

Article submissions

I have been an active member of our lodge for the past two years. As the secretary of the lodge, I want to promote the youth to be more active. This can be a very fun experience, and you can take it as far as you want to. All it takes is one person to step up and make a big difference in our lodge. Please ask others to also be more active in the lodge, THANK YOU!

Your lodge secretary, Jacob Devereaux

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- Send your articles to me at jamesmwilson@atlanticbb.net
 - Please make the article at least a paragraph long

Don't forget to visit the lodge website from time to time!
<http://www.oa255.com/>




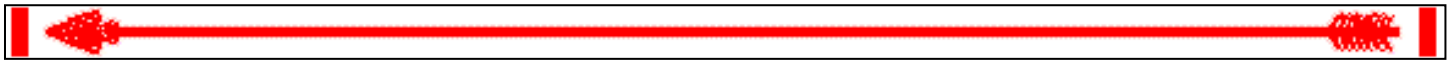
The Troop Representative Meeting – Oct. 11, 2012

The Troop Representative Meeting coincided Thursday, October 11 2012 @ 7:00p.m. alongside the Council planning meeting at the 1st Presbyterian Church in Warren, corner of 3rd and Market St. An optimistic turnout was delivered by the three engaging and responsible troop representatives of troop 6, troop 8 and troop 13: Jacob Devereaux, Ian Proctor and James Wilson respectively. With yours truly in attendance, we were able to collaborate actions and ideas with the few council committee members in attendance. Information regarding popcorn sales and delivery, the council camporee/cub fun day, and dues was circulated throughout the business of the meeting, and hopefully those crucial details will be transmitted to the troops due to the increasing functionality of our representative system. Among other items discussed, district executive, Ernie Crawford, expressed his concerns regarding the improvement and adaptation of the lodge website. It was made evident that the committee (including but not limited to: Ryan Haslett, Tristan Tyler, Jeff Zariczny and Sebastian Mathers) should convene upon the issues and suggestions at hand and take action by updating www.aa255.com. Finally, I would like to thank everyone who attended the meeting, especially the representatives. If taken seriously and done by the book, the responsibilities of the OA representative are many, and I can take solace in knowing that some are going above and beyond to ensure troop-lodge-council communication and therefore, overall functionality as a direct result. Therefore, I encourage the remaining representatives to follow the good examples set by troops 6, 8, and 13 and become more active by attending monthly meetings and performing routine duties and communication. The role of the troop ambassadors within our lodge is more substantial now more than ever and remains a keystone in maintaining structure throughout the council and Gyantwachia lodge. If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either me, my officers or our leading adult advisors. Together, we can continue to make this lodge great!

Yours in Brotherhood,

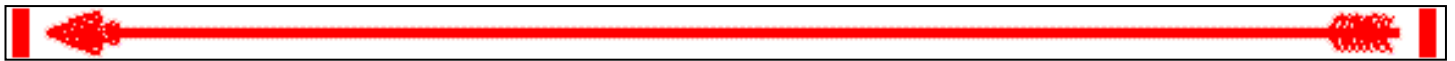
Eric Zavinski
Lodge Chief





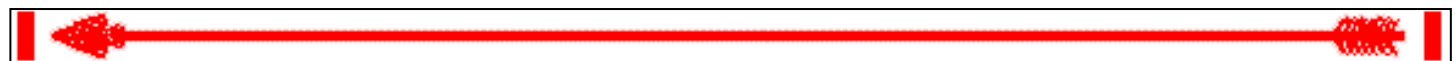
Hello fellow arrowmen, I wanted to talk about the Olmsted Trivia Time. In the Camp Olmsted Growler on the last page, there is a sheet that you are able to fill out and turn in to scout office. If you do this, you are able to win a prize! The answers don't even have to be all correct! Just try them, and you might be able to win.

