



The Standing Brave

3rd Quarter 2008

September

Chickagami Lodge 180

Up Coming Events

Fall Conclave

STSR - 9/26 - 9/28

Cub Fun Day

Hoover Park -10/4

Winter Banquet

1/10/09

Spring Conclave

STSR - 4/3/09 -4/5/09

NOAC

Indiana University

8/01/09 - 8/06/09

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OA members... Scoutreach Needs Your Help

Your Scouting spirit and good attitude are needed to help with Cub Fun Day. It will be held on Saturday Oct. 4th from 10am – 2pm. The location is at Hoover Park in Port Huron. This event will be geared for boys in our Scoutreach units that have difficulty going out to camp, so we are helping to bring camp to them! Our lodge will be providing volunteers and lunch. We will be demonstrating how to set up tents, compass/orienteering skill belt loop, knot tying, shooting sports, fire building

skills, crafts and volleyball belt loop. If you have an extra tent to help demonstrate set-up, please bring it along. We would like to have a tent set-up competition included in the program. Come and join in on the fun. This is a larger OA volunteer project and Scoutreach does need your service. Come and help to run a program or supervise a game.

Please contact Mrs. Gulyas at 888.987.2688 for additional information.

Your Chief, Alex Allen

Mr. Lesinski, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Brywig, Austin Brywig, Travis Thompson, James Lovallo, Steven Brickel, and I were 8 out of nearly 1,100 Arrowmen who spent the week providing exceptional service to the Bridger-Teton National Forest. We constructed over 15 miles of trails in the mountains and removed over 8 miles of fencing and also completed several additional projects. Over the course of the week we provided 34,920 arrowman-hours of service. That is the equal to 17 work-years and \$600,000. Thanks to the work of the Or-

der of the Arrow, hikers, bikers, and horse riders can enjoy many new trails in the Teton Pass area. In addition, wildlife migration will no longer be impeded by unwanted fencing.

Some of the other projects involved critical fuel reduction to help prevent wildfires, removing unauthorized motor vehicle trails into the Gros Ventre wilderness, and restoration of campsite areas. The U.S. Forest Service was very happy with the amount and quality of work done. "I cannot thank you

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Archery Shoot Needs Some Help!

The archery shoot committee has asked for about six members to help with take down of targets on **Sunday, Sept. 7th at about 3 pm.** It usually takes about 1 ½ hours for take down. Your help would be greatly appreciated by the crew. Try to give some time to this program. Vern, Mac, Orville and the rest of the guys will be glad to see you. This is the final shoot of the year.

Give them a hand and a sincere thank you, for their cheerful service throughout the year.



Totally Tetons!

Ask the Arrowmen of Arrow Corp 5 what that means and I'm sure you will get an ear full of adventure as an answer. Eight Chickagami Lodge Arrowmen stepped up to the challenge presented to them of cheerful service, hard work and high adventure by the Federal Forest Service.

The local contingent partnered up with 1000 Arrowmen from across the globe to build 12 miles of trails to be used by mountain bikers, horses, and hikers. They created 2 trails on the north side of Highway 22 on the Teton Pass in Jackson Hole, Wyoming and some worked on repairing trails on the south side of Highway 22. The newly constructed trail will be named Arrow Trail in honor of the hard work the Order of the Arrow donated to the project. Normally a project of this size would take the Forest Service years to accomplish, but the Boy Scouts Arrowmen accomplished it in one week. "To build 12 miles of trail in a week is a monumental task" said Linda Merigliano, wilderness trails coordinator for Bridger-Teton National Forest.

Two smaller groups of 150 each worked out of two satellite camps located about 35 miles out of town in the Gros Ventre (Grow-Vonte) Wilderness Area. One called Goose Wing that removed a woven wire fence 10 feet tall with barbed wire on top and helped to repair OHV Trails to stop off roaders from destroying the landscape.

Our local lodge members worked out of the Gros Ventre camp. They accomplished 5 miles of barbwire fence removal, built a new horse trail up the side of a mountain and repaired multiple OHV trails. They built wooden fence barriers and restored trails by hoeing and digging the hard earth back into trenches made by off road vehicles. Then they were re-seeded with grass seed and covered with Sagebrush to hide the trail from the road. A lot of hard work went into the projects and all the sites exceeded the expectations of the Forest Service. They had to scramble to come up with more projects for us to do at each work site.

