

THE Thunderbird

"Mighty Fine in '09"



Summer Camp Events By: Aaron Shepherd

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As you may or may not know, summer camp gives the chance for you to take part in many OA activities. This year, during the camp week, we have a variety of different ways you can get involved in the OA as a key role.

up for the Brotherhood ceremony. This is a great way to seal your membership in the lodge.



If you are looking to take part in ceremonies, then the Friday night call-out ceremony is for you! During one of the meetings with the OA during the week be sure to sign up for this. You will be put in Indian Regalia and will have a key part in the call-out ceremony on Friday.

Through out the week the camp chief, Andrew Anderson, will be having various meetings after lunch. Be sure to listen to the announcements during lunch for these key meetings. They will be full of some cool information.

In closing, there is a lot of fun stuff the OA offers during camp. I remember I loved hanging out with the OA guys just because we had a good time. Also do not forget about the two ordeals we have this summer June 12-14 and July 10-12. Please take part in these chances this summer and have fun.

See you there!

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Points of Interest

- **Spring Ordeal**
- **Summer Camp**
- **NOAC**



The first, and the most important, is taking part in the Brotherhood ceremony. If you have been an Ordeal member for 10 months, then during camp be sure to sign



**Lodge Chief,
Anthony Kenney**

Chiefly Speaking By: Anthony Kenney

My Fellow Arrowmen,
It would like to be said that Kawida Lodge is about to kick it into high gear. Our lodge has just got back from Conclave at Camp Davey Crockett and we had a great time. It would be my honor to congratulate our new Section Chief and Section Secretary. Former Lodge Chief, Don Combs won Section Chief and Alex Hill won Section Secretary. This is a great honor for Kawida

to have two section officers from our lodge.
The next event that is coming up is the Spring Ordeal on May 15-17. We will need Elangomats for this event and there is a special surprise for you if you participate, remember this is an organization based on cheerful service. We will also have new regalia for the Ordeal and Brotherhood

This regalia will be in accords with the Native American Tribes in Kentucky.

If you know anyone who hasn't paid their dues this year please tell them to. This will help us with Quality Lodge for the 2009 year. NOAC is coming up also so be sure to apply now! I hope to see you at the Spring Ordeal.

Remember, what's the word? Kawida Bird!
Yours in Service,
Anthony Kenney
Lodge Chief

Spring Fellowship Follow-Up By: Sam Lyons

Even with the odd weather that we had, Spring Fellowship was a fun and successful event. I believe everyone had a great time.

We awarded eight Brotherhood members with the Vigil Honor, and we converted

three ordeal members to the Brotherhood membership. We had an LEC so that we could discuss important topics for summer camp. The rifle range was also opened in the afternoon for more entertainment.

Of course, there was

great food and fellowship to top it all off. It was a great weekend, and I don't think it could have gone any better.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the event and I hope to see you at Summer Camp!



Service Corner By: Andrew Anderson

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Fellow Arrowmen,

I would first like to start off by giving a big thanks to all the OA members that have stepped forward to help me in my position. As my first year in a lodge officer's position, I am starting to find out what it means to lead.

Still, it is just spring, and there is much that lies ahead of us that needs to be done. One of these instances is the Spring Ordeal. This is a major opportunity for the lodge to grow in membership.

We will be welcoming new members, after a nice, full day of work, into the lodge. I strongly encourage any and all OA members to come and participate that weekend.

We will need all the help that we can get to setup ceremony teams, elangomats, and other members to help us make the weekend run smoothly. So please feel free to contact me, or any other lodge officer, about helping out that weekend in any way that you can.

Conclave has come and gone, but not before leaving its mark on our lodge, Kawida is proud to be the home of two newly elected section officers. Don Combs (Section Chief) and Alex Hill (Section secretary) have shown other lodges what pristine youth are all about. Way to go guys, I for one am honored to know that I have served with you and once again, congratulations.

Yours in Service,
Andrew Anderson
Vice Chief of Service



**Vice Chief of Service,
Andrew Anderson**

NOAC—2009 By: Aaron Shepherd

NOAC, what is NOAC? NOAC is short for the National Order of the Arrow Conference. Just imagine Conclave, times a lot! There are thousands of Arrowmen there! Last NOAC we had 8,000 some odd arrowmen.

There are countless new people every turn you make. You will also enjoy different training sessions, high adventure type activities and even Indian Heritage events.

I would personally say that the highlight of my OA

Career was attending NOAC in Michigan, it was great!

The next NOAC will be at Indiana State University which is not too far away. To register go to www.kawida.org



2006 NOAC Contingent
Kawida Lodge
Michigan Sate University



**Vice Chief of Brotherhood,
Sam Lyons**

Spring Ordeal

By: Andrew Anderson

Spring has finally come, bringing with it many opportunities, one being the Spring Ordeal. This gives a chance for all of the scouts who have been elected by their fellow troop members to join the Order of the Arrow.

