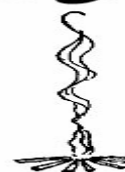




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GOT BROTHERHOOD?

If you answered no to the question "Got Brotherhood?" then you know what that means: come to this Fall Ordeal, September 12-14 at Camp Acahela and Seal your Bond!

There is still plenty of time, so save the date and make sure you can attend.

The process is easy: simply sign up for the Fall Ordeal at the Service Center (cost is \$20 for the weekend), take the training, hike, and then the ceremony! Brotherhood is an important step in the Order, one that is taken only by those who have true dedication to our ideals.

Plus, everyone who comes out to take Brotherhood this September will receive an *extra special, exclusive, super awesome gift!* What could it be?!!

Everyone wants to know, but the only way to find out is to come to the Ordeal!

So, if you took your Ordeal at least 10 months ago, you're eligible! Do you have the spirit in you?



FALL ORDEAL SWIFTLY 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 it's time to make that special moment happen again for the newly inducted candidates. The Fall Ordeal is September 12-14, 2008 at Camp Acahela. The cost for all members and Brotherhood Candidates is \$20.00. Come out for some cheerful service and great fellowship. See You There!



LOWWAPANEU CHIEF ELECTED SECTION SECRETARY

A reorganization meeting for Section NE-5B was recently held at the Columbia-Montour Council Service Center in Bloomsburg and was attended by Chief Nick Murley, Associate Loge Advisor Mr. Minello, and Lodge Advisor Mr. Croom.

A lot of information was passed between the Lodge representatives who were present along with many decisions on future Section events and the election of officers.

The next years Section Council of Chief's meeting locations and dates were planned. The October 19th meeting will run from 4 to 6 PM, January 11 from 4 to 6 PM (hosted by Lowwapaneu). Both meetings will be held at the Columbia-Montour Service Center. The April 9 meeting will be at 1 PM at Resica Falls Scout Reservation near Stroudsburg, where the 2009 Conclave will be held. Lowwapaneu will host the Conclave in 2010.

Our Lodge Chief, Nick Murley ran for the position of Section Secretary and was successful in this endeavor. Nick will serve the Section until next June in this position.



CHIEFLY SPEAKING

Wow! That is all I can really say right now. Half of the year is over and it has been a great one. Many things have been done so far that everyone can be proud of. We had a great Fellowship weekend, a successful Spring Ordeal, a successful adopt-a-highway pickup, and much more has been done. Congratulations to everyone and their hard work.



Now, even though much has been done, we still have a half a year to accomplish many things. We still have to shine through the rest of the year. If we start to falter now in our stride the shine will diminish. I have faith in everyone and I know we can do it. Let us go with our brothers and finish the year strong!

Nick Murley, Lodge Chief

ADVISOR'S MINUTE



We have had a great year, running a successful Fellowship weekend, adopt-a-highway clean up, Spring Ordeal and the Lodge picnic. The planning for the Fall Ordeal has started along with the Harvest Fest and the Holiday Banquet. We 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. To the Committee's who are working towards the Lodge goals, thank you and keep up the good work. For those Chairmen and Advisors who are *idling* along through the year remember, "you have been called to a life of cheerful service."

Mr. John Croom, Lodge Advisor

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Vice-Chief -Admin
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FORGING A LEGACY: ARROW CORPS 5

From June 21 to June 28, 2008 a contingent from Lowwapanu was participating in the OA's national service project: ArrowCorps5. The premise was simple: five sites, five weeks, five thousand arrowmen. At each of the sites, approximately one thousand arrowmen would perform cheerful service pertinent to the needs of each area. George Washington and Jefferson National Forests, the site Lowwapanu's contingent was at, had service that included building over 7 miles of multi-user hiking trails.



