

SMOKE SIGNALS

The official newsletter of the SAC-N-FOX Lodge

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FALL FELLOWSHIP 2008: WE DIDN'T START THE FIRE

The 2008 Fall Fellowship will be held October 17-19 at the Winnebago Scout Reservation. The theme for this year's Fellowship is "We Didn't Start the Fire," based on the Billy Joel song.

At Fall Fellowship, any Ordeal members that have been an Ordeal member for ten months can seal their membership into the OA by completing their Brotherhood (\$20 fee and \$10 dues for 2008 must be paid).

Lodge elections will be Saturday night. If you would like to run for an office, you need a letter signed by your Scoutmaster showing your intent to run prior to the lodge meeting. ***This is mandatory.*** Job descriptions are available on page 4.

Billy Joel sang about how he didn't start the fire and the same can be said about the OA. The fire has been burning longer than any of us have been in scouts. It wasn't started by E. Uner Goodman, the founder of our order, or by Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of the Boy Scouts. They just helped give it form and added fuel to the fire. Rather the fire has been burning since the world started turning, and the first humans banded together for the betterment of everyone.

Suggestions are always welcome, and you may send them to Activities Chairman Kieran Cowden, at activitieschairman@sacnfox108.com

Tentative Schedule

Friday

7:00 -10:00 P.M. Check-in
9:00 P.M. Cracker barrel

Saturday

8:00 A.M.-Noon Check-in
8:00 A.M. Breakfast
9:00 A.M.-Noon Service Projects
12:30 P.M. Lunch
1:30 P.M.-4:30 P.M. Afternoon activities

4:30 P.M. Brotherhood Hike
5:00 P.M. Brotherhood Ceremony
5:30 P.M. Ordeal Ceremony
6:00 P.M. Chapel

**Haven't registered yet?
See page 5 for the form!**

6:20 P.M. Cookout
8:00 P.M. Lodge Elections
9:00 P.M. Movies/cracker barrel
for Ordeal members

Sunday

8:00 A.M. Breakfast
9:00 A.M. Lodge Executive Committee Meeting

Looking Ahead

- ◆ 2008 Fall Fellowship
- Oct. 17-19, WSR
- ◆ 2009 Winter Banquet
- Jan 11, Charles City
Knight of Columbus Hall
- ◆ 2009 Spring Fellowship
-April 17 1- 19, Ingawanis

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Activites

- ◆ Keeping a fire going all through the weekend.
- ◆ Team Friction by Fire
- ◆ Burning up the pavement with pedal cars and bikes.
- ◆ Tomahawk throwing
- ◆ Archery
- ◆ Rifles
- ◆ Flint and Steel
- ◆ Triathlon
- ◆ Friday Night "
- ◆ Mud Volleyball

A Final Farewell

Hello My Brothers,

I would like to start off by thanking everyone who helped make the 2008 Section Conclave a huge success. A huge thank you goes out to everyone who helped with the activities and all of the cooks for preparing such delicious food. I would especially like to thank the following people for their relentless efforts throughout this past year: Tim Riedl, Joe Salvini, Paul Empie, Rod Martens, Adam Grayson, Michael Van Helten, Josh Boehmer, Colleen Grayson, Rob Grayson, Chuck Hogg, Tammy Nicholson, Carol Meyer, Ann Pfundtsein, Aaron Hobert, Cortney Webber, Tim Cook, Jean Draude, and Todd Wordel. Thank you to everyone who attended this year's conclave, I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did.

