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## 2009 SECTION NE 1-A CONCLAVE: JUNE 12 - 14 CAMP WILLIAM B. HINDS, RAYMOND, MAINE

Every year, approximately 300 Arrowmen from all across New England and beyond gather for a weekend of fun, fellowship, training and competition. The Section Conclave, which runs from Friday evening to Sunday morning, is the largest Order of the Arrow event outside of a National OA Conference and third biggest inter-council event in all of Boy Scouting. Check out what's going on with Conclave this year, and contact your lodge chief to sign up TODAY!

This year's Section Conclave will feature training sessions, inter-lodge competitions, shows and recreational activities. Check out what is being planned for the weekend and what you can look forward to attending the Conclave.

If you have never been to a Conclave, you are missing out on a great opportunity. Last year's section conclave was a blast and I'm looking forward to another great weekend this year. A Conclave is a great opportunity to meet fellow arrowmen from all over our section. Lodges from Maine, New Hampshire, and Northern Massachusetts will be gathering together for a chance to have fun and learn from each other how to improve our lodges and become better Arrowmen. Besides games, competitions, and great food, you will have a chance to attend sessions on many different subjects.

There is something for everyone, whether you are a new ordeal member, hold a position in your Chapter or in the Lodge, or are interested in a particular area such as ceremonies, dance, web pages, etc. Madockawanda Lodge, this year's Conclave host, has promised a great weekend and is planning lots of new and exciting activities.

Upon arrival Friday night, there will be check-in and setting up campsite, review of the weekend program, and a cracker-barrel. On Saturday, there will be three interesting sessions presented in the morning followed by games, demonstrations and competitions in the afternoon. A banquet and theme show will take place Saturday night. Sunday will be a time for fellowship and a Section Business meeting when the election of the next year's officers will be conducted.



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## BITS AND PIECES: NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

### 2010 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE: CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SCOUTING IN THE USA

The 2010 National Jamboree is now less than two years away but plans are already in motion to organize 3 full troops made up of Scouts and adult volunteers from the Daniel Webster Council to participate in this event. There is still room for Scouts to sign up provisionally now via the internet at [www.bsajamboree.org](http://www.bsajamboree.org), where they will be placed in the queue for Jamboree attendance with the Daniel Webster Council contingent.

Youth signing up will need to print their application, acquire their Scoutmaster's approval, and mail the application to the Daniel Webster Council, 571 Holt Avenue, Manchester, NH 03109 along with a \$100 deposit.

### WHO TO MAKE CHECKS TO

From now on, all checks must be payable to:

**Passaconaway Lodge DWC**

Thank you for your understanding!



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### OA ESTABLISHES CANADIAN ODYSSEY

After ten successful years in Minnesota, the OA Wilderness Voyage is expanding its area of operation with the introduction of the Canadian Odyssey. Adjacent to the Boundary Waters of Minnesota rests the Quetico Provincial Park in Ontario. Together they make up the wilderness portion of the greater Quetico-Superior area. For nearly 100 years, the Quetico has remained largely untouched by conservation efforts even though it is traveled by a quarter of a million people each year, many of whom are from the United States. Both the Order of the Arrow and Canadian authorities are eager to act on this opportunity for service.

The Quetico Provincial Park is a vast wilderness with over 600 lakes set inside more than a million acres. The Canadian Odyssey allows Arrowmen—returning and new participants alike—to see and explore entirely new territory while at the same time providing crucial service. Odyssey crews will labor to repair and maintain portage trails in Ontario during the first week. The second week they will paddle back to the United States on a route of their choosing. For more information, visit [www.adventure.oa-bsa.org](http://www.adventure.oa-bsa.org).

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## Take a Hike!

by Ed Ursus

Well, we're not going back to Vermont. Ajapeu Lodge has gone off to Section NE-2A so we're all done with the Green Mountains and Camp Norris. What other reason could there be to draw us back? How about the Long Trail?

When people think of important hiking trails, the Appalachian Trail usually comes to mind, but the Long Trail is older. Work began on the Long Trail in 1912. In ten years over 200 miles of trails and 44 over-night facilities were available for hikers. By 1930 the final link connecting the trail to Canada was finished. This work was done under the leadership of the Green Mountain Club which was founded in 1910. The Appalachian Trail was proposed in 1921 with the Long Trail as its inspiration. It was completed in 1937. A 100 mile section of the Long Trail was actually incorporated into the Appalachian Trail.

The Long Trail currently runs for a length of 272 miles across the state of Vermont. It starts at the Massachusetts border and runs north to the Canadian border. It runs along the main ridge of the Green Mountains. Additionally, over 70 miles of side trails complete the Long Trail System. The Long Trail traverses almost all of the Green Mountains' major summits, including (from south to north) Glastenbury Mountain, Stratton Mountain, Killington Peak, Mount Abraham, Mount Ellen, the Camel's Hump, Mount Mansfield, and Jay Peak.

