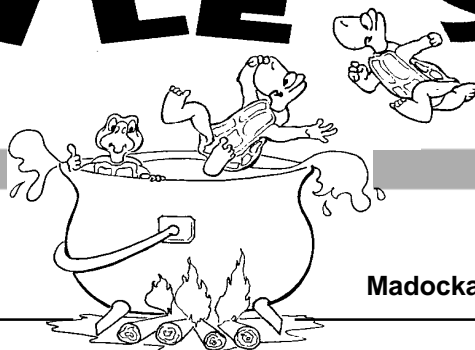


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Lodge Fully Staffs Winter Camp

Staff at 2007 Winter Camp 100% Lodge and 100% Service!

By Matt Randall, Lodge Staff Adviser

During the week of February 18th to 24th the Pine Tree Council held its annual Winter Camp program at the Training Center at Camp William Hinds.

The camp was full, with 32 youth participants filling out four patrols – named after the original patrols on Brownsea Island with Baden Powell – Bulls, Ravens, Wolves, and Curlews. Participants spent the week working on 3 to 4 merit badges, went snow tubing, built and spent one night in quinzee shelters, visited the Perry-MacMillian



Staffed in Service: The 2007 Pine Tree Council Winter Camp Staff - 100% lodge members...stand in the Wheel Room at the Training Center during a break at the week's festivities.

Museum at Bowdoin College, and much more. This operation is run almost exclusively by a youth staff of seven with the support of an adult staff of seven. The camp is run like a regular troop – with the youth leaders and participants making decisions, running program, enforcing rules, and leading

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Time to Register for Spring Lodge Events!

Flyers out for Section Conclave and West Point Camporee!

By Bruce Rueger, Lodge Adviser

Registration forms are now available for the upcoming Section NE-1A Conclave that will be hosted by Moswetuset Lodge at T.L. Storer Scout Reservation in Barnstead, NH during the weekend of June 8-10, 2007. Registration flyers for the Conclave have been sent out to all active members, but health, training and code of conduct forms should be obtained by going to the Madockawanda Lodge website. There you will find copies of the registration form, the list of learning opportunities, the medical form and the conclave code of conduct. You may also get a copy of these documents by contacting Bruce Rueger by phone at 872.5920 or email at Rueger@dialmaine.com. Reduced registration fees of \$30 will be available until April 6. After that, conclave fees jump to \$35 until May 6. After May 6 conclave fees will be \$40. To register, you must mail a check made out to Pine Tree Council for \$30 (before 4/6, \$35 between 4/7 and 5/6 or \$40 after May 6) along with a completed registration form and a completed

see Spring Events....continued on page 3



Running with Oh: Former Madockawanda Lodge Treasurer Andrew Rueger (l) runs with our lodge mascot "OH" during the competition phase at last year's Conclave



For the first time, the National Supply Division is making a Quality Lodge Pin available to all lodges for sale at their various lodge events. Again, this pin is dated "2006" and will only be sold to those lodges and made available to members of lodges who earn the Quality Lodge designation. Show your pride in our great achievements and get yours this Spring! 🐢



The 1998 NOAC was the very first National Conference to use a web site! A dedicated group of Arrowmen served on the very first web team, and helped create the first web site. At the end of the conference, the site became the Official National Order of the Arrow Web Site. 🐢

<http://lodge.pinetreebsa.org>

Lodge Store Ready with New Stuff!

New Inventory and great new deals at the Turtle Trading Post

By Chris Peterson, Lodge Treasurer



You can leave your Hat on: Here is a picture of the new lodge hat that will be available at the Trading post during the 2007 lodge year. Get yours this spring!

