellow scouts out.

In WWW,
Jake Jones
Lodge Chief



The Dirt Flies at ArrowCorps¹¹¹

By John Wells

Latimer High Adventure Reservation is a beautiful piece of property. The council is very fortunate to have obtained this land, and I am very lucky to be one of the first of many Arrowmen to step on the land. Last March, fourteen Arrowmen, including myself, traveled up to Latimer for a weekend of hard work and fun. I would not have traded that weekend for anything.

On Friday we fellowshipped with each other and began thinking about the day ahead of us. ArrowCorps¹¹¹ Chairman Colin Klaus and Latimer Trail Boss Rick Smith talked about the work needed and the plans for the weekend. Then we went to bed and looked forward to the day ahead of us.

Saturday was fun. We worked on the Bee Creek Trail the entire weekend, but the morning was spent going over tools and building the trail itself. The work was hard, but the time spent working was fun. We then visited the most beautiful sight in Latimer so far, the Overlook. The Overlook is a large rock outcropping that has a view of Bee Creek and Scott's Pinnacle.

That afternoon it rained on us, but we still worked on the trail. The adults moved up the trail to build a rock retaining wall for the trail while the youth were left to build the trail. The highlight of the afternoon was when Rick Smith brought down the chainsaw to remove a very stubborn stump from the path of the trail.

Saturday night was spent eating and enjoying stories from the group. We had an especially moving ceremony that night where we reminisced on the weekend. Everyone went to bed that night looking forward to the next day's work.

On Sunday we worked for a couple of hours, most of which was spent moving a rock with dimensions



The very first ArrowCorps¹¹¹ Crew at the Latimer overlook. From left to right: Ben Whitehouse, Chandler Johnson, Dester Wilson, Andy Anderson, Caleb Wilson, Zack Whitehead, Shawn Bowman, Colin Klaus, Joshua Wilson, Michael Murphy, John Wells. Not pictured: Pat Deugaw, Rick Smith, Mel Shoaf, Robert Hardison, Buster Barry, Patrick Davis.

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Caleb Wilson, John Wells, and Zack Whitehead bring up a load of dirt up the newly installed Bee Creek Trail at Latimer High Adventure Reservation.

Adviser's Corner

In September 2007, our Council Executive Board unanimously approved the Lodge's Five Year Strategic Plan. Since then, we have begun the journey of implementing several of the programs in 2008. Periodically, we will evaluate our efforts and communicate our progress.

Some of the programs we have continued or implemented since September 2007 are: 1) hosted a successful Winter Camp 2007 which was attended by 640 Scouts and Scouters, 2) provided service crew to support the January Summer Camp Kickoff, 3) provided support crew during the Climb Nashville Event for the top 600

Cub Scout popcorn sellers, 4) held our Arrowmen Development Corps event at the Smyrna National Guard Training Facility, 5) began training Trail Crew Leaders and Advisers for the Latimer Reservation trail building and cleanup projects at the new res-

ervation, 6) conducted ongoing troop visits to promote summer camp and perform unit elections, 7) continue to provide chapter ceremony teams to perform Cub Scout Arrow of Light and Crossover Ceremonies.



To date, we have begun programs within all four pillars of our Strategic Plan. We are off to a great start and plan to implement additional programs later this year. Our success thus far is a credit to those members who have participated and are committed to achieving our goals.

Are you an active member of our Lodge this year? Have you participated in the events this year? I challenge all members to come out and support our Lodge by participating at our events during this 70th Anniversary Year. Help make our Lodge successful and help build on the strong Legacy of Service that our Lodge is known for.

Don't miss out on the fun!

I look forward to sharing these experiences with you.

