

Article submissions

The wheels on the bus go...

Dear fellow Arrowmen,

When I went to the 2012 NOAC, it was amazing. I encourage that you go to the next NOAC as soon as possible. The story I would enjoy sharing with you is the bus rides to and from different events. There were bus routes that brought you to wherever you wanted to go; One bus brought you 20 miles away to go and ride on a BMX track. While going down the road, one kid on the bus says, "How far away is this meeting?" To this, everyone that heard this told him that this bus was the one that took them to the BMX course. So this person managed to take 2 hours out of his day riding buses. The moral of this story is, make sure you take the correct bus to and from your desired destinations.

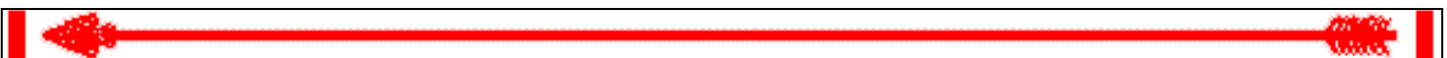
Yours in brotherhood,

Ian Proctor

- 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/>





Indian Lore

I firmly welcome the new lodge chief Eric Zavinski, and thank him for making me the new Ceremonies/ Indian Lore Chairman. I hope to increase membership in our ceremonial team (since we are in need of new members). I am also currently thinking of starting a drum and/or dance team. Please see me if interested.

Sincerely,

Dominick Giannini



At NOAC 2012 Michigan State University, Our lodge chief, Eric Zavinski competed in the Vigil Ceremonial competition. Usually our lodge has just competed in the Pre-Ordeal ceremony. This time, our team did not want to use their NOAC time to compete. Eric , however, put in the hours of preparation, and was rewarded for his hard work. He was awarded the highest honor given to any competitor. ASK HIM TO SEE HIS RIBBON AND MEDAL! It was awesome, congratulations Eric.

Yours in brotherhood,

Dan Wolboldt



Wow! I don't know if you understand what a turnaround we have had in submissions for our Howler. We have probably done a complete 180. Everyone who has spent at least 5 minutes writing an article for me deserves their glow in the dark bead. Don't forget! If you write at least one article for each edition of the Howler (which comes out every 3 months now), for 4 editions in a row, you now earn a glow in the dark claw!

Thank you,

James Wilson

High Adventure

The OA provides opportunity for youth from age 16 up to their 21st birthday to take advantage of the 3 high adventure bases at a discounted price by giving service to each base then setting out on an adventure with the rest of your crew. In most cases the cost is less than one half of the normal trek price. I myself have never been to Northern Tier or Sea Base but I have been to Philmont Scout Ranch and hope that every scout has the opportunity to visit from 1 to all 3 of these. I heard about Philmont and all the talk about how great it was to go but never realized how great they was till I was there being a part of what everyone before me that was there was talking about. Truly a place I could visit over and over again. If you have any interest in signing up for an OA crew please see Jacob Devereaux or myself for an application. You may also print one off the OA site

<http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/>

Sincerely,

John Proctor



NOAC 2012 - Michigan State University

Wow, what a NOAC! I am writing this article about the food at the cafeteria. It was not your typical “camp food.” There were 9 different food lines, each with different types a food in each one. Once you were in the door you could pick the line , or lines, that you wanted to go to. Some of us just kept going back to the same line over and over again. My personal favorite was the dessert line! The mango smoothies were second to none! If I wanted real food, I usually went to the “wock” line. The best they had to offer were shrimps, pea pods, garlic, onions, and peppers all over rice (usually with ginger sauce). The American family line consisted of, cheeseburgers, fries with gravy, and vegetables. Don Mong made his home at the Mexican line. Then many of our youth always made their way into the pizza line. Folks who wanted to “eat healthy” could hit the Subway line (I never treated myself over there!). Some lines you could hit more than once, so you could get seconds, thirds, or even fourths! All in all, I can hardly wait to go back to the MSU so I can once again gain another 10 lbs. in one week. What a NOAC!

Humbly,





2012 National Order of the Arrow Conference United, We Leave A Legacy!

NOAC this year was a blast! 15 members from Gyantwachia Lodge #255 attended: Eric Zavinski, Hunter Proctor, Ian Proctor, Jacob Devereaux, Jeff Zariczny, Stephen Crone, Michael Crone, Mike Crone Sr., Dan Wolboldt, Ernie Crawford, Tom Zaffino, Mark Woody, Rick Kemp, Pork Conacher and Don Mong. For 6 days and 5 nights (July 30-August 4), Michigan State University was home to over 7,000 excited arrowmen in attendance. And there was much to be excited about: expertly crafted training cells in the morning, various programs and physical activity in the afternoon and amazing arena shows in the evening followed by a calming night of patch trading. However, one of the many highlights of the experience may be the absolutely incredible food served at Brody Hall. Its second-floor cafeteria was a magical place that surrounded you with many different cultures, and with it, many different foods as well. The selection was in a word: enormous! Want a mango smoothie for breakfast? Have at it! How about chili-cheese fries for lunch with a side of cotton candy ice cream? Why Not?! Craving for stir fry, pizza or fried chicken for dinner? Ultimately, the choice was yours, and that was the sole reason why Gyantwachia Lodge did not mind the brisk morning walks because we enthusiastically anticipated the treasures that would be awaiting us.