Yours in Brotherhood, Ian Proctor



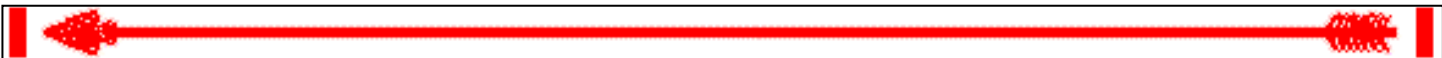
I would like to encourage other members in the lodge to participate in the Howler. It is because of our regular writers that we are able to sustain an actual Howler for the past three editions. Anyone can send in articles about anything they did in scouting (Both in their own troop, and in the lodge). Although the articles from the active writers are appreciated, it would be nice if we could have a more diverse selection of members. (If possible-Send articles titled Article submission to my E-mail jamesmwilson@atlanticbb.net)

Thank you, James Wilson



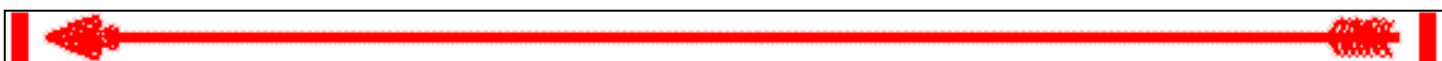
On the weekend of April 5-7, Gyantwachia Lodge will be hosting an on-site COC for section NE-4A. During that weekend they will be discussing and finalizing the events that will be happening during Section Conclave which will take place on June 7-9. We are asking for Gyantwachia Arrowmen to come help out for both events. Back to the on-site COC, where showing the other lodges where they will be staying and where their events will take place. We are also asking for a cook crew to serve meals to the Arrowmen who attended the COC meeting. For any questions on the matter, call me at (814)-563-3530.

Yours truly, Hunter Proctor

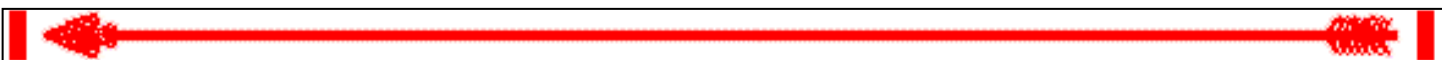


At our Nov. 6, 2012 Lodge meeting, our Chief Eric Zavinski and James Wilson helped us by providing training on our upcoming Unit Elections. We talked about the process of the elections, so that each member would be better prepared to help their elections within their troops. If a troop elects a youth, then the troop committee is eligible to nominate an adult for membership. The adult must have 15 days and nights of camping within the last 24 months.

Thank you, Dan Wolboldt



On the meeting of 11/6/12 we had a mock unit election. There were six of us that were voting. Hunter told everyone to vote for everyone except Brian Maynard. When they read off the names of who was elected, everyone stood up except Brian. Now Brian is “not” in the Order of the Arrow. That was our fun for the night.



This year Gyantwachia Lodge will be hosting the NE-4A section conclave. I myself encourage all lodge members to attend. The dates of the event are June 7-9. The cost for the weekend is \$25. This isn't an ordinary event, it is a themed Casino Royale, so put on your best tux and have a good old 007 time.

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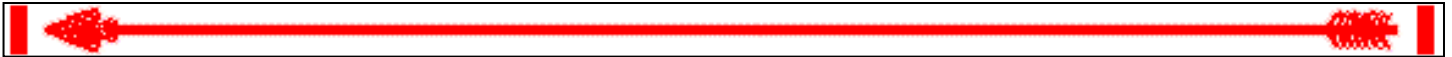


Tyler Allen elected to serve as 2012 Region Chief

On the morning of December 28th, Tyler Allen was elected by his fellow Section Chiefs to serve as the 2013 Northeast Region Chief. Tyler is an Eagle Scout and a Vigil Honor member from Langundowi Lodge of the French Creek Council. He has served as a Lodge Chief, Section Chief of NE-4A, attended the NLS Train the Trainer, staffed 4 NLS's, served on the 2012 NOAC Conference Committee and staff, and was a foreman last summer at the OAOA High Adventure program.

Tyler is a sophomore at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, majoring in Geology.

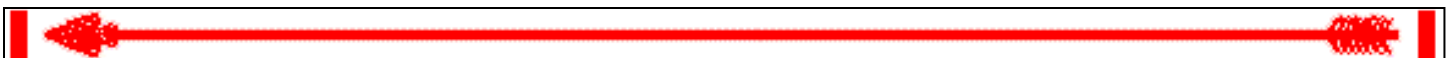
Please join us in welcoming Tyler in to his new role!



