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Sunday Morning

“BEST CONCLAVE IN THE REGION!”



-Northeast Region Chief Ed Lynes

Scott Laurin

Despite a groggy start today kicked off with a bang. This afternoon was packed with activities and competitions. Even with a delayed start the pinewood derby was a huge hit. The custom tracks were brought out after being in storage since the 2001 Conclave in Mt. Norris Vermont. Nothing beats racing pinewood derby cars down picnic tables. It was a close race and Madockawanda came in a close second to Moswetuset; no other lodges had cars to race.

A gorgeous day was topped off by a great theme show followed by mountains of ice cream afterwards. Everyone gorged themselves on the copious amounts ice cream and fixings. Patch trading ensued as long as was permitted and a good time was had by all. The mosquitoes seemed to hold off for the majority of the day until evening rolled around and the theme show began. The audience hardly noticed being devoured while being entertained by the show. The silent patch auction was the biggest we've seen in years with a multitude of donations that really raked in the dough. Thanks to all the donors!

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The Show Must Go ON!

Jeff St. Cyr

The great weekend came to a close with the annual Theme Show. The theme show kicked off with a beginning of an Ordeal with a new Ordeal candidate. He was led into a cave with bones and balls rolling at he and his cohort, “Dr. Jones.” Movie themes played a great part of the show. Also, the themes that were introduced by Mark Metivier, in charge of the theme show, were all carefully and strategically placed. Some of these great themes were *Braveheart*, *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*, along with some great songs, “Follow the Yellow Brick Road.” Scenes from various movies were acted out and to top off the show was Order of the Arrow Jeopardy. The audience got to play a part in the final part of the show- how they would get into the Castle. They finally chose to use the Holocaust Cloak. The members finally made their way to the castle and

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News Flashes:

- **“Pie to the Face” after Closing Show!**
- **Patch Auction after breakfast**
- **Bring Digital Pictures to The Polestar Office by Business Meeting!**

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Bringing Home the Cup!

Mike Price

Now, for the results you've been waiting for all weekend. You know who won the volleyball tournament, newsletter competition, pre-ordeal ceremony, and many more. But for the bragging rights of the section, it's the Healy Cup that makes all the difference. The host lodge Passaconaway decided to shake things up in the competition, and that's exactly what they did. The first leg began with five different members competing in a biking relay. They had to peddle their way from one side of the lake to the other via land to hand off the baton to the men in the canoes. That's where they took over and paddled their way across to meet the anxious swimmers, who held the baton while doing the swim test. Once they finished and passed as a swimmer, they hopped on out and gave the baton to the kayakers, who followed the same path as the canoes took, yet only the opposite way. Once on the other shore, the last leg of the race took place where the runners took the baton all the way to the finish. For those who participated, I'm sure you will agree that it was arduous, yet as great arrowman, they all handled the situation well. After a rough start for some, Passaconaway had a clear lead, with Ajapeu and Chippanyonk battling it out not too far behind. Following third place was an eager Madockawanda, with Moswetuset bringing up the rear. And that my friend would be the way it would be until the finish. Passaconaway had the clear break away for first. In the battle for second, Ajapeu ended up edging out Chippanyonk. Meanwhile, Madockawanda gave it their all and came almost within reach, but it just wouldn't be enough as the two-time champs would go home with fourth place. Finishing strong was Moswetuset, although they did finish in fifth. So, there you have it. The results are in as the host lodge Passaconaway takes home the Healy Cup. Congrats, and better luck next year to all the other lodges!

NE-1A at NOAC!

Ed Lynes

This summer at the National OA Conference, NE-1A will be holding its Section Gathering. This evening activity will bond all members of the Section attending NOAC together for fun, fellowship, and pizza! All participants in the gathering will receive a free NE-1A 2004 NOAC patch.

These limited edition patches are available for pre-sale here at the Conclave. To place an order, get your forms to *The Polestar* office before the Closing Show. After pre-order, patches will be available on an "as available, first come" basis. The cost will also be an additional dollar.

These patches are sure to be a collectors item, so place your order today! Design will be available online before the conference.

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they sang the Song of our Order. The new Ordeal member was given his sash that appeared from the treasure box. Finally, to top off the evening, Arrowmen gathered down in the dining hall for some great fellowship and ice cream. The theme show had great meaning to all of us who watched.



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Conclave Wrap-Up!

The Conclave rolled off without a hitch and seems to get better every year; let's keep up the tradition of good times and great fellowship!



