



# The Standing Brave

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2008

December

## Chickagami Lodge 180

### OA Youth and High Adventure

#### Up Coming Events

##### Leadership Mtg.

Taco Bell P.H.  
Dec.13 at 10am

##### Winter Banquet

1st United Methodist  
Church - 1/10/09

##### Spring Conclave

STSR - 4/3-4/5/09

##### NOAC

Indiana University  
8/1-8/06/09

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Go to [oa-bsa.org](http://oa-bsa.org) and check out High Adventure opportunities for youth. Applications are now being accepted for the 2009 program. You must be between 16 and 21 during the time of the program. If you are 15, start to plan to attend next year. Camperships of up to 2/3 off program cost are offered by the Section and our Lodge. This does not include transportation to the location.

Ocean Adventure at Florida Sea Base 13 days \$500 or \$167 with

camperships.

Trail Crew at Philmont's Scout Ranch 14 days \$200 or \$67 with camperships.

Wilderness Voyage at Northern Tier 14 days \$150 or \$50 with camperships.

Don't delay make application today! This is high adventure made affordable to you as an Order of the Arrow youth member.

[oa-bsa.org](http://oa-bsa.org) for more information.

### Your Chief, Alex Allen

The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) will be held at Indiana University August 1-6th 2009. NOAC is a fun event, sort-of like a mini-jamboree of just Arrowmen from around the country. With tons of events including patch trading, games, and fun training you should plan to sign up soon. Mr. Livingston will be coordinating this event for us so contact him or any one of us for questions.

Another upcoming event is our Annual Banquet on January 10th. Jason Smith, Section Chief, will be our guest speaker for the night, we will be opening nominations for officers and we will also be collecting dues for 2009.

Section Conclave will be at D - A in the spring. Our lodge's assign-

ment is planning the F5, Friday, Fun, Food, Film, Festival. We are also required to make a Lodge Sub-Theme that will be used for our poems, chants, and songs for the weekend. The theme must have something to do with "Bonding of Brotherhood" if anyone has any suggestions, email me or bring them to the next meeting.

The next meeting is December 13th, 10:00 am at the Taco Bell on 24th Street. This is a Leadership meeting so you aren't required to attend unless you are an officer, but all are welcome!

Happy Holidays,

*Chief Alex*

## 2009 National Order of the Arrow Conference Dates

The National Order of the Arrow Committee is pleased to announce that the 2009 National Order of the Arrow Conference will be held at Indiana University, August 1-6, 2009. Look ahead now and plan to attend, communicate with Chief Alex. to get signed up.

**Wishing you a  
Happy Thanksgiving  
&  
Joyous Christmas  
Season**

### **OA Trading Post**

We could always use your help at the many camp-outs through out the year.

So if you would like to help out for just a day, or a whole weekend.

email Chris Dombrowski  
VC Trading Post

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## Cheerful Service at Fall Conclave

Approximately Seventy people attended Chickagami's weekend program, while taking part in several service projects to the benefit our camp. Many trees were cut, split, and stacked; pavilions and latrines were painted. The Rotary Lodge and our OA Trading Post received a thorough cleaning.

Twenty Scouts from units throughout our Council became new Ordeal members, nine members received Brotherhood honors, and four were bestowed the honor of Vigil.

The weather was very gracious to us for the entire weekend, allowing service and ceremonies to take place with fantastic fall weather. Many members commented on this being one of the best weather weekends ever, and I couldn't agree more. We

all have memories of past conclave weekends, and this one is special for certain.

Thank you to the Ceremonies teams on a job well done. Your efforts did not go unnoticed. Good job on memorization of lengthily parts. I see the possibility of competition involvement at the next Section Conclave.

A final congratulatory thanks to all who attended, and for the good things accomplished in the Spirit of Scouting. We give continued thanks to the Great Scoutmaster of All, for the safe and productive weekend enjoyed by all.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Dave Lesinski  
Chickagami Lodge Adviser

## Chickagami Lodge 180 Returns with smiles

The Fifth Week of *ArrowCorps*<sup>5</sup> saw the completion of the final project in the beautiful Bridger-Teton National Forest of western Wyoming. This was the project site that the Chickagami contingent attended. Once again, as with the other our *ArrowCorps*<sup>5</sup> projects, the service exceeded expectations and the participants had a great experience. The Bridger-Teton National Forest project was carried out from July 26 - August 2. The setting was gorgeous and the weather was perfect ranging from the mid 80s during the day to the low 40s overnight. These conditions allowed the 1034 participants and

staff, plus the Forest Service personnel from Bridger-Teton, to complete the planned projects. The crews completed more than 10 miles of trail on the Teton Pass as well as removed the exclusion fence and completed additional small projects in the Goosewing area. In addition the Arrowmen removed allotment fences, constructed off-highway vehicle closures, constructed wash bars, provided general campsite maintenance at Soda Lake campground, and other additional projects in the Gros Ventre area. The new trail at Teton Pass was named the Arrow

