

THE COURIER

OCTOBER 18, 2009

Section C-2A

Remember!

- *Promote Section Conclave Now!*
- *Utilize our section website: www.sectionc2a.com*
- *Begin submitting for the January Courier now, Deadline December 18.*

D-BAR-A GETS AN OVERHAUL

August rains left many D-bar-A roads impassable with ruts feet deep including the road between the Martin Building (registration) and the Elliott Family Campground. After weeks of extensive filling, road grading, seeding and straw covering, lodge members gathered on Saturday, October 3rd to install rock riprap in the road gullies to reduce rapid water flow and control erosion. Over 25 lodge members and guests worked on a largely rain-free day to install the rock. Heavy and light equipment delivered the rock where it was positioned by hand to ensure proper coverage.



Want to see your lodge photos appear in the next edition?

Email them to

kelsey.oa@gmail.com

OA HIGH ADVENTURE FOR FREE- SERIOUSLY IT'S TRUE!

This year the Order of the Arrow is challenging lodge chiefs across the country to maximize their lodge's high adventure participation. In return for their promotional efforts OA High Adventure is waiving the program fee to OA Trail Crew, OA Wilderness Voyage, OA Voyage: Canadian Odyssey or OA Ocean Adventure, for the two lodge chiefs from each region that recruit the most high adventure participants from their lodge to a high adventure program for summer 2010 as of December 1, 2009. (from OA HA website: <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/index.php?p=lodgechief>)

You only have until December, 2009...START RECRUITING! LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!



Courier Submission

DEADLINE:

December 18

Email articles to:

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR SECTION CHIEF

My Brothers of Section C2A,

I want to welcome every Arrowmen within Section C-2A back after a long, exciting summer! Personally, my summer was filled with a lot of rest, relaxation, and of course, Scouting and I look forward to getting back to business. I would also like to personally welcome back Tindeuchen Lodge 522 back to Section C2A. Tindeuchen Lodge was part of the recent Region re-alignment and is welcomed into the Section with the responsibility of hosting Section Conclave. I have no doubts that they will be fully prepared for the event.

Since May, the Section Visitation Team, led by Alex Allen, has conducted two visitations. Arrowmen gathered to participate in presentations given by each Lodge about their specific operations and traditions. A discussion forum followed the presentations and proved to be very beneficial exchange of ideas. I was impressed by the ability of our Lodges to work together and strive for excellence in their Lodge operations.

As I mentioned earlier, Tindeuchen will host Section Conclave April 30th –May 2nd at Camp Miakonda. Having the opportunity to see the strengths of each of the Lodge's within our Section, I'm excited and motivated for the upcoming Conclave preparations. I'm confident that we have the leadership and competence to make this year's Conclave a huge success. I challenge you to take the extra time and promote Section Conclave on a personal level. Reach out to those who may initially hesitate coming to these events and continue to find new arrowmen to sign up for Conclave. I promise that if each of you put forth your full effort in to this Conclave it will be one to remember for years to come!

Finally, I encourage all members to attend the National Leadership Seminars, OA High Adventures, and the National Jamboree. I can personally attest to these life-changing opportunities and hope that each of you will consider taking advantage all of which this honored Order has to offer! More information can be found at www.aa-bsa.org.

I look forward to meeting each of you!

-Brad Lichota



GREETINGS FROM YOUR VICE CHIEF

Brothers,

I look forward to working with all of you in the upcoming months as we plan for 2010, I am certain that this will be a great year for our section. As we start planning for the Section Conclave at Camp Miakonda, I think we should reflect back on what we all learned at NOAC this past summer. With all of the training there was sure to be something for everyone. An arrowman from Chickagami attended nearly every training session on Ceremonies, others attended sessions on leadership. Chippewa, and their lodge spirit, was almost everywhere. I saw several members of Tindeuchen and Manitous waiting at a bus stop, and Cuwe was always having fun. While serving on the Chiefs Corps we did not have time to attend training sessions (or arrive on time to section gatherings), but we held our own squad lessons at the end of each day. As a squad leader I got to know many people and have kept in contact with a few of them. Using the information the participants at NOAC have learned I believe this - - Conclave will be even better than the -



last. I am sure Tindeuchen will be an excellent host lodge, and Migisi Opawgan can definitely pull of a great Saturday Night Show. After seeing Chippewa's spirit at NOAC they should be able to come up with some great games, and Manitous has the ability to provide some awesome training. However, Chickagami does not have an assignment for this Conclave yet, so I hope you all brought along some ideas.

