



The Standing Brave

Fall Conclave Edition, September 25-27, 2009

Chickagami Lodge 180

Upcoming Events

Leadership Meeting

Oct 10, Maritime Center

Fall Camporee

Oct 17, STSR

Section Council of Chiefs

Oct 18, DAC

Cub Scare Night

Oct 24, STSR

Fall Fellowship

Oct 31-Nov 1, Cedar Point

Membership Meeting

November 14, Maritime Center

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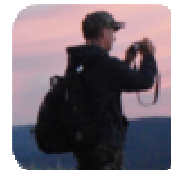
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Chiefly News

Alex Allen



First of all, Congratulations on completing your Ordeal! This is just the first step of many, we are counting on you to do great things in the future for your Troop, and the Lodge. In the Spring we will hold elections for Lodge Offices, most of these are listed at the right. If something interests you, volunteer now and get some experience. Nominations will take place at the Annual Banquet as well as just before each election, so if you or someone you know has an interest in running for a lodge office, talk to one of us and we will explain the process to you.

All of the new Ordeal members will be eligible next Fall to earn Brotherhood. Brotherhood is the process of sealing your membership in the lodge by writing a letter, and memorizing the song, and obligation. There are no ranks in the Order, all members have equal privileges, except in the case of ceremonies. In order to attend or participate on the ceremonies team for a particular ceremony, you must have previously gone through it yourself. If you are interested in joining or helping with Ceremonies, contact Bruce Bianchi and let him know. Ceremonies are a great way to get involved, it is a very time consuming task to memorize the scripts, but very rewarding when the ceremony goes well.

Another great way to help out the lodge is to work in the Trading Post. Starting next year, in order to get a lodge campership you must have a certain amount of 'points.' These will be determined at our next leadership meeting, points may be earned by service projects, including the Trading Post. The Trading Post operates at all Council events, during Archery Shoots, and Conclaves.

In the upcoming year, elections will be conducted using a new system. All elections will take place between January 1st and March 31st. All scouts will have the opportunity to attend either the Spring or Fall Conclave of that year, after that they must be re-elected by their troop. We are hoping this will keep our database more organized and keep everyone on the same page. If your Troop has not submitted a tentative election date, talk to your Scoutmaster as soon as possible. We would like to get our schedule set-up so that all troops have an election.

Our lodge has not held a Fall Fellowship in a few years. This year we will be attending Halloweekends at Cedar Point, October 31-November 1st. (More information is available on page 2). Another fun event is Cub Scare Night on October 24th. We have been asked to provide a 'scare zone' for the cub scouts. If this is something you are interested in let Matt Allen know.

If anyone has any questions about how the lodge works, feel free to ask any of the Lodge Officers or older members and they will be happy to explain it to you. Copies of the Lodge By-Laws are available online at sites.google.com/site/chickagami180oa, this is the lodge's new temporary website.

Alex Allen
Lodge Chief Chickagami 180
Section C-2A Vice-Chief

Elections—Tom Casaceli

Attention Scoutmasters and Troop Representatives: In 2010 we will be putting a new elections system into place. All elections for every troop will be held from January 1st through March 31st and done in a more efficient manner. We are still working on the details and specifics, but an email has been sent to most of you with this information. We are hoping that this will eliminate some of the confusion that is going on with our membership database and help with better communication in the future by keeping track of arrowmen before they even go through the ordeal. Your cooperation with this new system will be greatly appreciated. However, for the rest of 2009, we will not conduct any more elections. Please be sure to return the email to us with your proposed election date, even if you do not have any eligible scouts or are choosing not to participate in the OA program we still need a form signed by you.

Tom Casaceli -Vice Chief of Elections

NOTICE: Please make sure your Scoutmaster gets this information.

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 TODAY, SEPTEMBER 27th !!!!

This will give any of you new ordeal members inducted this weekend 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:

Me @ allen.matt.12@gmail.com.

OR the Chief @ alexallen7@gmail.com.

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Matthew Allen - Vice Chief of Conclave/Activities

Facebook and Website

The above url is our new temporary website, if you are interested in helping us transform this into a permanent website, let us know. We hope to use this as a tool to save money by having the forms, by-laws, and The Standing Brave available for download for your enjoyment. Chickagami 180 is also on Facebook as well as Section C-2A. Both are useful tools to find the dates and locations of events and to share ideas with other members.

Trading Post / Archery Shoot

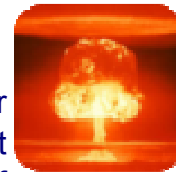
We are always in need of help in the Trading Post. The Trading Post is a huge source of revenue for the lodge that we all benefit greatly from, please lend your support! If you are interested in staffing the trading post, please contact Ian Boden.



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. You should be very excited...) You don't necessarily need to be one of the four principles (Allowat Sakima, Kitchkinet, Nutiket, and Meteu) we need people to help build the fires, light the smudge pots, and to help with other behind-the-scenes tasks. Contact Bruce to get involved, or jump in and try it at a conclave.



Troop Representative(s)

Another way to help out the lodge and your troop is to sign up and be the Troop Representative. This is a Troop position and counts for rank advancements, the main task is to assist the elections team with elections and to provide the troop with information. 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. Make sure we get your contact information so we can send you updates.



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.