



THE Standing Brave

Fall 2011

Chickagami Lodge 180

BLUE WATER COUNCIL



1941 70 Years of Service 2011

EVENTS

Leadership Meeting

Oct. 8, Acheson

N. L. S. Central Region

Oct. 14-16, Cincinnati

Fall Fellowship

Oct. 21-23, STSR

Membership Meeting

Nov. 12, STSR

Leadership Meeting

Dec. 10, Acheson

Lodge Banquet

January 7, 2012

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CHIEFLY THOUGHTS

Fall Fellowship, NOAC 2012

Matt Allen

Lodge Chief



Our second annual Fall Fellowship in over ten years will be taking place this fall. Come out and have some fun. There will be no work but lots of fun. I look forward to seeing everybody at Fall Fellowship. Those who attend will receive a vintage 2011 Fall Fellowship patch. Also I encourage each arrowmen of Chickagami to get more involved. Join ceremonies, help work in the Trading Post, write articles for the Standing Brave, and join the History or Camp Promotions Committee. Talk to me or the Vice Chiefs to get more involved.

This past summer I had the opportunity to attend SummitCorps. It was a great time, arrowmen gathered from around the nation to build mountain bike trails in the National Park adjacent to The Summit. Arrowmen also had the opportunity to go white water rafting, rock climbing, or a canopy zip line tour. The next national event will be NOAC 2012 at MSU. NOAC will be another great national event. I personally got the chance to attend NOAC 2009 and don't regret it. I participated in 1,000 men per side dodgeball, attended training, and traded patches. NOAC 2012 will be an awesome event so start planning on attending.

Finally, I would like to congratulate and welcome all of our new ordeal and brotherhood, members as of this weekend. Great work! I will see you at the Fall Fellowship!

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CHICKAGAMI LODGE NEWS

Vice Chief & Committee Reports

Ceremonies: Bruce Bianchi

We are working on new boots for ceremony regalia, Thanks to a donation of leather from Mr. Smith. At the Leadership Meeting in August, a new Pre-Ordeal site was sought out. The new site will allow principle ceremony members to arrive via canoe.

Treasurer: Blake Gordon

Letters have been sent out for those who have not paid their dues. In July we gained some money in our general and dues, and kept a fairly steady balance in our conclave funds. In July we lost a considerable amount of money in our general fund, but the rest of our funds stayed the same. We have also authorized funds for lodge polo shirts, mugs, and hiking medallions. We have been reimbursed with funds from Section Conclave.

Service: Ricky Strable

Possible ideas for a service grant from national include building a new pole barn, and buying rifles. Conclave Service Projects included finishing seating at the chapel along with other areas of service at Silver Trails.

AT CAMP WITH RANGER JERRY



I would like to take a quick moment to thank our entire brotherhood of arrowmen and women for all the support you have given camp this past year. As the summer is winding down and the Scouting year is beginning its ramp up I want to reflect for a minute on the items we accomplished this past year. We had a remarkable spring conclave immediately followed by a section conclave. It was great to see all of you there, trading patches, being trained, and we had a great staff that made it one of the best events to date. The upcoming events we have this fall will be just as successful as our springtime events.

We have completed several projects including the council ring seating area. Our major project for the year will be the Chapel. Chief Allen has done an exceptional job taking on the responsibility for this extensive task.

I also want to mention two other items. As Brothers in our Order we have an opportunity to dual register with OA Crew #277. As a Crewmember we will have a lot more opportunities to do other activities in our Council as well as the surrounding areas. There is no cost to dual register. The first upcoming event is the Venture Out Weekend "Silver Trails Top Shot". As a Crewmember you can shoot a larger variety of firearms including semi-automatics and handguns. The second is fall fellowship. This event is just as it sounds. It's all about camaraderie and getting to know our Order and our fellow members better. There is NO work scheduled for this weekend. I hope to see you guys there!

Yours in Brotherhood,
Ranger Deeg

Chickagami Lodge Staff Advisor
Silver Trails Scout Reservation Ranger

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Walking Stick Medallions

The lodge is selling Blue Water Council and Silver Trails Hiking Medallions for walking sticks at \$8 each. Available at the Trading Post.



The New River Experience

Alex Allen

Immediate Past Section & Lodge Chief



Brothers,

The Order of the Arrow has had a long-standing tradition of service which continued this summer in West Virginia with SummitCorps. For those of you who were not able to participate in SummitCorps, it was truly an amazing experience. As a member of the Instructor Corps, I was responsible for being in West Virginia for seven weeks. For three weeks the I-Corps was trained by representatives from the International Mountain Bicycling Association on how to build "Sweet Singletrack," as well as being certified in Wilderness First Aid by the National Park Service. We lived in three army tents for the duration of the event and spent most of our time on the trail or sleeping. Having spent 30 days building trail this summer, I can still 100% guarantee you that service is different than 'work.'