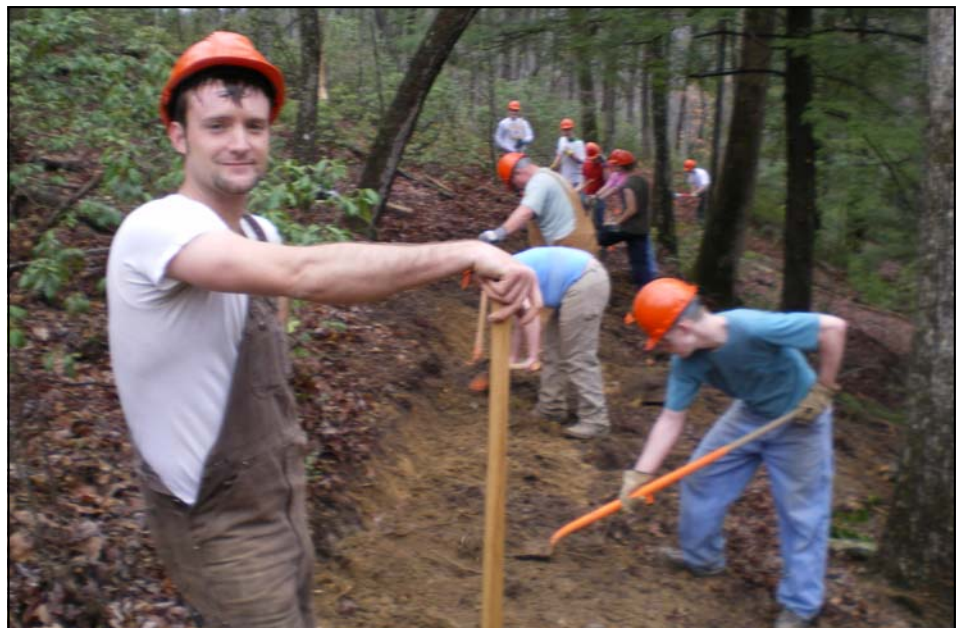
Robert Guisinger
2008 Lodge Adviser

ArrowCorps¹¹¹

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of about 3 ft. long, 1 ft. wide, and 1 ft. deep. It took eleven of our fourteen members two hours to move the rock about thirty feet to its eventual resting place. Once that task was completed, the entire group had a sense of accomplishment, as well as a couple of jokes.

I am very excited about this program. I cannot wait to go back on June 20th with my crew to help make a foundation for future generations. Colin Klaus was not kidding when he pitched Latimer to the lodge at the Arrowmen Development Corps. If I had the time, I would be out there every weekend until we finished building Latimer. At first I just wanted to work at Latimer for the flap. But now I want to work at Latimer so that my sons, and my son's sons can enjoy a camp that will be drenched in tradition similar to Boxwell. I am proud to say that I have helped to build Scouting's next great High Adventure Base.



Patrick Davis (left) takes a quick photo break during construction of the Bee Creek Trail at Latimer High Adventure Reservation.



Nate Danielson offers encouragement to Nick Kendall during the Baby Bottle competition as part of the Section Conclave Quest for the Golden Arrow.

Home of the Eagles?

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As we near our Lodge's 70th anniversary, it is good to look back and reflect about our beginnings. One such area of reflection surrounds our Lodge name. In recent years, some have questioned the origin and English translation of our Lodge name, Wa-Hi-Nasa, Home of the Eagles.

Today, we say that our Lodge name, as translated from the Cherokee language, is "Home of the Eagles." Is this a correct translation?

Our Lodge was chartered in 1938 and took the name Wa-Hi-Nasa, translated from Cherokee into English. Meanings can change over time and online American Indian dictionaries are incomplete at best. Even slight spelling alterations do happen over time. Additionally, the written Cherokee language is separate from English and is based on a syllabary. That is, each sound in a word is represented by one of 85 separate characters that make up the Cherokee alphabet.

What about Wa-Hi-Nasa? Does it really translate to "Home of the Eagles?" In a word, YES!

The name Wa-Hi-Nasa is in the Cherokee syllabary. It translates exactly as: ᑕᑭᑭᑭ

A person doing research based on available Cherokee dictionaries

would however be hard pressed to find exact translation matches. There are however two Cherokee words that contain a similarities to our Lodge name. The first word is *eagle*. In Cherokee, the syllabary for *eagle* is "a-wa-hi-li" (bold added for emphasis). In the available Cherokee dictionaries there is no listing for the plural of *eagle*. Pictorial representations suggest that the above term seems to refer to a bald eagle which is the Lodge's totem.

Lodge tradition is that the word *home* is not the word originally translated into Cherokee but rather *lair* was the word used. Unfortunately, the word *lair* cannot be found in any modern Cherokee dictionary. However, the word *place* can be found, the syllabary being "na-nah-l" (bold added for emphasis). While both of these words, *eagle* and *place*, do not directly translate into our tag line "home of the eagles", they are undeniably close.

In conclusion, our Lodge name does appear to translate more precisely as "Eagles Lair" or "Eagles Place." Even so, "Home of the Eagles" means exactly the same thing as these other translations and is simply a more understandable modern translation of the original. So take pride in our Lodge name and know that our founders established a noble and rich tradition that is indeed based on Cherokee language and culture.

