

### Christmas Walk

The night of the Christmas Walk in Warren was a little cool. I guess that can be expected on December 2. Several OA member attended and participated in the parade and some sold chestnuts and hot chocolate. I think the best part of the parade was Mike pushing Tommy in the wheelbarrow for the whole parade route. Tommy was throwing candy too. That was really cool.

Thank you goes out to all who helped sell the chestnuts and hot chocolate. We sold 50 pounds of chestnuts which was how many we had bought to sell. Thanks to Toby for letting everyone on the street know that we had chestnuts to sell. He did a really good job. We grilled on the chestnuts on a grill which Tommy Zaffino provided for our use. Also Tommy made sure that we had everything we would need to roast the chestnuts and be able to sell out of them. Thank you to all who were there and helped make the night a success.

Pork



### 2012 – Dan Wolboldt

2012 brings each of us a new chapter in our lives. What is your plan? What do you hope to accomplish before 2013 arrives? You were honored by your fellow scouts by being elected into Scouting's National Honor Society, the Order of the Arrow. Each of you passed an Ordeal and took an Obligation. All of you who are no longer Ordeal members wrote a letter: "What the Obligation means to me." I would ask you to plan great things for 2012; notice I didn't say "dream great things." Make a plan, work the plan, plan early enough so we can publicize the plan and allow your fellow Arrowmen to participate! At the last lodge meeting another Ordeal weekend was added to the calendar: please put June 1-3, 2012 into your schedule and plan to attend! Also if you plan to go to NOAC, July 30-Aug 4, you need to sign up now! Plan ahead.... don't be a "last minute Charlie".... and you will do a much better job of serving your fellowman! Yours in the Brotherhood,



### OA Fun Night

On Friday December 16 & 17 we held the Fun Night for the OA. We had a really great Fun Night. The boys that attended had a lot of fun. There was a lot of pizza for everyone to eat. The boys also had a lot of fun playing many different games. They played in the gym a lot, played a lot of Wii games, enjoyed marble games, played basketball, kick ball, and dodge ball. We also watched a bunch of movies. Not many of the boys got much sleep that night, but there were a few who did sleep. Whatever they wanted to do was up to them. I believe all who came had a great time.

This was my second time going to the Fun Night and I had a great time too. The only thing that I wish is that more of the OA members had attended. Those of you who didn't come don't know what you missed. I would like to thank all the boys that did attend for behaving so well. I would also like to thank Ernie Crawford for being there to help and for his support. I think the OA should also make sure to thank the First Presbyterian Church for letting us use their facilities.

Pork

### **Troop Representative Program**

The Order of the Arrow Troop Representative program is relatively new and is the newest official office in a troop. (They no longer have the office of Cheer Master at the troop level but we do now have Troop Representative as an office you can hold to complete your leadership requirement.) The Troop Rep is to represent the lodge to the troop and the troop to the lodge. He is to ensure the maximum participation of all the OA members of his troop at all OA functions. This seems pretty clear. So, why isn't it working? Is it because the rest of us leave this person alone to accomplish his job? Do we say, "Not my job!" and look to him for results? If the Senior Patrol Leader does not show up to a meeting is the meeting cancelled and does everyone go home because it's "Not my job!" and the SPL failed again? NO, someone else steps up, maybe the ASPL, if he is present, or any other scout, stands in the gap, and does the job, and the troop is more successful sharing its leadership. We need to look at the Troop Rep in the same light, if he is not there, if he is not doing the job, STEP UP BROTHER SCOUT AND STAND IN THE GAP!!!



# WANTED

Articles from our Youth Members to fill in this gap.



And more articles from our Youth Members to fill in this gap and maybe to expand to another page.



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## GYANTWACHIA LODGE CALENDAR 2012

Jan 1	Unit Elections begin
Jan 7	(Saturday) Family Banquet and Lodge Meeting
Jan 13/14	Winter Freeze Out & Klondike Derby
Jan 15	COC at Camp Mountain Run at 2 pm
January	Howler Published
Feb 2	Camp Leader's Chili Dinner (Roundtable)
Feb 5	Scout Sunday
Feb 7	Lodge Meeting @ N. Warren Presbyterian Church
Feb 8	Uniform Day
Mar 6	Lodge Meeting @ N. Warren Presbyterian Church
Mar 13/14	St Patrick's Day Pancake Dinner
Mar 18	COC at Camp Karoondinha
Apr 3	Lodge Meeting @ N. Warren Presbyterian Church
April	Howler Published
May 1	Lodge Meeting (Election of Lodge Officers) @ N. Warren Presbyterian Church
May 3	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Unit elections completed
May 5	Beaver Day at Camp Olmsted
May 12	Beaver Day at Camp Olmsted
May 15	Vigil Nominations due to Council Office
May 19	Beaver Day at Camp Olmsted
May 27	All conclave money to Section 4A Account at CCC office
Jun 2	Fun Day/Beaver Day at Camp
Jun 5	Lodge Meeting
Jun 8-10 2012	<b>Section 4A Conclave at Camp Karoondinha</b>
Jun 10	COC meeting at 10 am
Jun 14	Flag Day, Elks Club 6:00 p.m.
Jun 16	Beaver Day at Camp
Jun 23	Beaver Day at Camp
Jun 30	Beaver Day at Camp
July	Howler Published
Jul 4	4 <sup>th</sup> Of July Parade
Jul 6-8	Spring Ordeal, Brotherhood Weekend, Beaver Day, Vigil Meeting Lodge Leadership Development Course & Lodge Meeting
Jul 14-20	All Scouts at Camp Olmsted for Summer Camp!!!!
Jul 18 (Wed?)	OA Day at Camp Olmsted, Installation of Officers???
Jul 21	Beaver Day at Camp Ordeal/Brotherhood/Beaver Day, Silver Wolf
Jul 17	Officer Elections- Installation, General Lodge Meeting at Camp Lodge Leadership Development Course
Jul 26-29	Cub Scout Summer Adventure
Jul 30-Aug 4	National Order of the Arrow Conference, Michigan State University
Sep 4	Lodge Meeting
Sep 21-23	National Leadership Seminar/NLS/NLATS at Camp Alpine
Oct 1	Start Camp Promotions and Staff Recruitment
Oct 2 7:30pm	Lodge Meeting (7 pm help for Brotherhood trail)
Nov 6	Lodge Meeting
Nov 30	Friday Night Christmas Walk /Chestnuts 5-10PM Parade 6PM
Dec 1	Nursing Homes/Food Baskets 9AM Salvation Army
Dec 4	Lodge Meeting (Brotherhood Trail help)

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