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GOT BROTHERHOOD?

“You need seek no rocky summit; for these high places are within you,” is perhaps one of the most quoted lines from the Pre-Ordeal ceremony. But what does it mean? How does it apply in one’s quest to fulfill their obligation to themselves as well as to the Order of the Arrow? How can one advance in life and spirit such as to gain a fuller knowledge of themselves and others? Is it even possible for one to understand the true nature of cheerfulness, service, and brotherhood?

None of the above questions can be definitively answered with a “yes”, “no”, or “maybe”. However, while we may never know the true nature of good values nor fully understand our own and other’s actions, there’s a program in the Order of the Arrow that will enable you to have a more complete understanding of them. The Brotherhood is a series of actions where Arrowmen come to understand the underlying truths and foundations of the principles and values of the Order of the Arrow. Brotherhood members also undergo a continuation of the journey started at the Ordeal. One of the more unique aspects of the Brotherhood process is it empowers the individual to take power of their growth; namely, it is solely the youth who decides when it is time to enter into the Brotherhood honor.



Do you think it’s time for you to become a Brotherhood member? If you do, there is one more opportunity awaiting you this year: the Fall Ordeal at Camp Acahela. At the Ordeal there will be a Brotherhood Training on Friday night followed by a Brotherhood Ceremony the next day. All you need to do is check the box that’s marked “Brotherhood” on the Ordeal Weekend registration form on page 7 of this issue, send in \$30.00 (This money covers the meals for the weekend as well as your new Brotherhood sash.), and show up in Class A on Friday night of the Ordeal. You will receive further instructions on the Brotherhood training, hike, and ceremony at the Ordeal.

FALL ORDEAL ...RAPIDLY APPROACHING

Do you remember your Ordeal? Do you remember your first ceremony? How special it was. The experience was awesome and the memories will last forever. Well its time to make that special moment happen again for the newly elected candidates. The Fall Ordeal is September 7-9, 2007 at Camp Acahela. The cost for members is \$20.00 and the fee for brotherhood candidates is \$30.00. Come out for some cheerful service and great fellowship. You can register using the form on page 7 of this issue. See You There!



ARROWCORPS5 A HIGHER ADVENTURE

In the summer of 2008, a contingent from Lowwapaneu Lodge will travel to George Washington and Jefferson National Forests in Virginia as part of the 2008 ArrowCorps5 leadership in service initiative. 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. 5,000 Arrowmen will converge on 5 different US Forest Service lands over 5 separate weeks.

The Virginia projects will occur from June 21-June 28, 2008 and will include a full day recreational opportunities such as whitewater rafting, fishing, mountain biking, rock climbing, water skiing and nearby historical sites. The cost to participants is \$250. which includes accommodations and meals during the project. The age of participants is 16 to adult ... provided participants meet the "Philmont height and weight requirements". More information will be provided by contacting Mr. Mike Minello at minello@nawarhorse.com.

CHIEFLY SPEAKING

This year has been going great so far. There have been a lot of fun things that have happened since the last *Smoke Signals*. There was the Spring Ordeal which was a great time and a great success with over 60 new members that entered our lodge and over 35 new Brotherhood members that sealed the bond. After the Ordeal, the next event that happened was the Section NE-2B Conclave in New Jersey. It was a great time with the Activities planned by myself, the Conclave Activities Chairman. Next was the Lodge Picnic that was held on July 14 at McDade Park. This also was a lot of fun with good food and great fellowship.

While summer camp at Goose Pond was going on, every Thursday the Lodge hosted a fellowship feast with drumming afterward in the parade field. There was an OA service project that was also done every Thursday. These projects have ranged from fixing up the chapel to replacing the steps in front of the Administration Building porch going down to waterfront, to clearing drainage ditches and building stone walls.

There are also some things that are going to be happening next year that I think that the members of our Lodge should seriously think about like the OA High Adventure programs and ArrowCorps5 which will both be happening next summer. All of these programs are going to be a great time so think about what you will be doing next summer and see if you can work one of these awesome events into your schedule. Hope to see you all in the near future.

Ben Raines, Lodge Chief

ADVISORS MINUTE

We have had an exciting seven months. The Fellowship weekend, Lodge Picnic, LLD class and the Spring Ordeal are all completed. We have the Fall Ordeal coming up and have committed to build a pavilion at the "outdoor learning area" at Goose Pond. The project is still in the planning stage with an anticipated starting date in early September.