The Order of the Arrow provides every arrowman under the age of 21 a unique chance to experience High Adventure. Signing up for OA High Adventure at Philmont (Trail Crew) or Northern Tier (Wilderness Voyage or Canadian Odyssey) involves one week of service on the trails or portages followed by a week-long trip planned by your crew with input from your Foreman. These programs are also offered at a reduced rate, normally \$200. Many of the staff at these events were once reluctant arrowmen like yourself, they attended the program and loved it so much they have returned every year. If you have ever thought about attending Philmont, Northern Tier, or a national OA High Adventure program in general then you should seriously consider attending next summer, applications can be found online at www.oa-bsa.org. If you have any questions about National Order of the Arrow Events, such as; NOAC (National Order of the Arrow Conference), OA High Adventure, Section Conclave, or NLS (National Leadership Seminar) then please feel free to contact me, the Lodge Chief (Matt Allen) or any other youth in a Lodge Leadership position.



WWW,

Alex Allen



TRADING POST

We are looking for Arrowmen to help run the Trading Post during council events, archery shoots, and on weekends!!

If you are interested contact Chief Matt Allen.

Pay for NOAC by working the Trading Post!



GET TRAINED:

The Art of Leadership

Andre Wassenberg
Membership Vice Chief

Leadership- many people question what leadership really is. Is one born being a leader, or do they develop these attributes through experience and training? A quote spoken from John D. Rockefeller states, "Good leadership consists of showing average people how to do the work of superior people." This applies to the O.A. because the O.A. and Boy Scouts have many leadership training opportunities. It might sound boring, the repetition of leadership, but many adults pay thousands of dollars to do what you yourself can do at a greatly reduced price. Some of the many leadership training opportunities are NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training), NAYLE (National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience), NLS (National Leadership Seminar), and NLATS (National Lodge Advisor Training Seminar). I myself have gone to all the leadership opportunities presented to me and learned many helpful tips that help in my daily life, in my troop, and in the O/A.

For information on National Leadership Seminar, see page 7

Yours in Brotherhood,

Andre Wassenberg

Chickagami Lodge History and Silver Trails Museum

Caleb Gordon
Secretary Vice Chief



Chickagami Lodge has been faithfully serving Blue Water Council for over 70 years. But where have we been? Where do we go in the future? Last year, the History Committee was formed to help reclaim our lodges' past. Currently, we have a display in the nature center at Silver Trails featuring lodge, scouting, council, and camp history. After completion of the new training center and office at Silver Trails, the former office located in the Rotary Lodge will house the new museum. So far we have had many generous donations to our current display, and hope to acquire more for the future. As the former history chairman, I have really enjoyed shaping our history and our future. If you have a passion for history, or just enjoy learning new things, I urge you to join the history committee or better yet be committee chairman. If you have questions about the committee, or are interested in the job, talk to myself or the lodge chief.

From the Desk of the Editor

Caleb Gordon

Secretary Vice Chief

Section C-2A Courier Chairman



Summer 2011 has been the most exciting summer so far in my scouting experience. For some, this past summer was marked by big events like Indian Summer and SummitCorps. For myself, I chose to take a different road to cheerful service. My summer started when I left for Mackinac Island in June. And no, I was not going on vacation. I was taking part in my fifth year as a member in Mackinac Island Service Troop 168. The troop serves as the Governor's Honor Guard, raising and lowering flags, doing service projects for the state park, and working shifts as guides in historic Fort Mackinac. This year marked the 30th anniversary for the Blue Water Council Contingent. I personally believe that Mackinac Island Service Troop exemplifies the same ideals of the Order of the Arrow... since "service" really is the troop's middle name! This year, I served in the capacity of ASPL, and enjoyed every minute on the island. It was great to see so many lodge members also take a part in the honor guard, doing what they do best, cheerful service!

When I attended the National Leadership Seminar last October, one of the most important things I learned was that an arrowman's first duty is to his troop. I've had the privilege this past year to be Senior Patrol Leader for my home troop #216 of Marysville. I can honestly say that attending NLS was the best training I could have had for the job.

As my last "hoorah" this summer, I joined my troop in a High Adventure trip to Killarney Provincial Park in Ontario. This diamond-in-the-rough is located on the north side of Georgian Bay in Canada, near Sudbury. The week-long trek includes canoeing nearly 60 miles and doing numerous and challenging portages. One day we took a day hike up to a point called Silver Peak, the highest point in the park. Much like it was the summit for the canoe trip; it was also the climax of my scouting career in troop 216 - I would officially become an Eagle Scout in a month's time. The Killarney trip was an experience of a lifetime, but I'm certain it wasn't the last time I would be visiting the park.