If you are looking for some good hiking, the Long Trail has a lot to offer. But as a Scout, there may be some recognition for completing an extended hike on this famous trail. The Green Mountain Council has established a Long Trail Hiker Award. They have essentially broken up the Long Trail into five sections and recognize the completion of any of these sections with a Long Trail Hiker patch and a segment which identifies the section completed. For those who have completed all five sections, a Mass to Canada segment is available. What a great way to wear recognition for a 50 miler on your uniform since the BSA award is to be worn on equipment only. The five sections of the Trail are:

1. Bennington - from the Massachusetts border to Mad Tom Notch (just north of Route 11)
2. Rutland - from Mad Tom Notch to the Rolston Rest Shelter (about 4 miles north of US Route 4)
3. Addison - from the Rolston Rest Shelter to Birch Glen Camp (about 2 miles north of Route 17)
4. Chittenden - from Birch Glen Camp to Route 15 near Johnson, VT
5. Lamoille-Orleans - from Route 15 to the Canadian border.

In addition to making the hike, groups are required to keep a daily log and complete two hours of service along the trail. If you are working to complete a specific section of the trail, it need not be done on consecutive days. You can do it on a series of weekends as well. For more information on the award requirements and to order the patches and segments, contact the Green Mountain Council at P.O. Box 557, Waterbury, VT 05676-0577 or call them at 802-244-5189.

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## CHIEFLY THOUGHTS ON DUTY TO COUNTRY by Benjamin L. Stilwill, 2008 National Vice Chief

The Order of the Arrow has always served as one of the pinnacles of service to our country, not because we are asked to, and most definitely not because we are told to, but rather because it is our duty as Arrowmen. Dr. E. Urner Goodman, in his 1966 address at the Area 2C conference, talked to Arrowmen about the founding of the Order. He said to them that the Order of the Arrow was not founded on Treasure Island. Rather, it was founded many years beforehand. In 1776 a nation was founded, one that spoke of freedom and liberty.

These principles stayed with the country through hundreds of years, and men who exemplified these traits were those who went through that particular ceremony of the Ordeal. The Arrowmen of today are no different. There are Arrowmen from coast to coast who volunteer to our country and volunteer to our communities. Their dedication to others and to this country has been amazing in the past 93 years.

This year, Arrowmen have a new opportunity. As the summer approaches, thousands of Arrowmen from all over will be joining shovels in our national forests. They will be preserving hundreds of years of human impact, while ensuring the future beauty that enthralled so many people about our country. It is estimated that the volunteering will provide millions of dollars of work to the five national forests, proving to be the largest service project that the Boy Scouts have ever undertaken.

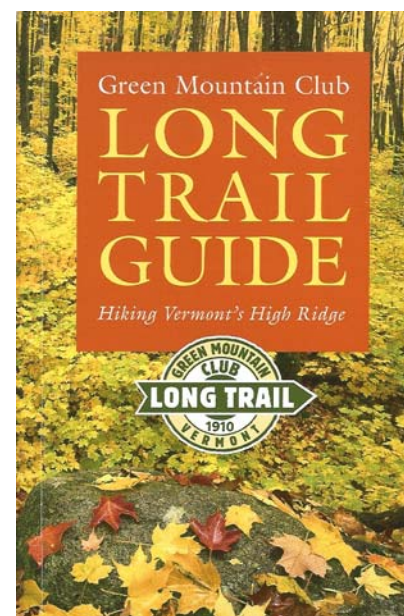
So as you go out into the woods, tools in hand, remember Dr. Goodman's message. We have always answered the call to our country. This summer will be the perfect opportunity to answer that call once again. The Order has and always will be the pinnacle of our nation's founding principles. ArrowCorps5 will always be remembered as an excellent testament to our dedication as Arrowmen, not only to the founding principles of Dr. Goodman, but the founding principles of our country.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
*Benjamin L. Stilwill*  
2008 National Vice Chief

## TAKE A HIKE (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3)

In order to organize a successful hike on the Long Trail it is essential to have the proper references. The first and foremost of these is the Long Trail Guide which is published by the Green Mountain Club. This guide breaks down the trail into 12 divisions and gives information about camping, fires, group use, winter use, access to the trail, and a detailed description of the division. It also provides great planning information for using the Long Trail as well as suggested day hikes. Do not even think of hiking the trail without preparing your trip using this guide. Another essential tool is the waterproof hiking map published for the Green Mountain Club by The Wilderness Map Company. Vermont's Long Trail: A Footpath in the Wilderness cost only \$9.95 but provides the entire trail at a scale of 1:100,000. It also provides a side view of the trail so a planner can get a quick look at changes in altitude along the way. Suggestions for 35 day hikes are also provided. If you are looking to pick out a part of the trail with special features, take a look at **50 Hikes in Vermont** which is published by the Green Mountain Club. Half of these hikes are along the Long Trail. The Appalachian Mountain Club has produced a guide to thirty-three of the best multi-day trips from Maine to Connecticut in a book called **AMC's Best Backpacking in New England**. Five of these treks are situated on the Long Trail.

I would like to thank the Green Mountain Council and especially the staff of their Scout Shop for their help in preparing this article.





### NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS

Read about what your chapter is doing and get involved! Your chapters have some great activities planned for this year and want you to be a part of it. I encourage all of you, especially new members, to go to your next chapter meeting and experience the fun and brotherhood of the Order of the Arrow!

