



THE Standing Brave

Summer 2011

CHICKAGAMI LODGE 180

BLUE WATER COUNCIL



1941

70 Years of Service

2011

EVENTS

Archery Shoot
June 17-19, 2011

Summit Corps
July 10-16, 2011

Archery Shoot
August 5-7, 2011

Fellowship/Leadership Mtg
August 12-14, 2011

Archery Shoot
September 9-11, 2011

Fall Conclave
September 23-25, 2011

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CHIEFLY THOUGHTS

Matt Allen
Lodge Chief



Brothers,

I would like to invite you all to this year's Fall Fellowship August 12th-14th. This year we will be playing camp-wide capture the flag, playing video games, and having White Castle. Fall Fellowship is a time to have fun and meet the arrowmen in our lodge. I would also like to thank everyone who made this year's section conclave such a great experience. Something to start thinking about is the 2012 NOAC, or National Order of the Arrow Conference at Michigan State University. Although to many of us it's just called NOAC, It is a great time of shows, training, ceremonies, patch trading, and various forms of activities. I personally got to play a game of dodge ball consisting of a 1,000 arrowmen per team at the 2009 NOAC. I look forward to seeing everybody at the Fall Fellowship.

SummitCorps Lodge Flaps

There will be two patch designs for the 2011 Summit Corps Contingent from Chickagami. The lodge flaps are shown below, and will cost \$5 each. Each arrowman going to Summit Corps can buy three of each; all other members can purchase one of each. Design by Alex Allen.



Red, Yellow, Black, Gray, and Brown should be embroidered on green twill. Cut edge. 100 patches. No plastic backing.

TOP: 5 in.



Blue mylar river
Green rolled edge
100% embroidered. 100 patches

TOP: 5 in.
SIDES: 1.25 in.
ANGLED BOTTOM: 2.5 in.
OVERALL HEIGHT: 2 in.

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CHICKAGAMI NEWS

Vice Chief & Committee Reports

Service: Ricky Strable

Volunteers are needed to help work at Webelo's Weekend June 24th-26th. The lodge's latest service project was planting flowers around the nature center/museum.

Treasurer: Blake Gordon

I would like to thank every one for being patient with me while I'm still learning the ropes of this treasury position I hope to be functioning better once I get the hang of this. So far we have greatly increased our funds, but we still need to be careful with our spending and buying to get maximum profitability.

Membership: Andre Wassenburg

The lodge needs 33 more members for quality lodge and we currently have a 26% Brotherhood conversion. There will be Troop Rep training at the fellowship.

Ceremonies: Bruce Bianchi

Current boots and chest plates are being repaired while new boots are in the process of being purchased.

FROM THE EDITOR...

Caleb Gordon

Secretary Vice Chief
Section C-2A Courier Chairman



First, thank you for reading this edition of *The Standing Brave*, which is the first publication since I have been elected to the secretary position. Also, thank you to everybody who has submitted articles for this edition. If you are interested in writing for *The Standing Brave*, please contact me. We always welcome any article that is O/A or scouting related. You can find my email at the bottom of this article.

Starting with this edition of *The Standing Brave*, our lodge's newsletter will be available in hard-copy form at membership and leadership meetings. Leftover issues from the meetings will be taken by troop representatives for arrowmen in their units. Copies will also be available at the Scout Service Center in Port Huron, so make sure next time you stop in to pick up *The Standing Brave*. All of this is in addition to the regular electronic edition available at www.chickagami.org.



This year, the lodge will be focusing on better communication by making *The Standing Brave* more available to our members. Also, make sure you like us on Facebook by searching "Chickagami 180".

Finally, I hope everybody has a great summer! There are so many opportunities this year with your unit, council, lodge, and section to go new places and see new things! Make sure you tell your fellow arrowmen all about it by writing an article for *The Brave*!



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What is a Section?

