



# The Standing Brave

Third Quarter, Summer 2009

## Chickagami Lodge 180

### Upcoming Events

**Air Show Sum. Service**

August 22, Selfridge

**Fall Conclave**

Sept 25-27, STSR

**Leadership Meeting**

Oct 10, Maritime Center

**Fall Camporee**

Oct 17, STSR

**Cub Scare Night**

Oct 24, STSR

**Cedar Point**

Oct 31-Nov 1, TBA

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### Chiefly News

Alex Allen



Members of Chickagami 180, in a few months we will officially be part of the new C-2A! This new section will include Tindeuchen 522, Cuwe 218, Chippewa 29, Migisi Opawgan 162, Manitous 88, and Chickagami 180.

We have information on upcoming events and tons of other information in this issue of The Standing Brave. We are planning many events for the rest of the year: a Day of Service, Fall Conclave in September, Fall Fellowship in October, and our Annual Banquet in January. We will also be assisting with the Fall Camporee and Cub Scare Night, both in October.

If you have not paid your dues for 2009, or know of someone who hasn't, get to the scout office while you can to pay your \$10 for the year. We need this money to operate the lodge. Mailing this Brave to you is a HUGE expense, and with Trading Post revenue down because of the economy, we need as many members on the roster as we can get to ensure an enjoyable and eventful year for the lodge in 2010.

Speaking of the Trading Post, Vice Chief Ian Boden is also looking for arrowmen who might be interested in working a few shifts during an Archery Shoot or Mom and Me weekend. If you are interested, contact him and give him your email address.

Another article that is very important for Scoutmaster's is also included, make sure your Scoutmaster gets this information because it concern's Order of the Arrow Troop Elections. These elections create eligible candidates for Ordeal membership in the lodge.

The 2011 Section Conclave will be hosted by Chickagami 180, so we need to start cleaning up the camp to get it ready for our guests. If you have any ideas for worthy camp improvement projects, let us know so we can start planning ahead for our conclaves.

2010 High Adventure applications are available soon for OA Trail Crew (Philmont), OA Wilderness Voyage and OA Canadian Odyssey (Northern Tier), and OA Ocean Adventure (Seabase). If you are interested in going to one of these you can download the application from [www.oa-bsa.org](http://www.oa-bsa.org). Regarding lodge camperships: we will hopefully be putting a new system of points/hours in place. To get your campership you will have to volunteer at the trading post or another approved event such as Cub Scare Night in order to receive your 1/3 from the lodge.

And on a final note I would like to say this to all the youth of the lodge: Chickagami 180 is YOUR lodge, without YOUR attendance and votes at meetings, nothing YOU want done will happen. It is a simple process, you show up, suggest something, bring back information, then we vote and things can happen.

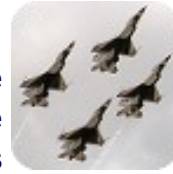
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Alexander Allen

Chickagami 180 Lodge Chief

Section C-2A Vice Chief

## Air Show / Red Cross Summer Service!!!



We have been asked by the Red Cross to volunteer at the Selfridge Air Show! At the event we will be promoting the Red Cross and accepting donations in the morning, giving us plenty of time to enjoy the FREE AIR SHOW in the afternoon.

We will need to arrive early **Saturday Morning, August 22**, to be there between 7:15 and 7:30 AM. We will be meeting bright and early at the Scout Service Center at **6:15 AM**. If you wish to meet us down there you are welcome to do that as well, just let us know.

Email Alex Allen or Matt Allen if you plan on attending. Their emails are listed below and on the front page of the Brave.

Refreshments will be provided by the Red Cross and food will be available for purchase at the event.

Sorry all for the short notice, sometimes these things happen suddenly. Don't miss out on this fun and exciting service opportunity!

## Fall Fellowship at Cedar Point!!



We are planning a Fall Fellowship Weekend at Cedar Point, "America's Roller Coast" for Saturday Oct 31 - Nov 1. This is one of Cedar Point's Hallo-Weekends, but in order for this trip to happen,

**YOU MUST SIGN UP BEFORE SEPTEMBER 27<sup>th</sup> !!!!**

This will give any new ordeal members inducted at the Fall Conclave a chance to attend as well.

Fall Fellowships are a great way to meet new people from the lodge, as well as hang out with old friends while doing something fun. The cost is estimated at around \$60. We will be staying at Camp Sandusky, about a 10 min. drive from the park. We will be tenting but most of the day will be spent at the park anyway. All but gas and food for travel is provided.

