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2008 Vigil Nominees:

- Billy Zoellers
- Don Combs
- Andrew Smith
- Robert Anderson
- William Fischer

All five of them will go through there last test during the Spring Fellowship.

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THE THUNDERBIRD



Spring Fellowship

Kawida Lodge Spring Fellowship 2008 is going to be awesome! It is **March 28, 29, 30.** We encourage all Arrowmen to attend. A Lodge Event is the perfect place to do some patch trading. This year we have tons of great activities planned and maybe, even a speaker.

Also, there is a little bit of work involved, but, we are brothers in cheerful

service, so that means It’s our duty to fulfill any task



set before us. Our work projects are setting up the tents in Camp Sites 12, 13, and the handi-

By: Alex Hill

capped site. But after that, there’s plenty of time for fellowshiping, trading, having fun, and last but not least....GREAT FOOD We’ll also have the Climbing Tower Open!

Now I would like to inform everyone about Spring Ordeal. **Spring Ordeal is May 2nd, 3rd and 4th** I would like to have as many Arrowmen as possible attend. WE NEED

Conclave 2008: Camp Mack Morris, Jackson, TN

You should plan on attending one of the most fun weekend camp outs of your life! If you have never attended an Order of the Arrow Section Conclave, then you are missing out on an event that will be talked about for the rest of your life! You also

get a chance to support Don Combs in running for Section Chief!

This year’s event will be hosted by Ittawamba Lodge and will take place April 18, 19, and 20th. Our Section SR 6N Conclave always is full of fun, food, and games unlike

any other Boy Scout



event. There are also many training sessions planned. Please mark your calendar and plan on taking a road trip to Tennessee. You

Chapter Update: Tomahaken

Brothers,

Hello, some of you may know me, but I am Devan Allara. I am the new Chapter Chief



of the Tomahaken Chapter. I am a brotherhood member, Eagle Scout, and an active member of the OA. I have big plans for this year. I hope to drastically increase the members in my chapter and achieve the quality chapter award for the 4th year in a row. I would also like to improve the amount of members from my chapter at Lodge Events. Good luck to everyone and I hope the Kawida Lodge has a great year!
Yours in Service,
Devan Allara

Chiefly Speaking

My Fellow Arrowmen, Our year is just starting and I hope you share in my excitement and anticipation. I sincerely hope each of you will give our Lodge a year of CHEERFUL service! Remember there are many ways to serve. You could be on our Service corps

or you can be on our various Lodge Committees including Ceremonies/ Dance; Unit Elections, Publication/ Communications, Ordeal; Brotherhood; Events/ Activities, Finance; and Patch. Please contact me or our Lodge Advisor Mr. Alan Watts and let us

know which you will be willing to serve on.



Also mark your calendar for spring fellowship March 28, 29, 30. I hope to see you there.

Service from the Vice Chief of Service



My Fellow Brothers, I am very pleased with the progress our Lodge has made this year. I can tell that 2008 will be great! I would like everyone's

input on what you would like to do at Lodge Events. For example: would you rather have the Water Front open, or the Climbing Tower? I would like to have several of our new Ordeal Members at Spring Ordeal, May 2nd thru May 4th. We need Elango-

By: Alex Hill

mats! I'm really encouraging YOU (2007 Ordeal members) to attend and help out the Lodge in cheerful service. If you would like more info about any Lodge Service Event please contact me at viceofservice@kawida.org

Brotherly Speaking



I have been active in Scouting since I was a Wolf Cub in Cub Scouts. I have been an Eagle Scout since 2006 and plan to continue to stay active. As

your Vice Chief of Brotherhood, I can not over emphasize the importance of getting your Brotherhood. You may ask yourself, "Is it hard to do?" Well, it's not at all, and what's more fun than spending quality time with your Advisors and fellow brothers in a

By: Will Goff

day of service to your Lodge, Council, and Camp McKee? If you ever have any questions about Brotherhood, you can contact me, via email, at vicechiefofbrotherhood@kawida.org

From the Desk of the Secretary**By: Aaron Shepherd**

Fellow Arrowmen,
It is my great honor to serve this Lodge another

term as Lodge Secretary. I have many plans this year for the publications and communications part of the lodge. One of those

“Where to Go Camping Guide”. This will require the participation of all the chapters. If you still yet to have received a “Where to go Camping Form” then please email me.

I also plan to better the communications by making sure all the chapters are aware of different

and what we are going to do.

If you need to contact me with Thunderbird articles or a WTGC form then don’t hesitate to email me.

Yours in Service,
Aaron Shepherd
Lodge Secretary

Attention
all new
members:

Visit
www.jumpst.art.oa-bsa.org to learn more about the Order.

From the Adviser**By: Alan Watts**

Welcome to a new year for Kawida Lodge. The youth have elected fine officers who are anxious to provide Scouting the best of service and Scout Spirit. A schedule of Kawida Lodge events can be found on the lodge website, www.kawida.org as well as the Blue Grass Council Calendar at www.bgsa.org.

We have a very large national event this summer, ArrowCorps5, five sites in five weeks with five thousand arrowmen working for the U. S. Forest Service to work on environmental service projects on National Forests across America. Our own Kawida Lodge members are serving as staff members, youth chairman and advisers.