Alex Allen

Immediate Past Section C-2A Chief

During the past two years, I have been asked this question numerous times and have given many different answers. What is important is not what a Section is, but what it does. Section C-2A includes 5 great lodges in Southeast Michigan and Northwest Ohio. Our lodge is one of these 5 and we meet once a year for a weekend of fellowship, brotherhood, training, ceremonies and activities competitions, patch trading, and to elect our national representative: the Section Chief as well as the Section Vice Chief and Secretary. The Section Council of Chiefs, which includes the 3 section officers, the 5 lodge chiefs, and around 6 chairmen, meet 3 times throughout the year to plan the Section Conclave and other events. Section C-2A usually holds a ceremonies workshop in addition to Section Conclave. I encourage all of you to attend one of these COC's so that you can see the work that takes place to make a successful conclave. The Section also provides resources to the lodges in the form of the Lodge Assistance Program where lodges can sit and talk about their lodge with members of the entire section. If you would like to be more involved in the lodge or the section, contact the lodge chief.



Section C-2A Conclave 2011 at Silver Trails



Chickagami Lodge History

Interested in History? Join the History Committee!

Our lodge has established a museum display inside the Nature Center at Silver Trails. The position of History Chairman is open, so if you would like to participate in gathering lodge history, artifacts, patches, and pictures contact Lodge Chief Matt Allen for more information.

Serve your Lodge and your Troop!

The **Order of the Arrow Troop Representative** is a youth serving his troop as the primary liaison to the troop's lodge or chapter. He meets the unit's needs by providing a communication and programmatic link to and from all Arrowmen, Scouts who are not presently members of the Order, and adult leaders. These efforts are meant to assist the unit and its members in achieving the mission of the Boy Scouts of America, and at the same time fulfilling the lodge's role in the Strategic Plan of the Order of the Arrow of being an integral part of the council. By setting a good example, he will enhance the image of the Order as a service arm to his unit.

OA Troop Representative Duties:

- Attends troop and chapter or lodge meetings regularly as a youth representative of the troop and Order.
- Serves as a two-way communication link between the troop and the lodge or chapter.
- Arranges with the lodge or chapter election team to conduct an annual Order of the Arrow election for the troop at a time approved by the Patrol Leaders Council.
- As requested by the SPL, participates in Troop Courts of Honor by recognizing: high adventure participation of troop members, induction of new OA members, changes in OA honors of troop members, leadership of troop members, and other appropriate activities.
- Assists current Ordeal members in the troop in sealing their membership by becoming Brotherhood members by: ensuring they know the time and location of Brotherhood opportunities, assisting (as needed) in arranging transportation to the Brotherhood opportunities, and offering assistance to the lodge (as needed) in the Brotherhood process. He may also, at the discretion of the PLC, offer periodic training and discussions of OA principles, symbolism, and the Legend as needed by and appropriate for the troop members of the Order.
- Assists the troop (as appropriate) as a trainer of leadership and outdoor skills. In all cases, advocates environmental stewardship and Leave No Trace camping.
- Sets a good example by: wearing the Scout uniform correctly, showing Scout spirit, and living by the Scout Oath, the Scout law and the OA Obligation.



Qualifications:

Under 18 years old

Appointed by SPL with SM approval

OA Member in good standing



TRADING POST

We are looking for Arrowmen to help run the Trading Post during the Archery Shoots!!

If you are interested in the Trading Post Vice-Chief position, or just want to work the store for a weekend, contact Chief Matt Allen.



NATIONAL NEWS



High Adventure

***Philmont Trail Crew**—For the first week, participants have the chance to make a significant difference to Philmont by participating in trail building in the backcountry. Work will include clearing terrain for trail and constructing switchbacks, retention bars, and several other erosion controls. The impact of this service will be felt by scouts for decades.

