



The Standing Brave

Second Quarter 2008

July 2008

Chickagami Lodge 180

Up Coming Events

Cub Resident Camp

July 18-22 at STSR

ArrowCorps⁵

July 24-August 6

Archery Shoot

August 1-3 at STSR

Archery Shoot

September 5-7 at STSR

Fall Conclave

September 26-28 at STSR

Winter Banquet

January 2009

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OA High Adventure — Start Planning for 2009!

The OA High Adventure program for 2008 registration is closed. But don't worry because registration for 2009 has just started!

For those of you who don't know what the High Adventure programs are like, they are a blast. To start, they are considerably cheaper than going through the BSA. There are

three different sites that host the High Adventure programs.. These include Wilderness Voyage which is in Northern Minnesota, Philmont Trail Crew in New Mexico, and Ocean Adventure at the Florida Sea Base; located in the keys.

Check out OA High Adventure at oa-bsa.org for more info. Get your application today!

Your Chief, Alex Allen

Our lodge recently attended the Section C-2A Conclave in Las Vegas (Camp Agawam). After securing some help from Ben Stilwill (National Vice-Chief) and Tyler Elliot (Region Chief), we won the Coup Stick!!? As far as we know this has not happened in over 15 years. Something else that has not happened in a while was receiving a full ten votes with 12 youth members attending. Many fun events took place like "borrowing" Chippewa's Leg and hoisting it up a flagpole. Those of you who did not attend should plan on going next year. Also, I am trying to get everyone's email, please send an email to aaxcountry@gmail.com with your name and any other info. This would be great for future communications.

We Got The Coup!

Yours in Brotherhood,
Alex Allen

Quality Lodge pins are now available for purchase at the Scout Service Center!

Camping Promotion

Since the Order of the Arrow is the honor campers brotherhood of the Boy Scouts of America, a lodge's basic objective is to promote the camping program of the local council. Each troop rep should become the camping promoter in his own unit.



- Camping provided the environment for you to learn to work as a member of a group, to discover new places and friends, and to grow by becoming aware of your abilities. Because you learned these lessons, your troop elected you to the Order. In your Ordeal, camping again provided the time and place for growth.
- Encourage camping. As a member of the Order of the Arrow, you are a respected member of your troop. Other Scouts look up to you. Thus you can enhance camping just by supporting patrol and troop campouts enthusiastically. Your enthusiasm for camping – especially when things aren't going right – can make a tremendous difference in how others feel about going out.
- Improve your own camping skills. Can you identify most of the trees you see while camping? Can you start a fire with flint and steel? Do you always wash your dishes properly? Do you use topographic maps often enough to use them to navigate with? You can learn a lot from the Boy Scout Handbook and Field Book. To become good at a skill, you may need to do some library research or find someone (perhaps another Arrowman) who can give you some pointers. This is part of the fun. Above all practice! You can't be an expert at everything, but you can find one or two skills that aren't well known in your troop and learn all you can about them. Once you know them, use these skills often and enthusiastically.
- Help new Scouts with camping skills and jobs. Camping isn't fun if you don't know how. Show a new Scout how to enjoy his first campout – how to make a comfortable bed on the ground, cook a hearty meal, start a fire, and track a bird or animal. You will find that teaching others helps you sharpen your own skills.



“Jumpstart” your new arrowman



The Order of the Arrow encourages new OA members to visit the National OA website at www.oa-bsa.org and select “Jumpstart for new Arrowmen” at the bottom of the Home Page. “Jumpstart” provides valuable information to new members of the OA on the Ordeal they just completed – the pre-Ordeal and Ordeal ceremonies as well as helping them prepare for Brotherhood membership.

OA Troop Reps Needed!

The Order of the Arrow Troop Representative is a youth liaison serving between the local OA lodge and his troop. In his unit, he helps meet the needs of the unit and will serve as a communication and program 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 the 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 and/or chapter 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 the Senior Patrol Leader with Scoutmaster approval
- OA Member in good standing

Reports To:

- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

**An OA member's
primary duty is to
his Boy Scout unit.**

James Lovallo

Arrowmen of Chickagami Lodge,

We have made great strides in the past two years. We have nearly tripled our membership, resumed regular community service projects, and earned the respect of our council troops and executive board. Last year we earned quality lodge for the first time in several years, and this year we intend to again.

The other four lodges in our section were also recognized as quality lodges last year, earning Section C-2A the quality section award and recognition as the #2 section in the country. This is a great success that we should all be very proud to share in.

At the last Section Conclave we caused a bit of an upset by winning the much coveted Coup Stick, the section's spirit award. For those of you who are new to our lodge, a brief bit of history. Two years ago, for lack of participation we failed to even make it to the section conclave. Last year, we made it with a small contingent, but hardly participated in the spirit competitions. But this year, much to the surprise of everyone including ourselves, we pulled up from last place to first, winning the Coup for the first time since well before I was born. (Some of the older guys might be able to tell you exactly when that was.) Needless to say, I am very proud of this lodge and I hope that you are as well. I can only hope that the spirit of Chickagami continues to grow with the same momentum.

On a different note, the internet being what it is, no doubt you've all heard by now about the tornado that touched down near Sioux City Iowa, killing four Boy Scouts and wounding more than two dozen others. Killed were Aaron Eilerts, 14, of Eagle Grove, Iowa, and Josh Fennen, 13, Sam Thomsen, 13, and Ben Petrzilka, 14, all of Omaha, Nebraska. The four were in one of three buildings where the Scouts sought shelter. While certainly a tragedy, it should be noted that many other Scout's lives were saved thanks to the preparedness of their fellow Scouts. Soon after the tornado, tourniquets, pressure and gauze were applied to wounds. The Scouts were quick to practice their first aid skills, really putting to practice our motto, "Be Prepared," in actions that are nothing less than heroic. I'd like to ask you all to take a brief moment of silence to pray for healing and comfort for those Scouts and their families.

This should serve as a great reminder for us all that "Be Prepared" is more than just a motto. It puts us all on first responder duty. I pray that we would have better fortune on our ArrowCorps trip, but it gives me great comfort to know that any of us would have acted the same as our fellow Scouts in Iowa. Please pray for continued healing and support for their families.

Your in Brotherhood,

James

V.C. of Conclave