New Vigil Members

Matt Baldwin



Last night two members of Chippanyonk Lodge completed their Vigil; they were tapped out at their Lodge's fellowship weekend earlier this fall. Their sashes will be presented at breakfast, and it is crucial that we all congratulate them before the end of the day. The Vigil honor is an honor that can only be bestowed and never achieved; a person is considered for this honor by a committee based on recommendations, and their previous service record. The idea is that the Vigil honor is for people who truly represent what the Order of the Arrow is all about! Please join us in congratulating them for this honor.

Checking Out... for Now.

Matt Baldwin

Well it's that time! Conclave is wrapping up to an end and its time to go over the logistics about leaving; **BEFORE YOU LEAVE**, please make sure that you leave your camp site better than you found it. A scout is clean... and it is crucial that we leave all of the campsites looking well for when camp starts in a few weeks. If you have any trash in site, please bring it down to the dining hall before you leave. Other than cleaning, you are all free to go after the closing show and just remember as you leave us for another year... *The show must go on!*

Election Madness

Seth Dearmin

Soon after breakfast, all youth members present will cast their votes for the NE-1A leaders of 2004-2005. We will elect an officer team comprised of a Section Chief, Vice-Chief, and Secretary. These three youth will represent the seven lodges of this section and they will work diligently to strengthen existing programs, support lodge effectiveness, and develop leaders in the coming year. Elections are a phenomenal opportunity for you to have a hand in the future of your section by casting your vote for the strongest candidate. Make the most of this chance to help decide the future direction of your section and be sure to be a part of this morning's elections.

2004-2005 NE-1A Calendar

July 31-August 5, 2004 - National OA Conference - A weeklong conference in Ames, IA for Arrowmen across the country. Sure to inspire and motivate!

November 20, 2004 - Council of Chiefs - The COC is a day long meeting in Portsmouth, NH to plan for the 2005 Conclave and conduct Section Business. See your Lodge Chief/Adviser to attend.

December 27-30, 2004 - National Planning Meeting - An annual meeting in Dallas, TX, which your Section Chief and Adviser will attend to elect National Officers and plan the 2005 National Jamboree.

February 4-6, 2005 - Quality Lodge Summit - The QLS is an annual training event sponsored by the Section. This day focuses on training lodge leaders to assist in achieving the Quality Lodge. All participants of Conclave are encouraged to attend.

May 7, 2005 - Council of Chiefs - This is the last COC of the year and a final chance to bring all Conclave plans together. Be sure to attend and prepare for the 2005 Conclave.

June 10-12, 2005 - CONCLAVE 2005!! BE THERE FOR EVEN MORE FUN THAN YOU HAD THIS WEEKEND! SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

Conclave 2005!

Zac Hicks

Well, you've been through a Conclave. Chances are that you had a great time. Well, unlike NOAC and other great national events, conclaves are annual things. That means next year, you can go to another superb NE-1A Conclave. Next year the conclave will have rotated to Camp Resolute, which will be hosted by Chippanyonk. Our section has made great leaps and bounds this year. Next year shows no sign of slowing. As next year goes along, it will become evident that though much great progress was made this year, the sky is the limit for our level of goodness.

Next year's conclave coordinator is already beginning his work to ensure that next year will be an absolute blast. At breakfast some surveys will be handed to Lodge Chiefs and select Arrowmen. This ensures that next year's conclave will have more of what you love and flow easier for everyone. Chippanyonk is pumped and roaring to host next year's conclave.

If you think there were things in this year's conclave that could be improved on then you should get involved. This fall at the November COC, committees will be formed to plan the different aspects of conclave. Also, Conclave theme and patch design will be decided upon at the meeting. So, show up and have your vote counted.

OA High Adventure

Seth Dearmin

As a youth in the Order of the Arrow, you have incredible opportunities to take part in a few High Adventure programs. Philmont has Order of the Arrow Trail Crew (OATC) and Philbreak, Northern Tier has OA Wilderness Voyage (OAWV), and OA Odyssey is coming soon to Florida Sea Base. Each of these awesome programs is held at one of the three national High Adventure bases and all of these endeavors provide needed service to our organization. In addition to the service aspect, lasting friendships are made and backpacking, paddling, and scuba skills are honed. Talk to Ed Lynes or Seth



Dearmin this morning if you are interested in attending OATC or OAWV this summer! Check out www.oa-bsa.org for continued updates regarding these programs.



**Have a Safe Trip
Home, and Thanks for
a GREAT Weekend!**