Now, back to the activities, shall we? There was always plenty to do at NOAC including climbing walls, running COPE courses, patch trading, swimming and just taking in the atmosphere of the massive campus. However, I would like to touch base on some of the more peculiar activities, one of which involved two arrowmen smashing into each other while incased in giant inflatable balls. Although Jake Devereaux succeeded in giving me quite the beating, it was still an enjoyable, yet disorienting, experience. Speaking of experiences, why not check out The Experience headed by our very own section chief, Tyler Allen. Another one of those magical venues, the ice hockey arena was temporarily used as a center for socializing, advertising and most of all: free stuff! Regardless of how many free Frisbees, T-shirts, water bottles, patches and sunscreen containers you went home with, one will always remember the quite remarkable thing that happened to one of our very own lodge members. Michael Crone won the national patch auction! Not only does this mean wonders for our personal lodge auction this winter, but it also cemented into our minds a memory of Michael bringing a box of about 200 patches to our dorms and, being the modest man he is, simply shrugging it off as proclaiming it, "just a bunch of patches to drag home."

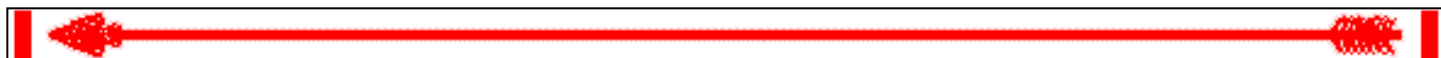
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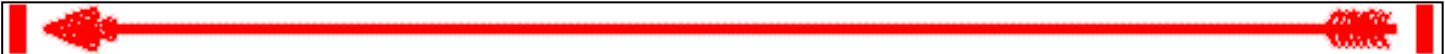
Other noteworthy events included the 4 spectacular arena shows, the Grand Hodag, section and region gatherings, and founder's day, all of which will be described in further detail in the remainder of this newsletter. Also, as an Eagle Scout, Lodge Chief and section officer, I had the rare opportunity to attend many luncheons highlighted with exceptional food and engaging keynote speakers, one of which was the national chief himself, John Rehm. The NESAs recognition dinner was also home to some gifted people, one of which was Alvin Townley who has authored 2 incredible books, *Legacy of Honor* and *Spirit of Adventure*, that serve a very special purpose in scouting and should have a place on every scouter's book shelf. I was also very proud to represent our lodge in the ceremonies competitions by participating in the vigil honor evaluation. As in 2009, when our pre-ordeal team received honor status, I brought home honor recognition again, this time for my pre-vigil ceremony.

Whatever you did or got out of the NOAC experience, it was guaranteed that you had fun and learned some invaluable information that can and will be used to better the lodge. Regardless of where you were and what you did, the theme of unity as an essential tool in leaving a lasting legacy was always evident. Lastly, I am certain that all of us had a blast, and I encourage all arrowmen to attend NOAC in 2015 when we will celebrate the Order of the Arrow's 100th Anniversary!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Eric Zavinski - Lodge Chief





Lodge Report & NOAC Report
September 16, 2012 Council of Chiefs
Lodge Chief Eric Zavinski

2 new Ordeal members

5 new Brotherhood members

Installment of New Officers:

Lodge Chief: Eric Zavinski

Lodge Vice Chief of Service and Activities: Michael Tyler

Lodge Vice Chief of Membership and Communications: Ryan Haslett

Lodge Secretary: Jacob Devereaux

Same Old Advisors:

Lodge Adviser: Daniel Wolboldt

Staff Adviser: Ernie Crawford

Supreme Chief of the Fire: Kevin Bonner

Events since last CoC:

Flag Day @ Elks Lodge #223

Beaver Days

OA Day @ Summer Camp

Post-Camp Ordeal/Meeting

Cub Summer Adventure

September Lodge Meeting

NOAC Report:

15 Attendees (8 adults, 7 youth)

Dan Wolboldt, Ernie Crawford, Don Mong, Rick Kemp, Mark Woody,

Tom Zaffino, Pork Conacher, Mike Crone Sr.

Eric Zavinski, Hunter Proctor, Ian Proctor, Jacob Devereaux, Jeff

Zariczny, Stephen Crone, Michael Crone

Michael Crone won The Expo Patch Auction

Eric Zavinski received Honor status in Vigil Ceremony Evaluation

Daniel Wolboldt participated in the Brotherhood Choir



Gyantwachia Lodge Calendar 2012-2013

2012

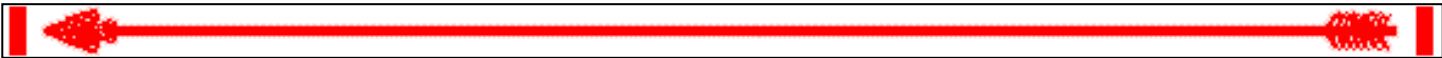
Oct 2 7:30 Lodge Meeting (7 pm Brotherhood Trail help!)
Oct 11 Troop Rep Meeting
Oct 19-21 Fall Camporee/Cub Fun Day at Chapman's Dam
October Howler Published!
Nov 6 Lodge Meeting
Nov 8 Troop Rep Meeting
Nov 16-17 Fun Day at NWPC Community House
Dec 4 Lodge Meeting
Dec 7 Christmas Walk
Dec 8 Nursing Home Visitation/Key 3 meeting
Dec 13 Troop Rep Meeting

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/100th 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 9	COC meeting at 10 am
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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