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NEXT STOP: NOAC 2012!

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Imagine traveling to a national Order of the Arrow event with your best friends in Passaconaway Lodge, enjoying an arena evening show with 7,000 Arrowmen from around the nation, winning the championship in Ultimate Frisbee, and participating in top-notch training sessions with a few hundred topics to choose from. This could be *you* next summer as the Order of the Arrow hosts the 31st national conference at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan from July 30 to August 4.

Arrowmen, it is an exciting time!

In 2004 when I attended my first national conference, I did not know what to expect. I was a chapter chief at the time, but I was eager more than ever to learn what a National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) was all about. In 2012, I am excited to return to NOAC for a week of training, lodge competitions, recreation, arena shows, and catching up with friends whom I have met at the past three NOACs.

One of my favorite parts about NOAC is the training programs that are offered to each Arrowman attending. The NOAC training highlights many topics that you can choose from including leadership symposia, running a lodge induction weekend, how to develop a lodge dance and ceremonies team, high adventure activities such as scuba diving, and American Indian song, dancing, and drumming. The training teams include the best and the most experienced Arrowmen, skilled in their subject areas.

After your training sessions conclude, Arrowmen can head to the fields for lodge competitions, such as Ultimate Frisbee, volleyball, basketball, soccer, and the 5K run, or they can check out a number of afternoon program activities. NOAC hosts its own Order of the Arrow museum highlighting its history with mem-

orabilia, interactive displays, and patches all throughout the years since the founding in 1915. Looking for some high adventure activities, Arrowmen can check out the Outdoor Adventure Place highlighting outdoor cooking, fishing, and camping and the Disability Awareness area.

At NOAC, you can meet Honor Campers from around the country to share ideas to bring home to the lodge. NOAC also attracts many special guests to participate in the training sessions, and you can interact with many of them in afternoon "Meet the Man" sessions. One way you can interact with Arrowmen is through patch trading, which is very popular. You may find yourself trading at the airport before you get to NOAC, at your training session, or while waiting for the start of the arena show.

The evenings at NOAC will be full of entertainment as the 7,000 Arrowmen gather for four spectacular shows. Full of special effects, acting, special recognitions, and keynote speakers, you will see why the shows are a major attraction at NOAC. The first evening show is on the opening day of NOAC where the conference and theme will be introduced. The second show is the Awards and Recognitions Show where Arrowmen are highlighted for their dedication and contribution to the Order. The third show highlights

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2013 NATIONAL JAMBOREE: CLOSER THAN YOU THINK!

BY ED URSUS

It was less than a year ago that many of us spent time at Ft. A.P. Hill with thousands of other Scouts celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. And what a time it was. For those of us who attended the 2010 National Jamboree or any other National Jamboree for that matter, it was an experience we will never forget.

I remember back in 2009 when there was talk of changing the location of the Jamboree, many were skeptical that such a change could be made in only 4 years. In fact, a spoof patch design reflected that lack of confidence. But here we are, just over two years away from the 2013 National Jamboree and it seems pretty clear that it will be held at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve in Glen Jean, West Virginia from July 15 - 24, 2013. It is important to note that there will be many changes. The first jamboree at the Summit will be unlike the jamborees held at Ft. A.P. Hill in many ways. Let's look at some of the differences outlined on the 2013 National Jamboree website.



In the first place the Summit will have World Jamboree-style "Scouting Neighborhoods." It will have a smaller camping footprint (1,000 acres) than Fort A.P. Hill (5,000 acres). Twenty subcamps will be organized into five villages. The maximum distance to the arena from any subcamp will be 1.5 miles. Troops will be assigned to subcamps in a manner that promotes the highest level of interaction, so do not expect the Daniel Webster troops to be in the same subcamp. One subcamp will be dedicated to Venturers. Walking will be the mode of transportation. There will be no bus routes.

There will also be changes in jamboree equipment. The Jamboree will provide all troop equipment—tents, cooking equipment, etc. Participants will only bring a duffel (Jamboree will supply), sleeping bag, and personal gear. Food will be pre-packed by troops, with cooking designed for troops rather than patrols. Lunches will be issued with breakfast in the morning so that participants will have them wherever they are.

The Jamboree program will be more diverse, more intense, and have a higher energy level than previous Jamborees. Jamboree will engage participants on a more intense program level in areas of interest

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JAMBOREE 2013

to them and will be available from daylight to dark and will include new features such as a Day of Giving Back, Jamboree Trek, zip-lining, whitewater rafting, and much more. Merit badges will be connected to program areas rather than a "merit badge midway."

As always, arena shows will be designed to entertain and inspire youth members.

While the first jamboree at The Summit will have more temporary facilities than future jamborees, the move will be toward permanent camp sites with bathroom facilities. Underground electricity and fiber optic cable for the entire site.

