



Wulamoc

March 2011

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Upcoming Events

March 19, 2011

Merit Badge Fair

April 8-10, 2011

NLS NLATS in St. Croix, MN

April 29—May 1, 2011

Section Onsite Meeting at Bear Paw Camp

May Conclave. May 13, 14, and 15th at Gamehaven Scout Reservation.

When Was the Last Time ?

When was the last time that you called up a lodge chief or lodge adviser and just asked «How are things going?» or «How can I help?». Many times we find ourselves trying to achieve attendance goals and participation quotas. I wonder if we would see participation numbers increase on their own if we simply had more interactive conversations with our chiefs, rather than

than emails stressing signing up. If the chiefs and advisers are engaged, then they will bring their members along for the ride! **I want to challenge each of you to make a commitment to call each of your respective chiefs or advisers, and ask «How can I be of service to you?»** I think we will find it will take our Region a long way. I am proud of all that each of you are doing to keep us, "The Great Midwest".

Excerpt taken from The Mighty Leader,
Article by Central Region Chairmen Chris Grove
http://central.oa-bsa.org/resources/newsletter/2010/MightyLeader_2010_July.pdf



Check out the Lodge Page on the Council Website:

<http://www.gamehavenbsa.org/orderarrow.html>

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Blue Ox Lodge Calendar of

DRAFT PLANNING CALENDAR - DATES AND EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

2011 Dates

| | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| January—April 2011 | Unit Elections | |
| March 19, 2011 | Merit Badge Fair | Lourdes HS, Rochester |
| April 8-10, 2011 | NLS/NLATS | St. Croix, MN |
| April 29-May 1, 2011 | Section on Site Meeting | Bear Paw Camp Mountain, WI |
| May 13-15, 2011 | May Conclave | GSR |
| June 21-26, 2011 | Arrow Service 2011 | Grand Marais, MN |
| August 19-21-2011 | August Conclave | GSR |
| September 16-18, 2011 | Section Conclave | Bear Paw Camp, Mountain, WI |
| October 7-9, 2011 | Lodge Leadership Development | TBD |
| TBD | Camporama | TBD |
| November 4-6, 2011 | NLS/NLATS | |
| TBD | Winter Banquet | TBD |

Websites to Visit:

<http://www.gamehavenbsa.org/orderarrow.html> — Gamehaven Council OA Page

<http://www.oe-bsa.org/> - for any OA member

<http://www.jumpstart.oe-bsa.org/> - Jumpstart Training for new arrowmen

<http://sectionc1b.org/index.html> — Section C1B Website

<http://www.central.oe-bsa.org/> - Central Region Website

Lodge Vital

Statistics

As of 02/01/2011

Current Membership
Totals

| | |
|-------|----|
| Youth | 2 |
| Adult | 35 |
| Total | 37 |

2011 Dues

Have you paid yours?

It's only \$13 a year!!

Challenge

**We are the lodge that
re-charted with the
second lowest
membership.**

Let's change that!!

Section Conclave Review

The C1B section conclave was held Sept 16-18 at LE Phillips. The Blue Ox Lodge sent a total of 19 members, 7 adults and 12 youth, and helped the section reach 400 attendees. The National Chief was in attendance as well, and participated in the various activities right beside many young arrowmen. During the weekend, the participants enjoyed multiple training cells, football games, dunk tank, and much more. The National Forest Service was on hand to talk more about the upcoming ArrowService2011 project in the Superior National Forest next summer.

Merit Badge Fair

We need people to help with the Merit Badge Fair. The merit badge fair is on March 19, 2011 at Lourdes High School in Rochester. The Lodge is in charge of lunch and concessions and we are looking for approximately 40 people—OA members—youth and adults - and parents, to help run the concessions. We need people for set up Friday night, March 18, 2011 and during the day on Saturday, March 19th, between 8 AM and 4 PM. We are working with the Philmont contingent on this project and we will split the profits with them.

If you can help, even for an hour, please send an email to Shawn Peters, lodgeadviser@gamehavenbsa.org. Be sure to let him know how much time you have to donate to this lodge project.

New Ordeal members from the Fall conclave.



Trading Post

The trading post is gearing up!! Watch for a new lodge T-shirt to be available soon as well as some things like lanyards and pens.

Along with these items, the trading post will be offering some pre-order only items such as baseball caps and hoodies with the option of having your name on it.

