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HAUNTED HOLLOWES

October 27th, 2007

Camp Ingawanis

Casper's Castle - A safe place for the young ages.

3:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

\$5.00 Per Child

Activities:

- Come in Costume
- Haunted Area and Games (Age appropriate)
- Arena Horse Rides
- Hay Rides

Haunted Hollows

Ages 11 and Older

\$10.00 Per Person

E-MAIL SMOKE?

In the future would you like to receive your *Smoke Signals* by e-mail? The lodge is currently exploring the option of making the *Smoke Signals* available in e-mail format available soon.

This plan would benefit all involved. One primary advantage will be saving the lodge, as well as the council on paper and postage. In these environmentally conscious times this is a great way for the council to start going "green."

This will also help the budget of the lodge to continue to stay strong, despite constantly rising paper and postage rates.

Another excellent benefit will be to families who might have several members in the OA. It does not make sense for two, three, or four copies of the *Smoke Signals* to be sent to the same address but this often times is what happens.

Also, it does not make sense to send the *Smoke Signals* to a college Arrowman's home address, but this too happens. If *Smoke Signals* were emailed an Arrowman will be able to keep in touch without having to wait to go home and read an issue.

If you are interested in having your edition of the *Smoke Signals* sent to you by email please send

LOOKING AHEAD

- Winter Banquet - January 13 At 5:00 p.m. Knight of Columbus Hall; Charles City.
- Spring Fellowship - April 18 - 20 at Camp Ingawanis.
- Spreading of the Ashes - June 15 at Camp Ingawanis.

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an e-mail to the lodge stating the name(s) of the OA members who will be reading the *Smoke Signals* by e-mail, and the e-mail address at which you would like them sent. The lodge e-mail account is sacnfox108@yahoo.com

2007-2008 LODGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Lodge Chief.....Matt Even
 Vice Chief of Elections.....Adam Grayson
 Vice Chief of Ceremonies.....Allan Busch
 Vice Chief of Communications.....Grant Stevens
 Lodge Secretary.....Joey Gallagher
 Lodge Treasurer.....Brandon Nelson
 Lakeland Chapter Chief.....Ethan Hubbard
 Sun Rivers Chapter Chief.....Ralph Davis
 Twin Rivers Chapter Chief.....Richie Vichers
 Wabuha Chapter Chief.....Sean Hemesath
 Cub Scout Co-Chairman..... Nathaniel Chavez and Josh Boehmer
 Elangomat Chairman.....Neal Debuhr
 Fundraising Chairman.....Grant Stevens
 Vigil Chairman.....Justin Boehmner
 Lodge Advisors.....Tim Cook, Allan Degenhardt, Eugene Even, Russ Even, Rob Grayson, Aaron Hobert, Andy Iehl, Adam Lovell, Bruce Merfeld, Bob Paulson, Bill Schmid, Gary Stattler, Scott Toppin, and Cortney Webber.

The most worthwhile thing is to try and put happiness into the lives of others.
- Lord Baden Powell -

I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.
- Albert Schweitzer -



OFFICER REPORTS**LODGE CHIEF**

My name is Matt Even and I would like to thank you for re-electing me as your Lodge Chief. I really enjoyed serving as your Lodge Chief this past year and I look forward to serving you this year. I am an Eagle Scout from Troop 117 where I am serving as Assistant Scoutmaster. I am a Vigil Honor member in our lodge and I am also serving as Section C-1C Vice Chief.

There are three key areas that I would like to work on this year. The first is the Order of the Arrow Troop/Team Representative Program. We have tried this program in the past, but we have not put as much effort in it as we should have. This will benefit both the troop/teams and the Lodge. The OA Troop/Team Representative program is easy to understand. Each Troop/Team should have a Troop/Team Representative. This boy should be a youth who should report to chapter meetings and be an active member in the chapter. Their main duty should be to report at every troop/team meeting any upcoming activities in the Lodge. They should also make sure that their fellow troop members are up-to-date with the Lodge. At the chapter meetings, the representatives should report what their troop/team is doing and if there is anything that the Order of the Arrow could do to assist them. I would like to have this program up and off the ground by the Winter Banquet. This means that I would like to have a majority of the troops have a registered representative by then. Scout Masters should be looking for a mailing by the end of October about this program.