In March the lodge will gather for our Vigil/Spring Fellowship weekend at McKee Scout Reservation. I urge all Arrowmen to attend this wonderful time of Fellowship, Brotherhood Conversion, and recognition of the new Kawida Lodge Vigil Honor Candidates. The merchandise committee has also been busy. Four ghost-like event flaps, a new standard flap for the year, and for the first time a three piece set consisting of a two piece flap as well as a Council Service Patch. T-shirts and a neckerchief are on the drawing board. A new Service Flap will also be available.

The Section Conclave is in April and our lodge needs to turn out and support Brother Don Combs in his quest to repeat as Section Chief, plus the entire weekend is just plain FUN!!!! Registration and merchandise forms are available on our websites. Please plan

to participate.

Ordeals will follow the same format as last year with four opportunities. One before camp opens in the spring, two during camp on the weekend, and one after camp. We have much service to do for our Blue Grass Council.

We have some very strong lodge chapters, but still have no officers and advisers in the Lake Cumberland or Mountain Laurel Districts. The lodge needs your help in these districts!!! If anybody knows anyone willing to spend themselves in service to their brothers please have them contact me. You may remain anonymous if you wish. Along with participating in lodge events please pay your dues. Our goal is to obtain Quality Lodge in 2008. Those who chose you truly need you!

Finally, those of you who take this mantle of servant leadership with us, I thank you from the depths of

Chapter Update: Sheltoewe

By: Chris Caldwell

2008 is starting out great in Sheltoewe Chapter. Chapter Arrowmen taught Safe Swim Defense to Cub Scouts and helped teach the Webelos aquatics activity badge at the district Polar Bear Splash in Hazard. In February Sheltoewe Arrowmen set up and oversaw the firebuilding, knots and lashings, and orienteering challenges at the Klondike Derby. Sheltoewe Arrowmen also were master of ceremonies for opening and closing Klondike Campfires. Arrowmen were the first to arrive and the last to leave the Klondike Derby as well. We also performed a grass dance song for the opening

campfire. OA elections are in full swing with only a couple of units not signed up for elections. If every month is as active as the first two; 2008 is going to be awesome! Sheltoewe Chapter meetings are the second Thursday of each month. Meetings are held at the same time and place as the district roundtable, which is 7:00 PM at the Robinson Station in Jackson. Dance practice and regalia work is held the second Saturday of each month at Noon at the scout clubhouse in Camp-ton. Sheltoewe Chapter is putting to-

gether a Where to go Camping Guide and we ask every Arrowmen to send us at least one location to add to our list. We will be forwarding the list to our lodge and also distributing it to Daniel Boone units.

Last but not least I would like to congratulate Jordan "Fuzz" Sargent from Troop 249 on his appointment as Vice-Chief of Service for Sheltoewe Chapter and Devin Townsend from Troop 84 on his appointment as Vice-Chief of Brotherhood for Sheltoewe Chapter. Devin is also putting together a ceremony team, anyone that would be interested in joining the ceremony team please contact me and I'll put you in

Pioneer Mountain Trail Crew

By: Ken Green

With the 50th 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 reopening. 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

4:00pm 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

Next Meeting: Saturday April 5, 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 sack



To find out the latest happenings at the McKee Scout Reservation, visit campmckee.org



2008 Membership Update and Dues

Kawida Lodge Order of the Arrow

A 2005 Quality Lodge

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Personal Information

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

_____		____/____/____	
Last Name, First, Middle		Birth Date (M/D/Y)	
_____		<input type="checkbox"/> Scout <input type="checkbox"/> Adult (21+)	
E-mail Address (VERY IMPORTANT)		<input type="checkbox"/> Ordeal	
_____		<input type="checkbox"/> Brotherhood	
Mailing Address		<input type="checkbox"/> Vigil	
_____		_____	
City, State, Zip		Current Leadership Position in Scout Unit	
_____		Unit Number	
_____		_____	
Home Phone		Alternate Phone	
_____		_____	
Current Leadership Position in Scout Unit		_____	
_____		_____	
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: _____

Service

Please select areas of interest:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Banquet | <input type="checkbox"/> Ceremony | <input type="checkbox"/> Dance Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Training | <input type="checkbox"/> Elections | <input type="checkbox"/> Events |

Dues

I have already paid for 2007 - pay for dues through Dec '08 60A MEM  \$12.00

TOTAL _____

Send to: Blue Grass Council BSA, 415 N. Broadway, Lexington, KY 40508

FOR LODGE OFFICE USE ONLY:

Dues	\$ _____	_____	_____
	Amount Paid	Invoice Number	Date dues paid

Data	Entered in DB	Member card given	Processed by
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2008 Conclave Registration

April 18-20 Camp Mack Morris: Jackson, TN

Name _____ Lodge _____

Phone (____) _____ - _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Circle one
Under 21 / Adult

Circle one
Male / Female

Please list any special needs (dietary, handicap, etc.) _____

Early Registration	Postmark by March 14 th , 2008	\$30
Regular Registration	after March 14 th , 2008	\$40

***** Make check Payable to Blue Grass Council, BSA

Blue Grass Council, BSA

ATTN: OA Conclave

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