All great things start with a humble beginning. This is your chance to join in on something that will change your life forever. Starting out as an Ordeal member is

only your first step on a long path that could one day lead you to the Vigil Honor.

The Spring Ordeal is not just for candidates, but also, for current OA members. Elangomats will be needed, members willing to partake in ceremony teams, and simply, people willing to help. An efficient ordeal can not take place without the help of fellow lodge members, so if anyone is interested in helping

out with the ordeal, please, feel free to contact me.

The Spring Ordeal will be taking place at Camp McKee Dining Hall this year on the weekend of May 15-17 starting at 6:00 pm.

I'm looking forward to seeing my future brothers of the OA and fellow brothers at the Spring Ordeal.

To register please visit www.kawida.org for the form.

Brotherly Speaking

By: Sam Lyons

So far our Brotherhood conversion rate is at 3%. Unfortunately, that is not enough to get Quality Lodge where we need 30%. If you are an Ordeal member that is eligible for Brotherhood (10 months as an Ordeal Membership, then you should receive a letter from me telling you the available dates to be

converted along with a study guide.

I cannot stress how important it is for you to study that sheet before you come to your ceremony. To get more help you can also go to jumpstart.oe-bsa.org

Completing the brotherhood ceremony is not very hard, but if you do not study before you

come it will waste a lot of time in order to teach you the material.

If you are a Brotherhood member and you will be attending summer camp and would like to participate in the ceremony team please contact me.

See you soon!

Yours in Service,

Sam Lyons

Vice Chief of Brotherhood



Alex Hill (left) and Don Combs (right), Kawida Lodge's section officers.



Chris Caldwell (middle) dances at Conclave.

New Section Officers

Every year at Conclave we elect our new section officers. An OA section is defined as a group of lodges (around 8) that are held together by a section

officers. These officers are in-charge of the total section level program.

This year we were Honored to have two officers elected from Kawida. Don Combs won

the election of section chief and Alex Hill won the election of section secretary.

Kawida lodge is truly proud of you and wish you luck!

Chapter Update: Sheltoewe

If you haven't been to a lodge event this year, you've missed tons of fun. Spring Fellowship was awesome! Everyone had a great time visiting with old friends and making new ones. The rifle range was open all day and everyone had a great time. The LEC voted on several new and exciting changes that everyone is going to love. You will have to come to upcoming events to see just what the changes are; but trust me, you are going to love it.

Congratulations to Joel Medendorp for achieving the Vigil

honor. I'd also like to congratulate Teddy, Kevin, and John on completing their Brotherhood.

Words cannot describe this year's Conclave. If you missed it, all I can say is "Sorry." The fun began at the gate with "Hippie" Mike, probably one of the funniest people in the state of Tennessee. It was held at Camp Davy Crockett, which is a great camp. Saturday morning their were tons of excellent training then in the afternoon the competitions started. Kawida won a first place in crafts, a third

place in regalia and a third in grass dancing. We also won a second and several third places in Quest competitions. Cool patches, excellent dancing, and intense competition; the weekend could not have been better!

Congratulations to Don Combs for being elected Section Chief and Alex Hill for his election as Section Secretary.

Troop elections are coming to a close with a lot of new arrowmen having been elected to our order. If you haven't had your election please contact me at omer@mrtc.com get your troop election scheduled.

Chapter Update: Wehali

The Wehali Chapter has been meeting on Sunday afternoons at Trinity Hill United Methodist Church (THUMC) in Lexington at 2 pm. Come join us at THUMC for food, fun and fellowship.

We will hold a Spring Chapter Party at the

end of May at Trinity Hill United Methodist Church to celebrate the past year. Come join us! Our Chapter is working to achieve quality chapter again in 2009. We can have fun and provide service at a few of the upcoming events like the Blue

Card Bonanza, August 21st-23rd at McKee; the Council's Sporting Clays event in the fall; and Webelos Woods later in the year.

For more information, contact the Chapter at wehali.chapter@gmail.com

Yours in Service,

Graham Fielder

Wehali Chapter Chief

Chapter Update: Tomahaken

My name is Caleb Ramey, and I am the 2009 Chapter Chief for the Tomahaken Chapter.

By being elected, I have set some goals for our chapter to achieve this year. The first being, increase active membership in our

chapter. I will do this by contacting the Troop OA Representative from each unit. By doing this, we'll increase our membership greatly.

My second goal is to get our brotherhood membership rate up in our chapter. I am planning on holding another

chapter Brotherhood ceremony sometime this year.

In closing, I hope to see everyone in our monthly Chapter meetings. Each month you should get a letter saying when and where our meeting will be.

Yours in Service,

Caleb Ramey



Caleb Ramey,
Chapter Chief

Conclave Pictures!