After several years of absence, the lodge store committee is reintroducing a lodge hat, and just in time for that windy spring season that's upon us. The hat design, here pictured to the left is a fashionable one, but I won't reveal the colors, although I'm sure that white, black and purple will be prominently displayed! This black, low profile hat will be adjustable and will feature the lodge name and number and a purple turtle. This high quality "chapeau" will debut at the University of Scouting, but will be available through the lodge year through the trading post. Right now, the price is not finalized, but believed to be either \$10 or \$12 depending on final cost to produce. Remember, your head is very naked without a lodge hat. And considering the number of very large bald spots present with some of our older lodge members (yes, John Wood and Mike Mirisola come to

mind), it's a great way to feel significantly younger and handsome! Be the first to cover your head and show your lodge spirit! Also, through the national supply center, we will also be selling the new and very spiffy Quality Lodge pin (also pictured to the left), only available to those lodges like Madockawanda who have earned this special designation. Also, if you check out the back page of this very *Turtle Soup* you'll see the very attractive and quite collectable 2006 National Service Award patch that is also available in very limited quantities. In fact, two color combinations are available, so don't forget to get both at the next lodge event! 🐢

Madockawanda Website Revamped for 2007!

Website updated to include new website standard, graphics and layout

by Matt Allaire, Lodge Secretary

In an effort to update and revitalize the Lodge's Webpage, the Website Committee has elected to completely rewrite the entire site, from scratch. This allows us to take a new look at the site, and to better comply with NOAC standards for websites. A few of the more interesting and technologically important features of the site include the following:

- New Graphics! The website has been rewritten with an updated layout that is more colorful, clean, and easy to use.
- Now in XHTML. Since the website was to be remade from scratch, the Committee took the added time to write it using the latest and most up-to-date standards for websites. The newer code allows for shorter loading times and more easily readable and editable source code.
- Consolidation. The website now has fewer files to keep track of, as related content that formerly was spread over several separate files has been consolidated into one page, allowing for easier and faster navigation.

A few cuts have also been made during the revision, which include the removal of a number of outdated links on the front page, and the removal of the Turtle Treks section of the site. Turtle Treks has not been updated in a number of years, and was removed until it can be updated. The Website Committee encourages all Arrowmen to begin, or resume, using the Lodge Website as a resource for news and information, and to sign up for the Turtle Soup Express mailing list to get the most recent and up-to-date news from the Lodge!

You can go to either the Lodge Website or this link to sign up:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MadockawandaNews/join>





In June of 1999 all twelve lodges of the newly created Section NE-1A gathered at Camp Onway for the first Conclave in our section, appropriately themed "New Horizons of Service". The chief at that time was Madockawanda's own Scott Valcourt!



The West Point Camporee is in it's 45th year and the purpose of the camporee is To provide quality interaction between Cadets and Scouts in a safe, fun and professional environment.



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Serve on Show Staff at Conclave!

Conclave Shows looking for a "Few Good Men!"

By Paul Froman, Section NE-1A Chief

Calling all Madockawandans to help with the 2007 Conclave show! Yes, the Conclave show is being coordinated by Madockawanda this year! We are looking for anyone that is interested that would like to help make this year's show a success. It makes no difference whether your interest is big or small.

As of right now we are looking for those Brothers who like to act and portray a role in the show, but that is not the only thing that you could help out with! We need service staff to help serve as part of the camera crews, script editing, video editing and anything that you would be willing to do! Please just contact us through the CVC of shows, Aric Baily, at:

Phone: (207) 449-7466

Email: AricLBaily@hotmail.com

Or you can contact your illustrious Section Chief and great Turtle Paul Froman at:

Phone: (207) 692-3951

Email: PDFroman@msn.com

We are planning on starting to shoot in April. Most of the filming is being planned to be done at Camp Hinds, so little travel is required. Join the crew and contact us as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.



Section Patch: OK, it's last year's back patch, but this is a great representation of the seven lodges that comprise Section NE-1A in what has become one of the most collectable patches at the conclave. Sign up and get the new version in 2007!



Spring Events.....

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Class 1 medical form to Pine Tree Council, BSA, 131 Johnson Rd, Portland, ME 04102. We are aiming to send 75 members, or at least the largest contingent ever to the conclave so sign up early to save the most cash.



West Point Camporee 2007

In addition, the lodge was again selected and we will again send another contingent to the 2007 West Point Camporee. As in 2006, York Chapter Adviser Phil Taschereau and Associate Adviser Henry Zwtsloot have agreed to head up the contingent again. We anticipate that the costs will be the same as last year, which ran about \$100. This fee will include the camporee fees, the bus and food. And obviously, the camporee will be held the weekend of May 4-6 at the US Military Academy at West Point, NY. The 2006 contingent had a great time and from their success continues a new tradition in the lodge, so if you have a military interest, this is a great event to attend with great leadership. Watch for the flyer which will be included with the mailer on the 2007 Conclave. Two great spring events to get the camping season going in 2007!





