



Youth Corp 2012

Service to Scouting is a time honored tradition in the Order of the Arrow. One opportunity to give back to the program is to serve on the Camp Olmsted Youth Corp. The Acorn Award is being introduced this year and serves as recognition to those who successfully serve on Youth Corp.



While you're at camp, you'll be asked to help out in one of the program areas for the week, but will have plenty of time to relax and enjoy your week. 2012 is an exciting year to serve on Camp Olmsted staff. Your participation in Youth Corp will open doors in the future as we create new summer programs to compliment our resident camp.

You can also serve on staff for the Cub Scout Summer Adventure and give back to the program you started your Scouting career with. Young boys in Cub Scouts are always excited to see the older Boy Scouts participating. You can have a positive affect towards increasing numbers of Cub Scouts crossing over into Boy Scouting in the years to come.

The Cub Scout Summer Adventure is four fun-filled days at Wilder Park in Irvine, PA. Our Summer Adventure provides great programs with exciting activities for all Scouts and their families. This summer's "Robin Hood!" theme will include activities like archery (of course!), games, BB guns, fishing, hiking, sports, campfires, merriment, and excellent meals prepared and served in Nottingham Castle's grand dining hall — all under the beautiful canopy of Sherwood Forest!



"Isles of Brotherhood " 2012 Conclave

Come join us at Camp Karoondinha for this years Section NE-4A Conclave. As you can see on the patch above the theme of the conclave is "Isles of Brotherhood". It will be a great event! If you would like to be in costume, Hawaiian style shirts (or the Conclave Tee), sunglasses and leis are in order. It will be three days of great times for all. Details and forms can be found on our website www.oa255.com. There will be training sessions as well as games at this years event. Please note the Hold Harmless agreement that everyone who will be participating in the COPE/ Climbing activities must complete and bring with them. Without this form, you will not be allowed to participate in those activities. This camp is an easy 4 hour drive from Warren and is very nice.



March COC

The March COC meeting was held at Camp Karoondinha (the site of this years Section NE-4A Conclave). Attending from Gyantwachia Lodge #255 were Dan Wolboldt, Michael Crone, Hunter Proctor and Ernie Crawford. This was the final meeting before the actual Conclave in June. All Lodges in our section were represented. Details of the conclave were finalized and forms were passed out for participants. These forms may be found on our website <http://www.oa255.com>. Please look at them in the near future (A.S.A.P.) to see if any of them pertain to you. Someone will need the special needs form and all who wish to participate in the COPE/Climbing portion of the Conclave must have the Hold Harmless Agreement form filled out and brought with them to the Conclave. I sounds like this will be a very fun Conclave. One major decision that came from this weekend; was the fact that Team Crone/Crawford beat the pants off of Team Proctor/Wolboldt at the euchre tournament on Saturday night. Congratulations to Mike and Ernie on a job well done.

To wrap this all up: The theme is fun and the activities will be great. Do yourselves a favor and make sure you attend this years NE-4A CONCLAVE!



May 2, May 12, May 19, June 2, June 16, June 23, June 30, and July 7 are ALL Beaver Days at Camp Olmsted and we need you!!!

I know most of you will not be able to make all of these dates but I'll make all of us can make most of them, with few who can only make few of them. Please call Scout Office (723-6700) to make reservations so we will have enough food! There is plenty to keep you busy all day! Our #1 goal is to finish as many Adirondacks as possible before Summer Camp; then there is mowing, cleaning out shluses, cleaning the din9ing hall/kitchen/trading post, etc, etc. ect. Please work on your calendar and join us OFTEN!!!



Have you signed up for our June 1-3, 2012 Ordeal weekend? This is the first one of the season. \$15 for you old-timers, \$35 for Brotherhood candidates, and \$45 for Ordeal Candidates. The reason the lodge set up this weekend was so that new members could go to the conclave the following weekend, June 8-10 at camp "k" ; the cost of Conclave is still \$30.00 It is always fun to see another Scout Camp and this is a fun, inexpensive way to do just that! Sign up for the Ordeal weekend (and conclave!!!!) at Scout office today!!!