Eric Bush concludes his term as 2012 Region Chief

The leadership of the Northeast Region is grateful to Eric for his year of service as our Region Chief. He spent over 100 days on the road, in uniform, representing the Northeast Region. This included leadership of 4 National Leadership Seminars- including the first one in Germany, attendance at 2 Region Board meetings, the NLS Train the Trainer, the National Order of the Arrow Conference, the Gathering of Leaders, as well as numerous lodge and section events.

Eric was presented with a frame full of the patches from the events he helped lead this year as well as a James E. West Fellowship in his honor.



100th Anniversary of the Chief Cornplanter Council

2013 marks the 100th Anniversary of our Council. There are many events taking place this year that you, as an OA member, can help with. Please step up and volunteer to help as often as you can. You will not only make good memories for any who attend that event, but you will grow and learn and become more self-aware and self-confident in yourself as a leader of your fellow youth. Cheerful service to others is a "Good" thing.

Gyantwachia Lodge Calendar 2013

2013	100th Anniversary of the Chief Cornplanter Council!!!!!!
Jan 1, 2013	Unit Elections begin
Jan 5	(Saturday)Family Banquet and Lodge Meeting
Jan 10	Troop Rep Meeting
Jan 13	CoC meeting
Jan 19	Winterfest at Chapman's Dam
Jan 26	Klondike Derby at Camp Olmsted!!!
January	Howler Publisher
Feb 2	Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner
Feb 3	Scout Sunday/ Community Scout Sunday Service
Feb 5	Lodge Meeting
Feb 6	Uniform Day
Feb 7	Camp Leader's Chili Dinner (Roundtable)
Feb 14	Troop Rep Meeting
Feb 22-23	Fun Day at NWPC Community House
Mar 5	Lodge Meeting/100 th Anniversary Video Contest
Mar 12/13	St Patrick's Day Pancake Dinner
Mar 14	Troop Rep Meeting
Apr 2	Lodge Meeting
April	Howler Published
Apr 5-7	CoC at Camp Olmsted/Walk through
Apr 11	Troop Rep Meeting
May 2	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Unit elections completed for 2013
May 4, 11, 18, 25	Beaver Days
May 7	Lodge Meeting (Election of Lodge Officers)
May 9	Troop Rep Meeting
May 14	Vigil Nominations due to CCC office
May 17-19	Ordeal Weekend/ Vigil Meeting
May 27	All conclave money to Section 4A Account at CCC office
Jun 1	Fun Day/Beaver Day at Camp
Jun 4	Lodge Meeting
Jun 7-9 201	Section 4A Conclave at Camp Olmsted

Jun 13	Troop Rep Meeting
Jun 14	Flag Day, Elks Club 6:00 p.m.
Jun 15	Beaver Day at Camp
Jun 22-28	Summer Camp at Camp Olmsted
Jun 28	OA Day at Camp Olmsted, Installation of Officers
Jun 28-30	Ordeal Weekend/Silver Wolf/Beaver Day at Camp Lodge Leadership Development Course & Lodge Meeting
July	Howler Published
Jul 4 th	4 th of July Parade!
Jul 15-24	National Scout Jamboree!!!!
Jul 18-21	Cub Scout Summer Adventure
Aug 2-3	LODGE CONCLAVE /Fun Day/Beaver Day
Sep 3	Lodge Meeting
Sep 12	Troop Rep Meeting
Sep 20-22	National Leadership Seminar/NLS/NLATS at Camp Alpine
Oct 1	Start Camp Promotions and Staff Recruitment
Oct 1 7:30pm	Lodge Meeting (7 pm help for Brotherhood trail
Oct 10	Troop Rep Meeting
Oct 26	Spook-A-Rama
Nov 5	Lodge Meeting
Nov 9	100 th Anniversary Dinner at the Conawango Club
Nov 15-16	Fun Day at NWPC Community House
Dec 3	Lodge Meeting (Brotherhood Trail help)
Dec 6 Friday Night	Christmas Walk Chestnuts 5-10PM Parade 6PM
Dec 7	Nursing Homes/Food Baskets 9AM Salvation Army
Dec 12	Troop Rep Meeting



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