

THE
HOWLER
GYANTWACHIA LODGE #255
ORDER OF THE ARROW

The Brotherhood of Cheerful Service

January 2011

As the Order enters a new year, new officers are elected to carry on the tradition of great leadership given to us by our founders.

Great News!!! Our very own Travis Cunningham has been elected as the new Northeast Region Chief!!!! Congratulations Travis!!!!

This means we will have the Region Chief at our conclave this year!!!!!!



Travis Cunningham

Committee's Page

The Howler newsletter is in need of articles! If you have an article you would like to see published please contact me at Kurt.Sherrard@gmail.com or my advisor Mike Brennan at Brennan@kinzua.net. Participation of OA members is the only way we can have news to share and make this a great newsletter for everyone to enjoy. Thanks to those who have submitted articles for publication.

Remember if you submit an article you receive a glow in the dark bead!

Yours in Brotherhood,
Kurt Sherrard

Q: What is the purpose of the Order of the Arrow?

A: The purpose of the Order of the Arrow is fourfold:

1. To recognize those Scout campers – Scouts and Scouters – who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and by such recognition, cause other campers to conduct themselves in such a manner as to warrant recognition.
2. To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit.
3. To promote Scout camping, which reaches its greatest effectiveness as a part of the unit's camping program, both year-round and in the summer camp, as directed by the camping committee of the council.
4. To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.



I had always wondered when I saw a scout with an OA sash on why there were different ones and what they meant. Since I am a new member of the OA I did some research and found out that Arrowmen are identified by a white sash bearing a red arrow that is worn over their right shoulder.




An Ordeal member wears a sash with a lone arrow.

The Brotherhood member wears a sash bearing an arrow with a red bar at each end of the arrow.

A Brotherhood member who has been awarded the Vigil Honor wears a sash with the same bars of as the Brotherhood sash at each end of the arrow, and a Vigil Honor triangle on the center of the shaft. The triangle bears three small arrows arranged in a counterclockwise direction.

Members wear the sash at Order of the Arrow functions and special Scouting activities when members need to be identified as Arrowmen rendering special services. The OA sash is not worn at the same time as the merit badge sash and not worn folded in the belt.

Sammy Sherrard



The Order of the Arrow
Scouting's National Honor Society

For more than 90 years, the Order of the Arrow (OA) has recognized Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. This recognition provides encouragement for others to live these ideals as well. Arrowmen are known for maintaining camping traditions and spirit, promoting year-round and long term resident camping, and providing cheerful service to others. OA service, activities, adventures, and training for youth and adults are models of quality leadership development and programming that enrich and help to extend Scouting to America's youth.



Pork's Adventure

It is an honor for me to be an OA member. Since I have become a member, I have had the honor of attending the National Boy Scout Jamboree and the Campaganza, as a member of Staff. I have also helped at summer camp at Camp Olmstead and also during ordeals. I have helped cook for some of these events. It is so nice to have these young men join the OA, but I would like to see more of them participate in the Lodge events. There is some work involved in taking part in OA, but I have had so much fun meeting other OA members. There are many different opportunities offered to OA members that are not always offered to other scouts. I am trying to get more young men involved in the OA. I also ask all other OA members to help spread the word about the fun that we all have in OA.

When I joined scouting, I was a member of the Bucktail Council. When I moved to this area in 1998, I started participating in Troop 22 weekly meetings with my stepson. I enjoyed participating in scouting again and spent more time becoming involved. When Dan & Ernie became aware of my participation, they encouraged me to join the Chief Cornplanter Council. I am so glad that I did because I have made many new friends, both older and younger. I do enjoy the young men because I like to see them grow.

Pork



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Gyantwachia Lodge Calendar 2011

January

- Jan 1 Unit Elections Begin
- Jan 8 Family Banquet & Lodge Meeting
- Jan 14-15 Freeze Out & Klondike Derby
- Jan 23 COC at Elk Lick Scout Reserve

February

- Feb 1 Lodge Meeting
- Feb 3 Camp Leaders Chili Dinner
- Feb 6 Scout Sunday
- Feb 9 Uniform Day
- Feb 11-13 Indian Lore – Fellowship Weekend @ Camp Olmsted

March

- Mar 1 Lodge Meeting

Mar 16-17 St. Patrick's Day Pancake Dinner
Mar 18-20 NLS/NLATS @ Camp Alpine
Mar 18-20 Indian Lore – Fellowship Weekend @ Camp Olmsted

April

Apr 5 Lodge Meeting
Apr 22 All Conclave Money & Reservations Due
Apr 23 Council First Aid Meet
Apr 24 COC at Elk Lick Scout Reserve

May

May 3 Lodge Meeting
May 5 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
May 5 Unit Elections Completed
May 6-8 Indian Lore – Fellowship Weekend @ Camp Olmsted
May 15 Vigil Nominations due to Council Office
May 20-22 Spring Ordeal, Brotherhood Weekend, Lodge / Vigil Meeting
May 26 All Conclave Money to section 4A Account

June

June 7 Lodge Meeting – Vigil Meeting to follow

June 10-12 Section 4A Conclave @ Elk Lick Scout Reserve
June 14 Flag Day
June 18 Beaver Day @ Camp Olmsted
June 25 Beaver Day @ Camp Olmsted
June 26-July 1 Olmsted Survival Week @ Camp Olmsted

July

July 4 4th of July Parade
July 9-15 Summer Camp @ Camp Olmsted
July 13 OA Day @ Summer Camp
July 17-23 Kinzua Adventure @ Camp Olmsted

July 29-31 Fall Ordeal – Brotherhood Weekend

Lodge Meeting Silver Wolf Elections

July 30 Officer Elections – Installation

Lodge Officer Election Course

September

Sept 6 Lodge Meeting

October

Oct 4 Lodge Meeting

Oct 15-17 Indian Lore – Fellowship Weekend @ Camp Olmsted

November

Nov 1 Lodge Meeting

Nov 19 Fun Day

December

Dec 2 Christmas Walk – Chestnuts 5-10pm

Dec 3 Nursing Home – Food Baskets

9am Salvation Army

Dec 6 Lodge Meeting

Dec 9-11 Indian Lore – Fellowship Weekend @ Camp Olmsted

Dec 17 Fun Day

**** *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.**

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