The second week of the program is spent experiencing Philmont in its finest. Unlike regular treks, Trail Crews make their own itinerary, instead of selecting from pre-planned routes. You can do and see just about anything, from the Tooth of Time to Baldy Mountain, your crew decides! (\$200)

***Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage**-The first week of the program is spent giving back to the Boundary Waters through portage trail restoration work. Participants have the opportunity to leave their mark on the Boundary Waters that will enable millions of visitors each year to better enjoy their experience. Trail work involves restoring and protecting trails that have existed for centuries and are in dire need or repair.

The second part of the program is a trek planned by the crew. From the 8-1/2 mile "Grand Portage" leading to Lake Superior, to the Height of Land, even the pictographs on Fishdance Lake, crews have done and seen all in the Boundary Waters. (\$200)

***Canadian Odyssey**-Like it's U.S. counterpart the first week of the program is spent giving back to the Quetico through portage trail restoration work. Participants have the opportunity to leave their mark on the Quetico that will enable millions of visitors each year to better enjoy their experience. Trail work involves restoring and protecting trails that have existed for centuries and are in dire need or repair.

The second part of the program is a 90 mile trek from Atikokan, Ontario to Ely, Minnesota. (\$200)

***Florida Sea Base Ocean Adventure**-The program is a 10-day experience in which you will experience wilderness camping, kayaking, sailing, fishing, snorkeling, team building (including a trip on a war canoe) and of course cheerful service. The program will be conservation based and will seek to help protect the eco-system of the Florida Keys. (\$400)

Service

****SummitCorps**-This program will take place over four weeks during July 2011: July 3-9, July 10-16, July 17-23, and July 24-30. Each week will be a separate session of SummitCorps, providing exciting opportunities for service, adventure, and recreation. SummitCorps will be held at the New River Gorge National River in West Virginia which is very close to the new National High Adventure Base and home of the future Jamborees: The Summit. (\$250 [Estimate])

Ceremonies

***Indian Summer 2011**-Indian Summer encompasses everything from Ceremonies to Dance Teams and everything in-between. (When we say **everything**... we're serious.) (\$325)

***-This event requires individuals to arrange their own transportation to and from the location. The best way to do this is to get another person from the area to travel with you.**



SECTION/REGION NEWS

Summer 2011 & NOAC 2012

Marty Opthoff
C-2A Section Chief

Hopefully you have already heard about the many opportunities you have this summer. From Indian Summer to Order of the Arrow High Adventure. If you are going to Indian Summer or Summit Corps make sure you stop by and say hi because I will be on staff for both of these programs. Whatever you do I hope you have a great summer and make the most of it. Now it's time to look to the future.



In 2012 you have an amazing opportunity to attend NOAC. NOAC or National Order of the Arrow Conference is a weeklong conference held at a university. In 2012 it will be right in our backyard, Michigan State. NOACs only happen every three years and they are not something you want to miss. They are jam packed with ceremonies competitions, outdoor activities, training, free stuff tents and shows. NOAC is like Section Conclave for an entire week. It is an experience like none other. I attended my first NOAC in 2009 at Indian University. It was an amazing experience I will never forget. NOAC typically has around 7,000 Arrowmen in attendance. As a Section that is only an hour away we should absolutely have as many members as we can.

Don't miss the incredible experience. I know I won't. Talk to your Lodge chief about how to register. You can also spread the excitement of NOAC. Tell another Arrowmen that you are going to NOAC in 2012 at MSU. Tell them all about it and the great opportunities at NOAC. When NOAC comes around I want to see every single member of our great section walking around MSU!

National Leadership Seminar



The National Leadership Seminar is a weekend conference on the skills and attributes of leadership. It is intended primarily to enhance the leadership skills of the Order of the Arrow's key youth and adult members as they seek to improve their services to the Boy Scouts of America and the greater community. The weekend format is designed to complement the longer, more detailed Wood Badge and Junior Leadership Training Programs.

As one Arrowman described his NLS experience: "I just returned from one of the greatest leadership courses around. The NLS course is a winner..." "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.

"If and when you get the chance to attend a NLS, GO!"

The next National Leadership Seminar is October 14-16, 2011 at Camp Friedlander in Cincinnati, OH

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