During the winter months, it's common for our lodge and chapter ceremony teams to help with Cub Scout crossover ceremonies for Webelos scouts who cross over into Boy Scouting. Did you know that The National Executive Board approved the Cub program "controlled experiment" back in 1930. The Board authorized Cub packs to register with the BSA starting April 1, 1930. Uniforms for boys were issued (\$6.05 complete) and 5,102 boys and 1,433 pack leaders in 243 packs are registered during that first year. In 2005, there were 1,745,000 cub scouts registered nationally! 🐢



From the Chief

"Effort now brings results later"



To My Brothers of the Lodge:

In this our election season it's important that all of us get involved in the election process. I myself from time to time have helped to elect those who are thought to be worthy of joining our order. But if your asking yourself what can I do, well that's simple... you can get involved in many different ways by just volunteering for a unit election and troop visitation. You can also help your chapter team by setting up the elections with the troops, making a presentation to the scoutmasters at your round table, or as mentioned earlier...going to the election itself.

Effort is key to the success of this year and the first thing we need to do is make an effort at finding those who deserve to be known as Arrowmen. If it wasn't for those who came before us who made an effort we would not be here as members ourselves and our lodge would not be one of the best in the nation.

On a closing note I would also encourage each chapter to find some way to better the Lodge through service to your Community, unit and chartered organization. Setting the example you not only better yourself but everyone you represent.

Yours in Brotherhood
Aaron Wiggin
Lodge Chief 2007

Winter Camp 2007.....continued from the front page.....



The Entire Gang! A great group shot of the 2007 Council Winter Camp in front of the COPE tower at Camp Hinds.

by example. This particular year our winter camp staff was filled entirely by members of the lodge! Youth staff included Nate Smith (SPL), Caleb Fredrick (ASPL/QM), Andrew Mudie (PL), Dustin Wiggin (PL), Brandon Lyons (PL), Tyler Prosser (PL), and Christian Rowden (Kitchen Crew). The Adult Staff included Matthew Randall (SM),

Mike Mirisola (Medical Officer), Tom Morris (Cook), and Aaron Wiggin, Paul Froman, Robert Carter, and Paul Beaupre (ASM/Instructors), plus Ray Sirois and Tracy Wiggin, who attended to support evening programs.

What makes this significant to the lodge is that the adult staff accumulated over 611 hours of service for the lodge due to the fact their time at camp this week is volunteer, not paid! This is a tremendous accomplishment and a great way to help get the lodge on track for another stab at Honor Lodge and the Service Grant for 2007!

Thank you to all the lodge members who helped to make Winter Camp a great success, and a very special thank you to my youth staff – they ran 90% of this program and were examples of youth leadership at its finest. 🐢



Yours in Wimachtendienk. . .

K-Valley Chapter

With 2007 now fully underway, K-Valley Chapter has been very active with their typical winter schedule. So far since the new year has started our ceremonies team has had many practices and have many upcoming arrow of light/crossover ceremony for cub scout packs scheduled in the remaining winter months to come. We also have a number of elections scheduled for the next few months, and thanks to those Brothers who have volunteered for an election team. Scoutmasters...if you haven't scheduled your unit election and visitation, there's still time to get us on your schedule! We had our district Klondike back in January and our chapter helped out with that by having a disability awareness event at the derby. In this event the patrols were required to have each patrol member have a disability, which included having them go through a rope spider web, which was pretty cool.

Andrew Mudie



Did you know
.... The Second World War would deeply affect Goodman and Edson, as both founders each lost sons on the battlefields of France.



York Chapter

York has had a great start to the new year, and to the election season. So far about 6 troops have been visited, with many more planned in March and April. The ceremonies team has also done a great job holding crossover ceremonies as the article and pictures on page 7 of *The Soup* can attest. The ceremonies team has learned a lot this year being a new team, like who should and shouldn't light the candles and that ceremonies in a pitch black setting do *not* add a positive effect to the whole experience. I think the cub scouts were moved, but it was a tough one to complete! Don't forget our spring meetings in April and May and I encourage members who have not paid there dues to do so ASAP! I hope to see all York brothers at the next roundtable on the first Thursday in April.

