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Special points of interest:

- Fall Fellowship
- Fall Ordeal
- OA and Summer Camp

Key Dates:

—OA Workday
September 27th

—Fall Fellowship
October 3-5

—LLD
November 15th

THE THUNDERBIRD



Summer Camp and the OA

Summer at Camp McKee is always a wonderful time whether you are there for a week or the entire summer. Having experienced both, I can safely assure you both fly by much too fast!

Last summer I worked on the waterfront and this year in climbing. I have been asked many times which one I preferred and I have to say they are both equally fun, just in different ways.

It is like trying to compare two different foods you like, but you don't eat them at the same time. If you are looking for a summer job, camp staff experience is invaluable. I have successfully used stories and memories of camp in college English class. I have been able to rely on scouting skills and experience to interview my way into a

sophomore level college communications class as a freshman. The "extra pay" just keeps coming! This is on top of a beautiful lake view and the feasts offered in our dining hall.



Summers end found me reflecting on my stay at camp and on the presence of our Lodge there. Several members worked our camp staff in various positions. Camp this year was hopping with full attendance on several weeks, at least it seemed that way! We had visitors from western Kentucky, Tennessee, Texas, Michigan, and West Vir-

By: William Hogg



ginia. Everyone I spoke with seemed

impressed with our facilities and staff. I was very proud to have been a part of that.

Again this year, we were privileged to host and be entertained by a scout group from the Czech Republic. Their clothing and ceremonies were both beautiful and impressive. The closing campfire show was awesome.



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Lodge Chief,
William Hogg

Chiefly Speaking

Fellow Arrowmen,

Our July Ordeal was very successful with 47 new members and two Brotherhood Conversations. I welcome and congratulate each of you.

I also want to thank the Ceremony Teams who did a great job this summer. Through all the

little ups and downs we always managed to work together and pull through. Every Ceremony was special in its own way whether it took place on the grounds or on the slab.

I hope that each time you attend a ceremony you will quietly renew your vows to our faithful service.

By: William Hogg

Lastly, as always, please don't hesitate to ask me about anything you don't understand. If you read about something in your handbook and do not understand, please ask. The more you know, the more you can grow as an Arrowman.

Yours in
WWW,
William Hogg

Service from the Vice Chief of Service

By: Alex Hill

My Fellow Arrowmen,

It's been a great year, and I'm very pleased with the work we've accomplished. I would like to thank everyone that was a help to me this year. I've had great support from people that I will never forget. I personally had the time of my life serving as the Vice Chief of Service.

Now to briefly speak about the upcoming Events. On September 5-7 we have our final

Ordeal of the year. Then on the 27th of September, we have the Fall Work Day.

October 3rd 4th and 5th we have Fall Fellowship. November 1st is the Council Sporting Clays Event. (For more info, contact me)

As you might know, Fall Fellowship is when we Elect our Lodge Officers for the upcoming year. If you're interested in running for Office, please contact, Alan Watts.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Lets make 2009 just as great as it was in 2008!

Yours Serving,

Alex Hill

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Alex Hill

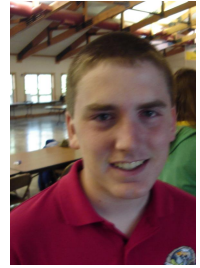
From the Desk of the Secretary**By: Aaron Shepherd**

Brothers,

With this year coming so close to the end, I am still keeping my spirits up on developing a team of writers and researchers to help me with the “Where to go

Camping Guide”. Chapter Officers, please ask around in your chapter if anyone is interested in helping out with the WTGCG. If they are, please have them contact me.

I do hope you also enjoy receiving your Thunderbird via mail. We also now have it online on the Blue Grass Council’s website www.bgbsa.org under Kawida Lodge. Thank you Alex and Alan for that! WWW,
Aaron Shepherd



Lodge Secretary,
Aaron Shepherd

From the Adviser**By: Alan Watts**

We have all had a busy summer!!!! Hats off to all Kawida Lodge Members who worked on the 2008 McKee Scout Reservation Staff and those who came to help with the call out ceremonies. Summer camp appeared to be one of the best ever. The Lodge would also like to thank their Staff Adviser and Camp Director for his help and Leadership. We also appreciate Associate Adviser Mike Warman helping with lodge paperwork while doing his camp commissioner’s job. The youth officers and members have much to be proud of.

