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CONCLAVE 2011

By:
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Conclave 2011 was a blast! Severe weather did not dampen the spirit of the Ittawamba Lodge contingent. Our lodge contingent dug in deep and set their sights on winning the Quest for the Golden Arrow.



interest, there were other activities such as..."Patch Trading, AIE, Ceremonies Evaluations, Training Classes, and Excellent meals prepared by the Host Lode Taligewi. Those of you who did not attend truly missed a great weekend. I know I am already looking forward to next year's Conclave!

After it was all said and done we placed in several field events as well as publications. In the end, we placed Second Over-

all in the Quest for The Golden Arrow! Don't let Quest shadow the rest of the weekend though. If field events was not your particular

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OA NIGHT @ CMM



By:
Clint Beilke

Have you ever thrown a hatchet? What about a pie? Have you ever done either one of those at Summer Camp? If not, you are in for a real treat if you are camping at Camp Mack Morris this year!

During OA Night, Tuesday every week during Summer Camp, Ittawamba Lodge is hosting several events for everybody at Camp to enjoy such as the hatchet toss, booths in the dining hall about all things oa, door prizes, free snacks, games, AND pie your favorite staff member! All pies would be auctioned off starting at \$1 per pie and whoever the highest bidder is, gets to a staff member!

If you have any games that you would like to see at the OA night, please send us an email at oa-night@ittawamba.org! We want to know what you like!

By: Jacob White

**EVENTS TO REMEMBER**

Fall Beaver Day	Aug 13
LEC	Sept 11
Fall Fellowship	Sept 16-17
Section 6 CoC	Nov 4-6
LLDC	Nov 12
LEC	Dec 12
AIE Seminar	Dec 9-11
2012	
OA Winter Banquet	Jan 7
Callouts @ Winterfest	Jan 28
Section 6 CoC	Jan 27-29
LEC	Feb 26
NLATS/NLS	Mar 2-4
Ordeal # 1	Mar 16-18
Conclave	April 20-22
Spring Beaver Day	May 12
Ordeal # 2	May 18-20
NOAC	Jul 29-Aug 4

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High Adventure!

Take a few minutes out of your busy day to imagine what I'm about to describe. You are sitting at the top of a very steep hill, so steep it could almost be called a cliff. At the bottom of this cliff waves slowly crash



into the rocky shoreline one hundred feet below you. You look out into the distance and see nothing but blue water for miles, literally for twenty miles. You cannot believe that you are actually blessed enough to spend only a few hours in such an amazing part of God's creation! I felt this and much more last summer when I had the opportunity to travel to northern Minnesota to participate in the Wilderness Voyage program put on by the National Order of the Arrow.

Though I've told many of you before of my experiences in the Boundary Waters, I would like to once again reiterate how strongly I was inspired by the OA Voyage Program. I even have the chance to work this summer as a foreman for the program and to impact other Arrowmen from around the country hopefully as much as I was impacted.

Order of the Arrow High Adventure exists every summer as three major programs, each based in one of Scouting's premier high adventure bases that you are all familiar with: Philmont Scout Ranch, Northern Tier Canoe Base, and Florida's Sea Base. Philmont hosts the

Trail Crew program, Northern Tier provides the wilderness for the Wilderness Voyage and Canadian Odyssey programs, and Sea Base is home to OA Ocean Adventure. Each of these programs offers an unusual opportunity available only to youth members of the Order of the Arrow. During each program, you will be put into

a crew with other Arrowmen from around the country, guided by two foremen who work for the program all summer. Your crew will be given a task, whether it is rebuilding canoe portages or switchback trails at Northern Tier or Philmont, respectively, or providing service to the Florida Keys at Sea Base. For about six days, you will serve cheerfully by giving back to the wilderness, learning the true meaning of Leave No Trace, and accomplishing irksome tasks you thought never possible before you were put into your crew. Once the work is completed, you get to spend the final week of your adventure exploring the high adventure area you have just finished serving. At Northern Tier, you go on a canoe voyage mapped out by you and your crew, at Philmont you have an opportunity to backpack trails unavailable even to regular visitors of the area, and at Sea Base your crew will work together to learn the skills of sailing, snorkeling, scuba diving, etc, in the Florida Keys. Two weeks in the Scout Base of your choice, and for only half the price it might cost you to go with your Boy Scout troop or Venturing crew. And you were questioning whether it would be worth it!

Adviser's Corner



Jim Cheatham
Lodge Adviser

The time of year is upon us where we expand our circle to the newest class of Ordeal candidates. Every year new members join our lodge and begin to experience the spirit of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service in its infancy that builds within us year after year.

As the season of Ordeals comes, I challenge each of us to reach out to a new member whom you do not know so

that they feel welcome in our circle. We were all once that new Ordeal candidate bound by the common theme of servant leadership. You might make a new friend for life. You never know what might happen! The impact you have with an individual or this organization may never be fully visible. Nelson Henderson was quoted saying, "The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit." Let us all strive to be a cheerful spirit for all of those around us!

Section Update



On Sunday, April 10th, the 2011 - 2012 Section Officers were elected to lead the section in the next year. The election was held at the end of the 2011 Conclave at Camp Crooked Creek and the election was led by outgoing section chief Mitchell Saulsbury.

The new Section Officers for 2011 are:

Section Chief- Alex Hill

Section Vice Chief- Matt Brown

Section Secretary- Aaron Shepherd

Clint's Spotlight

65 people. Storms. 6 hour drive(at least). Those are not three things that usually come to mind when I think of a Conclave... But this year at Camp Crooked Creek, about 6 hours away in Shepherdsville, KY, where it rained for most of Friday and much of Saturday, we had great attendance with 65 members!

While at Conclave, our Lodge had participation in every event imaginable. From teaching classes, to learning ceremonies, to judging quest games, and so much more! This year, we won the Josh Sain Award along countless ribbons for placing in various Quest events.

Back on the home front, our 1st Annual Scout Service Center Beaver was held on April 30, 2011. Due to many other council events taking place on that day, there was a considerably small crowd. Luckily, we had just enough to get the job done. We are all glad to give cheerful service to our Council!!

And now I would like to Congratulate all of the newly elected Ordeal Candidates! It is a privilege and an honor to be elected into the Order of the Arrow, and a great chance to meet new life-long friends at any of the OA events that are coming up in the next few years such as; Summit Corps, Indian Summer, Fall Fellowship, LLD, Winter Banquet, Conclave, NOAC, and so much more!



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