There will be an emphasis on recruiting younger staff members by providing shorter commitments than the entire jamboree. The OA will provide more than 600 Arrowmen for programs such as Jamboree Trek and Day of Giving Back. The Jamboree will use absolute best practices for eco-friendly camping—an

example to other camps. It will embrace conservation practices and Leave No Trace camping.

The Summit Center will be designed to function as the visitor experience area where visitors will be offered a "Jamboree lite" experience with a

sampling of Jamboree activities, constant entertainment and activities in the arena area, in addition to the exhibit and display areas. Jamboree visitors will be provided an improved experience and charged a reasonable but appropriate fee. All visitors will have to pre-register.

The 2013 Jamboree will preserve the best of jamboree traditions while creating new ones. Scouts,

staff, and visitors will be introduced to the World Brotherhood of Scouting at The Summit. In short, the 2013 National Jamboree at The Summit will truly be that once-in-a-lifetime experience for all who attend.

Start planning to attend now. For more information go to the Jamboree website at:

<http://www.bsajamboree.org/>

NOAC 2012

Native dance and culture at the American Indian Show. The best dancers at NOAC are invited to dance during the show and compete for the top awards. The fourth and final show is the closing show that brings the conference to a close with a week in review. During one night at NOAC instead of a show, there will be Region gatherings and the *Grand Hodag* which features food such as root beer and baked potatoes with bands and activities.

The OA ceremonies and American Indian dance, song, and drumming will also be a highlight at NOAC. The Order brings together the best craftsmen and trainers to NOAC to teach Arrowmen about many topics of the American Indian culture including sessions on developing your own regalia. Are you an aspiring OA ceremonialist? You can check out the OA ceremony evaluations and be critiqued on your regalia, style, and delivery to improve your skills for your next ceremony.

This fall, Passaconaway Lodge will begin recruiting Arrowmen to join the contingent to go to NOAC. It will be one of your best memories in Scouting and you will return home with new skills to improve your unit, chapter, and lodge. The cost of the conference is \$420 plus the cost of travel. The lodge will help fundraise to cover a portion of the travel expenses, so don't be intimidated. The conference costs include housing for the week, all meals, training and program opportunities, recognition items and more. On August 6, 2011, the 2012 NOAC website will launch online at event.ou-bsa.org. In the meantime, you can check out the 2009 official conference website here: ou-bsa.org/events/n2009/live.

I hope to see you at NOAC 2012. It will be fun!



WE WANT TO HEAR:

How does your chapter try to increase attendance at monthly meetings? Do you have any ideas to keep an active membership that you want to share? Send your Letters to the Editor to totem220@gmail.com



AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DIGEST

Have you ever read the Lodge Executive Committee meeting minutes? They contain a lot of information that is important for you and your chapter and can be found on the Lodge website (www.nhscouting.org/oa) under "Lodge" and "Minutes." A lot of important changes were made during the Spring Weekend Executive Committee meeting which I will try to summarize here. For details, please visit the Lodge website.

WILL WELCH FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

- Clans at the next induction weekend will be organized *by chapter* and chapters are responsible for providing the appropriate number of elangomats (one for every eight candidates.) Chapters without enough elangomats will not be able to induct their candidates.
- The Lodge needs a 2012 NOAC chairman to organize the Lodge's contingent. Email your Lodge Chief at cameron.p.eide@gmail.com if you are interested.
- The Lodge's Reference Manual for Chiefs and Advisers and the Lodge Bylaws have been placed on our website. Please look through these documents to better understand how our lodge operates.
- The Chapters Of Our Lodge incentive program has been updated. Please download it from the Lodge website and plan how your chapter will achieve it.
- The Lodge has adapted its committee structure into nine permanent committees which can be viewed in detail on the Lodge website. Everyone in the lodge needs to be on at least one committee. If you are not yet a member of a committee, send an email to me at wewells2@gmail.com to indicate which one you would like to join. Again, every lodge member must be part of a committee.
- The *Totem* will be mailed over the summer and will include a new way to register for events called the Passaconaway Lodge Event Pass. By mailing the Event Pass and your medical form, you will be registered and dues-paid for all lodge events in the upcoming Scouting year. Just show up! The *Totem*

will also be mailed to you at no cost as a bonus for purchasing the pass.

- The *Totem* will now be mailed annually over the summer with the option to receive future copies by mail for a \$2 mailing fee.
- The dues cycle of Passaconaway Lodge will shift from May 31st to May 31st, to December 31st to December 31st. There will be a one-time \$4 addition to dues to compensate for this shift.

If you have any questions about these updates, please talk to your chapter chief or email the Lodge Chief (cameron.p.eide@gmail.com) or Lodge Adviser (goodscout@comcast.net).