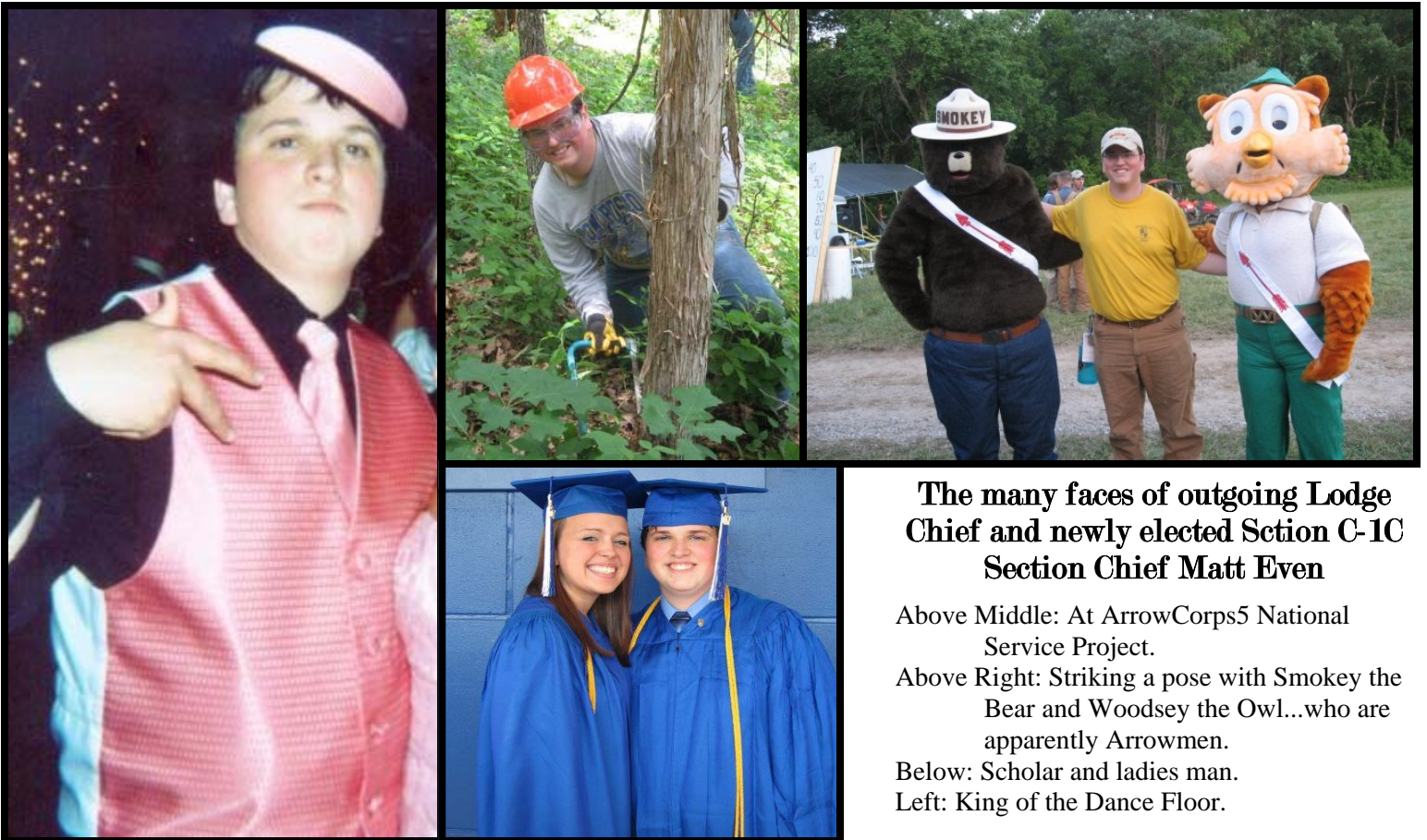
I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage any youth (under 21) to run for office at Fall Fellowship. In order to run you must have a signed letter from your Scoutmaster giving permission for you to run and you must also be under 21 for your complete term as an officer. Consult the *Smoke Signals* for more information about the elected positions. There are also other positions that are appointed by the new Lodge Chief. If you are interested in finding out what those positions are, contact your new Lodge Chief after elections at Fall Fellowship. Even if you are a little hesitant to run, please run. I promise it will be one of the best experiences in your life if you allow it to be. Please do not let such a great opportunity slip by.

It has been a honor to serve these past two years as your Lodge Chief. I have enjoyed every day of it and I will miss it. I have met a lot of amazing people these past years as Lodge Chief and I will not forget them or the important lessons they have taught me. I would like to thank everyone for all that they do to keep the fire of cheerful service burning brightly. Thank you for everything that you do for our Lodge and for the Order of the Arrow, never forget the Order's purpose and meaning and all of the youth it has influenced.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Matthew J Even

Matthew J. Even, Lodge Chief



The many faces of outgoing Lodge Chief and newly elected Section C-1C Section Chief Matt Even

Above Middle: At ArrowCorps5 National Service Project.

Above Right: Striking a pose with Smokey the Bear and Woodsey the Owl...who are apparently Arrowmen.

Below: Scholar and ladies man.

Left: King of the Dance Floor.

A week at Bridger-Teton

By Michael Van Helten, Camping Promtions Chairman

This past summer hundreds of Arrowmen from across the country went to five different National Forests for a week of service through *ArrowCorps*⁵. The five forests were Mark Twain, Manti-La Sal, George Washington & Jefferson, Shasta-Trinity, and Bridger-Teton. I am going to tell you what we did at Bridger-Teton National Forest.

Of the 1000 Arrowmen at Bridger-Teton, 700 Arrowmen worked in the forest at the Teton Pass not far from the town of Jackson, Wyoming. Here they worked on the History Trail, a new Arrow Trail and many others. An example of some of the trail work we did is pictured to the right of this article. The National Forest Service wanted to make separate trails for Horses and Mountain Bikers. The 700 arrowmen working on Teton Pass built 12 miles of trail during the week

The other 300 arrowmen worked at remote sites throughout Bridger-Teton. At one of the remote sites Arrowmen took down a mile long fence that was put up years ago. At both the remote sites and trail work sites, crews got everything done that the Forest Service had planned for them even the extra projects they had set aside.