In late July, Mr. Mike Minello, Ben Raines and I attended the National Conservation and Leadership Summit being held at Indiana University in Bloomington Indiana. Ben and I attended the Leadership Summit and Mr. Minello trained to lead a contingent to Virginia next summer as part of ArrowCorps5. See more about ArrowCorps5 in this edition of *Smoke Signals* and in the coming months. This is guaranteed to be a great experience!!

The rest of the year is really jammed packed. After the Fall Ordeal we have Harvest Fest, Holiday Banquet, Lodge Elections, Adopt-A-Highway project and so much more. Hope you can get involved!

Mr. John Croom, Lodge Advisor



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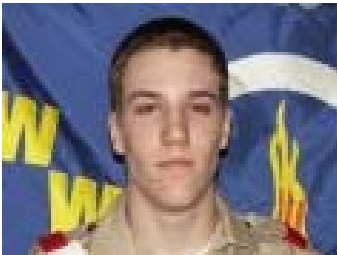
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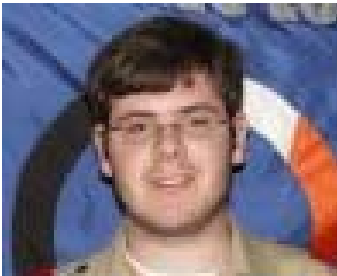
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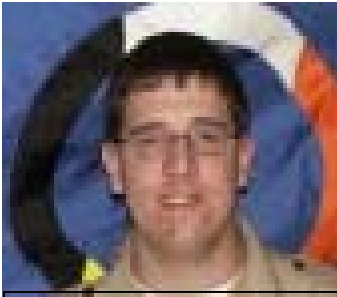
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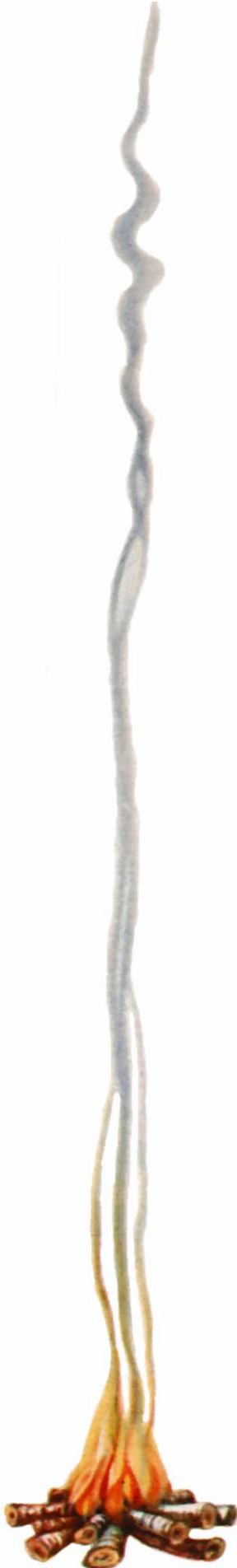
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ORDER OF THE ARROW WILDERNESS VOYAGE

Through any lifetime there are experiences that change people's perspectives on how they live and act. Maybe a teacher, sports team, or a club can instill such changes. For some, including myself, scouting has had such an impact. My friends and leaders in scouting have sculpted my personality and made me into the person I am today. All these changes have occurred over many years but if there is one program that has had the biggest influence on me in the shortest time period, it would be Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage at Northern Tier Adventure Base.

I can never fully express the awesome experience I had in Minnesota in words; it's something that needs to be lived through. Wilderness Voyage captured all principles of the Order of the Arrow and other valuable life lessons. When my plane first landed, I was immediately introduced to the scouts I would be spending my voyage with. These Arrowmen including myself came from all over the country to meet at this airport for one common reason. We all felt a special bond of brotherhood that stayed with us for the following two weeks. I will never forget my crew and all the awesome experiences we shared together (OAWV-608-A...Hoo Raa!)

Our first week in the boundary waters was spent giving cheerful service to a portage trail. We added a few check dams, water bars, a covert and about 70 feet of retreat. We spent multiple hours in our rock quarry sharing stories and other scouting experiences. Our service was done without receiving any recognition but our refurbished trail will continue to serve portagers for many years. This is exactly how service in the OA should be conducted. The second week allowed us to design our own excursion in the Boundary Waters before arriving back in base camp.