Alex Allen

Chickagami 180 Lodge Chief

NLS COMING TO A TOWN NEAR YOU

National Leadership Seminar: Learn to BE a Servant Leader

(By Andrew Curtiss, OA High Adventure Chairman)

In February 2007, I went to NLS with my brother and made a friend. I was a fairly new lodge Vice Chief of Activities and still a little unsure about what I had gotten myself into with lodge leadership and nervous about heading all the way to Rochester, Indiana to this training. He didn't really have to, but this Arrowman, helped me come out of my box, loosen up and start having fun. He helped me a relatively young nobody to get comfortable so I could have an incredible experience. NLS is not just about a patch. Its about learning to be a good leader in the OA, its full of games, activities, crafts, jokes, good eating and most of all new friends from not just your lodge or section but the entire Central Region and beyond. Don Hough, the Central Region Chief at the time, made me his friend, and changed my life. When I say NLS, you say "I'm There" Change your life.

Visit for the registration forms and cover letter:

<http://central.oa-bsa.org/news/?id=171>



SLOTS ARE ALREADY FILLING:

Oct 23-25, 2009 Dayton, OH (\$140 Youth/ \$150 Adult)
 Nov. 6-8, 2009 Parkville, MO (\$180 Youth/\$190 Adult)
 Feb. 26-28, 2010 Rochester, IL
 Apr. 23-25, 2010 Highridge, MO
 Oct. 15-17, 2010 Metamora, MI

ADVISING WORDS FROM MANITOUS

Greetings,

I thought I would introduce myself, my name is Dan Jechura and I am the new Lodge Adviser of Manitous 88. I took over in February of 2009. I've been involved in the order as a adult for 16 years, but I started in the order as a youth in Tecumseh Lodge 332, out of the old Wolverine Council, based in Dundee, Mi. back in the 60's. I still remember my ordeal like it was just yesterday. It was just like how the books describe it. The times have changed but the meaning behind why we are here has not changed. We are here for the youth. We are also here to give service to those who need us the most. Give back, if we don't who will.

I had a great time at NOAC and I am very proud of our arrow men who brought home Honors in the ceremonies competitions. Good job! It's been a while since my last NOAC, but I will be going again. I really like the shows, and the patch trading.

I had my 1st opportunity to go out to Philmont this summer. I attended the OA Lodge Advisers Conference. If you have never take a class out there, you should. The campus is the best and the trainers are top notch. My wife would say the spouse's had a better time than we did but I only half agree. We both had a very good time. It was interesting meeting other advisers from all across the country and finding out we all face the same concerns

YIS,

Dan Jechura

Manitous Lodge Advisor



CONCLAVE, WHERE, HERE!

Fellow Section C-2A Arrowmen,

Its hard to believe its been nearly 6 months since Conclave at D-bar-A. But now that summer has come and gone, it is time to start preparing for another successful Conclave. The 2010 Section C-2A Conclave will be hosted by Tindeuchen Lodge at Camp Miakonda in Toledo, OH, on April 30 - May 2, 2010. In order to ensure that this year's Conclave is the most successful and well attended Conclave ever, the Section C-2A leadership has formed an ad hoc Conclave Promotion Committee. The objective of this Conclave Promotion Committee is to help facilitate communication within Section and lodge leadership to increase overall attendance at Section Conclave through creative and unique promotion tactics. Each lodge will need to select a Conclave Promotion representative to serve as a promotion liaison and lead conclave promotion in their lodge. As a committee, we will create promotional items such as newsletter flyers, a Winter Banquet promotion video, and/or promotion pins. I, as the Conclave Promotion Chairman, will facilitate discussion of promotional ideas between lodges and the Section. Further information regarding this committee, including when the committee will meet, will be given at the October Council of Chiefs.

The formation of this committee has the potential to drastically increase the attendance and success of Conclave. I look forward to working with all of you in the upcoming months; see you at the October Council of Chiefs.

WWW,

Eric Muir

Conclave Promotions Chair



PICS FROM AROUND THE SECTION

YOU CAN NEVER GET ENOUGH ADVENTURE

Andrew Curtiss Reporting-

I spent three weeks at Philmont this past summer attending National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience and OA Trail Crew. Both are amazing programs. For two weeks at OATC, I met lifelong friends, left my legacy by rebuilding forest fire damaged parts of Philmont, and hiked and climbed places and seeing wildlife and sunsets that I had never even dreamed of. I was pushed to the limit and loved it. You might say, "How many weeks? No way is it worth being gone that long!" Well, trust me. IT IS! I went and had the time of my life (and my girlfriend is still dating me!).

