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WISH YOU WERE THERE.... NOAC 2006

BY: RYAN JOHNSON

With temperatures pushing the 100 mark nearly everyday, there is no inaccuracy in saying that NOAC 2006 was truly "fun in the sun!" Forty of our lodge members recently braved the ten hour bus ride to Michigan State University in the beautiful city of East Lansing where they were greeted by 8000 other Arrowmen from across the United States and even the world. The five day experience was filled with numerous training cells, patch trading, sporting competitions, swimming, shows, ice cream socials, brotherhood, parades, music, and cheerful service. Our lodge participated in all aspects of NOAC and took home some great awards. We placed second in the Basketball Championship, tied for first in the Chess competition, and we also took some metals home in the ceremony competition. Our most prized achievement is the fact that we brought back some new information and knowledge on how we can make our lodge even better than before.

While at the conference we were proud to wear our Mr. Peanut garb as we celebrated the 100th year anniversary of Planter's Peanuts and their company history from Wilkes-Barre Pennsylvania. Everyone from the NOAC contingent can vouch for me in saying that although it was hot, we all had a great time and we are looking forward to three years from now when the next NOAC rolls around. We encourage you to look into NOAC so that when 2009 rolls around, we will see you there!



ARROWCORPS5

A HIGHER ADVENTURE

A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE OUR COUNTRY

The Order of the Arrow has had a long-standing interest in coordinating a national service project, utilizing the infrastructure and leadership established over many years of success at the Boy Scouts of America's high adventure bases. Working closely together, the United States Forest Service and the Order of the Arrow have chosen five national forests, spread across America, that will be the focus of our combined efforts. These sites are the Mark Twain Forest in Missouri, the Manti-La Sal Forest in Utah, the George Washington and Jefferson Forest in Virginia, the Shasta-Trinity Forest in California, and the Bridger-Teton National Forest in California. ArrowCorps5 will provide a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for each participant to set an example of leadership in service to those who treasure our national forests.

Lowwapanew Lodge has committed to sending 10 people to this program in 2008.

This may be your last mailing of Smoke Signals, see page nine for details

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CHIEFLY SPEAKING

Brothers of Lowwapanau,

These summer months have come and gone with the blink of an eye just as the first half of the year has done the same. With the completion of a successful lodge events such as the Fellowship Weekend, Spring Ordeal, Lodge Picnic we look forward to the second part of the calendar year which includes the Fall Ordeal, Harvestfest, Lodge Elections, and concluding with the Holiday Banquet to name a few highlights upcoming.

Returning from the NOAC, I believe Lowwapanau is certainly ready for all challenges that lie in front of us on individual, committee, ultimately the lodge level. The forty Arrowmen who attended largest gathering of Arrowmen ever are bringing back to the lodge fresh ideas and methods that will ultimately bring Lowwapanau to an entire new level. What we strived for in returning from NOAC is for every Arrowmen to become a more effective Arrowmen as well as leader throughout the rest of this year but also for years to come.

With the help of you, the members of Lowwapanau we will continue to build upon the success we have already accomplished. "Although the glass is half full, it is still half empty" this quote should serve every Arrowmen in Lowwapanau as inspiration that the duties of an Arrowmen never cease to stop at any certain time but remain the constant factor in assuring success for our lodge.

In Service,

AJ Gaudenzi



ADVISER'S MINUTE

I am writing this on a bus with forty other Scouts on our way to Michigan State University at East Lansing to attend the 2006 National Order of the Arrow Conference.

Our group contains some new members who have not held Lodge positions and some who have been around and held many positions in the Lodge. They will be polled on our return trip on what they liked or disliked, what they learned and what they will do with information to help Lowwapanau Lodge. I can feel a lot of excitement from the group, especially from those who have never attended a NOAC before. Look for related articles on NOAC 2006 throughout this publication.

We have had a good year thus far, running a successful Fellowship weekend, two adopt-a-highway clean ups, Spring Ordeal and the Lodge Picnic. The planning for the Fall Ordeal has started along with Harvestfest and the Holiday Banquet.

I would like to invite all of the Spring Ordeal members to get involved with a Committee and come out to a Lodge Executive Meeting and see what our organization is all about.

John Croom Jr.