And how does this all relate to the Order of the Arrow? It's simple. The Order of the Arrow makes better leaders. One of the purposes of the OA (and I believe one of the most important) is to **Develop leaders with the willingness, character, spirit and ability to advance the activities of their units, our Brotherhood, Scouting, and ultimately our nation.** I urge every member of our order to go back and incorporate the same ideals of service and leadership into your home troop. This way, we can help to make every scout's experience a better and more worth-while one, and ultimately result in a stronger lodge.

Write for the Brave! Tell us about your scouting experiences!

Email the lodge secretary... caleblgordon@gmail.com

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NATIONAL & REGION NEWS

National Leadership Seminar

The National Leadership Seminar is a weekend conference on the skills and attributes of leadership. It is intended primarily to enhance the leadership skills of the Order of the Arrow's key youth and adult members as they seek to improve their services to the Boy Scouts of America and the greater community. The weekend format is designed to complement the longer, more detailed Wood Badge and Junior Leadership Training Programs.



As one Arrowman described his NLS experience: "I just returned from one of the greatest leadership courses around. The NLS course is a winner..." The Staff for the training was excellent. We were privileged to have our National Vice-Chief, the Region Chief, and several Section Chiefs and various members of the National OA Committee. A Great staff. If and when you get the chance to attend a NLS, GO!"

The next National Leadership Seminar, hosted by the Central Region, is October 14-16, 2011 at Camp Friedlander in Cincinnati, OH

OA Events Calendar Released through 2015

The Order of the Arrow National Events Calendar has been released through 2014. In August 2012, Michigan State University will once again be home to the National Order of the Arrow Conference. The last OA event held at MSU in East Lansing was the 2006 NOAC. The conference will



be July 30th to August 14th, 2011. If you are interested in attending NOAC or need more information, contact Lodge Chief Matt Allen or Lodge Advisor Mr. Wassenberg. The total conference cost is \$420 with a deposit due by December of this year. Visit www.event.oa-bsa.org for more details on NOAC 2012.

The Boy Scouts of America National Jamboree will move to the new Summit Bechtel Reserve in 2013. Along with transitioning to a new location, the jamboree will reinvent itself with the addition of new and exciting program features. The OA will provide approximately 650 staff members to assist with the execution of these exciting new programs and will continue to support the jamboree program through the Service Corps and Indian Village.

The date and location for the 2015 NOAC will be announced by the end of 2012. The 2015 NOAC will mark the 100th anniversary of the Order, which was founded in 1915. The Order of the Arrow will not be hosting a national event in 2014.



SECTION C2A NEWS

INDIAN SUMMER



Chuck Coutteau
Section C-2A Vice Chief

Dear Brothers,

I hope that your summer has been filled with fun, adventure, and excitement. I hope that you all had fun at summer camp or another trip.

I recently attended Indian Summer this past August. Indian Summer was a ceremonialists' dream. It went over; good ceremony techniques, American Indian dance, and how to have a successful induction process. One of my favorite parts was arts and crafts. I made a lot of handy items such as a studded belt, a sliver stamped pin, and a feather for a chief's headdress. It just goes to show you don't have to be five years old to have fun with crafts. Every participant at Indian Summer was split into nations, tribes, and clans. Nations were a fourth of the conference, trips were a fourth of the nations, and clans were a fourth of the trip. The underlying theme of Indian Summer was servant leadership, and we talk about this in our groups. I met a lot of new arrowmen who really showed me what servant leadership was all about. As put by a new and upcoming arrowmen, "Servant leadership is when you give a 110% no matter what you are doing, and even if you fail you look on the brightside and apply that to future endeavors." Indian Summer also introduced ceremonial costume completions. Judges would critic on if the costume was period and represented the lodge in their geographical area. A first, second and third were selected for each principle. Those who won received a sliver stamped pin and were congratulated at the closing show. The closing show was fantastic! It went over the first ceremony and what Dr. Goodman was thinking as this was happening. For those of you who were not able to attend Indian Summer this year, don't worry, there is talk a another very soon.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Chuck Coutteau



Upcoming Events for Section C-2A

Fall Council of Chiefs

October 2, 2011
1pm @ Camp Holaka,
Lapeer

Winter Council of Chiefs

January 8, 2012
1pm @ Great Sauk Trail
Council Office, Ann Arbor

Spring Council of Chiefs

March 4, 2012
9am @ Toledo, OH

Section Conclave

May 4-6, 2012
Camp Holaka, Lapeer

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