The only upsetting part of my voyage is that we had an Arrowman drop out of our crew before our trip. This is unfortunate because that is one less life changed. OAWV has the ability to take the good scouts and make the great, and take the great scouts and make them greater. My memories now live in my head for eternity and as Sam Cook states, "We have been up North, and part of us always will be."

Ryan Johnson, 2007 Wilderness Voyage Participant



ORDER OF THE ARROW OCEAN ADVENTURE

This summer, I had the privilege of participating in the Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure (OAOA) program at the BSA Florida National High Adventure Sea Base in Islamorada, Florida. My Sea Base adventure was as enjoyable and exciting as the programs I have attended at the BSA High Adventure bases at Northern Tier in Ely, Minnesota and Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico. Diving deep into the ocean and spending hours in a world full of sights and sounds I had never experienced was fascinating.

At Sea Base, as with all Order of the Arrow High Adventure programs, crews consist of approximately ten Arrowmen from around the country. The program lasts roughly two weeks. Week one is devoted to training for Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) open water diver certification and participating in a variety of land based service projects benefiting the local community. During week two, OAOA Arrowmen go out on two scuba dives a day in the Atlantic Ocean. Service is a key part of these dives. Fish species and abundance counts, coral bleaching surveys, and underwater trash clean ups account for most of the underwater service.

The cost of the OAOA program is a very reasonable \$450. This charge includes, food, lodging, diving equipment, and PADI open water diver certification (PADI certification alone can cost more than \$300 in some states). Airfare and transportation to sea base are not included in this price.

If swimming with sharks and other ocean wildlife while providing cheerful service is your thing, check out "Ocean Adventure" on the web: <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/index.php?p=oaoa>.

Jack Morton, 2007 Ocean Adventure Participant

BURNING ISSUES...ASK MR. DAVE

This is a regular Smoke Signals forum, answered by "MR. DAVE", our Lodge Staff Advisor, Professional Scouter, and All-around Super Guy. Ask Mr. Dave anything (well almost anything) that has been a "burning issue" on your mind.



Dear Mr. Dave,

When I was at Goose Pond this summer with my Troop, I saw a poster on the Trading Post porch about a new Handicraft building! When will it be built?

-Aaron

Well Aaron,

We aren't building a "new" building, but we are planning on a pretty extensive renovation to the old one...you won't recognize it when it's done. The make-over plans include a 10' covered porch across the whole front, new windows and doors, and a completely new floor plan layout. If we are successful in raising the additional money and support needed, we hope to get started this Fall or early in the Spring. If you know anyone who might be able to help support this worthy project, please steer them in my direction.

Dear Mr. Dave,

Me and my fellow OA Troop members had a great time at the OA pizza night and drumming at summer camp. I heard you used to be able to get your Brotherhood at summer camp. Why doesn't the Lodge do that anymore? It would be cool and make it easier.

-Dan

Dear Dan,

I'm very glad to hear you liked the activities on OA night at camp. The reason Brotherhood at camp was discontinued a few years ago was to encourage a greater commitment to the Order by making that special opportunity available only at certain Lodge events. In this way, Ordeal members get more involved in Lodge activities, including returning to Ordeal weekends. This made the Brotherhood more meaningful for those Sealing the Bond and increased the quality of the Lodge and its members. Sometimes Dan, it's not about doing things the "easy" way!

Dear Mr. Dave,

Who picks the new Lodge Chief every year?

-J. R.

Dear J. R.,

If you are a Lodge member who is under age 21, the answer to your question is YOU! At the General Lodge meeting in November each year, all the youth of the Lodge elect the new Chief and the other Lodge Officers. If you are thinking about running for office, contact Mr. Croom and he can fill you in on all the details of how to go about it. If you are interested in who our next Chief and Lodge officers for 2008 will be, come out and cast your vote on Nov. 21, 2007 at the Service Center at 7:30pm!

Do you have a burning question for Mr. Dave? Feel free to email your questions to askmrdave@lowwapaneu.org and Mr. Dave will do his best to answer them in the next edition of Smoke Signals.



