

# THE THUNDERBIRD!

Kawida Lodge #480 - Blue Grass Council, BSA



“Take the Brotherhood Challenge”

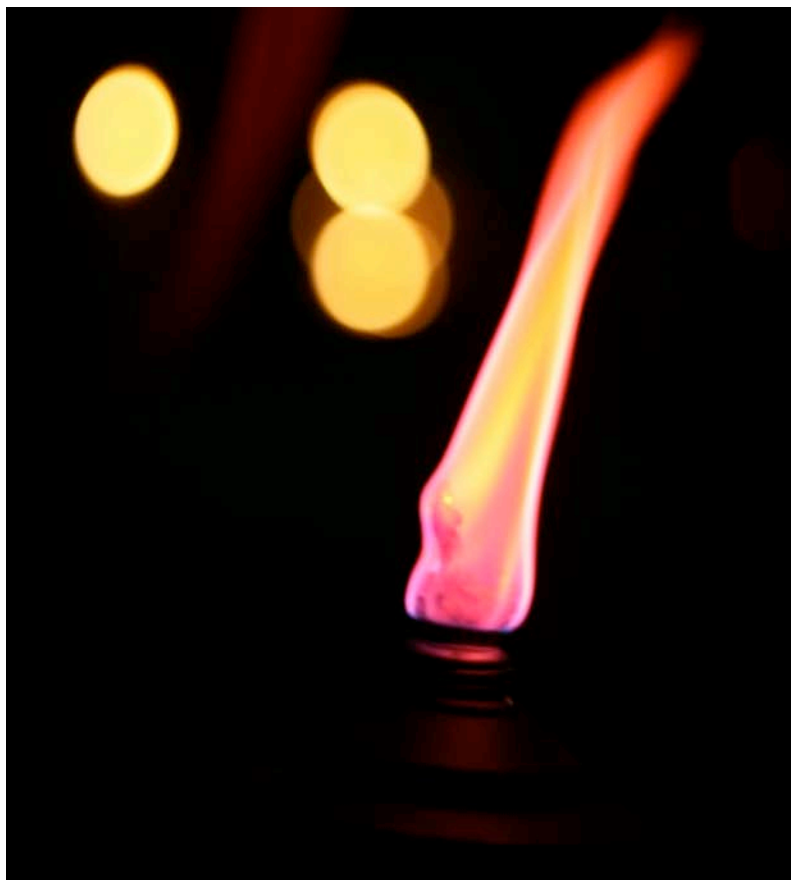


# OA High Adventure 2011

One of The Order of the Arrow's focuses is providing service to Scouting's National High Adventure Bases. With OAHA we provide service to Philmont (OATC), Northern Tier, (OAWV & OAWV-CO), and Florida Sea Base (OAOA). Are you interested in a fun-filled two weeks at any of these bases? Cost is only \$200 plus transportation. Check out <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/> for more info!



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## Event Calendar

Sporting Clays Classic: August 21<sup>st</sup>

Fall Ordeal: Sept. 10, 11, 12<sup>th</sup>

Fall Fellowship: Oct. 1, 2, 3<sup>rd</sup>

LLD: Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>

Winter Banquet: Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>

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# When the leaves begin to change,..

Every year we tend to look forward to a certain season. Mine has to be the Fall of the year. It makes for perfect camping, and perfect OA Events.

Though Summer isn't quite over, we need to start planning ahead! When's the last time you actually came to Fall Fellowship? It's time to get all our Arrowmen back to the basics.

Fall Ordeal in September will be the last Ordeal of the year. It's key that all

elected candidates go through then, because if not, they'll have to be re-elected next year. Fall Ordeal will be September 10th - 12th, 2010.

One month after that, we have Fall Fellowship. One of the most fun Events of the year!

This year, we have planned so many new and awesome things. Some are kept under wraps... We'll also have the Climbing Tower, Shooting Sports, and maybe

even the WaterFront depending on the weather all open will be open! The highlight of Fall Fellowship are the Lodge Officer Elections. If you plan on running for a Lodge Office, please contact Alan Watts at least two weeks before. Mark your Calendars for October 1st - 3rd, 2010 for one awesome weekend!

Have you ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes? What it's like

being in a Lodge Leadership role? Or would you like to gain a better understanding of the OA? If you answered yes, which I hope you did, we've got just the thing for you! November 7th, 2010 we'll be hosting our Lodge Leadership Development (LLD). It's a great training session that covers a lot of helpful information about the OA, and leadership positions. Join us at the McKee Scout Reservation for an awesome day!