THE FOUNDERS ON STAGE AT NOAC '77.

CLEARLY THERE WAS CONFUSION ABOUT LEFT-OVERS/RIGHT-OVERS EVEN BACK THEN!





Q/A OF THE MONTH FROM OA.BSA.ORG

LEADING BY EXAMPLE

The Handclasp of the OA

Q: I am Allowat Sakima in my chapter's Ordeal ceremony team, so I am the first brother to give the Ordeal members the handclasp, and its meaning. My problem is that, according to the current Ordeal Ceremony book, I am to give the new Ordeal members the "Lodge Handclasp." This is in direct contradiction to what I was taught and what I am told by my Chapter Adviser, who says there are different handclasps for Ordeal and Brotherhood. I have done considerable research into this, and believe that there is only one handclasp. Is this true?

A: There is only one Order of the Arrow Handclasp, there are not three different ones for the three different Honors.

The current printing of the Ceremony for the Ordeal (1999 revision) clearly describes the Order of the Arrow handclasp on page 17, and explains its meaning.

Because past ceremony book printings used different (and perhaps more confusing) language to describe the handclasp, and because the Boy Scout handclasp changed in 1972, there was a period of time when many people mistakenly believed that Ordeal members had a different handclasp than Brotherhood members. It is likely that your adviser and others received their instruction during this period, or received it from those who had.

In any case, it is only right that all of us make the effort to use the correct handclasp from now on. Part of our leadership in service is to set the proper example. You are correct to follow the description given in the current ceremony books.

If your adviser has additional questions, please encourage him or her to contact the lodge adviser or national office.

Brothers,

At a recent event A.J., a new Arrowman, asked me, "What is the most important trait of a leader?" While thinking to myself about an answer to A.J.'s question, I was able to come up with examples of great leaders. However, it was not until I recognized the most common and powerful trait among these great leaders that I could give him my honest answer. I realized that the leaders were all role models; they all had set the example and raised the bar for the people around them.

Leadership is simpler than some believe. The easiest and most inexpensive way to lead people is leading by example. A leader must be himself, and must do his best by being the best person he can be. Order of the Arrow members are elected because fellow troop members see them as examples of the traits a good Scout stands for. A camp staff member receives recognition each week because all of the campers want to be just like him. A lodge chief is elected because his brothers believe in him.

But what motivates others to choose, recognize, or believe in a leader? It is because they have watched him. They know that when he acts, he is being himself. He is being the best he can be and it inspires others to get involved and make a difference.

"Setting an example is not the main means of influencing another, it is the only means."

- Albert Einstein

Cheerfully yours,

Dan Dick

2011 National Vice-Chief

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THE NATIONAL BULLETIN AT
oa-bsa.org/bulletin
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WIMACH-WHAT?

INDIAN LANGUAGE LESSONS FROM
BROTHER MICHAEL SZELOG

Alnôbaôdwada!

Let's speak
Abenaki!

Alënixsitàm!

Let's speak
Lënape!

Hè / Kwai kwai / Hello!

In this section we'll be exploring a little of two Native American languages; Lënape and Abenaki. Lënape is the language of the Delaware on whom our Order is loosely based, and the language of the many words used in our Ceremonies. Abenaki is New Hampshire's original language and the native language of Passaconaway, our Lodge's namesake.

We'll start things out simple with a few common words and phrases in each language. We'll also take a look at a few Lënape words found in the Order's Ceremonies. As we progress, certain aspects of grammar/culture will be briefly introduced.

For this first time around, it's necessary to get some technical stuff out of the way; pronunciation will be shown in very simplified phonetics:

- Where you see CAPS, that's the syllable in the word that receives the main stress.
- The dash is used to separate syllables within the same word
- The apostrophe ' will be used to represent the schwa sound; it's sort of like the last syllable of "better" as pronounced here in New England (i.e. without the 'r' at the end).
- A bolded 'on' represents a nasal sound like the 'on' in French "bonjour".
- 'kh' is the German 'ch' in Bach, or the Scottish 'ch' in Loch Ness
- 'ey' rhymes with "day"
- 'ai' rhymes with "why"

Other than that, everything else is sounded more or less how it's written using the phonetics.

So, now that that's out of the way, we're ready to lean a few words and expressions! Each phrase is given in "standard" Lënape and Abenaki spelling and then in the phonetics (take care not to confuse the two!). The English is given after the word/phrase.

Lënape

Hè! Heh! Hello!

Nimahtës(tuk) nee-MAW-kht's(took) (my)brother(s)
– only used by a male speaker!

Kulamàlsi / kulamàlsihëmo hàch? koo-law-MAHL-see / koo-law-mahl-SEE-h'm-moh hahch? Hello! How are you? (to one person / to several people)

Note that some speakers use hèch (hehch) for hàch – either is fine, just make sure you use either one or the other; don't switch between the two! This hèch/hàch is sort of a spoken question mark.