Our chapters also continue to improve in function. Cody Todd’s Gikino Ballet Chapter hosted the Midland Trail District Camporee. The program was a weekend of Service to the Cumberland Ranger District of the Daniel Boone National Forest. Lodge members co-

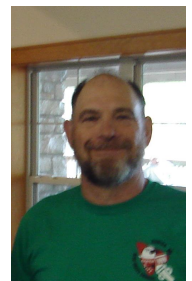
ordinated with District Ranger Dave Manner, forester Kerry Loomis, and wildlife biologist Tom Biebighauser.

While some lodge members attended ArrowCorps5, those of us here worked on the new Activity Field that was made possible by Tom Fielder obtaining a National Service Grant and lodge member Tim Brown working with the Kentucky Division of Forestry. The grass is up and growing. The area is the size of a soccer field and should be ready for activities by the spring of 2009.

We have one Ordeal left this year, but the lodge has the membership and Brotherhood Conversion rate to be Quality Lodge, but there remains much to do.

The lodge needs a big turnout for the Fall Ordeal, the workday September 27th, and help with the Sporting Clays Classic. Please put these events on your schedule. Kawida will be sending youth and adults to NLS and NLATS this November and conducting the Lodge Leadership Development Course. Fall fellowship promises to be another great time with a pow wow and other events on the schedule.

I hope we can celebrate a great year at the awards banquet in December. This is your lodge so come and participate. Remember, those complaining about what needs to be done should not get in the way of those who are doing it.



Lodge Adviser,
Alan Watts



Vice Chief of
Brotherhood,
Will Goff

Brotherly Speaking

By: Will Goff

Fellow Brothers,

This September Ordeal is the last chance this year to get your Brotherhood. We have already received over 30% Brotherhood conversion in our Lodge. That is enough for the Quality Lodge award. Just because we have met that goal it

doesn't mean that any qualified Ordeal member shouldn't try for their Brotherhood.

I would like to thank all of the new Brotherhood members for staying active and going through the tests.

I would also like to encourage Ordeal members

to stay active and motivate the non-O.A. members of your Troop to meet the requirements for election.

Lastly I would like to **thank** Todd Haydon for helping me this year.

Yours in WWW,
Will Goff

Vice Chief of Brotherhood



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 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

Next Meeting: Saturday October 4th, 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



New OA Members lined up after receiving their sash.



2006 NOAC Contingent
Kawida Lodge
Michigan State University

Summer Camp and the OA Continued

Not only did Lodge members serve at Camp McKee, but some traveled to serve as well. Don Combs, Harold Phillips, Tim Brown, and Tim Cummins went to Missouri's Mark Twain National Forest.

Seen on the waists of members this year at camp was our own new Lodge belt. It boasts a striking design, and if you do not have one, it may be purchased for only \$14.00 at our next Lodge event.

Kawida Lodge had a Call-Out Ceremony and a Brotherhood Ceremony every week of camp. I welcome all our new members and congratulate those who chose

to convert to Brotherhood.

As our numbers continue to increase, I pause to thank all who serve. From the Watts family selling our Lodge merchandise, to those who serve in the kitchen, to those of you who come and join us with your stories and scout tales from long ago, you all play a part and are appreciated.

Now that summer and camp are over we must turn our attention to the coming fall and winter. These are the dates for you to remember. Fall Fellowship, Oct. 3-5; LLD Nov. 15; and our Winter Banquet Dec. 6. I hope to see you at these events. Now that I am a

college student, I have had to realize I sometimes have to prioritize in a way that I do not necessarily care to. Sometimes I may have to choose college over scouting and the OA. If for some reason I am unable to attend any of our upcoming events rest assured my thoughts will be with you as we carry on.

Again, I say "Thank you" to all who have contributed to make this year a success so far.

Sincerely,
William Hogg
Camp/Lodge Chief

NOAC - 2009

NOAC, what is NOAC? NOAC is short for the National Order of the Arrow Conference. We are not talking about Conclave size with a couple hundred people. There are thousands of Arrowmen everywhere you look! Last NOAC, we had

8,000 some odd arrowmen.

