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**Key Dates:**

—1st Summer Ordeal: May 13-14

—2nd Summer Ordeal: July 11-12

Report Time: 6:00 PM  
Location: Stamler Dining Hall

# The Thunderbird

## Summer Ordeals

**By: Alex Hill**

Calling All Arrowmen!

As usual, we'll start with

For these to be a success, I need attending Members. We had a great Spring Ordeal, and I hope to have two great Summer Ordeals.



Summer Camp is here. And that means, Summer Ordeals! There are two Ordeals during Camp. The first one is, June 13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> and the 2<sup>nd</sup> is, July 11-12th. You should be at Stamler Dining Hall by 6:00pm Friday Night.

a Callout Ceremony at dusk. Followed by the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony. These's Events are 2-day Events, unlike our Spring and Fall Ordeals. There will be a Brotherhood Conversion Ceremony every week during Camp.

For those youth attending Summer Camp, I will be offering an Elangomat Class during Camp, one evening every week that there's an Ordeal. If you have any, any questions, please feel free to contact me via E-mail.

We'll have a Call out ceremony every week at Summer Camp, but there will be two Ordeals and two Ordeals only.

## NOAC - 2009!

**By: Aaron Shepherd**

NOAC, what is NOAC? NOAC is short for the National Order of the Arrow Conference. We are not talking Conclave size, we are talking thousands and thousands of

arrowmen! There are countless people everywhere you go and you meet new people everyday. Hundreds of different activities from Indiana Heritage to Scuba Diving.

I would personally say the highlight of my OA career was attending the 2006 NOAC in Michigan. The next NOAC is in the summer of 2009 and it will be fun! More information will come out later!



Lodge Chief,  
William Hogg

## Chiefly Speaking

Fellow Arrowmen,

The *Spring Ordeal* was a huge success with a fantastic amount of Ordeal Candidates and Brotherhood conversions as well, I welcome you. I also want to congratulate the ceremony team on a job well done. As always, thank you to the cook staff. Everyone worked very hard and we were all well fed! I again apologize for my absence on Friday evening, but what can I say. . .proms are special too.

Those of you who had just completed your Ordeal were probably so tired that you barely remember our meeting, but I remember how at times you looked lost at the terms we used. As I told you, "Ask me," and since no one did here are some of the terms and a quick meaning. "NOAC" is

short for National Order of the Arrow Conference. "LLD" is short for Lodge Leadership Development. "Elangomats" translated into "friend" in the language of the *Lenni Lenape*. As an Elangomat, you go through the test of the Ordeal along with the candidates. Your example is a good teacher of "Brotherhood," "Cheerfulness," and "Service." The Lodge will train you for this service. Do not be afraid to volunteer, the experience will be quite rewarding. Each newsletter I will try to cover issues you may have questions about so you can always feel like you fit in and can be comfortable.

Last, I want to remind you to keep submitting recipes to Kawida, Kookin', the cookbook our Lodge will publish and have for sale at the Winter Banquet. Reci-

**By: William Hogg**

pes may be long or short, complicated or not, cookout-campout variety or the cook at home type. Anything goes! We will make an honest attempt to print all that we receive. If you want to include a picture of the dish or a funny incident about it, that's OK too. This is for friends of Kawida, so ask your grandparents, neighbor, anyone you have a connection with who makes something we will all want to try! Thanks to the wonderful folks at Executive Printing, Pikeville for their help with this project. Send your recipes to [eaglescoutmother@gmail.com](mailto:eaglescoutmother@gmail.com)

Remember, "We are together in the Order of the Arrow, not so much for what we have done, but for what we are expected to do."

WWW,  
William Hogg



Vice Chief of Service  
Alex Hill

## Service from the Vice Chief of Service

Fellow Arrowmen,

Let me start off by saying Thank You, Thank you to all who attend Spring Ordeal! What a wonderful time we had, even though the weather wasn't the best, we still got all the Tents up for our upcoming Summer

Camp Season. We now have 29 new Ordeal Members, and 13 Brotherhood Members. Congrats! It's been a great year so far, and I'd love to keep it going. Being the Vice Chief of Service, it is my duty to plan, and carry out all the

**By: Alex Hill**

Ordeals for the year. In less than a Month we'll have our first summer Ordeal. For anyone that wants to be an Elangomat or, just a helper, let me know.