**Lodge Adviser,
Alan Watts**



**Lodge Secretary,
Aaron Shepherd**

From the Adviser

By: Alan Watts

As the first third of the year is now over it is time to press forward with Ordeals and Summer Camp. We are off to a great start in membership, Vigil Honor inductions, and our participation in the Section Conclave.

Our lodge officers organized a great Spring Fellowship. Eight received their Vigil Honor.

Kawida Lodge sent 64 participants to the Section Conclave. Don Combs won the election for Section Chief for the second time and Alex Hill was elected Section Secretary. All of us need to support there actions for the section. This is the first time I can

remember Kawida Lodge having two section officers at the same time. Aaron Shepherd's newsletter was selected second best in the section while the Quest folks placed in several events. Chris Caldwell placed third in his style of Native American Dance in his first competition and first in the Native American crafts youth division. Everyone had a great time.

Ahead of us is the Spring Ordeal. Kawida Lodge needs all hands on deck to help set up camp. Please mark your calendars to attend this event May 15-17. Please encourage all those who have been elected to

attend this Ordeal. Fun will also be included.

As the youth have done a great job, adult advisers and members have also been helpful in support of the lodge. A special thanks to Tom Hill for some hard work in the kitchen at Spring Fellowship. Mike was glad to have the help.

As the year moves forward the business of Kawida Lodge's service will continue. NOAC is just around the corner. Thanks for all you have done and will do to make Kawida Lodge and the Blue Grass Council successful in delivering the promise of Scouting to the region.

Yours in Scouting,
Alan Watts
Lodge Adviser

Press Release

By: Aaron Shepherd

Fellow Arrowmen,

The first third of the year is done and summer camp is just up ahead. I will be working at camp again this year and I plan to help Andrew, the camp chief, to have a smooth summer of Brotherhood

conversions and OA fun.

I would like to personally congratulate Don and Alex on their section officer positions.

It has been said, but you will only be receiving Thunderbirds if you have paid your dues. If you know someone who hasn't please

tell them and get their form mailed in.

If you know anyone interested in publications and helping out with the Thunderbird please tell me!

Yours in Service,
Aaron Shepherd
Lodge Secretary



National Order of the Arrow Conference

July 31 - August 6

\$600 per participant

****Fees contingent upon travel costs****

You are invited to go with all of the members of Kawida Lodge!

If you don't like cooking, this is the trip for you. You don't have to cook, it is done for you.
 You don't like tents, no problem. We stay in dorms on the campus.

Council Contingent Includes:

- Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory visit
- Lunch on Friday
- Motel
- Five Lodge Flaps
- Five 2-piece Lodge Flaps
- T-shirt
- Insurance

NOAC Fees Include

- American Indian Crafts Clinics
- American Indian Show
- Brotherhood and Chorus
- Camping and High Adventure
- Founders' Fair
- Giant Lodge Flap for Opening Show
- Inductions and Ceremony Events Training
- Checkers/Chess Tournament
- Craft Extravaganza and Judging
- Flag Football
- Goodman Games
- Individual Dance Competitions
(Fancy Dance, Grass Dance, Straight Dance, Old Style Dance, Traditional Dance)
- Iron Arrowman
- Kickball
- Lodge Spirit Award
- Lodge Web Site Competition
- NOAC Golf Tournament
- OA Survivor
- Patch (Euchre) Tournament

Detach and return with payment to:

NOAC Registration, Blue Grass Council, Boy Scouts of America, 3473 Yorkshire Blvd., Lexington, KY 40509

This is the council's new address beginning January 1, 2009



2009 NOAC Registration

\$100 deposit required with registration - Full payment optional

Check one: Youth (under 21) Adult T-shirt size (specify youth or adult): _____

Name _____ Registered with Troop # _____

Address _____ Daytime Phone _____

City, ST, Zip _____ Evening Phone _____

Email _____

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2009 Membership Update and Dues

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Please check here if you are submitting information to be updated (i.e., change of address, new phone, etc.)

Last Name, First, Middle

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Birth Date (M/D/Y)

E-mail Address (VERY IMPORTANT)

Scout Adult (21+)

Mailing Address

Ordeal

City, State, Zip

Brotherhood

Home Phone Alternate Phone

Vigil

Current Leadership Position in Scout Unit

Unit Number

Ordeal Location

_____/_____/_____
Ordeal Date

_____/_____/_____
Brotherhood Date

_____/_____/_____
Vigil Date

Vigil Indian Name (In English and / or Delaware Indian language)

Photo Release:

I, being the parent/legal guardian of the Scout listed above, hereby consent that his image or likeness may be used by the Blue Grass Council for future promotional pieces. This authorization shall remain in effect until revoked by me in writing.

By: _____, parent or guardian Date: _____

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Dues

Dues for 2009

OA MEM



\$15.00

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Fax number 859-252-3785

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