Caleb Frederick



Abnaki Chapter

Last month meeting was cancelled do to snow issues. This upcoming week we will be going over bottle drives as a fundraiser's for our chapter. We have also been scheduling crossover ceremonies as outlined later in *The Soup!* Our most recent one was at Pack 160 in Lewiston. We have also been diligent in holding OA elections. Our most recent one has been at Troop 565 with two new members voted in. We look forward to a great year fundraising wise and we hope to reach our new membership goals.

Paul Saucier



Casco Bay Chapter

Things are heating up in Casco Bay as we throw ourselves valiantly into the task of elections. For some reason the troops in our district have had a sudden attack of apathy, making it difficult to schedule elections (maybe it's something in the water?). Our ceremonies team continues to perform crossovers and arrow of light ceremonies, and at printing time we have done a grand total of 5 and have more scheduled for later in the month. Over the past few chapter meetings we have been designing secret chapter merchandise, so keep a weather eye out at upcoming lodge events for Casco Bay members setting the fashion trend. As spring draws closer, our chapter plans its first annual service weekend at Camp Hinds to finish off Patrick campsite for the 2007 season, and perform other tasks as may be needed.

Nate Smith

Here's an interesting fact from the Answers.com website....they estimate that about one out of every eight registered Boy Scouts is an active member of the Order of the Arrow!



Downeast Chapter

Downeast continues to work on our unit visitation and elections this winter and we look forward to seeing all of our members at the University of Scouting at the end of March. If you haven't scheduled your troop's election yet, remember, there's still the month of April to "Git er Done!"

Wyatt Carpenter





The 2007 National Conservation and Leadership Summit (NCLS) will be held from July 28 to August 1 at Indiana University. The purpose of this gathering is to train key lodge leaders for ArrowCorps5 and to present the order's 2008-2012 Strategic Plan.



Our lodge will be represented at the NCLS as it is expected that every lodge's Key 3 (lodge chief, lodge adviser, and lodge staff adviser) will attend this event. Our lodge is also planning on sending a contingent to the 2008 ArrowCorps5 program at the Bridger-Teton National forest. Watch for more information in our next Soup!



Plans Underway for National Conservation & Leadership Summit

Key Lodge Officers and Advisers to Attend in Preparation for ArrowCorps5 in 2008

From the National Office

In the summer of 2007 the Order of the Arrow will hold a National Conservation and Leadership Summit at Indiana University. The Summit will be held July 28–Aug. 1, 2007 and the Conference Committee expects about 2,500 lodge leaders to attend this event. At the Summit, key lodge officers will be invited to attend and be updated on what the OA has planned for the next five years as part of its National Strategic Plan. The intent is for lodge leaders to take the information that they have learned back to their home lodges and implement the knowledge. The OA's next Strategic Plan will be revealed and will be used from 2008-2012 to direct the vision and path of the Order. This will be the third Strategic Plan introduced by the National Committee. The last National Summit was held in 1999 at Colorado State University. However, unlike the last summit, the delegates in attendance will be split into two groups. "While one group works on developing the strategic plan, another group will work on preparing the staff for ArrowCorps5," said Mike Hoffman, Vice Chairman of National Events for the National OA Committee. Madockawanda lodge will send it's Key 5 to this event and will report back to the lodge at a fall event.

ArrowCorp5 Update:



Grand Teton National Park: Just one of the great views you can partake if you attend ArrowCorps5 with the Lodge in 2008!

Plans are well underway for a full lodge contingent of approximately 15-20 members to attend and participate in ArrowCorps5 during the summer of 2008. The national events committee of the lodge, headed by former lodge treasurer Andrew Rueger and advised by Mr. Arthur Price are working on the details of this trip. At the 2006 Lodge Banquet, Associate Adviser Carl Gagnon presented the display and signup cards that would be used throughout 2007 for interested lodge members to sign up for more information. Those returning the information cards from the banquet, the University of Scouting Display, or any Spring activity will be invited to attend an initial planning meeting that will be held at our Spring Ordeals!