Yours Serving,

*Alex Hill*

**From the Desk of the Secretary**

Brothers,

These last few months have filled me with many ideas to improve Lodge Communication along with the layout and content of the Thunderbird.

The first order of business I need to address is the need of Where to go Camping Guide (WTGC) committee members. These members will be

responsible of writing detailed and lengthy information about camping in their chapter. I need every Chapter Chief to get at least two members from their chapter to take on this task.

Please email me the list of your two members and their emails along with their home phone number. If all goes well, we will have our new guide before

**By: Aaron Shepherd**

Winter Banquet!

The second order of business is I need some youth members (new or old) to help with writing articles for the Thunderbird. If your new members would like to write articles then feel free to email me!

Yours in Service,  
Aaron Shepherd  
Kawida Lodge Secretary



Lodge Secretary,  
Aaron Shepherd

**From the Adviser**

Congratulations on a great start this year. The lodge has enjoyed success at the Section Conclave, attendance at our events is up from last year, and membership is slightly ahead of this time last year. The officers of Kawida have quality lodge squarely in their sight.

As summer camp is getting ready to start Kawida Lodge has many members and officers on the staff.

This should mean a more visible Brotherhood of Cheerful Service at McKee Scout Reservation this camping season. The lodge does plan to have information about events posted in the campsites, program areas, and buildings this year. We do have two Ordeals during camp with a call out ceremony and Brotherhood conversion each week.

**By: Alan Watts**

As we go about our busy summer remember to walk, talk, and look like Arrowmen. Let's keep our eyes on the prize to serve Scouting. The stronger Scouting is, the Stronger the Order of the Arrow will be.



Lodge Adviser,  
Alan Watts



## Spring Ordeal - Follow Up

With odd weather all weekend, we really had a good time. We had 29 new members inducted this weekend, 13 Brotherhood conversions, and we got to set up all of the tents around camp.

For fun, we had the Kawida Famous,

Jeopardy! With questions from cub scouts, to advance Order of the Arrow trivia, it was a blast! The winner of this got a free back pack, and it went to whoever answered the most questions correct.

Like always, the food was great, dinner was one

**By: Aaron Shepard**

of the best we've had in a while. Set your calendars for the first Summer Ordeal June 13th- 14th.



Some worn down officers



An easier and faster way to get around at Conclave.

## Conclave Follow - Up

If there could be 3 words that described this years Conclave at Camp Mack Morris, they would be fun, memorable, and great! This year we had 48 Kawida Lodge members attend the event.

Our biggest achievement was our lodge coming in third overall in Quest Games. This is the first time in years that we have ever placed, everyone who took part in those events deserve a big congratulations!

Training this year was headed by our very own Billy Zoellers (Conclave Vice Chief—Training), and Alex H., Will H., Don C., and myself were one of the many instructors. They offered twelve different sessions, in Brotherhood Conversion, Elangomat Program, Newsletter Basics, and much more.

This year's food was also great, we had a good time talking about our past memories or just talking in general in there dining hall.

**By: Aaron Shepherd**

The best part of this all was, we had our new Kawida Lodge Patches in ready to buy and trade! From what I heard they were one of the hottest there.

I hope to see you at next years Conclave, same weekend, same time!



Chilling at Conclave.



Kawida Lodge Members celebrating our quest victory.



Vice Chief of Brotherhood,  
Will Goff

## Brotherly Speaking

**By: Will Goff**

Fellow Brothers,

I would like to encourage you all to get your Brotherhood. You have been elected by the members of your Troop to be in the Order of the Arrow, so why not advance?

To get your Brotherhood

you don't have to go through and ordeal, there is no sleeping under the stars and scant food. Brotherhood is basically learning about the Order of the Arrow and how you can get involved more.

The price for the Brotherhood conversion covers food, a Brotherhood sash,

and a new flap.

Those who chose you need you. Don't let them down; they elected you for a reason.

Yours in WWW,

Will Goff

Vice Chief of Brotherhood

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## Pioneer Mountain Trail Crew

**By: Ken Green**

With the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Pioneer Mountain Trail coming up, it has been decided to start a major effort to rebuild and improve it for a grand re-opening. To complete this task, there will be a volunteer Trail Crew that will meet once a month.