Also, the trading post would like to know what you want available at the trading post. Watch for a trading post survey soon.

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From Page 1 of The Superior Sentinel

Greetings Arrowmen,

We would like to welcome you to ArrowPower2011 Service on the Superior. This is a comprehensive service project founded by the legacy created at ArrowCorp5 and put into motion right here in northern Minnesota. As members of one of the 12 lodges in Area 1 of the Central Region, BSA, you are invited to take part in this once in a lifetime opportunity.

We are excited to break ground on some major trail reconstruction along the shores of Lake Superior, along with clearing some new mountain bike trails, and creating campsites and portage trails for recreation expansion into the primitive wilderness of northern Minnesota. If you are driven to serve, excited to expand outdoor recreation for others and passionate about spending time in the woods, hiking, camping, and mountain biking, this is the opportunity for you.

We encourage all Arrowmen

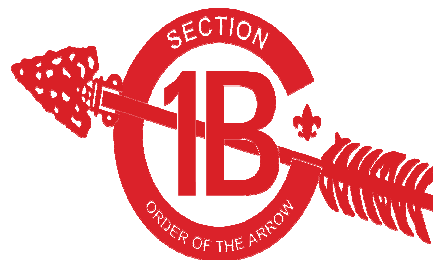
14 and above to sign up for this awesome event to take part in something bigger than yourself. These projects will stand the test of time and be there for your family to enjoy. Spend a week surrounded by the majesty of the outdoors and fellowship with Arrowmen you know and those you will get to know. Hurry up as spots will fill fast. Make sure you contact your lodge chief and adviser on how to register.

In closing, we want to again welcome you to ArrowPower2011, a once in a lifetime opportunity to make an impact to last a lifetime. Sign up today.

We look forward to seeing you in Grand Marais, MN, June 2011.

Bill Beyer
Incident Commander Operations

Ted Weiland
Incident Commander Administration



<http://arrowpower.sectionc1b.org/index.html>



If you are interested in attending this event, contact Lodge Adviser Shawn Peters for details. Space is limited, so sign up now!!

Read all about ArrowPower 2011 at:

http://arrowpower.sectionc1b.org/resources/superior_sentinel01.pdf



Adviser's Minute

The Chinese Year of the Ox, 2010, has come and gone, and the charter papers have been sent in. Over the past year, the youth officers have tried hard to maintain and excel the lodge, but there seems to be a lack of interest in others participating. From an Adviser stand-point, there are many things that we could do better, but there are many things that the lodge has done well in as well.

I would like to first, congratulate the new Ordeal members for being elected and following through to achieve their honor. I would also congratulate the 12 members of the Lodge who chose to seal their membership by becoming brotherhood members. And finally, the three new Vigil members who have provide the lodge and the boy scout program with service to warrant the recognition.

As a lodge we provided 892 hours of Manpower in service to the council, which comes down to about four and half hours worked per registered arrowman. During each Ordeal, the new candidates should spend a

full day in arduous labor, which means the 45 new Ordeal candidates spend 315 hours of the 892 hours in service. One area I struggle with is that we are only chartering 200 arrowmen in a council that has nearly 4000 scouts and 1500 leaders. If the units are providing the camping opportunities, and the scouts are of first class rank, why is the lodge not being able to capture more of these scouts and have them involved?

The lodge also provided funding for the new signs that went up around camp last summer. As I walked through camp, I was able to see many of our brothers digging the holes, pounding the poles in, packing dirt, or even painting the signs. These projects that we provide help ensure the visitors to camp can find their way around, and those members who help on these projects, as well as the many others should take pride in their work as they will be visible for years to come.

As we strive to the future, the lodge will be looking to achieve quality lodge status. Rather

than go into details on quality lodge here, be sure to look at the quality lodge article. Many of these tasks are simple and may already be worked on, but unless the lodge knows of your involvement in the council activities, we can not include the work that has been done. As the lodge looks to the future, we are in need of youth members willing to help out and of adult advisers to help guide them. There are many areas where the help is needed- ceremonies, publications, instructing, elangomats, election teams, promotions, cook staff, behind the scenes, and much more. If you haven't been contacted by a committee chair to serve in one or more positions, I encourage you to contact one of the lodge officers and offer your help.

If you have any ideas as to how the lodge can improve, we look forward to hearing from you as well. Lets make 2011 the new Year of the Ox and show the council, the section, and national just how good we are.