#### Arrowhead Chapter

Meetings held at the Arlington Street Methodist Church in Nashua

**Time:** 7:00 - 8:30 pm

**Dates:** Usually the 3rd Wednesday of every month

#### Wannalancit Chapter

Meetings held at the Franklin Middle School

**Time:** 7:00 pm

**Dates:** Usually every second Monday of the month.

#### Sunapee Chapter

Meetings held at the LDS Church on Route 4 in Lebanon

**Time:** 7:00 pm

**Dates:** Second Thursday.

#### Abnaki Chapter

Meetings are held at the True Memorial Baptist Church in Rochester

**Time:** 7:00 -8:30 pm

**Dates:** Every second Thursday of the month.

#### Mt Monadnock Chapter

Meetings are held at the Crochet Mountain Rehabilitation Center in Greenfield.

**Time:** 7:00 -9:00 pm

**Dates:** Every second Tuesday of the month.

#### Great Northern Chapter

Meetings are held at White Mountains Regional HS in Whitefield.

**Time:** 7:30 -9:00 pm

**Dates:** Every second Tuesday of the month.

#### Massabesic Chapter

Meetings held at St.Elizabeth Seton Church, Bedford

**Time:** 7:00 -8:30 pm

**Dates:** Every second Wednesday of the month.

#### Historic Chapter

Meetings held at the Epping Middle School in Epping

**Time:** 7:30 - 9:00 pm

**Dates:** Second Tuesday of each month (except July).

#### Nutfield Chapter

Meetings held at the Armed Forces Reserve Center in Londonderry.

**Time:** 7:00 - 8:30 pm

**Dates:** Second Wednesday of each month (during Roundtable).

### A SCOUT IS CHEERFUL

A mailburro walks into a bookstore and asks, "Got any Boys' Life magazines?"

The manager says, "No, and get out of here. We don't serve animals."

The next day the mailburro walks in again and asks the same question. This time the manager says, "No, and get lost or I'll nail your feet to the floor."

The third day the mailburro walks into the bookstore and asks, "Got any nails?"

"No, I don't have any nails," the manager says.

Then the mailburro says, "Great—got any Boys' Life magazines?"

### From Boys' Life

#### **"ADVERTISE" IN THE TOTEM!**

IS YOUR CHAPTER DOING ANYTHING INTERESTING?

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR MORE BROTHERS  
TO ATTEND YOUR EVENTS?

DO YOU NEED VOLUNTEERS TO FILL POSITIONS IN YOUR  
CHAPTER OR COMMITTEE?

IF YOUR CHAPTER HELD A PARTY AND NOBODY CAME,  
WOULD IT STILL BE A PARTY?

*THE TOTEM OFFERS ALL OF YOU YOUR BEST SHOT AT  
GETTING YOUR MESSAGE OUT TO ALL MEMBERS OF  
PASSACONAWAY LODGE.*

# Looking Forward

<p><b>APRIL 2009</b></p> <p>10 Unit Election Forms due for Spring Fellowship Weekend 15 Conclave Registration due</p>	<p><b>MAY 2009</b></p> <p>1 Registration Forms Due for Spring Weekend 15-17 Spring Weekend (CC) 17 Lodge Business Meeting 10:00 am (CC); E-Board @ 11:00 31 2009 Lodge Dues Due</p>	<p><b>JUNE 2009</b></p> <p>1 Lodge Dues Late 14-16 Section Conclave, Camp Hinds, Raymond, ME</p>	<p><b>JULY 2009</b></p> <p>10 Unit Election Forms due for Fall Fellowship Weekend 18 Service Corps (HVSC)</p>
<p><b>AUGUST 2009</b></p> <p>1 NOAC begins, Indiana Univ., Bloomington, IN 6 NOAC closes 28 Registration Forms Due for Fall Weekend</p>	<p><b>SEPTEMBER 2009</b></p> <p>11-13 Fall Weekend (HVSC) 13 Lodge Business Meeting 10:00 am (HVSC)</p>	<p><b>OCTOBER 2009</b></p> <p>2 Registration due for Lodge Conference 16-18 Lodge Conference (HVSC) 18 E-Board Meeting 10:00 am (HVSC)</p>	<p><b>NOVEMBER 2009</b></p> <p>14 Service Corps (CC)</p>
<p><b>DECEMBER 2009</b></p> <p>31 Lodge Charter Renewal Deadline</p> <p><b>HAPPY HOLIDAYS!</b></p>	<p><b>JANUARY 2010</b></p> <p>2 Registration due for Fun Weekend 15-17 Fun Weekend (HVSC) 16 Service Corps (HVSC) 17 E-Board Meeting 10:00 am (HVSC)</p>	<p><b>FEBRUARY 2010</b></p> <p>5 Quality Lodge Seminar Registration Deadline 7-13 Boy Scout Week 20 Quality Lodge Seminar, Portsmouth 9:30</p>	<p><b>MARCH 2010</b></p> <p>14 Vigil Nominating 9:30 am &amp; E-Board 1:00 pm at Jewett Training Room, (CC) 20 Service Corps (CC)</p>

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