The Trail Crew will meet at the Picnic area, on the first Saturday of each month, at 9:00am. There will be a description of the day's task, tools will be handed out, and there will be a discussion any safety concerns. The crew will then head out to the work location on the trail. The crew will usually be clearing, marking, and relocating trail sections or building water bars or bridges. The crew should always be finished and back to the Picnic area by 4:00 PM each day.

**Who can attend?** Because the crew will be using sharp woods tools, and at times

doing hard labor, it is asked that attendees be at least Boy Scout Age.

Because the McKee Scout Reservation cannot guarantee 2-deep leadership, youth (under 18) may only attend with their parent(s) or Scout Leader(s). There will never be a charge to attend, and you should bring your own water bottles and sack lunch for the trail. For more information, go to: <http://campmckee.org/trailcrew.htm>

If you plan to attend, send an email to:

[ranger@campmckee.org](mailto:ranger@campmckee.org)

**Next Meeting:** Saturday June 7, 2008, 9:00am at the Picnic Area.

**Task:** Building a truss bridge across the creek between the picnic area and the lee shelter.

**Wear:** Comfortable boots, work gloves, and proper clothing for the weather.

**Please Bring:** Water bottles and a lunch sack



*To find out the latest happenings at the McKee Scout Reservation, visit*

[campmckee.org](http://campmckee.org)



## Tomahaken Update

By: Devan Allara

Brothers,  
As you know this past month was Conclave. It was a blast, in our Chapter we had 18 registered members attend. We did many activities including classes on lodge development, and quest games in the afternoon. It was all concluded by a closing campfire Saturday night. On another note, we had 35 members registered in the Tomahaken Chapter this year.

In 2007 we had 47. We also have 16 elected candidates to

go thru their ordeal this year. That brings this year total to 52. I would strongly like to encourage all of the ordeal members in the chapter to go thru their brotherhood. Not only is going thru this ceremony a great honor but it will also help our chapter to obtain the Quality Chapter Award.

I hope that this year continues to have fun events like Conclave and that all of you are able to attend.

Congratulations to our new Chapter Members, Jared Auton, Kevin Auton, Mac Hall, Derrick Moore, Jordan Marcum, C.J. Ousley, Lewie Arnett, Tim Dyer, and Barry Combs. And our Brotherhood members, Jakob Elste, Anthony Collins, Josh Dyer, and Andrew Combs! We have received the requirement for Membership Growth! Our Brotherhood conversion has met the National standard of 30%, we want to have 100% though!

## Tecumseh Update

By: Sunder Willet

This year 45 youth and 4 adults from our district were elected as Ordeal candidates into the Order of the Arrow. Several of these went through their Ordeal at the Spring Ordeal, and we had almost a dozen Ordeal members become Brotherhood members

on that same weekend. We had a great representation at the Spring Ordeal and many of the Ordeal members doing their Brotherhood also participated in various ceremonies and some were Elangomats. We are on the fast track to earning the

Quality Chapter Award this year, which we *will* earn along with Tomahaken.

Yours in Service,  
Sunder Willet  
Tecumseh Chapter Chief

## Kawida Cook Book

By: Juanita Hogg

Fellow Arrowmen:  
Kawida Lodge is about to embark on a first ever project! We are compiling a cookbook as a fundraiser to be ready for gift giving during the coming 2008 holiday season.

We need your help in selecting recipes to be included. Please send your favorites, be they of the cook-out, camp-out variety or not. This will be a great way to honor a scout-

master or mentor, grandmother, neighbor, etc. Just submit the recipes, we will compile the cookbook, and you will be able to buy a nominally priced instant gift at our Winter Fellowship. 100% of the profits will go to help our lodge in its endeavors.

For added interest, submit a short story (a paragraph or two) about the recipe, or tell about a fun time when your troop shared this dish. We will be able to pub-

lish a minimal amount of pictures also, so submit those as well. Remember, the more you contribute, the more valuable the cookbook will be to you to give as a gift. Submit your recipes now so you do not forget. We will be accepting them until August 1.

Thanks,  
Juanita Hogg  
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The Kawida bird doing some cooking!