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## CONCLAVE 2011

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This year Conclave will be hosted by Talligewi Lodge at Camp Crooked Creek located in Shepherdsville, KY, April 8th - 10th. Conclave, For those of y'all who do not know, is fellowship between all the lodges in our Section. Every year there are several activities to choose from, such as: AIE, High Adventure,



Patches for all you patch traders or collectors, Training, Ceremonies, Campfires, and the biggest event of every conclave... QUEST! The

more people we bring to conclave the better the event will be guys. Some lodges choose a theme for the event so if anyone has an idea of a possible theme please inform any Lodge Officer. An idea for a bus to Conclave has been brought up and that is still under discussion among the officers. Conclave 2011 will be a great event and I hope to see everyone there!



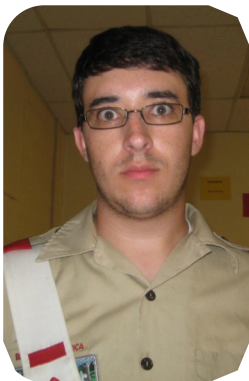
Ittawamba Lodge will be sending our members on a once in a lifetime experience. This summer, several youth and adults from around our council will be going to the New River Gorge National Park in West Virginia. They will be upgrading the trail bed of the Garden Grand Hike and Bike Trail, along with removing invasive species to prepare the Boy Scout's new high adventure base and the new home of the National Jamboree site—The Summit: Bechtel Family National Reserve. This event will include leadership courses that will better the individual and also fun and recreation throughout the week. To participate, the youth will need to be 14 by July 1. Be ready to work and have a blast!

There are still a limited number of slots available for the low cost of \$325. This cost will pay for seven days of program, 18 meals, safety equipment, insurance coverage, recognition items, a full day of recreational fun, full transportation, and lodge items. If you are interested in attending this once in a lifetime event, contact Ryan Burlesci via email or telephone at [secretary@ittawamba.org](mailto:secretary@ittawamba.org) or at 731-926-6786.

# 2011 Lodge Officers



## Who are they?



Lodge Members,

As most of you by now know, I am Clint Beilke, Ittawamba Lodge Chief for the 2010 and 2011 year and First-Vice Chief for the 2009 year. I also served as Iron Horse Chapter Chief in 2008. Originally out of Troop 15 in Jackson, Tn, with Scoutmaster John Robinson, my family moved to the Scotts Hill Area for my mom's new job. Due to the move, I joined Troop 119 in Lexington with Mr. George Morris and Mrs. and Mr. Bonnie Ward. Although I was inducted into the Order of the Arrow while in Troop 15, Troop 119 sparked my interest for the leadership roles available in OA after serving in several positions in the Troop.

Boy Scouts of America and the Order of the Arrow are truly at the center of my life, as can be confirmed by any of my closest friends in and out of scouting, and I am honored to have had the privilege to know the scouts and scouters of West Tennessee Area Council.

As I have always said, the number one key to any Lodge Officers' success is the support of the Lodge. Without the Lodge's participation, it is simply impossible to put on a quality program. The job of the Lodge Chief is to insure a quality program which operates efficiently and trains as many Order of the Arrow members in Ittawamba Lodge #235 as possible while focusing and maintaining a brotherhood of cheerful service. My key objectives for the 2011 year are as follows:

- 1) Reassess our approach on promoting Lodge events and begin using all of our communicative resources to the fullest extent.
- 2) Provide ultimate service to Boy Scouts of America and our community.
- 3) Last, my wish is to provide the best leadership through service for Ittawamba Lodge remembering that it is the Lodge by whom I was elected and it is the Lodge for whom I shall work.

As Robert Half said best, "Delegating work works, provided the one delegating works, too."

Hi, I am Will Brantley your First Vice Chief of Ittawamba Lodge and have many goals I plan to achieve this year. The main goal I have is for us to get the extended elangomat program started in our Lodge to make our brotherhood retention rate grow stronger within our lodge. I also plan on having one of the most productive service days by putting more planning into effect this year.