In an effort to reach out to our brothers in the section, members of the section leadership are invited to attend as well. This is a good chance to meet and greet and mingle with some of the great guys from the other lodges in our area.

To sign up, or if you have any questions, contact:

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YIB, More info in the next Brave,

Matthew Allen - Vice Chief of Conclave/Activities

## NOAC '09 Recap

## 2009 NOAC Contingent

What does NOAC stand for? Some say it stands for NO Air Conditioning, and the staff like to joke that it means No Organization And Communication. NOAC really stands for National Order of the Arrow Conference. The National Order of the Arrow Conference is a 6 day event that includes everything from training on various subjects to evening shows. Some of the highlights of this years NOAC, held at Indiana University, were the Grand Hodag, the Goodman Games and the Founder's Day Fair. At the Fair we broke a Guinness World Record for the largest Kazoo Band. The National Officers were present and lead the band in a few songs.

This year's theme was The Power of One, and for those who attended we learned that a select few people have this power. The Power of One is the ability of one person, group, organization, or one order to make a difference in the lives of others. The National Order of the Arrow Conference is a great way to get some training, have fun, meet new people, exchange ideas, or provide service by working on staff or helping with Operation Service. Operation Service is a group of Arrowmen who work on projects around campus to give back to the city where the NOAC is held every 2 years.

Because the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Order of the Arrow is in 2015, we have been planning NOACs on a three year schedule, which means that the next NOAC will be in 2012 in our very own state, hosted at **Michigan State University!** Mark your calendars because we would like to have a larger contingent next time due to the shorter travel distance.

## Trading Post / Archery Shoot

We are always in need of help in the Trading Post. The Trading Post is a huge source of revenue for the lodge that we all benefit greatly from, please lend your support! If you are interested in staffing the trading post, please contact Ian Boden.



We are also planning to staff the Archery Shoots for the coming year and into the foreseeable future. Look on page 1 for dates and times. The time commitment is minimal and you are welcome to stay and shoot.

## Ceremonies Team(s)

We are still looking for more youth to get involved in our lodge ceremonies. Ceremonies are a lot of fun and a great way to brush up on the purpose of the order (and to get out of other work). Some new equipment is being approved for purchase and some new pyrotechnic effects are being perfected for the Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies. (If you're not excited about that, you should be.) Contact Bruce to get involved, or jump in and try it at a conclave.



## Advisor's Corner

**Rob Wassenberg**



I hope all my fellow arrow men have been enjoying their summer and projecting a cheerful and friendly attitude to there fellow scouts be that in leadership, planning and/or participation. Speaking of participation, the order is all about promoting camping within the council and within the lodge. The lodge promotes high adventure camping, be that as part of a council trek or a trail crew. Trial crews are some of the least expensive ways to experience high adventure bases. The primary way the lodge helps to funds these trail crew adventures are sales at the trading post. Currently participation has been lacking at the trading post and staffing the post has fallen onto only a few individuals. The lodge is instituting a credit system which will track your participation in the trading post along with other lodge event and/or service. Some ways to earn service credits will be to attend conclaves, sectional, membership meetings, archery shoot setups and take downs, council of chief meetings, NOAC's, lodge fellowship gatherings, lodge service events, lodge banquets, O-A leadership seminars, hold a lodge leadership position, participate as a staff in a council event that the lodge has been asked to attend, and I am sure there are others that I have excluded here and will listed later. The point of this credit system is to encourage your participating in events that the lodge is responsible for staffing. Points accumulated count toward your request for funds from the lodge to go to high adventure bases. Trail crews require members to be 16 years of age so most members will not have a problem earning enough credits given the broad number of events and service projects that can earn an arrow man credits. There are exceptions to this which will be explained at another time, but lets just say that if you participate in the aforementioned events you'll earn enough credits for funding. One of the major events to be staffed yet this summer is the archery shoot over the Labor Day weekend. If you cannot make it on the weekend then help set up on the Thursday before the shoot at 5:pm at Silver Trails. Many hands make light work. If you want the lodge to be respected you need to participate and show the pack, troops and other adult volunteers that you are a member of an elite organization that is run by the youth for the youth. In closing we need you to contact your fellow members and encourage them to participate, pay their dues and get involved. At least every troop should have an O-A rep to help in our communication. If you are unsure if you have a rep ask you scoutmaster or contact the Chief. With your help and participation you'll find that lodge events will be fun events and not the heavy work event of the past.

YIB, Mr. Wassenberg

Let's grow together in Brotherhood.