

The Standing Brave

Spring Conclave Edition—April 8-10, 2011

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70 YEARS OF SERVICE

2011

Chickagami Lodge 180

Upcoming Events

Spring Conclave

April 8-10, 2011

Section C-2A Conclave

April 29-May 1, 2011

Membership Meeting

June 11, 2011

SummitCorps

July 10-16, 2011

Leadership Meeting

August 13, 2011

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Chiefly Thoughts

Matthew Allen

The Order of the Arrow is a journey. There are tons of different trails you may follow. You can decide to hike to the highest mountain or follow the path along the twists and turns of the river.

Allawat Sakima, the mighty chieftain, says in the pre-ordeal ceremony "Friends the ones who chose you need you. Who among you now is ready? Who will go upon this journey?" I ask you now, who will continue the journey? I encourage you to find a part of the Order that you find fun. Perhaps it's Ceremonies or the Trading Post. Become involved in it and I can promise you that you will have incredible amounts of fun. You will meet new friends that last a lifetime and have the ability to experience opportunities within scouting that don't exist in the troop. I would like to congratulate our new ordeal members on completing the first step of the journey. I would also like to congratulate our new brotherhood members for continuing along the path. So whether you decided to take the trail that leads through the palisades of pine trees or around the lake, Friends choose a path and follow it to its end.

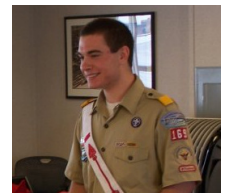
—Matthew Allen, Lodge Chief

Section C-2A Conclave

Brothers of Chickagami,

Over the past few years I have had the chance to attend 5 Section Conclaves, and various National Events and seminars. The one event that still sticks out in my mind is the 2005 Section Conclave. This event was one of the best because it was held right here at Silver Trails, and Chickagami was well represented. It is now 2011, and we have been planning diligently on the Section level for this year's conclave. It is time for all of you to sign up to help as once again we are the Service Lodge. It would be a disappointment to be out-numbered at our own camp. Section Conclave is one event you should not miss.

—Alex Allen, Section C-2A Chief



Elections and Troop Representatives

By now, many of your troops have held their annual elections for the Order of the Arrow. Elections may only be held once a year, and must be conducted by representatives from the Lodge. A great way to ensure that your Troop isn't missing out on this important process is to have a Troop Representative. Troop Representatives are expected to attend Lodge Membership meetings, as well as their own Troop Meetings and relay the information between the two groups. If your troop doesn't already have someone in this position, it's probably a good idea for you to talk to your Scoutmaster and Senior Patrol Leader. The position also counts towards your time for rank advancements. **Make sure we get your contact information so we can send you updates.**



National Leadership Seminar

The National Leadership Seminar (NLS) is a weekend training program focusing on leadership development. Run by the Region Chief and his Advisers, it provides an in-depth look at leadership skills and techniques. An NLS discusses how these skills can be applied in your role in the OA and in other aspects of your life. More detailed information is available from your lodge leaders, the Section Chief or Adviser, or the Region Chief or Region Chair. Each region runs their own NLS program, so detailed information on upcoming NLS sessions is usually available on the appropriate region web site. If you are interested in attending an NLS, please contact your Lodge Chief or Adviser for registration information.

As one Arrowman described his NLS experience:

*"The Staff for the training was excellent. We were privileged to have our National Vice-Chief, the Region Chief, and several Section Chiefs and various members of the National OA Committee. A **Great** staff.*

*"Well, I have now been given more useful tools to use to help the Arrowmen in my Council improve themselves and the Lodge. I feel a little less nervous about my own position.... "If and when you get the chance to attend a NLS, **GO!**"*

If you are interested in NLS, there will be an opportunity in October to attend in Dayton, Ohio. To register, or find more information, head to www.central.oa-bsa.org and click on Training.

Lodge History—Caleb Gordon

Last year, 2010, was Scouting's centennial. It was a year of celebration and memories. Last year we saw history being made right before our eyes. But now it is 2011, and we still have many milestones to celebrate in scouting.



For example, 70 years ago, Chickagami Lodge was founded to provide service to Blue Water Council. One of the original officers was John B. Swainson who served as the Lodge's Secretary. He later became a Michigan Supreme Court Justice and the 42nd Governor of the State. The first camp was Camp Chickagami, located a couple miles north of Croswell along the Black River. In 1945, the council moved downriver to the new 285 acre Silver Trails Scout Reservation. Over the past 70 years, we have seen numerous arrowmen come in and out of our small lodge, with plenty of memories and friends to be made. We have also seen our fair share of awards too. In the 1960s and 70s, Chickagami was the home to a premier dance team, which traveled across the country for competitions. Over the past 70 years, our trademarks have been the Standing Brave and the Number Nine Tree, appearing on nearly every lodge flap ever issued. 2011 is the 70th Anniversary of our lodge, so let us celebrate, and remember why we are here.

The centennial celebration may be over, but for the next year let's not forget where we came from, and where we can go in the future. —Caleb Gordon, Lodge History Chairman

Membership — Andre Wassenberg

I would like to greatly express all the opportunities there are in the OA. The OA greatly reduces prices for awesome events to participate in, like Indian Summer, the four high adventure bases, and of course OA Summit Corps which will be the spot for the 100 year birthday of the OA for the upcoming National Jamboree. Also there is the Spring Conclave and Section Conclave coming up which all participants have a blast and learn the truth of cheerful friendly service and the ties of brotherhood. May you all take the opportunities given before you and have the time of your lives as you progress through the strengthening of bonds in the OA.

Andre Wassenberg, Vice Chief of Membership

Finish The Task

At the 1968 Olympics, Bob Beamon set a long jump record that many thought would never be broken. That same year, a young boxer named George Foreman won a gold medal and paraded around the ring with an American flag, instilling pride in many Americans. One athlete named John Stephen Akhwari from Tanzania, a marathon runner, probably made the longest lasting impression on people, though. While he was running, he stumbled and fell, severely injuring his knee and ankle. After receiving first aid he did what no one expected: He got back in the race. Long after everyone else had finished and left, he limped into the near empty stadium to the cheers of a small crowd that was still there and he finished his final lap. When asked why he continued the race after he was so badly hurt with no chance to win he replied: "My country did not send me 5,000 miles to start the race—they sent me 5,000 miles to finish the race."

Do each of you accept responsibility to finish a task when you start one, or do you take the easy way out when the going gets tough? Do you keep your promises when you make them, even the ones you make to yourself? A man who doesn't keep his word will not be respected and will not be trusted. What kind of man does each of you want to be remembered as?

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Trading Post

Planning on majoring in Business or Marketing? Want to brush up on your salesmanship or just spend a fun day at camp? Come join us in the Trading Post for a few hours during a Boy Scout event. All you need to do is get clearance from the Lodge Chief or Trading Post Vice Chief, participate in a half hour of 'buddy' training and you can help the lodge make some money. The Trading Post is what keeps your dues the lowest in the Central Region and maybe even in the Nation! We sell everything from lodge flaps, pins, candy, pop, hot dogs, popcorn, water, and our very own Silver Trails T-Shirt!