Section Conclave

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Section Vice Chief and Luke McNeese from Sequoyah Lodge was elected Section Secretary. The Quest Awards were given out and your Flying Eagle Newsletter won 3rd place in the Section! Our *Where to Go Scouting Guide* also placed 3rd in the Section. Finally, Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge was crowned the Section Quest for the Golden Arrow Champions. This means that the Quest Trophy will spend another year at its rightful home in Middle Tennessee. Thanks to everyone who came to Conclave and helped support the Lodge in winning the Quest!

Spring Ordeal

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come our new brothers into the Order. You could serve as an elangomat, on a ceremonies team, in the kitchen, or just pitch in with many of the projects the lodge will be taking on as we work to prepare Boxwell for the summer. Be sure to contact your Chapter Chief and ask how you can get involved. Or just come on out and we will find a place for you!

If you are interested in being an elangomat, send an email to elangomat@wa-hi-nasa.org.

You can register now by using the enclosed "General Lodge Event Registration Form" and sending it with payment to the council office. Bring your unit's OA candidates along for a great Spring Ordeal.

Fall Fellowship 2008

Are you ready to visit the days of Julius Caesar, the mighty Roman Legions, and gladiators? Well, you better be, because at this year's Fall Fellowship, Boxwell will host what is undoubtedly its first-ever toga party!

To be held on September 19-21, 2008, the Fall Fellowship is always the **can't miss** event of the year. Lots of fun, fellowship, games, and perhaps a gladiator or two!

We will also conduct Lodge Officer elections and the Vigil Honor call out. You can find out more by coming to the Spring Ordeal, a Summer Camp Cracker Barrel or by visiting <http://www.wa-hi-nasa.org>.

Ceremonies & AIE

How To Make A Choker

The Flying Eagle is starting a American Indian Events section where Arrowmen will be able to learn how to make their own pieces of regalia. The first piece of regalia in the series is the choker.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

1. Hair pipe (bone or composition) - or -
2. dentallium shells
3. harness leather
4. beads (brass or glass)
5. Buckskin or heavy thread
6. concha shell

The easiest way to put together the choker, is lay out the leather pieces and hair pipes (or dentallium shells as used in the top example) in the order that you will be putting the choker together. The most common amount of rows in a choker is 4 rows. You can go up or down from there depending on how the choker will fit you. If you aren't sure, try

someone else's choker on and see how it fits. The choker should just meet in the back of your neck, where it will be tied with some buckskin.

Now you are ready to put your choker together. Cut your harness leather into $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide strips. Then you measure out about seven $1\frac{1}{2}$ " long pieces. These are your spaces between hair pipes (or dentallium shells) and beads. The bottom diagram here uses 48 brass beads. This will give you an idea on about how many you will need. Now you need to put the holes in your leather pieces. The rough side of the leather will be facing out. Lay your hair pipes (or dentallium shells)

next to the leather piece and mark approximately where the hole in the hair pipe (or dentallium shell) will meet the leather strip. Then just mark all the rest of the strips and take an awl and put the holes in the leather. Cut your buckskin in long thongs. You want them thin enough

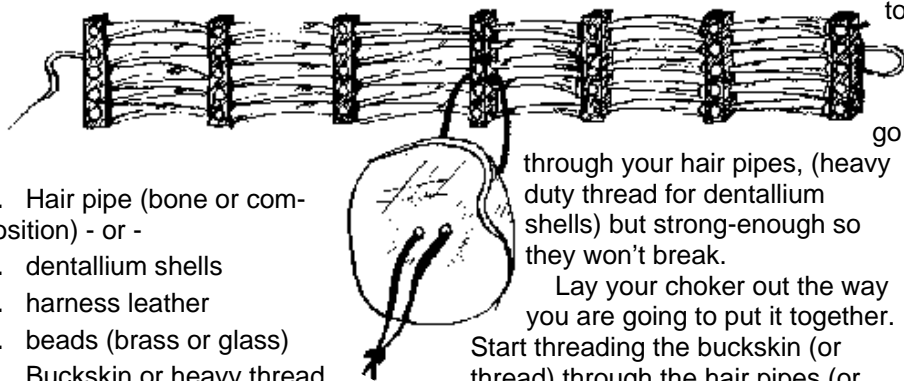
to go through your hair pipes, (heavy duty thread for dentallium shells) but strong-enough so they won't break.

Lay your choker out the way you are going to put it together. Start threading the buckskin (or thread) through the hair pipes (or dentallium) and the beads and the leather strips.

When you get down to the end, put the buckskin through the next hole and go through the next row. This way you will only have your knots at one end. Get another piece of buckskin (or thread) and do the same thing with the next two rows. Tie off your buckskin (or thread) with a good strong overhand knot. Trim off the excess leather as close to the knot as you possibly can.