There are countless new people every turn you make. Along with all the people you will enjoy different training sessions, high adventure type activities and even Indiana Heritage.

By: Aaron Shepherd

I would personally say that the highlight of my OA Career was attending the 2006 NOAC in Michigan. It was hot, but it was great. I am looking forward for this summer 2009. A flyer is attached, take a look!



Fall Ordeal Follow-up/Work Day

By: Alex Hill

Fellow Arrowmen,

We received 52 new members, 9 Brotherhood conversions, took down all of the tents, and did some **major** work on the Pioneer Mountain Trail. I would like to thank Don Combs and his group of candidates for all the work they did on the trail, it looks great!

Of course, 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. To make it even



better, Andy Smith finally received his Vigil Honor, congratulations to him! It was the best Ordeal of the year, and a big THANK YOU to all who help me in the absence of the lodge Chief.

See you at FALL FELLOWSHIP!

Work Day;

On September 27th we'll be having our Fall Work Day. This Event isn't closed to only the Lodge Members, its open to everyone in the Council! So please, let everyone in your Unit know about this. We made a special patch for the Event too! If you attend, you can buy it "at cost", after that it's open to the Lodge at a price of \$10.00

Please check www.kawida.org for an update soon about the Event!

Fall Fellowship—Fun Times!

By: Aaron Shepherd

Fall Fellowship is one of our biggest events in our Lodge. This is the time of the year we are starting to wind down. The officers can calm down a little bit because the Ordeals are all over with. So what do us Arrowmen do? We have some a fun filled weekend!

The Fall Fellowship is held every year and is a great time for fun, fellowship, patch trading, time to meet new friends, and fun!

If you have not been to one of our Fall Fellowships this is the time to come! Please remember though, you **must** pre-register. A



form is located on lodge's website located at www.kawida.org

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 scoutmaster 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 publish 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

eaglescoutmother@gmail.com



The Kawida bird doing some cooking!

NATIONAL ORDER OF THE ARROW CONFERENCE

NOAC 2009

End of July - August



Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana

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

- 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
- Basketball
- 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

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.

Costs for this event have not been determined as of May 1, 2008.

NOAC 2009 Contingent Leader: Benjamin Alexander (859) 219-0075 fireupchiops@windstream.net

KAWIDA LODGE

ORDER OF ARROW

Blue Grass Council, BSA



Fall Fellowship/Brotherhood Conversion

October 3, 4, & 5, 2008
McKee Scout Reservation

The Officers of Kawida Lodge invite all Lodge members to the 2008 rendition of Fall Fellowship. Conversion to Brotherhood will also be offered. A full weekend of fun, food, and fellowship is planned.

This year's highlights will be the Tsoyaha Indian Dancers, Mossy Creek Singers and the Ittawamba Dance Team.

Also included will be a steak dinner Saturday evening, Order of the Arrow Jeopardy with patches as prizes for adults and youth, and the adviser's scavenger hunt. Native American Dancers and Craftsmen will be on hand to help you learn about the culture. The Kawida Lodge patch collection will be on display. There will also be some old time music and a little patch trading. Event cost includes camping and meals.

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN TENT!!



Lodge Officer Elections will be conducted right after lunch on Saturday. Any youth wishing to run for any office must contact the Lodge Adviser by September 26th.

Sign in will begin at 6pm Friday, October 3rd. The event ends at 11:00 am Sunday, October 5th, 11:00am. If you have any questions please contact Alan Watts at 606-207-3466 or acttwatts@roadrunner.com

WALK-ins are discouraged.

Please Register by Monday, September 26, 2008

Costs: Attending Members	\$25.00 _____
Brotherhood Conversion	\$45.00 _____ (includes above \$25.00)

Registration Information: PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name _____ () Youth () Adult (over 21)

Address _____, City _____ KY, Zip _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____

Email _____ Unit (type/number) _____

Emergency Contact Information:

Name _____ Address _____ KY Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

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Credit Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Make Check Payable to Kawida Lodge Order of the Arrow and return to Blue Grass Council 415 North Broadway,
Lexington, KY 40508 FAX 859.252.3785

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