Shawn Peters, Lodge Adviser



National OA has issued this commemorative patch. The Lodge is selling this patch for \$15 and it is available only at Lodge events.

2011 National Events

SummitCorps and Indian Summer Highlight 2011

By AARON SHEPHERD

Assistant Copy Editor

Order of the Arrow members should get ready for a busy summer in 2011. For the first time in history the OA is hosting two national events: SummitCorps and Indian Summer. Following the success of *ArrowCorps5*, the next major service project will be at the New River Gorge National River Area in West Virginia. The OA will work with the National Park Service to build new biking and hiking trails in the park. Arrowmen will also be removing invasive plant species throughout the trails. "SummitCorps will be the first of many projects with the park service near the BSA's new high-adventure base," said National Order of the Arrow Chief Brad Lichota. Each lodge contingent will be responsible for their own travel arrangements to and from

the project site. There is a total of four different weeks lodges can attend: July 3-9, July 10-16, July 17-23, or July 24-30. A projected total of 500 Arrowmen will provide service each week. Registration information will be mailed to councils in September. Indian Summer is for all Arrowmen with the desire to learn more about American Indian culture and Arrowmen who wish to expand their skills and understanding of the Order's ceremonies and induction process. A primary objective of this event is to expand a participant's understanding of American Indian culture. To achieve this, Arrowmen will have first-hand experience with American Indian crafts, singing, dancing, clothing, traditions, games, and conducting pow wows. You can improve your skills in conducting a successful pre-Ordeal or Ordeal ceremony. Indian Summer participants will have the opportunity to

delve deeper into the ceremony world of settings, props, symbolism, performing the ceremonies, the development of ceremonial costumes, understanding the 10 induction principles, and administering the Ordeal. Indian Summer will be held August 1-6, 2011 at the Ridgecrest Conference Center near Asheville, North Carolina. "Indian summer will be one of the best experiences for Arrowmen to expand their knowledge," said Will Swingle, National Vice Chief of the Order of the Arrow. "Arrowmen will be able to experience pow wows and participate in ceremony evaluations."

Taken from the National OA

National Leadership Seminar

Event Date:
April 8-10, 2011

Location: Kiwanis
Scout Camp, Marine on
the St. Croix, MN

Event Fees: \$125

Event documents are
online at:
http://central.oebsa.org/calendar/docs/NLS_2011_04_08.pdf

The seminar is limited to the first 60 participants whose applications, with the required council approval, are received by the regional office. Only online registrations will be accepted.

You will be asked to enter your council number when registering. Your council will be charged for the event fees and you will need to make arrangements to reimburse your council.

No refunds for no shows.

Register online at:

<http://reservations.scouting.org/profile/form/index.cfm?PKformID=0x25005b050>

The links for this are also on the Lodge webpage of the Gamehaven Council Website.

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Quality Lodge

The status of Quality Lodge is much like the Quality Unit award in your units. It shows that the lodge is performing well and doing what needs to be done to ensure a well to do program for the scouting program. The requirements of attaining quality lodge are pretty simple. We currently have charted 200 arrowmen out of 5500 potential candidates. Now, I realize there could be many reasons why the other 5300 scouts and scouters are not part of this Honor Society. Ranging from a lack of desire, or not being a leader, or just not being eligible for election. Our responsibility is to be sure everyone who is eligible has the chance to experience the true meaning of the Ordeal.

The lodge much complete 16 achievements to qualify for quality lodge. The first 11 are required and then there are some optional achievements that each lodge can work on. The highlighted achievements are the ones that the lodge is currently lacking in:

1) Renew the lodge charter on time with appropriate fees. Now, some of you might wonder where your \$13 dues goes each year- \$3 goes to National for the charter, \$2 goes into the FOS fund for the council, the other \$8 is portioned out within the budget to help with ceremonies, administrative, printing, training, and some other miscellaneous costs.

2) The Lodge complies with the current printings of the OA handbook, Guide to Officers and Advisers, Field Operations Guide, Guide to Inductions and Ceremonies books. This achievement falls more on the leadership of the lodge to ensure everything is being run properly.

3) The lodge experiences positive membership growth. With 5300 potential arrowmen in the council, this should be an easy task, its just promoting the lodge and getting arrowmen to pay their dues each year.

4) 30% Brotherhood Conversion. The lodge has to induct a minimum of 30% of eligible ordeal members to brotherhood each year. Eligible members are those who have 10 months or more as an ordeal member. Again, this should be an easy task to complete.