Our contingent, which included Chris Naticchi (who served as chairman), Carl Jurkowski, Trevor Schirra, Erik Hayden, Kris Tomaine, Mr. Ed Allen, Mr. Mike Jurkowski, Mr. Tino Penzone, Mr. Jim Naticchi, and Mr. Mike Minello (who served as adviser), left at the crack of dawn on Saturday, June 21 in a bus bound for Goshen, Virginia. Lodge Advisor, Mr. John Croom, as well as J. Croom also made the trip to Virginia to see the contingent off on their adventure.

Over six hours later, we had arrived. We checked in and found our campsites and tents. On Sunday morning, training took place to show all participants how to properly use the tools out in the woods, and also how to keep safe, and how to minimize our impact on the area (through the principles of Leave No Trace.)

Finally, Monday morning rolled around and the real fun began. By quarter to eight that morning, after already being awake for two hours, all the participants, including the ten members from our lodge, were on busses heading to Covington, Virginia and the work site. Once there, we began our cheerful service: building trails. We worked in the hot southern sun from 9 a.m. each morning until around 3:30 p.m. each afternoon. Then we boarded the busses and headed back to camp. This was the schedule every day during the week, except for the recreation day. Each participant could pick an activity, ranging from whitewater rafting to a local tour, and on a certain day (this day was assigned) we got the day off. Everyone from Lowwapanu ended up choosing the local



tour, but since we were all split up among various squads we all took the tour on different days. The tour included a visit to Stonewall Jackson's house in Lexington, Virginia, and visits to VMI (the Virginia Military Institute), the natural bridge, and caverns over thirty stories below the ground. The theme of the week, beyond cheerful service, was leaving a legacy; leaving our mark, which, in this case, was a trail which many people will use for years to come. Every day during our lunch break we looked at people in history who had made an impact and left a legacy, like George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Dr. Goodman, to name a few. We reflected on the legacies left behind by those great people, and also on the legacy we were leaving behind.

By the time Saturday morning rolled around again, were we more than ready to leave. We worked hard, built friendships, and of course, had a great time in the Order's spirit. Leaving was not easy though; we all had become best friends with the people in our crew, who were from all over the country, and now it was already time to say goodbye, at least until NOAC, in some peoples' cases. George Washington and Jefferson was the third week in a series of five. Two weeks had come before us, and two after. Each week will leave its own special legacy on the land and the people who use it. And even though the work was tough and we all were tired and beat on the way home, it was worth it.



When we joined the Order of the Arrow, we made a pledge. This pledge was to uphold brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. And at AC5, there was plenty of each.

SECTION NE-5B PATCH DESIGN CONTEST

Section NE-5B is looking to create a backpatch to kick off its inaugural year! This patch will be a fundraiser patch and will be sold to Arrowmen throughout Section NE-5B. We ask that you try to incorporate the five lodges that make up Section NE-5B in your designs....Unami 1, Wyona 18, Witauchsoman 44, Lowwapaneu 191, and Woapeu Sisilija 343.



Submissions for patch designs may be given to our Lodge Chief or Lodge Adviser. Please submit a full color copy of your patch design. Submissions are due by the October COC (October 19, 2008). The winning design will then be selected at that COC. The winner will receive a Section patch that has been signed by all of the 2008-2009 COC members.



If there are any questions feel free to contact our Lodge Chief Nick Murley.



“READ ME A STORY” PROJECT KICKOFF

Supreme Chief of the Fire, Mr. Thomas Slavicek came to the Lodge in May and asked us if we would like to participate in a service project called “The Read Me a Story” Good Turn. It’s a project to help and promote literacy in youth and adults who are sight impaired and members of the area ARC’s. This project will be kicked off at the August LEC.

A project for
Lowwapaneu Lodge 191, Order of the Arrow
Northeastern Pennsylvania Council
Boy Scouts of America



What: A Northeastern Pennsylvania Council new “Good Turn” to benefit sight impaired and mentally challenged youth. Goal will be to produce up to 500 audio CDs containing the voices of Scouts and adults from the Order of the Arrow Lodge reading short stories from Boy’s Life Magazines. Distribute the CDs to area Associations for Retarded Citizens (ARC) and agencies that serve sight impaired and mentally challenged youth.