HONOR CEREMONIALISTS WITH MEDALS TO PROVE IT

BY: JACK MORTON

At the 2006 National Order of the Arrow Conference at Michigan State University, four members of the Ceremonies Committee received honor recognition for their performance in the Ordeal Ceremonial competition. The members of this team were JD Dougher, Mike Brunetti, John Spitzer, and Mike Kuggler. Ceremonies Committee members John Spitzer, Andy Hess, Jack Morton, and Paul Hoban comprised another team that competed at NOAC in the Pre-Ordeal competition. The Ceremonies Committee is currently preparing for the fall ordeal and is asking for help in repairing the Acahela Ordeal site. This work will take place on the Saturday of the Ordeal. If you are willing to help, please contact J Croom (jrcroom3@gmail.com) or Jack Morton. (airforce20072011@yahoo.com).



LODGE PICNIC 2006

BY: A.J. GAUDENZI

Lowwapanew Lodge held its 3rd Annual Lodge Picnic at McDade State Park in Scranton on July 22, 2006. The picnic was a great success even though the day began off with dim chances of any sunshine but in the end a beautiful day was in store, a surprise for all of us considering our lodge's history with Mother Nature. As always the food and refreshments were plentiful as well as the fellowship among all Arrowmen in attendance. The lodge would like to thank all that attended and their contributions to the picnic and look forward to seeing you at next year's event.



WHEN TO WEAR YOUR SASH

BY: JOHN CROOM JR.

The question of when and wear to wear the Order of the Arrow sash is frequently asked and more frequently abused. For instance, can I wear the sash for my Troop photo at Camp or my home town parade? The answer is "no", for both as these are not OA events, unless the lodge leadership deems them as such.

The sash is only worn with the Scout field uniform (Class A) or the Scout dress uniform (blue blazer and grey slacks). It is not worn over a jacket or just with a t-shirt. It is appropriate in our Lodge to wear the sash as a youth wearing ceremonial attire and at other times approved by the Scout Executive and Lodge Advisor.

Sashes should not be altered with beads or other materials. Nothing should be worn on the sash, including signatures, patches, pins or legends.

The sash is worn over the right shoulder with the tip of arrow pointing over the right shoulder and diagonally across the chest. The sash is **not** to be worn in any other manner.



CONCLAVE 2006 RECAP

BY: RYAN CAVISTON

Section NE-2B held its annual Conclave at Schiff Scout Reservation in Long Island, New York on the weekend of June 16-18, 2006. Section NE-2B consists of Order of the Arrow lodges just like Lowwapaneu from Northern and Central New Jersey, all of Long Island, of course us and also the Transatlantic Council. This year's conclave was especially special because Lowwapaneu's very own, Rich Heier, had the duty and privilege to serve as Section Chief. Buckskin put on a terrific experience from a service lodge point of you. Their willingness to help each of the lodges is what the Order is meant to stand for. This conclave just like the



ones held every year are memorable will not be forgotten. Maybe it was the fanfare of lodge chants between Lenapehoking IX and Lowwapaneu or it could be the chief's pie eating contest that filled us all to the brim with emotional and possible the slight urge to turn our heads away. During the course of the weekend there were valuable opportunities to learn from the many talents that brothers of the Order have to share. For example, there were workshops on how to better enhance your role as a ceremonialist, how to making ice cream in a zip lock bag and even how to create a better communication link between your scout troop and the lodge via the Troop Representative program. Sure there was a little bit of New York traffic that got in the way of our way to fun but who cares, no one can beat a Section NE-2B conclave. They only happen once a year and you never know what is going to happen. I certainly hope that if you haven't been to a conclave, you make it to next year's Section NE-2B conclave to be held at Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco, which is only a few miles from Camp Acahela. Did you know... that Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco was where the first Friday the 13th movie was filmed. So you know we'll be kicking it old school horror movie style. Be there June 2007!