My second area of focus will be the Extended Elangomat Program. An Elangomat is a member of our Lodge that helps an Ordeal Clan during their Ordeal. The Elangomats work beside the Ordeal Candidates and give them emotional support. There have been some years where we get an Elangomat the day of call-out and so they do not receive any training. The extended Elangomat program prevents this from happening. First, the Elangomats are selected long before summer camp begins. Secondly, they are all required to attend a training session done by Chapters prior to being an Elangomat. The main focus of the program actually occurs after summer camp. The Elangomats will keep in contact with the Ordeals in their clan throughout the next year. They will contact the Ordeals reminding them of upcoming events and help them become Brotherhood members. We are hoping that we will have higher membership retention and keep more members involved. This will help keep them involved in Scouting which will help bring up membership in the council as a whole. We will be starting the Extended Elangomat Program this summer under the direction of Neal DeBuhr and his adviser Andy Iehl. To be an Elangomat, please contact Neal at elan-gomatchairman@sacnfox108.com.

My third area of emphasis for this year will be the Cub Scout program. I would like to make sure that Arrowmen are providing plenty of staff at all the Cub Scout events. We are also planning on offering a ceremony team for any packs wishing to have one for a cross-over ceremony or just for fun. We are also planning on creating a "Where to go Cubbing" book. By this, hopefully we can help membership retention in the Packs who are our future members. If you would like to help, contact me at lodgechief@sacnfox108.com.

Thank you to everyone that has helped the Lodge this past year and in the upcoming year. We could not do it without you!

Yours in Brotherhood,

VICE CHIEF OF CEREMONIES

I'm Allan Bush and I'm a member of Troop 52 out of Shell Rock, IA. I turn 17 in November and am a junior at Waverly-Shell Rock Senior High. There I am involved in football, soccer, choir, the musical, and science club. In relation to Scouts I went to Eagle Claw in '03, and attended the National Jamboree in '05 where I was Quartermaster for my troop. I've worked on Ingawanis camp staff for three years and most likely will be returning. I have been involved with ceremonies for two years and have been trained by the best in how they should run. I have a lot of new ideas and intend on putting a few to use that haven't been used in a while. Some other people have give me new ideas that I feel would work well into our new ceremonies and I have bounced a few new ideas off those. You can contact me by e-mail (allanbusch18@yahoo.com) or by phone 319-830-6283.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Allan Bush, Vice Chief of Ceremonies

INFO ABOUT MARK TWAIN U.S. FOREST

The Mark Twain U.S. Forest is over 1.5 million acres of National Forest located in the southern half of Missouri. In the Mark Twain National Forest, the Cedar trees are an invasive species that is taking over the natural grasslands of the Mark Twain Forest. The OA 2008 project will take place in the Bateman area that lies between Springfield and Branson, Missouri. The US Forest personnel have stated that if we do not help get rid of the cedar trees in this area of the Mark Twain Forest, that in 10 years it will be a cedar forest and there will be no natural grassland left.

HOW WILL WE BE ORGANIZED?

Our 1000 OA members will be organizing into 10 Sections of 100 people each. Each Section will be made up of five Crews of 20 people and each Crew will be made up of Squads of 5 people. We are asking Lodges to bring squads or crews of persons 14 years or older to work the forest. There is no ratio for adults to youth although we want a strong youth contingent from each lodge.

Crews will consist of a crew leader with four "squads" of five people (all participants must be 14 or older, and adults are welcome).