Abenaki

Kwai kwai! Kwai-kwai Hello!

Nijia(k) nee-dzee-AH(K) (my)brother(s)

Dôni gedôwlôwzin? **don-NEE g'-don-lon-ZEEN?**
How are you? (to one or several people).

We can now put these together in sentences: In Lënape we can say - Hè, nimahtës! Kulamàlsi hàch? And in Abenaki, Kwai kwai, nijia! Dôni gedôwlôwzin? Hello, my brother. How are you?

OA Words

Yes, you know them, you love them, but how are they pronounced and what do they really mean? Let's start off with some simple ones where the meaning is really not that different from what you know.....

Alowat Sakima – aw-LOH-wawt saw-KEE-maw
great chief

Elànkumàt – ey-lahng-GOO-maht
your fellow kinsman

Kikinhèt – kee-KEEN-heht
one who guides (a guide)

Nutëkèt – NOO-t'-keht
one who guards/watches (a guard/watchman)

Mëteinu – m'-tey-YIH-noo
a Lënape sweat doctor (medicine man)

Until next month....Wlalemegwôgan! – Be well wished!

--Alankwi Migwën/Alakwsi Migwen



YOUR CHAPTER NEWS!

MT MONADNOCK CHAPTER

has been busy in the past few months! We took a weekend in May to set up tent frames at Hidden Valley to prepare for Conclave. We established nine chairmanship positions in our chapter for next year. We inducted new members into our chapter at the Spring Fellowship Weekend and supplied sufficient Elangomats for their induction (hint). We're also on the path for the C.O.O.L award. Our last meeting of the Scouting year will be our annual chapter BBQ on June 14th at the Peterborough LDS Meetinghouse.

ARROWHEAD CHAPTER

Meetings: third Wednesday of the month 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Nashua Presbyterian Church, 1010 West Hollis St.

E-Board meetings: fourth Wednesday at 7:00 pm, St. Joseph's Church, 777 West Hollis St.

At our February meeting we worked on the Fire Safety merit badge and with some requirements done at home, most of us managed to complete it. At our March meeting we did a chapter bowling night and we all had a lot of fun. The April meeting was a new candidate orientation, and during April vacation part of our chapter helped out in the Nashua soup kitchen and it was a lot of fun. The May meeting will be our officer election meeting. Our ceremonies team did a few ceremonies mostly for Cub Scout packs, and our dance team also did quite a few dances for Cub Scout packs. We plan on having our yearly cook-out in August. Our chapter also recently formed a Facebook page.

WHOOOPS!

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Hey! Way to go Mt Monadnock and Arrowhead for submitting Chapter News! It's a shame nobody else did, because we've got this nice, big empty page here! Well, next issue maybe.

While we're on the subject, we're looking for all kinds of submissions for the Summer Issue: photos, columns, stories, poems... anything at all Scout, camping, or OA related! Ideas and assignments for stories will be on the Lodge Facebook page and elsewhere.

Thank you so much for your help, and be sure to mail submissions to totem220@gmail.com by July 9th.

With WWW,
Ethan (ebeihl@gmail.com)

Looking Forward

January 2011 14-16 Fun Weekend (HVSC) 15 Service Corps (HVSC) 16 E-Board Meeting 10:00 am (HVSC)	February 2011 4 Quality Lodge Seminar Registration Deadline 6-12 Boy Scout Week 19 Quality Lodge Seminar, Portsmouth 9:30	March 2011 19 Service Corps (CC) 20 Vigil Nominating 9:30 am & E-Board 1:00 pm at Jewett Training Center, (CC)	April 2011 15 Unit Elections Forms Due for Spring Weekend
May 2011 6 Reg. deadline for Spring Wknd. 20-22 Spring Fellowship Wknd. (CC) 22 Biz Mtg 10 AM, E-Board 11 (CC) 23 Indian Summer Final Payment Due 31 2011-2012 Dues due!	June 2011 10-12 NE-1A Section Conclave (HVSC) Enjoy Summer Camp!	July 2011 3-30 SummitCorps Sessions 1-4 15 Unit Elections Forms Due for Fall Weekend 16 Service Corps (HVSC)	August 2011 1-6 Indian Summer, Ridgecrest, NC 26 Reg. deadline, Fall Fellowship Weekend
September 2011 9-11 Fall Fellowship Weekend (HVSC) 11 Lodge Business Meeting, 10:00 AM (HVSC) 30 Registration deadline for Lodge Conference	October 2011 14-16 Lodge Conference (HVSC) 16 Lodge E-Board Meeting, 10AM (HVSC)	November 2011 21 Service Corps (CC)	December 2011 Happy Holidays!

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