Lesley Williams, Bridger-Teton National Forest Service Incident Commander said, "This week has been a memorable one for all of us on the Bridger-Teton. We have all delighted in hosting you on our forest and working with you as you completed the last of your 2008 Arrow Corps 5 projects. You did good work and you not only impressed me and the rest of the Forest Service, but the Community of Jackson Hole as well." There were 24,000 hours of work accomplished without a single injury.

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The Forest Service estimates the value of our service at over \$1,000,000 donated by the Boy Scouts of America. The largest Service projects since the Depression and the largest by the Boy Scouts of America since World War II.

So ask that Arrowmen how many rivers he walked through up to his knees in freezing cold mountain water at six in the morning and how many mountains he climbed to accomplish this service project. I'm sure he will tell you of an adventure like no other you have experienced in your lifetime. So sign up for High Adventure in the Order of the Arrow and create your own **ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME!** Contact Dave Lesinski or Chief Alex Allen if you're interested.



The local Arrowmen were Alex Allen, Austin Brywig, Dale Brywig, James Lovallo, Travis Thomson, Steven Brickel, David Lesinski, and Carl Rodgers

It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood Arrowmen,
Carl L. Rodgers

Your Chief, Alex Allen

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enough. The OA members at Bridger-Teton did a fantastic job!" said Lesley Williams, the U.S. Forest Service Incident Commander.



While attending ArrowCorps⁵, we found Jeff Simmons and had several discussions regarding the Lodge and ArrowCorps⁵. Jeff is a former Secretary and Acting-Chief of our lodge. This fall we will have our Fall Conclave, and on January 10th we will have our Annual Banquet. Next year we hope to send a small contingent to the National Order of the Arrow Conference, NOAC, which will be held in Indiana. NOAC is a great time so be sure to put your name down when we start signing up.

Chief Alex



NOAC 2009

The Order of the Arrow's National Order of the Arrow Conference NOAC will be held at Indiana University, August 1-6, 2009. It has been a few years since our lodge has sent a contingent. If there is enough interest we will probably start signing people up. If you are interested in attending NOAC or learning more about NOAC email me at aax-country@gmail.com so we can start making a list of interested people. There is a limit to how many people can attend so this will not guarantee you are going. This is just a list that we can use for planning purposes.

YIB, Chief Alex

2009 High Adventure Opportunities for OA Youth

Slots are beginning to fill for next year's OA High Adventure programs. You must be 16 to 21 in 2009, to take advantage of these fantastic program offerings. You have read about it in the last several newsletters. You can go back and look online at past issues of the

Standing Brave at bwcbbsa.org or go to National's OA website at oa-bsa.org. I truly hope that OA youth and parents take advantage of these program savings. If you are 13 to 15 this year, look to high adventure in your future planning.

Chickagami's Fall Conclave Date Draws Near

Our Fall Conclave is right around the corner. It is scheduled for Sept. 26-28th at Silver Trails. Ordeal candidate letters have already gone out. All Brotherhood candidates should get an additional letter with this Brave mailing. You can register by stopping in at the Scout Service Center or by calling 888.987.2688. Don't delay, act today! Ranger Terry has asked us to work at cleaning up campsites. We will be cutting and splitting wood at campsites. We will also be spray painting the inside of

latrines and painting the outside of the OA Trading Post. If you have access to a log splitter or wood chipper, please bring it along. This would greatly improve the amount of work completed for each campsite. If you are Brotherhood eligible, please consider obtaining your Brotherhood status at this conclave. It will take place on Friday evening allowing you to help with service projects on Saturday. Hoping to see you at Chickagami's Fall Conclave.

Highlander Sea and Lodge 180 Set to Sail

The date has been set for the first of two sails aboard the tall ship, "Highlander Sea".

We will be boarding on Sunday, Sept. 14th for a morning sail from 9am till 1pm., 8:30 check in at the dock. The cost is \$25 per person and available slots are going fast.

This gaff-rigged topsail schooner was built in 1924 in Essex, Massachusetts. Total sparred overall length is 154 ft. She served for 47 years as a Boston Harbor pilot ship. Today, Acheson Ventures "Highlander Sea" offers opportunities for character de-

velopment, teamwork and community citizenship for the people of the Port Huron area. The total participants allowed is only 12. If interested, contact mr.L at 810.278.5973 to confirm your spot.

A second sail is being tentatively planned for October 5th from 1-5 pm.

We are also looking into overnight sailing trips for 2009. Additional info can be obtained by going to highlandersea.com

Yours In Brotherhood, mr. L