LAST CALL FOR BROTHERHOOD IN 2006

BY: SEAN BURGER



The Fall Ordeal at Camp Acahela during September 8-10th is the final opportunity for members of the Lodge to seal their bonds in Brotherhood. If you are an Ordeal member, you should strongly consider getting that nice new sash with the two bars on the top and bottom of the Arrow primarily because it signifies that you truly have committed yourself to a life of cheerful service and abide by the ideals of the Order of the Arrow and Scouting. When a brother seals his bond in the Brotherhood, he truly has completed the Inductions process because during the Ordeal

ceremony, you as an Ordeal candidate were introduced to the Order of the Arrow for the first time and now by having spent the last ten months serving your Unit, you have become eligible to become a Brotherhood member. Remember what Allowat Sakima says "when you have learned the true meaning of the Arrow, you will once again find yourself before me!" These empowering words are now used to inspire you. Please come out to the Fall Ordeal and seal your membership within Lowwapaneu Lodge and the Order of the Arrow.

LOWWAPANEU VIGIL CLASS OF 2006

Charles G. Fisher
John M. Fitzgerald
Jack L. Morton
Gregory Morcom
Michael A. Hill

Friend With Great Vision
 Protective Drummer
 Arrow-Drawing Medicine Man
 Music Man
 Election Keeper of the Mountain

Elangomat Wahhellemat Nemoagan
 Wuhhala Pohonasin
 Pipinamen Alluns Meteu
 Ahpikwe Lënu
 Pipinamoagan Kelenmen Kitahtene



MY ORDER OF THE ARROW WILDERNESS VOYAGE EXPERIENCE

BY: JACK MORTON, CEREMONIES CHAIRMAN



As Scouting's summer activities wind down, it is not too early to start thinking about next summer. The Order of the Arrow has three great high adventure opportunities for you to participate in during the summer. These opportunities are: OA Ocean Adventure located at Florida's Sea Base, OA Trail Crew at New Mexico's Philmont Scout Ranch, and OA Wilderness Voyage at Charles L. Sommers Canoe Base in Ely, Minnesota. Each of these programs lasts for two weeks with one week of service and one week of adventure. The three basic requirements for the programs are: 1) You must be at least 16 years of age but not yet 21. 2) You must be a registered member of an Order of the Arrow lodge. 3) You must be in good health at the time of the program.

This past July I had the privilege of attending the Wilderness Voyage in Minnesota. My voyage delivered as promised as we worked hard and had lots of fun. During our first week my crew engaged in various aspects of portage trail reconstruction. The trail work here is the first of any real kind since the early days when the trails were formed. I worked on a trail called Ensign to Trident where we had the challenge of putting in check dams and water bars that would help divert the water so it won't ruin the walkway for people. Our work will provide safe travel on boundary waters portage trails for many years to come. As a reward for a job well done providing service to the Boundary Waters, my crew designed its very one trek through the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. This trip included seeing some waterfalls, Native American pictographs and also seeing wildlife in its purest form. During the second week of our voyage we canoed a one hundred plus mile journey through one of the last pristine forests in the world. The Wilderness Voyage truly allowed me to learn more about myself as its many challenges helped me develop physically, mentally and spiritually.

Extend yourself and participate in an OA high adventure. You will not regret it!

PHILMONT FOR \$150?

Have you always wanted to go to Philmont but it's just been a little bit outside of your price range? Well if you are between the ages of 16 and 21, you are eligible to participate in the Order of the Arrow Trail Crew Program at the Philmont Scout Ranch.



In the Summer of 2007, Arrowmen like yourself will be finishing a trail in the Mount Baldy region of the ranch — but it can only be completed with your help. The Trail Crew program provides valuable service for Scouts and Scouters of the future that will make the trek out to Cimarron, New Mexico.

The second week of the trip is a completely designed by you trip. Have you ever wanted to climb the Tooth of Time? Or have you wanted to do the Super Black Death trip where you hike 7 peaks in 1 day? Maybe, you've never been to the North Country and had the opportunity to summit Baldy. The choice is yours but you must sign up as soon as possible. Spots for the Summer of 2007 are already filling up and you'll want to get YOUR application in as soon as possible. The cost is \$150.00 plus transportation to the ranch.

You can pick up an application from Mr. Croom or at <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org>. This is the opportunity of a lifetime. Don't miss out!

NORTHERN TIER FOR \$125?

You can also have a similar experience to what Jack went through at Northern Tier. Each summer, the Order of the Arrow puts on programs at all three high adventure bases and encourages all Arrow men between the ages of 16 and 21 to participate.



The Wilderness Voyage program provides vital service to the Boundary Waters of Northern Minnesota. It is during this time that you will work with Arrowmen from across the country who have come for the very same reasons that you have: Fun, Fellowship and Adventure.