Hi, my name is Dan Williams. I am writing to all of you to inform you that I am going to college at Drexel University in the Fall. This means that there is good news for the youth members in Lowwapaneu. There will be an opening for the Troop Representative Committee

Chairman. I leave on September 20 for college, and I would like to train the new chairman so that they know what their responsibilities are. It is a great committee to work for and you will make many friends along the way. Meeting new people is what is so great about Scouts, and you meet some of the nicest people in the OA. If anyone is interested in this position, contact Lodge Chief Ben Raines at the Fall Ordeal on September 7, 8, and 9. If there are any questions you can e-mail me at dtwilliams191@yahoo.com

Daniel T. Williams Jr.

CEREMONIES COMMITTEE

The Ceremonies Team will continue to have meetings and attend events throughout the summer. Any member of the lodge that would like to become an active member of the team should attend the following events/meetings.

September 7-9, 2007 at the Fall Ordeal

November 18, 2007 at 1PM at the SSTC (Reorganization)

It will be the policy of the Ceremonies committee of Lowwapaneu Lodge, that those who are returning principals in ceremonies or interested ceremonialists will be required to attend all meetings, practices and any other mandatory sessions to ensure that the candidates of our lodge's ceremonies will draw the utmost meaning from these ceremonies. Not fulfilling these rules set forth by the committee will result in exclusion from the ceremonies and your replacement by a more dedicated Arrowman.

Jack Morton

NATIVE AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Brothers, guess what... the sound is back! If you don't know what sound I'm talking about then listen up! It's the sound of the drum and the rhythm of the dancers. And guess what... I think it's calling you! Now you might be asking yourself how can I become a dancer or drummer? Well it's very simple just email me "Mike Kugler" at oadude191@comcast.net or "Mr. Greg Morcom" at glmdgm@aol.com. Both teams meet at the Scout Service Center at 6pm. The drum team meets every second Wednesday of the month and the dance team meets every second Sunday of the month.

We perform at a lot of events throughout the year such as both of the Ordeals, Fellowship Weekend, blue & gold dinners, and much more. So come on out and join the Native American Activities Committee today!

Mike Kugler

LOWWAPANEU PHOTO ALBUM



Jason Bender leading his crew in plotting their trek during OA Wilderness Voyage at Northern Tier this summer



Some members of the Conclave contingent take a break during their busy weekend in June at Camp No-Be-Bo-SCO in New Jersey



Looks like Florida Sea Base turtle soup may be on the menu at the Fall Ordeal...? How 'bout it Tino?



Jack Morton on one of his many scuba dives at the Florida Sea Base's OA Ocean Adventure



Jack Morton and other OA members assisting each other with dives at the OA Ocean Adventure at Sea Base this summer



You want me to portage this WHERE? (*Jason Bender at Northern Tier this summer*)



The Lowwapaneu Lodge Section Conclave contingent at Camp No-Be-Bo-SCO in June 2007



The facilities where OA members "rough it" for two weeks at the OA Ocean Adventure.

Lodge Dues & Event Registration Form

Name: _____

_____ Youth
 _____ Adult

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

_____ Ordeal
 _____ Brotherhood
 _____ Vigil

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

Lodge ID#: _____

(Found on Mailing Label)

Dues:

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

Fall Ordeal: _____ people x \$20.00 = \$ _____

Sealing the Bond of Brotherhood at the Ordeal: _____ people x \$30.00 = \$ _____

Please make checks payable to:
 "Lowwapaneu Lodge 191"

After completing this form please mail it to:

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 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:

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or Email: Dan Williams
 dtwilliams1111@yahoo.com

THIS COULD BE YOUR LAST MAILING!

Check the date on your mailing label on the back page, if it says 12/31/07, your Lodge dues will run out in a few months and you will no longer receive further *Smoke Signals*, be able to attend OA functions, or wear the sash or flap. Also check with your fellow Arrowmen in your Troop... if they do not receive *Smoke Signals* then their dues have probably run out. Pay your dues today!



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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 26, 2007

October 24, 2007

January 23, 2008

February 27, 2008

March 26, 2008

General Lodge Meetings:

September 9, 2007—Camp Acahela (Fall Ordeal)

November 21, 2007— Service Center (Election of Officers)

Activities and Other Important Events:

September 7-9, 2007—Fall Ordeal Weekend, Camp Acahela

October 27-28, 2007— Harvest Fest, Camp Acahela

December 2, 2007—Elections Team Training, Service Center

December 30, 2007—Holiday Banquet

January 20, 2008 - Lodge Leader Development, Service Center

April 4-6, 2008—Fellowship Weekend, Camp Acahela