On May 1, 2012 at our monthly Lodge meeting held at the North Warren Presbyterian Church we will be electing officer for the new OA year. We have many awesome brothers who are capable of serving our lodge well. Are you one of them? Are you willing to make the commitment that is necessary to be a good officer? Are you will to serve? If you are, speak to one of your brothers and tell him you would like to run. Once you are nominated, you will have a chance to make a speech before we start to vote. Invite all your brother out to the meeting so they can vote also! This is your lodge! It only gets better if we are willing to do our part in CHEERFUL SERVICE!

Iditarod Musher Dramatically Revives Fallen Dog

Commitment and attachment to one's dog can reach admirable levels, but a moment this week in the Iditarod showed just how far one owner would go to keep his prized pup alive. Scott Janssen was forced to make a decision when his dog collapsed while they were making their way down the Dalzell Gorge in Alaska. Marshall, Janssen's 9-year-old husky, suddenly fell in a heap in the midst of pulling hard at Janssen's sled.

"Boom! Laid right down. It was like a guy my age having a heart attack," Janssen [told the Anchorage Daily News](#). Janssen is an Anchorage funeral home owner, who has dubbed himself "The Mushing Mortician." When he rushed to Marshall's side, the outlook wasn't good. "I know what death looks like, and he was gone. Nobody home," Janssen, an Iditarod sophomore (he finished 42 out of 47 last year), said.

For a musher devoted to his dogs, it was a heart-wrenching moment at the worst possible time. The Iditarod is a grind, forged by the will of the musher and his dogs, and the bond they share. "I was sobbing," he said. He began mouth-to-snout CPR -- compressing the husky's chest and doing his best to breathe life into him. "I really love that dog." Marshall had run Iditarod's before, and this year was to be his last trip to Nome. It made those few minutes of CPR all the more intense. Janssen tucked Marshall's tongue back into his mouth, and with the mouth held closed, kept breathing for him.

"I had my mouth over his nose, breathing into his nose I was compressing and rubbing his chest, trying to work the air out," Janssen said. But for the first few minutes, nothing. Janssen persisted. "I'm like, 'C'mon dude, please come back.'" "And he did." Marshall snapped back with a sharp breath. He then rode in the sled with Janssen to the next checkpoint, and despite a sled runner that broke along the way, got him to the event veterinarians. "The vets took a look. Gave Marshall an IV, and he's heading home," Janssen's daughter, Chelsea, said. "He's doing just fine. He's still at the checkpoint and they're flying him back home today."

The reason the dog collapsed is unknown, and Janssen speculated it was a heart arrhythmia. In any case, Janssen's actions assured that Marshall will get some time to relax after pushing himself to the limit in the world's most grueling race. Marshall may have not won the race, but he'll get to relax the rest of the way while Janssen and the rest of the dogs march on.



The article about the Iditarod Race delivers a very powerful message. When something in your life is worth fighting for, you do everything in your power to hold onto it. That message also speaks of our OA Lodge. For many of us, we would do anything to keep the Lodge going. Unfortunately that is not always the case for every Arrowman. Most of us seek the easy way out. "I went through the Ordeal weekend and got my flap sewn on my shirt. I don't need to do anything else." Have you ever known an Arrowman with that attitude? What if our Lodge was a sled dog team mushing through the Iditarod Race? How far would we make it? Maybe to the fourth checkpoint at Finger Lake. Certainly not 1100 miles to the finish line at Nome. Why not you might ask? Just like the sled dog team, our Lodge only succeeds when our entire team comes together and pursues our goals. Each Arrowman brings a different part of our Lodge along the way to victory and without a team effort, we just have a few individuals trying to pull our Lodge by themselves. After giving it everything they have, they will eventually have nothing left and their spirit will collapse just like Marshall. I just hope there is a Scott Janssen in our Lodge who will do everything he can to revive their spirit.

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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	Section 4A Conclave at Camp Karoondinha
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 th 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.