5) Conducting one or more LLDC. The lodge should conduct Lodge Leadership Development Course with qualified instructors to train lodge and chapter officers, chairmen, and advisers with at least 75% attendance. All lodge members are encouraged to attend as well as they take a more active role in the course of the lodge.

6) Service Projects at camp. As a lodge, we complete service projects at camp, but we should try to do a council-approved community service project as well. A written report for each project is submitted with an annual report and the members contribute an average of 3 hours of service.

7) Unit Elections- The lodge conducts elections to every unit desiring one each year. The teams should be trained and members are in proper uniform during the election.

8) The lodge Key 3 meets with the Scout Executive to identify ways for the lodge to be more effective in co-operating and coordinating the council programs. A calendar permits arrowmen to participate in unit, district, and council events. Hopefully, the lodge can produce a calendar that goes out a couple years so this can be achieved.

9) The lodge leadership actively participates in the development and implementation of the council plan to promote camping. Working with the district leadership, the lodge should use a camping promotion committee to visit at least 75% of the units prior to June 30.

10) Contribute at least \$2.00 per member to the council. This is done during our charter each year and is taken directly from our dues.

11) Submitting an annual written report to the council executive board. This achievement is completed by the Lodge Chief during the year of review.

The rest of the list are optional, but as a lodge five of them would need to be completed.

A. Contribute to the endowment fund. In addition to the \$2.00 per arrowman, the lodge contributes a minimum of \$1000 to the council endowment fund.

B. The lodge publishes a Where to Go camping booklet, CD, or information on the web that has been updated in the last three years.

C. Ceremony teams have memorialized their parts and the ceremonies were presented in an effective manner.

D. The lodge Key 3 meets at least 6 times per year.

E. The lodge provides manpower, resources, or program assistance to support the Cub Scout outdoor program and Webelos transition.

F. Within the last two years, two youth arrowmen attend NLS and completed their contracts and one adult attended NLATS and completed the contract.

G. The lodge creates a plan to serve the OA Mentoring Program.
H. Produce and distribute at least four newsletters to members, either hardcopy, email, or website, and contribute to council newsletter.

I. One youth member attends a national OA high adventure program, and at least three youth and an adult attend the section conclave.

J. The lodge uses scoutnet to verify the membership of arrowmen against the BSA registration.

OA Operation Awase

Operation Awase is a set of goals put in place by the LEC to increase membership and lodge participation at events.

Project Sac-A-Fox (Step 1) Obtained by 2011

- 225 members in 2011
- Event attendance is 30 per event
- Brotherhood Conversion is at 30%
- Ordeal Ceremony memorized.
- Elangomat Team has at least five (5) members.
- Two (2) youth attend NLS
- 20 Arrowmen to Section Conclave
- Four (4) Wulamoc publications per year

Project Sink-A-Canoe (Step 2) Obtained by 2012

- 275 Members by 2012
- NLS Attendance 3 youth
- Brotherhood Conversion 35%
- Extended Elangomat Program in place
- Event attendance- 35 per event
- 25 Arrowmen to Section conclave
- 4 Wulamoc publications per year

Project: Skin-A-Deer (Step 3) Obtained by 2013 (TKC)

- 325 Members by 2013
- Brotherhood Conversion 40%
- Ordeal Ceremony Memorized
- Brotherhood Ceremony Memorized
- Elangomat Team of no less than 10
- Four Ceremony Teams Formed
- Dance Team formed with 2 Dances learned
- NLS Attendance- 3 youth
- 30 Arrowmen to Section Conclave
- Send 30 Arrowmen to Jamboree

- Send 1 Arrowman to National OA High Adventure

Project: Take-A-Flight (Step 4) Obtained by 2014 (Otyokwa)

- 400 Members by 2014
- Brotherhood Conversion 50%
- Three Ceremonies Memorized
- Six Ceremony Teams Formed
- Dance Team with 3 Dances learned
- Send Ordeal team to National Competition
- NLS Attendance- 3 youth
- 35 Arrowmen attending Section Conclave

• Send 1 Arrowman to National OA High Adventure

Project: Pull-A-Reign (Step 5) Obtained by 2015 (Blue Ox)