Based upon initial interest, the lodge has chosen the Bridger Teton National Forest in Wyoming as their site for this week long trip. With the impressive peaks of Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks looming as silent sentinels on the horizon, Bridger-Teton presents its visitors with a wide array of exciting possibilities, from the churning white rapids of the Snake River below to shimmering snow-covered summits reaching to 13,785 feet above sea level-and a plethora of adventures in between. Characterized by colossal skies and a continuum of the untamed Bridger, Gros Ventre and Teton wildernesses, Bridger-Teton boasts over one thousand species of rare plants. This unique forest area provides one of the most diverse collections of wildlife in the national forest. During the service project phase of this adventure, projects will include Bridge work, camping improvements, fence building, and erosion and weed control projects while Recreational Opportunities will include whitewater rafting and kayaking, canoeing, fishing, and the great hiking and site seeing opportunities present in both Teton and Yellowstone National Parks. Make sure to watch for the program displays at the spring lodge events and sign up for more information!



Winter Chapter Activities and Ceremonies....



Abnaki Ceremonies at Pack 125 Crossover: Members of the Abnaki chapter Ceremonies team perform the “seven virtues of life” crossover ceremony at Pack 125 in Poland. Serving as Allowat Sakima is Chapter Secretary Jimmy Vachon, with Stephen Goss portraying Nutiket and Ian Bouffard filling the role of Meteu.



York Ceremonies: Members from the York Ceremonies team pose for a picture after a recent webelos scout crossover ceremony in York District. This lineup consists of Caleb Frederick as the Medicine Man, Matt Mcadam as the Guide, Jeffrey Molina as the drummer/ replacement actor, Stephen Molina as Chairman and Chieftain, and Kris Spinney as the candle lighter/replacement drummer.

Abnaki Hosts Hinds Kick Off Dinner

A big thank you to those Brothers who attended the Hinds kickoff February 23rd in Lewiston. Whether you helped serve, setup, cleanup, or were just there in your OA sash- your presence was noticed and appreciated. This was a Council event, but Abnaki Arrowmen were present to represent the OA. So, thank you and Well done.



York Officers at their Chapter Meeting: Officers from York Chapter (below) enjoy a bit of ice cream and fellowship after the January chapter meeting at Sanford High School.



York Chapter Ceremonies Alive and Well!

Most people thought that the York ceremonies team had died out like a fire overnight. Fortunately a spark was still left from this dying fire, and has been fanned into a flame. In just a few short weeks the York team went from being nonexistent, to being a thriving team. New members were added and a lineup was set, everything needed to get ready for the busy crossover season. York ceremonies has been very busy, already, with crossovers and regalia making. The team has done Webelos Crossovers every weekend in February, even twice in one weekend!!! The current lineup of the mighty York team is an all-star lineup. This lineup consists of Caleb Frederick as the Medicine Man, Matt Mcadam as the Guide, Jeffrey Molina as the drummer/replacement actor, Stephen Molina as Chairman and Chieftain, and Kris Spinney as the candle lighter/replacement drummer. Any York chapter members are encouraged to apply and should do so quickly. Where else can you see your Chapter Chief in a colorful tunic? Plus you'll get a t-shirt for joining, and who doesn't want that?! All who want to join should talk to Stephen Molina.



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A limited supply of the "Madockawanda Lodge - 2006 National Service Award" Patches will be available at the Lodge Trading Post during 2007 events!

Get your updated lodge information and registration forms at our website:
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Lodge Calendar

Winter - Spring 2007 Update

- Mar 24 - University of Scouting - CMCC Auburn
- Apr 22 - Ordeal Planning Conference - Camp Hinds
- Apr 27-29 - National Leadership Seminar - Hidden Valley
- Apr 30 - **Unit Election Season Ends**
- May 4-6 - West Point Camporee - New York
- June 1-3 - Spring Ordeal - Camp Hinds
- June 3 - Lodge Executive Committee - Camp Hinds

Election Reminder - Election Season Ends April 30th and all election results are due to lodge by May 6th.