Along with the work on the trails the crews everyone got a day off for recreation. The recreation activities were a day hike, whitewater rafting, mountain biking, or a trip to Yellowstone National Park. *ArrowCorps*⁵ became this past summer the largest service project done by the Order of Arrow, the largest service project done for the National Forest Service, and the largest service project done since World War II.



Looking back at OA Trail Crew

By Matt Even, Lodge Chief

This past summer, I experienced a once in a lifetime opportunity. I participated in the Order of the Arrow's Trail Crew program at Philmont Scout Reservation. When I first heard about Order of the Arrow Trail Crew (commonly referred to as OATC), I thought the experience would be simply doing trail work and backpacking, but I soon realized there was much more to it than I had expected. While on Trail Crew, you get a chance to create a special Brotherhood with your fellow Arrowmen from all around the country. I found that there is a deeper meaning in the trail work. I also learned a lot about myself and many lessons about leadership and cheerful service.

When you first arrive, you have a day to get to know your crew before you head out on the trail. During this time, you get ready for the next two weeks and you also plan your trek. During Trail Crew, you spend the first week doing trail work. The first week, you hike back and forth from your campsite to the worksite. The week of trail work is a way for you to give back to Scouting and especially Philmont for all that it has done for you. The second week is spent backpacking the trails of Philmont. Since you and your crew set your own itinerary, you can see a lot of Philmont in one week. It was definitely the best backpacking trip I have experienced.

One of the best things about trail crew is that being in a crew with people from all around the United States that you have never met before. After a couple of days though, I felt like I had known my crew members for years. You learn how to get along and compromise even when you are under a lot of physical and mental stress. I created a lot of friendships that will last forever.

I discovered that trail crew was more than just a physically demanding experience, it was also a mental and spiritual demanding trip. I learned many leadership skills while on OATC that you cannot find anywhere else. Each day of the work week focused on some aspect of leadership. You also learn a lot more about yourself that you did not know before. There were many times while on trail crew when I realized why I do things and I began to understand myself better.

I really enjoyed Order of the Arrow Trail Crew and I would highly recommend it to anyone who is even remotely interested in the program. It was one of the best experiences I have ever had. I hope you participate in this once in a lifetime opportunity.

LODGE ELECTIONS- JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Offices and duties associated with the same, according to the bylaws of the Sac-N-Fox lodge #108 (revised May 15, 1993)

THE OFFICERS OF THE SAC-N-FOX LODGE SHALL BE:

Lodge Chief
Vice Chief Elections
Vice Chief Ceremonies
Vice Chief Communications
Lodge Secretary
Lodge Treasurer
Chapter Chief *

*The Chapter Chief is not a position elected by the lodge members but by the members in his chapter. He is a voting member of the Sac-N-Fox Executive Committee. Lodge elections will be held Saturday evening at the Fall Fellowship.

MUST HAVE A NOTE FROM YOUR SCOUTMASTER TO RUN, SHOWING HIS/HER ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF YOUR INTENTION TO RUN. NO EXCEPTIONS

Lodge Chief

The Lodge Chief shall be responsible for the effective administration of the lodge. He shall preside at all meetings of the lodge and establish the agenda for each meeting. He shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee and bring to the committee's attention all matters which affect the welfare of the lodge. He shall, with the approval of the lodge and/or chapter Executive Committee, appoint all committees which may be necessary from time to time to carry out the business of the lodge. He shall consult with the lodge and chapter advisors and other officials on matters which affect the welfare of the lodge. He shall be a member of the Council Camping Committee and shall be a voting

member of the Council Executive Board (as the youth representative of the council). He is expected to attend meetings of the Council Camping Committee and the Council Executive Board. He is required to attend the Key 3 Meetings of the Lodge.

Vice Chief Elections

The Vice Chief Elections shall be responsible for sending information to unit leaders regarding membership election procedures. He shall organize and train election unit teams, and work with chapter chiefs to schedule visits of election teams to units and records the results of elections. In the absence of the Lodge Chief, he shall preside over meetings of the lodge and/or Executive Committee. He shall be responsible for other duties assigned by the Lodge Chief and/or Executive Committee.

Vice Chief Ceremonies

The Vice Chief of Ceremonies shall be responsible for recruiting and training ceremonial teams. He instructs members of the teams on appropriate ceremonial costumes, keeps ceremonial grounds in good condition, and conducts ceremonies and demonstrations for the lodge. He shall be responsible for other duties assigned by the Lodge Chief and/or Executive Committee.