## Cheerful Service

Summer finally made its way to the bluegrass and has left us with many memories for which we are thankful. I'm not sure as to where I should even begin.

Camp this year was a solid blast! Many of the campers who went through the program that was offered had a great time. They went on to

learn many new life long skills, earn merit badges, and make new friends. I surely hope to see them return to the McKee Outdoor Education center for the fall events!

We had two ordeals take place during the course of summer camp at Camp McKee, both of which went over

flawlessly. The candidates managed to straighten up the camp and prepare the necessary materials for both Jamboree and NYLT.

This September is the last chance for elected ordeal members to go through and complete an ordeal weekend. There will not be another one offered this year.

This years Fall Fellowship will take

place during the first weekend of October. This will be a time for O.A. members to come together and mingle with each other for a weekend filled with fun activities and dancing.

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped out this summer during the events. Make sure you come out this fall, because I know I'll be having the time of my life!

-Andrew Anderson, VC of Service







# Message from the Chief



Arrowmen,

I would like to start by thanking everyone who helped me during this year's Order of the Arrow events at camp. I hope everyone had a great time and I would appreciate any feedback on what we could do better next year.

Summer is coming to a close with the Jamboree

just around the corner. Whether you are going as a participant or on staff, keep the Order of the Arrow in mind. The OA will have several different areas of interest that are Order of the Arrow ran. The Mysterium Compass will be a daily interactive show that you really need to stop by and check out; we have several Kawida members working in this area. Also, stop by the Indian Village to experience firsthand the custom and traditions of Native Americans. Finally, work on your physical fitness with the PACEsetters.

Also watch out for the OA Service Corps, these guys will be working hard all throughout the Jamboree making sure everything is running smoothly.

After the Jamboree, we have two important events. The first is the Sporting Clays event at the Bluegrass Sportsman League. This is a perfect time for Arrowmen to serve the council. Duties will range from scoring shots, releasing clays, or even just greeting teams as they come in. Be sure to come and help out with this on August 21<sup>st</sup>. If you are

interested in helping then please email me so I can assign you somewhere to work.

Finally, we have our last ordeal. If you know of anyone who needs to go through the Ordeal, be sure they come to the one on September 10-12 at Camp McKee. A registration form will be on the website in the next few weeks.

-Aaron Shepherd, Lodge Chief

## Summer of Brotherhood

I would like to thank everyone who helped make the summer camp ordeals a success. I'm especially grateful to those Arrowmen who pitched in for the first time these last two ordeals. Along

with new members joining our Lodge, we've had many Arrowmen seal their membership as Brotherhood members both at the Ordeals and at summer camp. While member attendance has been down these last two

ordeals, I'm looking forward to our fall ordeal in September. More than ever we will need your help to create a successful ordeal experience for new members. Join with your brothers in helping your lodge. Another

service opportunity is coming up in August with the Blue Grass Sporting Clays Classic. Volunteers are needed for this event which helps support scouting in the Blue Grass Council.

Sunder Willett, VC of Brotherhood



Fellow Arrowmen,

We have had a busy year thus far. With the two summer camp Ordeals now behind us we look forward to lodge participation in the Blue Grass Council Sporting Clays Classic in August and the last Ordeal in September. We also know the lodge will have a great presence at the 2010 National Scout Jamboree. We wish all of you well at these events.

On the numbers side of the lodge we have

reached a comfortable margin in Brotherhood Conversions by the end of camp. Thanks to all the youth officers for their hard work. We remain a few members short of increasing lodge membership for 2010. Please let your troop O.A. representative know about the fact we must all pay our dues to wear the lodge flap. Dues forms are available at the council office, and our new web site [www.kawida.org](http://www.kawida.org). All members should check out Alex's work on the web site.

In 2011 the Order of the Arrow will have two additional events. Indian Summer, a weeklong Native American Seminar down in North Carolina, and Summit Corps which will be in West Virginia and involves infrastructure work on the new high adventure base and permanent jamboree home. Information about these events will soon be on the Order of the Arrow national web site. This is another great opportunity for us to learn and grow.

The lodge secretary and his adviser have

revamped the Thunderbird. We hope you like the look. It is made to cause you to want to read it and pass it along to a friend. The first effort was great. I appreciate all the positive comments that you have made.

Finally I also hope to see all of you at the Kentucky Camporall this fall. The lodge plans to have a large group helping out there too.

Remember a Scout is Cheerful!

Alan Watts, Lodge Adviser

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