To finish up your choker, take some buckskin and put a piece on each end of the choker. These will be your ties. Put your concha shell on the center of the choker and use a piece of buckskin and tie it onto the choker. If you want, you can let the excess leather hang down about 3" or 4" long.

Now your choker is complete. Once you have the basics down, you can experiment with different types of beads and other materials. The materials for this project can be found in craft stores or on the internet. Make your choker unique to you by incorporating some item that has a special meaning.



Arrowmen Development Corps

By Matt Brown

On the weekend of March 14-16 over 100 Arrowmen came to the Smyrna National Guard Armory for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and training. As Arrowmen arrived Friday night they enjoyed a great Cracker barrel with popcorn, sandwiches, drinks, and ice cream.

After a wonderful breakfast Saturday cooked by the National Guard staff, Arrowmen had a chance to train in one of the three areas that were offered. They could choose Leadership, High Adventure/ArrowCorps¹¹¹, or American Indian Events tracks.

In the Leadership track, Arrowmen learned about the Dynamics of Leadership, Mentoring, and Building the Team. Arrowmen were taught different leadership styles, teaching techniques, setting the example, and teamwork.

The High Adventure Course focused on the Lodge's new service program ArrowCorps¹¹¹ and teaching the future participants the skills that they will need to know for the program. Philmont staff member and Latimer Trail Boss Rick Smith taught crew leaders about safety and the tools of trail building.

American Indian Events courses focused on beading and ceremonial events courses. Later in the evening Arrowmen had the chance to enjoy the movie *Top Gun*. The event concluded with an awards program and the Lodge Executive Meeting on Sunday.

Vice Chief of Training Michael Moore would like to thank all of the participants and staff for coming to the event, and also the National Guard for providing food, housing, and facilities. Also remember to set your calendars for Arrowmen Development Corps 2009. It will be held on March 13-15, 2009 at the Smyrna National Guard Armory. See you there!





2009 NATIONAL ORDER OF THE ARROW CONFERENCE



Indiana University - Bloomington

August 1 – 6, 2009

Be sure to sign up for **NOAC**, the **BEST** that the Order of the Arrow has to offer. Over 6000 Arrowmen from around the country gather in one spot for a week of exciting shows, games, training, American Indian events, fellowship, and plenty of all-around fun. This is without a doubt **THE CAN'T MISS EVENT** for OA members. We travel as a lodge contingent, sleep in college dorms, and enjoy all the facilities of Indiana University's flagship campus. Visit <http://www.oa-bsa.org/events/> for a recap of previous NOACs.

We Need You to sign up today. Talk to your family, friends, fellow Scouts. Our lodge is given a limited number of youth and adult slots. The more confirmed deposits we have early, the more slots our lodge will be able to request. Email noac@wa-hi-nasa.org if you would like to know more about the conference or the lodge contingent. The total cost is \$495. This includes the conference fee, transportation to and from IU, lodging, meals, and other contingent expenses. Best of all, you can reserve your spot today by filling out the form below and enclosing a \$50 deposit that is refundable through February 1st, 2009. See you at NOAC!

Name _____ Unit # _____ District/Chapter _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Please mail this form to:

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Middle Tennessee Council
Attn: Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge
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Nashville, TN 37212

I am recruiting these two Arrowmen
to come with me to NOAC:

Please enclose a \$50 deposit check per participant made payable to Middle Tennessee Council.
(CC #930)

All youth and adult participants must be approved by the Lodge Adviser. NOAC slots are always in great demand, especially adult slots. The best way to ensure you have a spot at NOAC is to place your deposit early and to recruit two youth Arrowmen to place deposits as well. All deposits are refundable until February 1, 2009.

Where Is He Now?



Jim Cheatham,

at one time, could have been easily mistaken as a member of our lodge. He grew up in Dyersburg, Tennessee, and has continuously

remained a member of the West Tennessee Area Council. In 1997, Jim became interim Section SR-6N Vice Chief after our very own Josh Sain was elected National Vice Chief. Three terms as Section Chief in his own right, a term as our Southern Region Chief, and many personal appearances at Wa-Hi-Nasa events over the years made Jim Cheatham an honorary Wa-Hi-Nasa member in all but name. *The Flying Eagle* had the opportunity to sit down with Jim Cheatham at our most recent Section SR-6N Conclave, hosted by his own Ittawamba Lodge.

FE: What are you up to these days?

JC: I am a Project Manager for Forcom Lannom Contractors in Dyersburg, Tenn. I got married in 2007. In Scouting, I am the Camping Committee Chairman for the West Tennessee Area Council and the Section Conclave Service Lodge Adviser.

