

**THE**  
**HOWLER**  
GYANTWACHIA LODGE #255  
ORDER OF THE ARROW

**The Brotherhood of Cheerful Service**

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**Lodge News**

On September 5<sup>th</sup> 2010, our Lodge Chief Hunter Proctor finished merit badge # 129 which gave him every merit badge in scouting. He became only the 2<sup>nd</sup> scout from Pennsylvania to ever finish them all. The other scout was Jeffery Cordell Jr. of Mercersburg who earned 120 merit badges back in 2004. Records kept on a site at <http://www.meritbadgeknot.com/registry.htm> show that about 125 scouts have been confirmed of earning them all and about 15 others are unconfirmed. This is so unheard of scouting don't keep track of scouts that achieve this goal. Hunter congratulations on reaching another goal that you set for yourself in scouting and we all hope that you reach many more goals you set for yourself in the future!



**The Eighth Point of the Scout Law – Dan Wolboldt**

The eighth point of the Scout Law is one of the twelve planks in the bridge from Scout to Eagle. The more we pay attention to the planks, the easier it is to keep from falling off the bridge. Each plank is important, if one is broken or missing then the journey get harder. Did you figure out which point I am highlighting? A Scout is Cheerful: He smiles whenever he can. His obedience to orders is prompt and cheery. He never shirks nor grumbles at hardships. That is the attitude and the mind set of a good Scout. The Order of the Arrow, Scouting's National Honor Society, is made up of the very best Scouts in our council so we souls be the shining examples of the Scout Law, and all of its points! Enjoy your cheerful service but making sure all your friends from the lodge are there to participate with you. Never allow a lodge function to happen without your contacting all your buddies and doing what-ever-it-takes to get them to be there with you!





**Send me your caption for this cartoon, if we choose yours we will publish your name and Troop number in the next Howler.  
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### **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 you 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 canceled 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!!!

## Campaganza

My experience at Campaganza was great! My troop and I arrived late Friday night, and it turns out everybody else was too because there was a lot of traffic. We couldn't see much by the time we got to our site, but we could see that we were perched right by the lake in the beautiful Moraine State Park.

In the morning after breakfast, some of my buddies and I went to the bus stop to go to the climbing area which was off site. Once we got to the rock face, we were astonished at how puny the natural climbing zone made the rock wall look. After a fairly short wait in line and a few handfuls of candy (my friends could not stop themselves) we got prepared to climb. The path I took was fun but challenging. It consisted of what seemed a lot of footholds but no handholds. Once I finally reached the top, I gently rappelled downward knowing that the climb was well worth the wait.

During the afternoon my activities consisted of: ten minutes in a bounce house, a fun obstacle where you would run as far as you could until a cable pulled you back, and observing a presentation where the Chief Scout Executive, Bob Mazzuca, presented Hunter Proctor with his final merit badge, scuba diving. Mr. Mazzuca noticed I was a life scout and told me I better get my Eagle because he knows where I live! The closing show was entertaining but it was very cold. Among the highlights were Smash Mouth and an explosive ending fireworks display.

Campaganza was a great idea and I felt like it was a small replica of Jamboree. I'm sure the other 14,999 kids felt the same way.

Yours In Scouting – Eric Zavinski – Troop 8



### Vigil Honor

It is truly an honor to become a Vigil honor member in our lodge. When I was a youth in scouting, I never in my wildest dreams thought that I would ever receive a vigil honor in the Order of the Arrow. What makes it even more of an honor to me is that I got to take my Vigil with my son Hunter. Most people may think that becoming a Vigil is the end of your career but Hunter and I both know that it is only a start of a lifelong journey. Thank you all that came and made our Vigil special for both of us.

YiB

John Proctor



## **How Do I Get A Cool Glow-In-The-Dark Bead?**

Every time you submit an article to the Howler and it gets published, you earn a Glow-In-The-Dark bead. In fact, I just earned my second one! It is that simple. Your article can be about an upcoming event, how you feel about something to do with the Order of the Arrow or a report on an event that just happened (such as Eric's article about the Campaganza).



### **Committee's Page**

#### ***Publications Committee Report***

Thank you to everyone who has submitted articles for October/November issue of The Howler. The Howler newsletter is asking Arrowmen from the Gyantwachia Lodge #255 members who can contribute material. We are always looking for new articles or information to include in the newsletter. For the next issue, you can submit content by email to me at [Kurt.Sherrard@gmail.com](mailto:Kurt.Sherrard@gmail.com) or my advisor Mike Brennan at [brennan@kinzua.net](mailto:brennan@kinzua.net). Thank you in advance for your help in making this a great newsletter

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Kurt Sherrard



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## Gyantwachia Lodge Calendar 2010-2011

### November

- Nov 2                   Lodge Meeting
- Nov 5-7                 Section Officers Seminar @ Camp Alpine
- Nov 20                 Fun Day

### December

- Dec 3                   Christmas Walk – Chestnuts 5-10pm
- Dec 4                   Nursing Homes – Food Baskets  
                              9am Salvation Army
- Dec 4                   OA Key 3 Meeting @ Council Office
- Dec 7                   Lodge Meeting
- Dec 10-12             Indian Lore – Fellowship Weekend @ Camp Olmsted
- Dec 18                 Fun Day
- Dec 27-30             National Planning Meeting Irvine TX

### January

- Jan 1                   Unit Elections Begin
- Jan 2                   Family Banquet & Lodge Meeting
- Jan 16-17             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 Concave @ 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**Lodge Website – <http://www.oa255.com>**