- Host 100th Anniversary Section Conclave
- 475 Members by 2015
- Brotherhood Conversion 60%
- Three Ceremonies Memorized
- Dance Team prepared for National Competition
- NLS Attendance- 4 youth
- 50 Arrowmen attending Section Conclave
- Send 1 Arrowman to National OA High Adventure

Project: Bag-A-Bear (Step 6) Obtain by 2016 (Awase)

- Increase Membership to 550
- Brotherhood Conversion 60%
- Memorized Three Ceremonies
- Six Publications per Year
- 50 Arrowmen attending Section
- NLS Attendance- 5 youth
- Send 1 Arrowman to National OA High Adventure
- Chairman Positions filled (24 LEC Members)

OA: Operation Awase Completed by NOV 2016

Flaming Arrow Award

Introducing the Flaming Arrow Award. The purpose of this award is to increase lodge participation. There are three parts to this award and may be earned by both youth and adults.

Silver Hoof Requirements

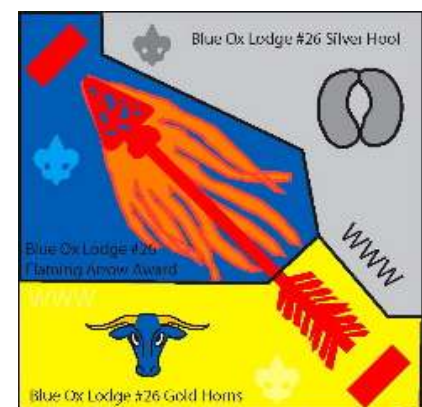
Become an ordeal member
Participate as a staff member for 2 conclaves
Attend 1 other lodge event besides a conclave
Attend 3 conclaves

Gold Horns Requirements

Obtain the Silver Award
Become a brotherhood member
Participate as a staff member for an additional 2 conclaves
Gain position within lodge as either chairmen or officers
Attend 2 other lodge events besides a conclave
Attend a section conclave
Attend 3 LEC meetings

Flaming Arrow Requirements

Obtain the silver and the gold award
Need to have at least 2 years of brotherhood membership
Staff an additional 4 conclaves
Attend 2 additional section conclaves
Hold a position in the lodge for 2 years
Attend 10 LEC meetings



Check out the Lodge Page on the Council Website:

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Date _____
 Name _____
 Address _____
 City State Zip _____
 Phone _____ email _____
 BSA Registration Number _____

Registration fees are due by Registration Date. If registration is made after registration date, the late registration will apply. Guests are welcome to join the arrowmen at a cost of \$7.00 per guest.

| Date | Event | Cost | Reg Date | Late Reg | Arrowmen Attending | Total Cost | CC |
|------------|-------------------------------------|---------|----------|----------|--------------------|------------|-----|
| May 14 | Dues | \$13.00 | May 14 | \$20.00 | | | 501 |
| | | | | | | | |
| May 13-15 | May Conclave | \$15.00 | Apr 29 | \$20.00 | | | 518 |
| May 14 | Dinner Guest | \$7.00 | May 13 | \$10.00 | | | 518 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Aug 19-21 | August Conclave | \$15.00 | Aug 5 | \$20.00 | | | 530 |
| Aug 20 | Dinner Guest | \$7.00 | Aug 19 | \$10.00 | | | 530 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Sept 16-18 | Section Conclave | \$25.00 | Aug 26 | \$40.00 | | | 517 |
| | | | | | | | |
| TBD | Lodge Leadership Development Course | \$15.00 | | \$20.00 | | | 541 |
| | | | | | | | |
| TBD | Vigil Fellowship | \$15.00 | | \$20.00 | | | 538 |
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| TBD | Fellowship Banquet | \$15.00 | | \$20.00 | | | 512 |
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| | Grand Total | | | | | | |

| Names of Additional Arrowmen and Guests | BSA Reg. Number | Arrowman | Guest |
|---|-----------------|----------|-------|
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If you are interested in completing your Brotherhood at an event, please fill out the Brotherhood Registration Form and not use this one for that event. The Brotherhood Registration form will be on the website.

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Rochester, MN

Blue Ox Lodge #26

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Living the Legacy—check out the National Strategic Plan at www.oa-bsa.org

***** It's Unit Election Season *****

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lodge Executive Committee Meeting—March 27th—1 PM Check the lodge webpage for location

National Leadership Seminar—April 8-10—St. Croix Falls, MN

Conclave of Chiefs - April 29, 30 & May 1, Bear Paw Camp, Mountain, WI (Section onsite meeting)

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