

# THE HOWLER

GYANTWACHIA LODGE #255  
ORDER OF THE ARROW

The Brotherhood of Cheerful Service

December 2008 - - February 2009



## State of the Lodge Address

As we take a moment to look back at the past year, we see that Gyantwachia Lodge has accomplished many things. As we look forward to the future, we see that we have many more things that we can accomplish. My fellow officers, Mr. Wolboldt, and the committee chairman are currently working hard to make the rest of this year fun and exciting for all of our arrowmen. We still have many events new and old on the calendar that need to be finalized in order to make more memorable times for our fellow arrowmen.

For many of you who may not know, this past year the Northeast Region went through a new realignment that reorganized many of the sections in our region. We are now part of Section NE-4A which includes Langundowi #46 (French Creek Council), Ho-Na-Ne-Ho-Ant #165 (Alleghany Highlands Council), Ah'Tic #139 (Bucktail Council), and Kiskitantee #168 (). The Council of Chiefs has been working hard on making the upcoming Section Conclave something to remember in the years to come. This year's Conclave will be held at Custaloga Town Scout Reservation on June 12 – 14. The theme of this year's Conclave will be a carnival theme, and we are in charge of all the Native American events that will take place at Conclave. This includes the ceremonial team completion, dance team competition, and a drumming demonstration from one of the other lodges. I can already tell that this is going to be an exciting conclave and I urge you to be a part of it.

Over this past summer the lodge had outstanding participation in High Adventure programs. Our lodge sent two youth (Jake Lawson and myself) and one adult (Barry Cunningham) to the George Washington and Jefferson National Forest in Covington, Virginia for ArrowCorps5. While there, along with 700 other arrowmen we built over seven miles of trail at the George Washington and Jefferson National Forest. During the five weeks that ArrowCorps5 took place, the Order of the Arrow greatly exceeded the expectations of the Forest Service. The lodge also had four members (Mike Trisket, Nathan Hotchkiss, Tad Whitmire and myself) participate in the Order of the Arrow Trail Crew at Philmont Scout Ranch, in Cimarron, New Mexico. While at Philmont we joined eight other arrowmen from all over the country, the trail we continued to work on from where a previous crew left off was the Chandler Canyon Trail, which will eventually connect Ponil and Dean Cow. This trail is right in the middle of the burn zone from the forest fire in 2002. During our trek week we hiked over 90 miles of Philmont including

Baldy Mountain and the Tooth of Time. High Adventure is probably the greatest opportunity in Scouting and I encourage you to participate.

As we come into the New Year there are many things that need to be accomplished. While Fun Days continue to flourish, Lodge Meetings are still attracting small numbers. To change this we are working on getting new active troop reps, for all the troops in the council, so that we can get the word out about lodge events and meetings throughout the year. Also we have two new events on the calendar in the form of Fellowship weekends. We have one scheduled in March that will serve as an early Brotherhood conversion weekend, and also a way to help staff the Scout Olympics. The other will be in August and will be our Vigil Induction weekend as well as a chance to have some fun with our fellow brothers.

Also scheduled in August is the National Order of the Arrow Conference at Indiana University which will be held from August 1<sup>st</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup>. This is as I call it the Jamboree for the Order of the Arrow. This is always an exciting event attracting over 6,000 arrowmen from across the country. There will be many different training sessions and activities to participate in such as scuba, rock climbing, and lodge ball as well as exciting arena shows. I strongly encourage you to get singed up for NOAC; currently there are three youth and five adults signed up. I would like to thank everybody for all the help you have given me over the past year. I am truly looking forward to what is to come for our lodge.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Travis Cunningham  
Lodge Chief

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## Committee's Page

### Membership Committee Report -

The Membership Committee is still currently working on distributing beads which are owed to current lodge members. This is a long and hard process, so anyone who would be willing to help the Membership Committee during the lodge meetings please see me.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Nathan Hotchkiss

### Publications Committee Report

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The publications committee has been working diligently on *The Howler*. The next issue will be the March- May issue. We remind members you can submit articles to my advisor Mr. Mike Brennan or myself. We greatly appreciate your contributions.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Nathan Hotchkiss

## Indian Lore -

Over the past few months the Dance Team has been working hard on learning the Round Dance, Standing Quiver Dance, and Smoke Dance. The Dance Team has also attended two Blue and Gold Dinners, where they spoke on the history of the Native Seneca Indians. We still need members and encourage anyone to join; we meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of every month.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Travis Cunningham  
Indian Lore Chairman

## Ceremonial Team -

Currently the new members of the Ceremonial Team are learning their parts for the upcoming Spring Ordeal and Conclave. The older members are working on fine tuning every little detail possible. We are still looking for new members, so if you're interested we meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Travis Cunningham  
Ceremonial Team Chairman

## Summer Camp Committee -

During Summer camp this year, O/A Day has been moved from Wednesday to Tuesday. Tapouts will be during the opening campfire on Saturday night. On Tuesday the Lodge elections will be held from 5:15 PM until 5:45 PM just before supper. The Lodge meeting will be held after dinner. Brotherhood ceremonies will be held after the meeting.

Summer Camp Committee

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## 2008-2009 Troop Representatives

### Youths

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Troop 9: N/A  
Troop 13: Addison  
Gee/  
Troop 14: N/A  
Troop 17:  
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Troop 22: Adam  
Mourer/  
Troop 31: N/A  
Troop 35: N/A  
Troop 43: N/A  
Troop 45: N/A  
Troop 55: N/A  
Crew 2081: N/A  
Crew 2255: N/A

### Adults

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Crone/723-1076  
Troop 8: Jeff Zavinski  
Troop 9: N/A  
Troop 13: Mike  
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Troop 22: Tom  
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Troop 31: N/A  
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Crew 2081: Ernie  
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## Gyantwachia Lodge #255 Calendar 2008

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### December 2008

- 4 O/A **Lodge Meeting** (Brotherhood Trail Help)
- 6 Christmas Walk/Chestnuts 5-10 PM Parade 6 PM
- 7 O/A Nursing Home Visits/Food Baskets 9AM Salvation Army  
Key 3 meeting
- 20 O/A Fun Day
- 27-30 National Planning Meeting, Irvine, TX

## Gyantwachia Lodge #255 Calendar 2009

*May 9th, Jun 6th ----- Work Days at Camp Olmsted*

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### January 2009

- 1 Unit Elections begin
- 3 O/A Family banquet and **Lodge Meeting**
- 16/17 Winter Freeze Out & Klondike Derby
- 25 COC at Custalogatown

### February 2009

- 1 Scout Sunday
- 3 O/A **Lodge Meeting**
- 5 Camp Leader's Chili Dinner (Roundtable)

*\*\* Dates subject to change*

#### Notes:

- All on the above list may be required for our attendance award except for the Executive Board Meetings, and COC Meetings.

Lodge Website - <http://webpages.atlanticbb.net/~wilsric/lodge255/>

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