Vice Chief Communications

The Vice Chief of Communications shall be responsible for editing and publishing the "Smoke Signals" newsletter of the lodge no less than once each quarter of the year. He shall be responsible for other duties assigned by the Lodge Chief and/or Executive Committee.

Lodge Secretary

The Lodge Secretary shall be responsible for taking the minutes of all lodge meetings and the meetings of the Executive Committee. He will publish the minutes of these meetings at least one week prior to the next meeting of the lodge or Executive Committee, and he will inform members of the Executive Committee relative to the time and place of their next meeting. He shall be responsible for other duties assigned by the Lodge Chief and/or Executive Committee.

Lodge Treasurer

The Lodge Treasurer shall be responsible for preparing reports about the finances of the lodge. He will collect dues from lodge members. He will submit a lodge financial report at each meeting of the Executive Committee and at each meeting of the lodge. He shall be responsible for other duties assigned by the Lodge Chief and/or Executive Committee.

Chapter Chief

In addition to the election caucus to be called at the fall meeting of the lodge, each Chapter Chief, in consultation with the Chapter Advisor, the Chapter Chief shall call the chapter members into session to consider any business which is in the interest of the chapter. The Chapter Chief shall preside at chapter meetings and shall be responsible for reporting the actions passed by the chapter to the next meeting of the Lodge Executive Committee. In addition he shall work with the Lodge Vice Chief Elections to schedule election team visitations to the various units. (Not included in bylaws) the Chapter Chief is a voting member of the Lodge Executive Committee, and is expected to attend all meetings of the same.

My Fellow Arrowmen... Please Pay Your Annual Dues

Hello Arrowmen,

My name is Duane Hanson and I currently serve as an OA Advisor in the Lakeland District. With my short time in the Lodge I know there are many Arrowmen who wear the Lodge Flap proudly, some of these Arrowmen wear it and have not paid their dues. I feel that this has slipped by for too many years. It disappoints me when I go to Eagle Court of Honors, District meetings, Dinners and gatherings where Arrowmen are wearing their Lodge Flap, but have forgotten to pay their dues.

I am trying to stress this in my district and would like to see the Lodge do this as well. We have many fun events during the year that Arrowmen are encouraged to take part in; many do and our events go well, but if you wear the patch and have not paid your dues you are hurting the OA financially and robbing from those who do pay and support it. I would like to see 100% involvement in paying dues and in being active in our Lodge.

If you think the Order of the Arrow is a great organization and you want to belong then please pay your dues each year. Remember you did not get into the OA on your own merits, but rather others thought you had potential and elected you into this Great Brotherhood of Arrowmen.

Simply forgetting is not an excuse in my book. Dues can be caught up this October 17-19 at the Fall Fellowship. Please PAY YOUR DUES so we can continue to succeed as a lodge and show our unified brotherhood throughout Scouting.

Yours in Scouting,
Duane "Loyal Buffalo" Hanson



2008 Dues

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Email: _____
Phone: (____) ____ - _____
Unit: _____ District: _____
Birth Date: _____

Mail Form to:

OA Dues
Winnebago Council
2929 Airport Blvd.
Waterloo, IA. 50703

Acct. # 1-2371-601-00

Dues: \$10.00
Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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Name: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____
Phone: (____) ____ - _____
Unit: _____ Chapter/District: _____
Birth Date: _____

Mail Reservations to:

Fall Fellowship -- SAC-N-FOX #108
Winnebago Council
2929 Airport Blvd.
Waterloo, IA. 50703

Registration Fee \$10 **Acct. # 1-2371-615-00**
I am going to take the Brotherhood for an additional \$20 Y / N **Acct. # 1-2371-605-00**
Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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August 1-6, 2009. More information coming soon



**High Adventure Opportunitites within the
Winnebago Council**

Winnebago Council Bahamas Adventure

July 1-7, 2009 - Florida Sea Base

Eagle Claw

July 17-25, 2009 Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM)
July 17 - July 25 CYM or August 7 - August 15, 2009
Osiceca Patrol August 7 - August 15, 2009

National Scout Jamboree

July 26 - August 4, 2010, at Fort A.P. Hill, Caroline County, VA

**More information and registration materials available on the Winebago
Council Website - winnebagobsa.org**

Did You Know...?

Did you know that at Camp Ingawanis the area where Staff Row currently is used to be where the Council Ring was located? Once the Council Ring was moved to it's current location, Staff Row was erected. Prior to this the staff were housed throughout camp in the various cabins.

One must never have spared oneself, one must have acquired hardness as a habit to be cheerful and in good spirits in the midst of nothing but hard truths.

- Friedrich Nietzsche (1844-1900)