



The Standing Brave

Second Quarter—April 2010
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Chickagami Lodge 180

Upcoming Events

Camp Cleanup

April 17, 2010

Spring Camporee

April 23-25, 2010

Section Conclave

April 30-May 2, 2010

Scout Show

August 20-22, 2010

Fall Fellowship TENTATIVE

August 27-29, 2010

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Chiefly News

Matthew Allen

First I want to congratulate everyone who went through the Ordeal this weekend, new arrowmen are what keeps this lodge running. We also need to thank the new Brotherhood members for remaining active and sealing their membership in our Order, as well as three of our new Vigil Honor members. The Section Conclave is fast approaching and we need everyone to attend to support our Section Chief Alex. At the section level I know that Chickagami can be a thriving force and I hope to see you all there. This fall we will be hosting a Fall Fellowship for the first time in around 8 years. Fall Fellowships are a great way to get to know your fellow lodge members and to have fun at camp. Most of all enjoy your summer!

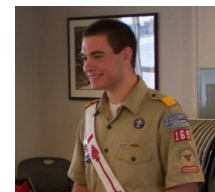
Section C-2A Conclave 2010

Fellow Brothers,

At the end of the month we will be attending the 2010 Section Conclave at Camp Miakonda in Toledo Ohio. Help us welcome Tindeuchen back into the Section as we have fun, receive some excellent training, and get to know other arrowmen in our area. Most importantly we need many more youth to attend so that the lodge will have a full ten votes at the Sunday Business meeting. If that's not enough, the National Chief Brad Lichota will be on site to answer any questions you might have and to sign your OA sash.

Alex Allen

Section C-2A Chief



Order of the Arrow High Adventure



Have you ever been to Philmont? What about Florida Sea Base or Northern Tier? If you haven't, why not? Order of the Arrow Trail Crew: a two-week adventure at Philmont for only \$200. You will have a chance to work with your squad of arrowmen from around the country to improve trails at Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico. The second week is spent hiking your squad planned adventure. Not only will you make new friends, you will get to experience Philmont in a way only few will have the opportunity to. Unfortunately, for 2010 Florida Sea Base's Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure has been cancelled, but there is still Wilderness Voyage and Canadian Odyssey at Northern Tier in Minnesota. You will be working on portage trails and various projects and spending the second week with your squad planned voyage through the Boundary Waters. Sound interesting? Wilderness voyage and Canadian Odyssey are \$150 and \$200 respectively. Head to adventure.oa-bsa.org to fill out an application. If you are interested talk to Section Chief Alex Allen sometime this weekend.



National Leadership Seminar

The National Leadership Seminar (NLS) is a weekend training program focusing on leadership development. Run by the Region Chief and his Advisers, it provides an in-depth look at leadership skills and techniques. An NLS discusses how these skills can be applied in your role in the OA and in other aspects of your life. More detailed information is available from your lodge leaders, the Section Chief or Adviser, or the Region Chief or Region Chair. Each region runs their own NLS program, so detailed information on upcoming NLS sessions is usually available on the appropriate region web site. If you are interested in attending an NLS, please contact your Lodge Chief or Adviser for registration information.

As one Arrowman described his NLS experience:

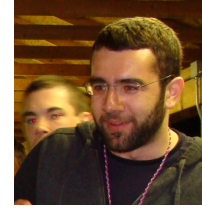
*"The Staff for the training was excellent. We were privileged to have our National Vice-Chief, the Region Chief, and several Section Chiefs and various members of the National OA Committee. A **Great** staff.*

*"Well, I have now been given more useful tools to use to help the Arrowmen in my Council improve themselves and the Lodge. I feel a little less nervous about my own position.... "If and when you get the chance to attend a NLS, **GO!**"*

If you are interested in NLS, Chickagami will be attending at D-bar-A in October

Facebook and Website—James Lovallo

The new website is www.chickagami.org. We hope to use this as a tool to save money by having the forms, by-laws, and The Standing Brave available for download for your enjoyment. Chickagami 180 is also on Facebook as well as Section C-2A. Both are useful tools to find the dates and locations of events and to share ideas with other members. ****NOTE:** If your email address is in our database you will no longer receive a paper copy of this newsletter.

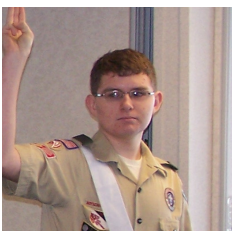


Elections—Tom Casaceli

At the beginning of the year, we planned to do ALL elections for 2010 between January 1, and March 31. As we did not have enough time to complete all elections we will be conducting a few over the summer. If you unit did not have an OA election this year, contact the Elections Team Chairman for more information.

Ceremonies and Elangomats—Ian Boden

We are still looking for more youth to get involved in our lodge ceremonies. Ceremonies are a lot of fun and a great way to brush up on the purpose of the order (and to get out of other work). New regalia has been purchased and made, check it out during this weekends ceremonies. We would also like to have a ceremonies team at the section conclave at Camp Miakonda, this would be a great way to get in some practice. Email the vice chief if you are interested. We are also in need of Elangomats for the Fall Conclave. If you are interested in going through your ordeal again to help the new Ordeals have an even better experience than you did, this is the job for you. Elangomats will lead clans of candidates for the weekend and help them attain their Brotherhood after 10 months.



Troop Representative(s) - Stephen Lichota

Another way to help out the lodge and your troop is to sign up and be the Troop Representative. This is a Troop position and counts for rank advancements, the main task is to assist the elections team with elections and to provide the troop with information. If your troop doesn't already have someone in this position, its probably a good idea for you to talk to your Scoutmaster and Senior Patrol Leader. **Make sure we get your contact information so we can send you updates.**

Lodge History and other Projects

We need your assistance with a few lodge projects, some are small while others will be more time consuming. Chickagami 180 was founded in 1941, well it is already almost 2010. It has been 69 years, what happened during most of that time period? If you would like to work with a small group and search for our lodge's history and go through our records to restore them then we need you. If we don't start now, unfortunately many of our older members may be gone. One of our new members, Mr. Knowles has offered to be the adviser for this new committee. We have quite a bit of old paperwork that needs to be documented. For older, more experienced arrowmen, the committee chair will be leading a team that documents the history of our lodge as told by the older members. We are also interested in starting a Camp Promotions Committee. If you are interested in promoting Summer Camp, High Adventure, Fall Fellowshps, Service Projects, or helping the Council get more participation this is the committee for you. To help with either project contact the Lodge Chief.



Randy Maxfield—Trading Post

Planning on majoring in Business or Marketing? Want to brush up on your salesmanship or just spend a fun day at camp? Come join us in the Trading Post for a few hours during a Boy Scout event. All you need to do is get clearance from the Lodge Chief or Trading Post Vice Chief, participate in a half hour of 'buddy' training and you can help the lodge make some money. The Trading Post is what keeps your dues the lowest in the Central Region and maybe even in the Nation! We sell everything from lodge flaps, pins, candy, pop, hot dogs, popcorn, water, and our very own Silver Trails T-Shirt!