The most influential person to me in scouting is my dad. My dad is the most influential person to me, not because he is at every scouting events because he can't now but because he chose to be my scoutmaster when he really didn't have the time. He was owning his own business and working all the time but he still found time to help plan our meetings and help with every outing.



**WILL**



**NICK**

Hello fellow arrowmen I am Nick Varnick, your 2011 Lodge 2nd vice chief and also your 2011 Ironhorse Chapter Chief. I am a Brotherhood member of troop 203 as well as an Eagle Scout. I ran for lodge office because I feel that I can improve the way we do things and overall make things enjoyable and fun for each and every single member of our Lodge. My biggest Role Model in scouts is Paul Kilzer, my scoutmaster for 5 years. Mr. Paul has given me more advice than a scout could ask for. He has taught me things I will never forget and helped me become the leader I am today. This year, I plan to improve our program at every lodge event and improve communication with everyone in the lodge. I'm also going to create a plan with our Lodge Advisor and fellow lodge officers to increase membership retention and attendance at lodge events. 2011 can be great, so lets all work together and make it happen!

It is a great honor to have been selected as the 2011 Lodge Secretary. Over the last year, my main goal has been to get a steady newsletter in flow and get the general gist of the Lodges functions down. This year I plan to do the same, and more! As your 2011 Lodge Secretary, my goals are to get 4 awesome and informative newsletters out to ALL the registered members of our lodge. I also plan on working with Clint (Lodge Chief) and all the Chapter Officers to come up with a membership retention plan. But, my main goal for 2011 is to make the communications better than they have ever been before. There are already many great ideas that I hope to put into action to make our lodge the best it can be. This year can and will be a great year for me, and I hope that we can all make it a great year for You too!



**RYAN**



**TRAVIS**

Hello, I am Travis Geisel and I have been in scouting for around 10 years now. I am a life scout with troop 203 and a brotherhood member of the order of the arrow. I am the 2011 Ittawamba Lodge Treasurer.

My goals for 2011 include expanding the lodge trading post program I have already started. I hope to design more lodge apparel items so you can show your lodge spirit wherever you go. I want to also have a lodge patch designing committee to get the latest ideas from the brotherhood of our lodge.

By: Travis Geisel

# FUN, FELLOWSHIP,...



Fun, fellowship, and the presentation of the 2010 Vigil Class are just a few of the many memories created at the Ittawamba Lodge Fall Fellowship we had in the beginning of October. Our 2011 Second Vice Chief, Nick Varnick, completely revamped the schedule and activities at Fall Fellowship. One major addition to the schedule was quest. For those of you who haven't been to Conclave Quest, it is an event amongst lodges in our section

(or chapters at fall fellowship) where everyone comes together to play fun and exciting games. The games range from brown bag special and baby bottle suck to the classic tug-of-war. For those of you who were not at Fall Fellowship I encourage you to come next year. (While your there visit the Traveling Trading Post to find some great deals on your favorite snacks and support your lodge)

## EVENTS TO REMEMBER

Feb. 18-20	NLS
Apr. 8-10	Conclave
May 1	LEC
May 13-15	Ordeals
May 20-22	Ordeals

## LLDC Lodge Leadership Development

LLDC was Saturday November 13, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM, at Alexander Elementary in Jackson. The events were actually on time and everything just worked out. There were plenty of breaks so we didn't have to sit for long periods. To me it was the most information and enlightening LLDC that I have went to since I started in 2008. What did we do? Some of the classes that we took were The Dynamics of Leadership, Unit Election Teams, High Adventure,

etc. I'm pretty sure that when everyone thinks of LLDC they think of some really boring, long, and annoying class that never ends, but the teachers got involved... and so did the students. The registration was \$5 if you registered by mail in, but \$10 for walk-on. The payment was totally worth it because that paid for lunch and all of the classes. It was an amazing experience and I suggest everyone in the OA

should go. Anyone who does go will realize that it was the most informative learning experience, and it was very fun... and don't forget to go to the Traveling Trading Post. On the TTP there were things such as Slim Jims, sodas, candy, water, and even the sport bags. So, please go to the next LLDC or any next OA event, it's OA so it is fun.

