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Saturday Morning

Opening Show Kicks Off Conclave!



Crazy Carribean Festival

Jeff St. Cyr

Conclave first kicked off with a cracker-barrel featuring great pizza homemade by the Service Lodge with a gathering in the Dining Hall. It all started with a great opening show by CVC of Shows Silas St. James. With a great game of Clothespin tag, everything got pumped up for the night. Silas came out and introduced some of our invited guests such as Ed Lynes, the Northeast Region Chief and Seth Dearmin, the Southern Region Chief. Section Chief Zac Hicks gave his inspiring opening remarks. As the lights dimmed, the music began, and Silas got us all pumped for the weekend. The show featured Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service. Then the festival began. The tiki lights came on, the sparklers were lit, the party poppers popped and the games started, the music was going, along

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Conclave Program

Brian Kent

This afternoon the training will begin at 12:30 with a Captains meeting. Each Lodge is required to have a captain for each activity that the lodge will be participating in. Make sure that a representative from your lodge is at this meeting, don't let your lodge miss out on all of the fun! Beginning at 1:00 will be patch trading and a patch auction. There are a lot of great patches up for auction so make sure you don't miss out on it. Also at 1:00 will be the opening of the recreational areas. Grab some friends and head on over to the shooting range or the waterfront to participate in some great sporting activities. At 1:30 there will be an exhibition of Native American dancing and an ultimate frisbee competition. Don't miss the great laughs at 2:00 when the adults participate in the coffee cup competition (adults only). Be at the parade field to support (laugh at) your adult lodge members. Beginning at 3:00 there will be the most awesome volleyball competition known to man. You haven't played volleyball until you've played Conclave volleyball...don't miss it! The

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News Flashes:

- **Section Office Candidate Meeting @ 1:00 PM (Carter Lodge)**
- **Training and Competitions all day**
- **Competitions Captain's Meeting @ 12:30 PM (Admin Building)**

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Profile of Ed Lynes

2004 Northeast Region Chief Ed Lynes is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of Moswetuset Lodge #52 of the Boston Minuteman Council. Ed is the immediate past Section Chief of NE-1A, and is only the second Section Chief from our Section to become a National Officer.

Ed is currently a rising Sophomore at Boston University, where he is active in the Young Republicans, *The Clarion*, and other activities. He intends to graduate in 2007 with a degree in Business Management and a minor in Arabic. Ed is excited to see his own Section host the best Conclave in the Region.



NLS: A *WICKED* Good Time!

Zac Hicks

You've been to Conclave, your Lodge's training stuff, and perhaps even NOAC (National Order of the Arrow Conference). Sat through all sorts of training and your knowledge is wide and varied. Now that you have this wealth of knowledge, you want to share it with others around you. The National Leadership Seminar (NLS) is the place to go to learn skills to spread knowledge.

At the NLS, you will learn the principles of leadership as well as styles and strategies for working with and leading others. Everyone who has been to NLS has taken lots away from it. After completion of the seminar participants are challenged to go back to their lodges and work to complete three goals. After completing these goals, they have shown that they are capable of completing leadership projects with the new skills they have learned.

The Region Chief, with the staff he selects, hosts the seminar. The seminars participants are then divided up. The groups they are placed into are given table guides, who are the NLS staff trainers. This is a great opportunity for lodge members to meet the "big shots" from around the Region and even the occasional National Officer.

The last NLS was held here in our Section, at this very camp at the end of April. We had a high attendance from our Section, many of who have returned for this weekend. It was one of the most successful seminars in our Region's history, receiving the highest marks ever in review. The high attendance only highlights the heights to which our section has climbed.

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with the theme of the Caribbean Festival. Arrowmen from across the section enjoyed a game of jousting and catching up on some batting practice. Also, for the party, we had some popcorn along with some slush puppies to add some fun into the party. Finally, the final feature came on with "Pirates of the Caribbean." As the night came to a close, participants went up to their campsites to get some needed rest the big day for today.

During the festivities last night, the Council of Chiefs met with the Conclave Vice Chiefs to go over last conclave plans. Topics that were discussed were the final plans for training. For conclave, the best training staff from all over the section have come to conclave this weekend to train this great section in many topics such as acting lessons to OA Strategic Plan to mask making. The best training in this section will only happen here. Also, during the festivities, the trainers met with Matt O'Connor, CVC of Training to go over plans for tomorrow. With a great day ahead us with training and fellowship, it will be a great weekend for all to enjoy.