The second week of the program is designed by the participants themselves. You can paddle the 180 mile trek to International Falls, maybe the 8.5 mile portage to Lake Superior is what you want to do or maybe just to paddle around and see some of nature's beauty at it's finest.

This opportunity is available to you for the low cost of \$125.00 plus transportation. The Voyage is an unbeatable experience for the newest or oldest youth Arrowmen. I highly encourage you to visit <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org> or see Mr. Croom for information and application.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES FOR 2006?

This may be the last issue you are receiving for 2006. It is very important that if you are wearing the Lowwapaneu Lodge flap, your dues must be paid because as a dues paying member you are entitled to bear the insignia of our lodge. If you have forgot to pay them, please remit payment using the form on the next page. It is important to have our lodge members paying their dues because it is a requirement for Quality Lodge? We've received this unique distinction for ten years in a row! *Would you want to be the reason that the streak ended? I didn't think so...*

FALL ORDEAL 2006: A SEPTEMBER TO REMEMBER

Have you signed up for the hottest event on the Scouting calendar for September 2006? If you don't know what I'm talking about, then you better get to the Council Service Center to sign up for the Fall Ordeal. You remember when you went through your Ordeal so how about you come on out provide a little bit of cheerful service to Camp Acahela and have a lot of fun with the other Brothers of our lodge. So remember, that's September 8-10 for the low, low cost of only 17.00. See you at the Acahela!

LODGE ELECTIONS

It's almost that time of year again when Lowwapaneu Lodge will be electing its Lodge officers for the calendar year 2007. We will be holding elections for 5 offices: Lodge Chief, Vice Chief of Program, Vice Chief of Administration, Secretary and Treasurer. To run for one of these positions, you must be under the age of 21 for the entire term, be a member in good standing and submit a letter of intent by November 15th to Mr. Croom. The nomination form is available on the lodge website: www.lowwapaneu.org. No one says YOU can't be the next chief!

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Lodge Dues & Event Registration Form

Name: _____ _____ Youth
_____ Adult

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ _____ Ordeal
_____ Brotherhood
_____ Vigil

Phone: (____) _____ - _____ E-Mail: _____

Dues: I want to pay my dues: _____ years x \$ 8.00 per year = \$ _____

Fall Ordeal: _____ people x \$17.00 = \$ _____

Please make checks payable to:
Lowwapaneu Lodge 191

After completing this form please mail it to:
Lowwapaneu Lodge #191
c/o Northeastern PA Council
1 Bob Mellow Drive
Moosic, PA 18507

Troop Representative Registration Form

Name: _____ Troop: _____ District: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Zip Code: _____ E-mail: _____

Phone Number: _____

After completing this form please mail it to:
Lowwapaneu Lodge #191
C/O Troop Rep Committee
1 Bob Mellow Drive
Moosic, PA 18507

Or Email: JD Dougher
eaglespirit0@hotmail.com

FOUNDERS AWARD NOMINATIONS



Introduced at the 1981 National Order of the Arrow Conference, the Founder's Award was created to honor and recognize those Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to their lodge. The award is reserved for an Arrowmen who demonstrates to fellow Arrowmen that he or she memorializes in his or her everyday life the spirit of achievement as described by founder E. Urner Goodman and cofounder Carroll A. Edson.

NOMINATIONS ARE DUE TO THE COUNCIL OFFICE BY NOVEMBER 14TH. THE NOMINATION FORM CAN BE FOUND ON THE LODGE HOMEPAGE: WWW.LOWWAPANEU.ORG

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IMPORTANT LODGE DATES

Lodge Executive Committee Meetings:

The 4th Wednesday of Each Month at the Scout Service Center at 7:30 p.m.

September 27, 2006

October 25, 2006

January 24, 2007

February 28, 2007

March 28, 2007

General Lodge Meetings:

September 10, 2006—Camp Acahela (Fall Ordeal)

November 22, 2006—Service Center (Annual Elections)

Activities and Other Important Events:

September 8-10, 2006—Fall Ordeal Weekend, Camp Acahela

October 21-22, 2006—Harvest Fest, Camp Acahela

December 28, 2006—Holiday Banquet

January 21, 2006—LLDC, Service Center

March 23-25, 2007—Fellowship Weekend, Camp Acahela