



# The Standing Brave

First Quarter—January 2010  
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## Chickagami Lodge 180

### Upcoming Events

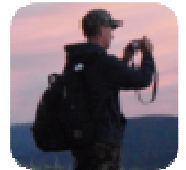
**Membership Meeting**  
Feb. 13, AMC 9am  
**Section Ceremonies Day**  
March 7, GLC Detroit  
**Section Council of Chiefs**  
March 14, DAC, 9am  
**Scout Sunday**  
February 7th, 2010  
**Spring Conclave**  
April 2-4, 2010, STSR  
**Section Conclave**  
April 29-May 2, 2010

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### Chiefly News

Alex Allen



Please mark your calendar's for the February 13 Membership Meeting which will be held at the Acheson Maritime Center in Port Huron at 9am. We have lots to discuss including Lodge Master, Ceremonies Regalia, Lodge Flaps, Section Conclave, our own Spring Conclave, and Camp Improvement projects for this summer. We also need very high attendance for another reason; we will be electing a new Lodge Chief. I have been elected to fill the remaining time of Brad Lichota's term as Section Chief of C-2A. Brad was elected as the National Chief of the Order of the Arrow at the National Planning Meeting in Dallas, Texas. We have made lots of progress in the past 2 years, but there is much more work to be done and we need 100% participation. As stated in the bylaws anyone interested in running for Lodge Chief must talk to myself or Mr. Wassenberg before being nominated. If you have any questions about how the process will work or what the Lodge Chief's responsibilities are please ask.

Alex Allen  
Section C-2A Chief

### Important Information

Dues are due! Yes it is that time of year again... fortunately we are able to keep our dues at the low cost of \$10. This is probably the lowest cost for dues in the entire Central Region, so send yours into the SSC today so that we can continue to provide these excellent benefits to you:

Reduced High Adventure Prices (Philmont Trail Crew \$200 for example)

Fun Fall Fellowships (New for 2010)

Spring and Fall Conclave

The ability to wear a lodge flap and OA sash

Dues will be accepted until late March, then you will be dropped from the roster and will lose the privileges listed above. Don't miss out, act today!

## Order of the Arrow High Adventure



Have you ever been to Philmont? What about Florida Sea Base or Northern Tier? If you haven't, why not? Order of the Arrow Trail Crew: a two-week adventure at Philmont for only \$200. You will have a chance to work with your squad of arrowmen from around the country to improve trails at Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico. The second week is spent hiking your squad planned adventure. Not only will you make new friends, you will get to experience Philmont in a way only few will have the opportunity to. Unfortunately, for 2010 Florida Sea Base's Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure has been cancelled, but there is still Wilderness Voyage and Canadian Odyssey at Northern Tier in Minnesota. You will be working on portage trails and various projects and spending the second week with your squad planned voyage through the Boundary Waters. Sound interesting? Wilderness voyage and Canadian Odyssey are \$150 and \$200 respectively. For Canadian Odyssey you must have a valid U.S. Passport as you will be venturing into Canadian waters. Head to [adventure.oa-bsa.org](http://adventure.oa-bsa.org) to fill out an application. If possible, fill it out before December 1st, 2009 to guarantee your spot; applicants are notified of acceptance starting in March, and applications are taken until all spots are filled but don't miss out on this great opportunity and send in the form today! Travel is easier with a buddy so sign up with a friend. \*There is also a great opportunity with Philbreak, which takes place in March as a spring break trip, this information is also available on [adventure.oa-bsa.org](http://adventure.oa-bsa.org).

## 2010 Conclaves

The 2010 Section Conclave is April 29-May 2 at Camp Miakonda. This exciting event is being hosted by Tindeuchen 522 in Toledo, OH. For \$30 you will meet the National Chief Brad Lichota, experience intensive training sessions, and participate in awesome shows and games. We will have more information on how to sign up soon.

Our own Spring Conclave will be April 2-4 at Silver Trails, we must prepare for the Section Conclave in 2011 which we will be hosting. Many camp improvement projects are planned so come and take ownership of our camp, induction of Ordeals and Brotherhood Conversions will also take place.

Matthew Allen

Vice Chief of Conclave

## Facebook and Website



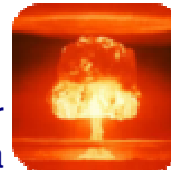
The new website is [www.chickagami.org](http://www.chickagami.org). We hope to use this as a tool to save money by having the forms, by-laws, and The Standing Brave available for download for your enjoyment. Chickagami 180 is also on Facebook as well as Section C-2A. Both are useful tools to find the dates and locations of events and to share ideas with other members. \*\*NOTE: If your email address is in our database you will no longer receive a paper copy of this newsletter.



## Elections Teams

We have started implementing our new elections process for 2010. All elections will be held from January through the end of March to eliminate the confusion. All elected candidates may attend either of the two conclaves in the calendar year before becoming ineligible. Scoutmasters have been mailed the forms, encourage your Scoutmaster and your Troop Representative to take action and plan yours today!

## March 7th, 2010—C-2A Ceremonies Day



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). On March 7 we will be sending a few representatives to the Great Lakes Council Detroit Office for a Section C-2A Ceremonies training. This will be for the four-principles and will be indoors, do not miss out on this new event. We would also like to have a ceremonies team at the section conclave at Camp Miakonda, this would be a great way to get in some practice. Email the chief if you are interested.



## 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.

## Upcoming Service Projects

Calling all Arrowmen!

We need your assistance with a few lodge projects, some are small while others will be more time consuming. Chickagami 180 was founded in 1941, well it is already almost 2010. It has been 69 years, what happened during most of that time period? If you would like to work with a small group and search for our lodge's history and go through our records to restore them then we need you. If we don't start now, unfortunately many of our older members may be gone. Another project is to help with the Elections teams, we are looking for arrowmen who would like to be trained to conduct elections for other units. While you are visiting the troop you will have a chance to promote the Order of the Arrow, Chickagami 180, Section Conclave, High Adventure for reduced rates, and much, much more. This task will take a few teams of very dedicated arrowmen who must receive short training on how to conduct an election. We are also looking for Ceremonies team and dance team members. If you are interested in helping with either of these projects, or have an idea of your own email me at alexallen7@gmail.com and I will direct you to the person in charge.

## Empty Space—

Would you like to send us pics or write an article to fill this space? If so, contact James Lovallo our lodge Secretary for more information. We need more arrowmen to become involved, there are many opportunities as mentioned in the above article. Find something that interests you and make it a successful art of our lodge.

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