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Trail. Because of the successful early completion of several planned projects, a fuels reduction project consisting of the accumulation and piling of residual slash from cutting operations was developed and completed on 15 acres in the Fall Creek area and on more than two acres in the Granite Creek area (which included a Girl Scout camp) However, we didn't see any Girl Scouts. Arrowmen also provided support to the USFS firefighting effort in the New Forks fire north of Pinedale. Our service project was not all work! We were able to enjoy whitewater rafting, a drive up Bear Tooth Pass into Montana, a tour of Yellowstone National Park, a visit to Mt. Rushmore, and the Buffalo Bill museum in Cody, Wyoming. Our eyes were wide open to view the splendors of our beautiful country. All of this due to our involvement in Scouting. A press conference was held on Thursday afternoon at Teton Pass.

National's photographer and two reporters with Boys' Life and Scouting magazines visited the work sites. Perhaps some of us will be in a Scouting promotional video or pictured in the next issue of Boy's Life. The closing gathering on Friday evening proved to be a great way to end our summer. Kniffy Hamilton, Bridger-Teton Forest Supervisor, thanked the group for an outstanding job. Gloria Manning thanked the OA on behalf of Chief Kimball and presented a beautiful plaque to the National OA Committee for its development and leadership of the largest volunteer service project ever conducted for the U.S. Forest Service. Our council was recognized with the "Trail Blazer Award" for exceeding the participant quota. Congratulations and thanks to everyone who helped to make this a trip of our lifetime.

### *The Arrow Corps'5 Contingent*

## Does your unit have an OA Troop Rep?

The Order of the Arrow Troop Representative is a youth liaison serving between the local OA lodge or chapter and his troop. In his unit, he helps meet the needs of the unit and will serve as a communication and programmatic link to and from Arrowmen, adult leaders and Scouts who are not presently members of the Order. He will do this in a fashion that strengthens the mission of the lodge, purpose of the Order and the mission of the Boy Scouts of America. By setting a good example, he will enhance the image of the Order as a service arm to his unit.

### **OA Troop Representative Duties:**

- Serves as a communication link between the lodge and troop.
- Encourages year round and resident camping in the troop.
- Encourages older Scout participation in high adventure programs.
- Encourages Scouts to actively participate in community service projects.

- Assists with leadership skills training in the troop.
- Encourages Arrowmen to assume leadership positions in the troop.
- Encourages Arrowmen in the troop to be active participants in the lodge activities and to seal their membership in the Order by becoming Brotherhood members.
- Sets a good example.
- Enthusiastically wears the Scout uniform correctly.
- Lives by the Scout Oath, Scout Law and OA Obligation.
- Shows Scout spirit.

### **Qualifications:**

- Under 18 years old
- Appointed by SPL with SM approval
- OA Member in good standing

This is a position of responsibility that counts towards advancement. Talk to your SPL and get started on communication between Chickagami Lodge and your unit.

## Election's Adviser Needed

Mr. Ed Jonatzke has made the decision to step down working at this position for many years. He has done a very good job, making certain election's were held at all Troop's making the request, and always conducted in a proper way.

Thanks, Mr. J. for a job well done!

If you are interested in helping with elections as an Adult or Youth member, contact Chief Alex and get started. Without unit election's teams, no new members can be brought into the OA.

## OA Winter Banquet January 10, 2009

The OA Winter Banquet is in it's final planning stages. This is an event that you and your family should attend. It is being held at the First United Methodist Church, off of Lapeer Ave, in Port Huron. This is the same location as last year's Winter Banquet. Jason Smith, our Section Chief will be the featured guest speaker. Come and hear his energizing talk on the OA. Listen to words from our Supreme Keeper of the Fire, and meet our new members. Mark your calendar and get your enclosed registration form into the Scout Service Center. Please join us for Brotherhood, in the Spirit of Scouting.

## Mr. L's term as Lodge Adviser Expires

It has been a quick two years with Mr. Mr. Rob Wassenburg of T223 in L helping as our Adult Adviser. He Algonac, has agreed to take on the made a commitment with Mr. Jeff Adviser position. You have seen him at Purdy, Chickagami, and his wife Toni a number of OA events, including the for a two year timeframe. We thank Section Conclave. He is always helping him for his time and energy given in helping with a project at Silver Trails, demonstrating "Cheerful Service". in our program. He will now become Chickagami's Membership Adviser, and help to keep our records in order. We thank him for stepping up to fill this position. It is also rumored he will be helping in the kitchen during our conclaves. He say's he likes to keep a close eye on the food, making sure it's good for all to eat.

## *Special Thank you to Mr. Bill Schlener*

After five years Mr. Bill Schlener has decided to step down from his role as Adult Adviser to the Membership Vice Chief. Through his tenure our Lodge's records on membership greatly improved. We are very grateful to Mr. Schlener for his dedication to our Lodge.