Each "squad" will consist of a "Squad Leader" with 4 other participants. Each squad will have 1 Bow Saw, 2 Loppers for small branches, 2 hand saws, and a rope. Finally each section will be provided with two chainsaws.

TRAINING

Each participant and staff member will undergo great training to help ensure that ArrowCorps⁵ is a safe, enjoyable work environment. We will follow the Incident Command Structure and ICS 100 and 200 training will be provided for key staff. Each crew leader will receive "Conservation USA" training, and "Chain Saw Certification" will be required for those operating a chain saw.

RECREATINOAL OPPORTUNITES

Recreation for participants and staff will include shows, learning to fly fish, rafting the local rivers and many other activities.

WHO CAN GO?

Both youth and adult Arrowmen are invited to attend this event. Participants must meet the Philmont Guidelines for height and weight as shown on the *ArrowCorps5* website (www.event.oa-bsa.org) or on page 4 of the *Smoke Signals*. In addition to being in good physical condition, Scouts must be at least 14 years of age by June 1, 2008.

**HOW MUCH IS IT?**

The cost for the event is \$250; the lodge will be coming out with their final price soon. The \$250 fee covers food, activities, and insurance—but not transportation. Remaining fees are due by May 1, 2008.

WHAT TO BRING

Participants will be camping in or near a National Forest so you will need to bring your own tent and everything else you would need to be in the wilderness for a week. Once registered, participants will be sent a list of items to pack depending upon the site they are attending.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

The *ArrowCorps5* website (www.event.oa-bsa.org) will provide current information and should answer most questions.



One thousand Arrowmen will descend upon the Ozarks for one week, beginning June 7, 2008, as the Order of the Arrow undertakes its largest service opportunity in Scouting History: ArrowCorps⁵.

ArrowCorps⁵ is a once in a lifetime program. The event is the largest volunteer service effort ever undertaken by the Boy Scouts of America. A scout's duty to country calls us all to help preserve the beauty of treasures like the national forests.

Though there are five sites available for attendance (see bottom of page for full list), our council has chose to send a contingent to Mark Twain National Forest. The U.S. Forest Service has set aside some of the highest priority projects in the most beautiful landscapes in America.

Located in Missouri, Mark Twain National Forest covers 1.5 million acres. Our contingent will join other participants in the removal of cedar trees that are considered an invasive species to the forest in an attempt to restore native grasses.

Within a few years of the completion of the project, characteristic glade plants will reappear from underground root sources where they have been subsisting and waiting for trees to be removed. Characteristic wildlife will follow the re-emergence of native plant species.

The unintended benefits of glad restoration will occur in large reservoirs nearby where the removed cedar tress will be placed upon their removal from the forest. The complex branching pattern of cedar trees on the lake bottoms will provide a high quality habitat for fish.

To join our council contingent please contact Lodge Chief Matt Even at LodgeChief@sacnfox108.com or by phone at 319-231-0173.

2008 ARROWCORPS⁵ SITES

Mark Twain National Forest	June 7-14, 2008	Missouri
Manti-La Sal National Forest	June 14-21, 2008	Utah
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests	June 21-28, 2008	Virginia
Shasta-Trinity National Forest	July 12-19, 2008	California
Bridger-Teton National Forest	July 26 - August 2, 2008	Wyoming



The Sac-N-Fox Lodge ArrowCorps⁵ Contingent:
Mark Twain National Forest
June 7-14, 2008

Information about the lodge contingent, including fees, schedule and much more will be finalized and available at the Winter Banquet. Look for more information in upcoming editions of the Smoke Signals as well!