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volleyball competition will coincide with an opportunity for you to show your stuff or lack of down at the lip sync at Carter lodge. Overall we have a great line up of programs for you to choose from so get started and have a great time!

Training Ready to Inspire

Mike O'Connor

The Conclave 2004 Training Committee is pleased to bring you an extremely energetic, excellently eclectic, and all around exciting set of training sessions. Some of the best minds in the section were assembled with some of the best teachers to bring you the very best classes possible. In the morning, we will have not one...not two...but three, yes three, class blocks. The sessions begin at 9, 10, and 11 AM. They will run for 50 minutes each, leaving 10 minutes for travel time between sessions. The 100 block will highlight sessions such as a New Member Orientation, Campfire Program, and Efficient Chapters as well as classes on Vigil Commitment, the OA Troop Representative Program, and Ceremonial Clothing. The 200 block will feature some of the newest ideas on land management and preservation with the Leave No Trace session, and some of the newest ideas in group management with the Effective Advising class. It will be rounded out with vision for the future, provided by the OA Strategic Plan and the un-ending fun of Mask Making. To finish off the morning training, block three will contain such sessions as OA Alphabet Soup, Patch Design, and the History of the OA. If you've ever wanted to know more about annoying acronyms, perfect patches, or our honorable history, then these classes are the place to be!

You might be saying to yourself, "Wow, this sounds great! I don't want it to all be over by lunchtime!" If this is the case, then there's something you should know...there is more training out there, just waiting for you! Lunch will feature a High Adventure class and for those of you who have always wondered, "How can I get paid to do Scouting?" then we'll tell you all about Opportunities as a Scouting Professional.

Finally, for those who just couldn't make it to the first run of Acting Lessons, Leave No Trace, or Patch Design, then this is what you should do: relax, take a deep breath, and then get yourself over to the afternoon sessions.

Training this year is going to be the most informative, impressive, and innovative way to spend your time. We'll see you there!

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CLUE: A Coming Attraction

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Participate! Participate!

Matt Baldwin

Unlike any other Conclave in the past, this year NE-1A is trying something new; at this conclave participants will have the opportunity to receive the "Conclave Participation Award", which is an award for attending, and participating in as much as possible. In order to receive the award you must attend a training session in every one of the five built in cell blocks, and participate in four of six possible competitions; the competitions include the Healy Cup, Volleyball, interfaith service, and many more! (In order to receive this Award you MUST have initials of verification) The Award is actually meant to be fairly easy to achieve, but in order to do so you must participate in everything available and have proper verification from whoever leads the activity or training cell. The Participation Award is a Gold (real?) pin that is to be worn on the Conclave participant patch. In order to receive the Award you MUST complete the page of signatures and other information on the back of you information packet (given to everyone at registration) and bring it to the Polestar editing office NO LATER THAN the closing show.

Schedule

Saturday

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| 7:15 AM | Breakfast Buffet (until 8:15) |
| 8:40 AM | Flags |
| 9:00 AM | Training Block 100 |
| 10:00 AM | Training Block 200 |
| 11:00 AM | Training Block 300 |
| 12:00 PM | Lunch |
| | Lunchtime Show |
| | VIA Luncheon (By Invitation) |
| 12:30 PM | Training Block 400 |
| | Competitions Captain's Meeting |
| 1:00 PM | Open Recreation Areas |
| | Open Patch Auction |
| | Officer Candidate Meeting |
| 1:30 PM | Pre-Ordeal |
| | Ultimate Frisbee |
| 2:30 PM | Coffee Cup |
| 3:00 PM | Volleyball |
| | Lip Sync |
| 3:30 PM | Training Block 500 |
| 4:30 PM | Native American Dance |
| | Jeopardy |
| 5:00 PM | Recreation Areas Close |
| 5:30 PM | Healy Cup |
| 6:15 PM | Pinewood Derby |
| 6:30 PM | Dinner |
| 8:30 PM | Theme Show |
| 10:00 PM | Ice Cream Social |
| 10:30 PM | Live Patch Auction |
| 11:30 PM | Taps |



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Pictures for
The Polestar?**

Come by Carter Lodge!