FOR A VERY LIMITED TIME: You have OA Trail Crew (\$200), OA Wilderness Voyage (\$150), OAVV: Canadian Odyssey (\$200), and OA Ocean Adventure (?) available to you. Two weeks at a drastically reduced price with a program and an adventure you can't find anywhere else. Sign up TODAY! You won't regret it! (In many cases Lodge and Section Camperships are available!)

HURRY!!! SPOTS ARE VERY LIMITED AND FILLING VERY FAST!

Visit <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/>



MIGISI REPORTING

Andrew Curtiss, Lodge Chief, reporting-

Coming off of fantastic Section Conclave at D-bar-A and an amazing NOAC, where our ceremonies teams and Website received honors and more importantly we bonded with our Brothers from across the country (and right next door), Fall has been exciting for our lodge. We have had at least two major service projects and a Fall Ordeal. We are on target for Quality Lodge with membership and brotherhood goals and are looking forward to an exciting Fall Fellowship on October 23-25 at D-bar-A Scout Ranch. We are participating with our new Council's University of Scouting on November 7th performing in an opening ceremony, holding classes, educating Scoutmasters about the value of the OA and manning a booth at the Midway, keeping our Lodge active and visible. On November 14 is Migisi's Lodge Leadership Development at Dauch Scout Center in Detroit, as usual contingents from other Lodge's are welcome to attend as long as they reserve a spot by November 7. We have our Annual Meeting and Dinner on Dec 2 and are eagerly preparing for our 70th Anniversary Event that evening. This is my last CoC as Lodge Chief. I'd like to thank my Officers, Chairmen and Advisers and friends from other Lodges for giving their all to make this year amazing for Migisi Opawgan, our section, and me personally. Look forward to a new Chief at our next CoC meeting and I know you'll show him the same support and friendship you have given me.

THE COURIER NEEDS YOU!

Like working with technical equipment? Like reporting news? Like working in the field? Good with a Camera? Or do you just like playing with them? If you answered yes to ANY of these, it sounds like your just who we're looking for to help produce our section's most vital piece of paper, The Courier! Contact me at kelsey.oa@gmail.com if your interested in taking the next step along your journey through the Order NOW.



WELCOMING BACK 522

Brothers,

My name is Jon Elder and I am the current acting-Lodge Chief of Tindeuchen Lodge. Tindeuchen Lodge is headquartered in Toledo, Ohio, and is part of the Erie Shores Council. We have a rich and vibrant history here in Toledo, and we are looking forward to sharing some our past with you at the Section Conclave this spring. The Conclave will be held at Camp Miakonda, in Toledo, Ohio on April 30th-May 2nd. As we are new to Section C-2A, my fellow "Fire Builders" and are looking forward to getting to know our new Section Brothers.

-Jon Elder
Tindeuchen Lodge



MORE FROM MANITOUS

Hi,

My name is Jason Strimpel and I am the Manitous lodge 88 chief. I am an Eagle Scout, Vigil member, and I love to do OA ceremonies. I look forward to working with the Council of Chiefs. I am Manitous lodge and will do whatever we can to help make a successful year for the section and especially our Section Conclave. I hope to have a chance to visit other lodge's events this year, to share, pick up new ideas, and have new experiences. I would like to welcome back Tindeuchen lodge.

Yours in the OA,

Jason Strimpel

THE EDITOR'S DESK

Hello C-2A,

My name is Kelsey Van Aken and I am the Courier Chairman. I hail from Manitous Lodge 88 and serve as the Communications chairman for my home lodge. Anything from shows and newsletters, to website development, or just regular Scouting events you'll see me behind the scenes working away. But enough about me, straight to business. I hope everyone had a great summer full of Scouting, and just plain fun! We're gearing up this year to push out some great Couriers. I need your help! Send in photos from your lodge and other Scouting events showing arrowmen in action. Remember to that this year more than ever we'll need cameras in the field. If you know of an Arrowman that would like to report, photograph, or anything else that will help The Courier, please point them my way. Along with that I would like to incorporate cartoons, cross word puzzles, or anything else that would be different to add.

In addition to cool new things, I have another idea to suggest. What about making the Courier more available at a lodge level? This year we plan to distribute the articles digitally to ANY OA member who would like one. In addition to people asking me personally for them, I would like to see The Courier published on lodge websites. The more we keep The Order interesting for the youth and adults alike the more fun we can have. As they say the more the merrier!

Don't forget articles are due by December 18th!

WWW,

Kelsey Van Aken

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"Workin' hard at D-Bar-A"



"Manitous cameramen at work. I hear they have fantastic shows!"