PHILMONT HEIGHT & WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

HEIGHT		WEIGHT (POUNDS)	
FT	IN	RECOMMENDED	MAX
5'	0"	97-138	166
5'	1"	101-143	172
5'	2"	104-148	178
5'	3"	107-152	183
5'	4"	111-157	189
5'	5"	114-162	195
5'	6"	118-167	201
5'	7"	121-172	207
5'	8"	125-178	214
5'	9"	129-185	220
5'	10"	132-188	226
5'	11"	136-194	233
6'	0"	140-199	239
6'	1"	144-205	246
6'	2"	148-210	252
6'	3"	152-216	260
6'	4"	156-222	267
6'	5"	160-228	274
6'	6"	164-234	281
6'	7"	170-240	295

VICE CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS

Hello, my name is Grant Stevens, and I am an Eagle Scout from Troop 107 out of Conrad. I am currently a freshman at Coe College in Cedar Rapids majoring in Political Science and Business. I have been active with the lodge and worked at Camp Ingawanis for the past four years. I have been to Eagle Claw, Philmont, and NOAC, as well as working at the 2005 National Jamboree, and serving as a Third Assistant Scoutmaster for the 2007 World Jamboree Troop that included Winnebago Council scouts.

My goals for this year include expanding the *Smoke Signals* to include more information and more timely communications from the lodge. If you have ideas on how to improve lodge communications, ideas for articles in the *Smoke Signals*, or anything else you would like done or have ideas for please contact me by e-mail at grstevens@coe.edu or by phone at 641-691-3427.

Yours in Brotherhood,
 Grant Stevens, Vice Chief of Communications

2007-2008 CHAPTER CHIEFS

District	Name	Phone # 1	Phone # 2	E-Mail	Hometown
Lakeland	Ethan Hubbard	641-424-6038	641-494-4520	hubby@netconx.net	Mason City
Sun Rivers	Ralph Davis	319-342-4377	319-342-4377	raphrewdew53@hotmail.com	LaPorte City
Twin Rivers	Richie Vickers	641-816-5615	641-512-3103	majiggler@hotmail.com	Greene
Wabuha	Sean Hemeath	319-266-4248	None	shemesath@cfu.net	Cedar Falls

Do you have questions about 2008 elections, whether your dues are paid, when chapter meetings are, or how to get youth from your troop involved with OA? Simply contact your chapter chief and they can get you squared away!

HOW CAN I GET MORE INVOLVED WITH THE OA?

Have you ever wondered how to get involved in the lodge but don't know what's available?

Arrowmen are needed for the following positions: Camping Promotion Chairman, OA Troop/Team Representative Chairman, and Service and Activities Chairman. All of these are voting positions on the Lodge Executive Committee (LEC). These are all very important positions, and the lodge will work with any interested Arrowmen, regardless of age or experience, to help them succeed and get involved with the OA.

If you interesting in learning more about a position, serving on the LEC or acting as an advisor please contact Lodge Chief Matt Even He can be reached at by email at LodgeChief@sacnfox108.com; otherwise you can give him a call at (319)-231-0173.

SUMMER CAMP 2008



Though it seems summer has barely ended, preparations are already beginning for both Cub Scout and Boy Scout in 2008. One excellent way to make new friends, serve the lodge, gain hands-on experience working with kids, and have the adventure of a lifetime is to serve on camp staff at either Winnebago Scout Reservation or Camp Ingawanis.

Coming back for another successful year at Cub Scout Camp (Winnebago Scout Reservation) will be Camp Director Colleen Grayson and her partner in crime Program Director Carol Meyer.

Serving as Boy Scout Camp Director (Camp Ingawanis) will be Gary Stattler, a lifelong Scouter who served as Camp Director of WSR and Ingawanis during the 1970s. Serving as Program Director will be another familiar face, Alex Staudinger.

Staff applications, dates, and leaders guide are currently available on the council website (winnebagobsa.org). Look for more information about summer camp in upcoming issues of the *Smoke Signals*.

ORDEAL & BROTHERHOOD COSTS

- Ordeal cost will be \$45 with a \$5 late fee if not turned in by April 30. 
- Brotherhood will cost \$20. 

2008 ELECTION DATES

March 31, 2008 - Elections are to be completed.

April 30, 2008 - Election Citations are to be turned in to the council office with money. 