Why: An additional CD will be produced that will include voices of adults reading stories. This CD will cater to adult members of ARCs. Area schools and agencies are always searching for new educational materials that promote literacy in youth. Schools and agencies that serve the sight impaired and mentally challenged will be thrilled to receive audio CDs containing youth-oriented stories read by, and for youth – at no cost. Area ARCs will also appreciate receiving CDs for their adult members.

THE FINAL NE-2B GATHERING

By: Kris Tomaine

Section NE-2B had its final Conclave this past June 13, 14, and 15 at Kittatinny Mountain Scout Reservation in New Jersey. All 7 lodges of the Section (including Black Eagle from Europe) were in attendance. The weekend was filled with shows, great food, spectacular trainings, and the sense of brotherhood only the OA can deliver.

The weekend kicked off Friday night with a campfire with a unique show, whose theme was in tune with the theme of the weekend: the Olympics.

On Saturday morning, there were some training sessions. Three of the sessions were conducted by members of Lowwapaneu: our very own Sam Levandoski taught "Setting Goals," Kris Tomaine did "Highway to Brotherhood," and Jerry Clum taught, "How to pick up chicks in your Scout Uniform." Overall, all the trainings were successful and everybody learned a little more about Scouting and the OA.

The Olympics began Saturday afternoon. There were all kinds of Olympic-themed sports going. Lowwapaneu participated in the fight-to-the-death volleyball tournament, and walked away with a sweeping third place victory.

After the Olympics, there were religious services Saturday evening. And then we had dinner.

Saturday night we had a crackerbarrel and the closing show, which was held in the dining hall due to rain. All the lodges provided skits and songs, even Lowwapaneu (even though they forgot to pencil us into the skit list...)

On Sunday we had the final NE-2B Section Elections. Even though the winners were only going to be in office for a few weeks, the victory meant a lot to them. After that, while we were all together, awards were presented.

Once the elections closed, it was time to leave the final NE-2B Conclave. Everyone had mixed feelings; for one, they were upset the Conclave was over and it was almost time to move to a new section, but on the other hand they were excited about the new adventures awaiting them in their respective new sections.



Lodge Dues & Event Registration Form

Name: _____

Lodge ID#: _____

(Found on Mailing Label)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

____ Ordeal
____ Brotherhood
____ Vigil

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

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

____ Youth
____ Adult

Fall Ordeal: I am planning to attend _____ people x \$20.00 = \$ _____
(September 12-14 at Camp Acahela)

Sealing the Bond of Brotherhood at the Fall Ordeal:

I am also planning on going for my Brotherhood Membership on Saturday.
I took my Ordeal on (date): _____

Total \$ Enclosed For Lodge: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to:
"Lowwapaneu Lodge 191"

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



LODGE PICNIC 2008

Lowwapaneu Lodge held its 5th Annual Lodge Picnic at McDade County Park in Scranton on July 26, 2008. The picnic wasn't very well attended with only 29 people attending considering the information was out to members a long time in advance. As always the food and refreshments were plentiful as well as the fellowship and I must say a lot of fun was had by the Arrowmen in attendance. The Lodge would like to thank all that did attend and their contributions to the picnic and look forward to seeing you at next year's event on July 18, 2009.



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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.

August 27, 2008

September 24, 2008

October 22, 2008

January 28, 2009

February 25, 2009

General Lodge Meetings

September 14, 2008—Camp Acahela (Fall Ordeal)

November 26, 2008 - Election of Lodge Officers at Service Center

Activities and Other Important Events

September 12-14, 2008—Fall Ordeal Weekend, Camp Acahela

October 25-25, 2008— Harvest Fest, Camp Acahela

December 28, 2008—Holiday Banquet

January 10, 2009 - Merit Badge College, Kings College

January 18, 2009 - Lodge Leader Development - Service Center