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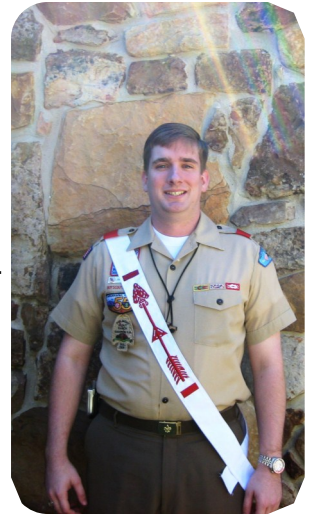
Do you like fun? Do you like learning? Do you like Indian lore? Do you like OA Inductions and Ceremonies? Well, if you do, the Order of the Arrow has the perfect event for you! It is the National Order of the Arrow Indian Summer the Arrow Indian Summer. The last national OA Indian Summer was held in 2003. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about American Indian material culture and expand your knowledge in Order of the Arrow ceremonies! To sign up with the local contingent, contact Clint Beilke at [chief@ittawamba.org](mailto:chief@ittawamba.org)

# Advisor's Minute

With every new year comes the college football bowl season. Many people will be glued to their televisions in anticipation of an upset game or a trick play that will be replayed on SportsCenter numerous times. I think of our upcoming Winter Banquet just like a football bowl game. Winter Banquet is the culmination of the past year's events. We will reflect on the past and recognize the hard work of individu-

als, chapters, and our lodge. Our past year has flown by, and the Winter Banquet will soon be a memory. After the Winter Banquet, our Lodge will do like every football team and return back to the basic fundamentals that every Lodge works on each year. As we start out 2011, let's execute the fundamentals that make the Ittawamba Lodge a great

lodge. Whether it is unit elections, camp promotions, or service to Scouting, we can all strive harder so that our team is successful in the end. If you do not yet have an assignment, we can get you plugged into the team. Everyone has a part, and everyone must do their part to insure success in 2011!



## JIM

## 2010 Vigil Honor Recipients



This award is given not only for the service that has been given but also for the service the individual is expected to give in the future.

Jake Snyder— One who is tall

Will Brantley— One who is reliable

Jesse Thompson— One who loves nature

Brad Gore— Bald Bear

Al Cresanto— Singing Bear

Bonnie Ward— Humble Servant

**Thank you all for your continued service!**

## Clint's Spotlight

Ittawamba Lodge. What a name. As we go into 2011, I would ask that you do one thing.

Remember:

Order of the Arrow is part of Boy Scouts of America

Boy Scouts of America came before Order of the Arrow and it is the purpose of the Order of the Arrow to recognize those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law; not to take them away from scouting

That your troop/unit comes first

That in order for this Lodge to function, the youth who make up the Lodge have to take part.

I am honored to be serving Ittawamba Lodge #235 for a third year and I thank you. But I believe that in order for this year to be the best ever, it's going to take more than I can accomplish. I am going to need your help.



2011 Lodge Officers



Founders Day Award Recipients:

Youth- Owen Lewis

Adult- John Taylor



National OA Chairman  
Mr. Ray Capps

# WINTER

# BANQUET 2011

The year has already had a great start with our winter banquet. This year we were honored to have Ray Capps, the National OA Chairman. We also had a great turnout and awesome food! From the induction ceremony to Travis's trading post, we had one of the best winter banquets in lodge history!

### Chapter Award Recipients:

Outstanding Service to Scouting Award  
Recipient- Ironhorse Chapter

Excellence in Camp Promotions-  
Oktibbeha Chapter

Highest Brotherhood Conversion Award  
Winner- Oktibbeha Chapter

Ittawamba Most Improved Chapter-  
Shiloh Chapter

Outstanding Support of Ittawamba  
Lodge- Gunaxin Chapter



2010 Unsung Arrowman  
Recipient : Nick Varnick



Youth Recipient Exceptional Service  
to the Lodge: Ryan Burlesci



Adult Recipient for Exceptional  
Service to the Lodge: Jim Ross