FE: What was the first Wa-Hi-Nasa event you remember attending?

JC: The 1995 Section Conclave at Boxwell Reservation. I then attended your 1998 Fall Fellowship. It was the first and last time I remember ever wearing overalls.

FE: Any favorite Wa-Hi-Nasa memories?

JC: I remember Clay Capp's surprise as he was thrown into the lake at the Boxwell pirate ship after being elected Section Chief.

FE: What was the most rewarding thing you got out of being section chief?

JC: I was able to develop friendships that will last a lifetime. I also was able to see other examples of youth leadership in action.

FE: Did you get the opportunity to

work with Mr. Olson?

JC: He is the best! I always remember Mr. Olson's opening line of "Have you got a minute?" The end of the world could be seconds away, but you always knew that you needed to take time to heed his words of wisdom.

FE: Did you learn anything during your time at Wa-Hi-Nasa events that you've helped implement in Ittawamba?

JC: I learned that just because it has always been done one way, doesn't mean it has to be done that way. Since my transition to an adult, Ittawamba Lodge has formalized aspects of the lodge program such as publishing a planbook, forming committees, award selection, etc. The Wa-Hi-Nasa Winter Banquet helped Ittawamba revamp our Winter Banquet, which had not been held in over 15 years.

FE: As an expert "outside observer," what suggestions do you have for Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge and its members?

JC: Wa-Hi-Nasa has long been thought of as being one of the gold standard lodges in the country. There is a wealth of experience of your members that helps the section, region, and nation. As Latimer High Adventure Reservation comes alive, you should help contribute to the Middle Tennessee Council by being a servant leader with ArrowCorps¹¹¹. You will help blaze trails for future Scouts and OA members.

FE: Any advice as we look to host the 2010 Section Conclave?

JC: Start planning. Recruit your chairmen, advisers, and other staff early. Make it spectacular since it is the 100th Anniversary Year. It needs to be, and will be, top notch.

FE: Anything else you'd like to add?

JC: I am thankful for my many friends in Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge. Ittawamba Lodge has benefited from fostering a relationship with your lodge. We all grow together to help deliver a better Boy Scout program for the future leaders of our troops, lodge, and country.



Arrowman Spotlight

By Caleb Wilson



Smith Walters

is a 15-year old Life Scout from Murfreesboro, Tennessee. He is currently a freshman at Blackman High School. He is a member of

the school chorus and plays the drums in a personal band at Docstone's School of Music in Dickson, Tenn. In his spare time, Smith enjoys climbing, repelling, and kayaking, and canoeing. One of his favorite trips was to Quetico Provincial Park in Canada and participated in a seventy mile canoeing trip. Smith said, "It was a great trip in an amazing area and I got to canoe all of the time which was great."

As a member of Troop 441, he has held the positions of OA Representative, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Historian, and Chaplain's Aid. Smith is very excited about some of his upcoming Scouting events. He will be going to Philmont Scout Ranch and will also be a staff member at Brownsea/National Youth Leadership Training. He now has thirty-two merit badges and is in the process of earning a few more.

Smith is a Brotherhood member of the OA and a member of the Wdee Chapter in the Trail of Tears District. He is an active participant on his chapter's ceremonies team as Kitchinet, working at ArrowCorps¹¹¹, and recently served on staff at Arrowmen Development Corps. When asked his what he would like to do in the future for the OA, he said he wouldn't mind being a lodge officer, but that he has a lot of work to do before getting there. We hope that you work towards your goals and continue to provide cheerful service.

One Last Look...

Caption Contest:

Can you come up with a good caption for this picture? Be assured, no advisers were harmed during the cooking of these burgers. Send in your suggestion for an appropriate caption to this picture and you could win a 70th Anniversary Lodge Collector Flap. Email submissions to: flyingeagle@wa-hi-nasa.org.



ArrowCorps⁵ - Mark Twain National Forest, Missouri
It's not too late to sign up! Visit <http://www.wa-hi-nasa.org> for more info.

ELANGOMATS NEEDED FOR SPRING ORDEAL!

Email elangomat@wa-hi-nasa.org to sign up.

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2008 Lodge Calendar

ArrowCorps¹¹¹ @ Latimer

Spring Ordeal

ArrowCorps⁵ (Lodge Contingent)

Wed. Night Cracker Barrel

Fall Ordeal

Fall Fellowship

Winter Banquet

Winter Camp

May - November

May 30-June 1

June 7-14

Boxwell during

Summer Camp

August 8-10

September 19-21

December 6

December 27-31

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