



THE BEAR GROWLS

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

FEBRUARY 2
COUNCIL
PINWOOD
DERBY
PARKERSBURG
- THE MALL

MARCH 7-8
WITAHemui
WEEKEND
CAMP KOOTAGA

MARCH 28-30
SPRING
FELLOWSHIP
CAMP KOOTAGA

APRIL 5
WORK DAY
CAMP KOOTAGA

APRIL 25-27
SPRING
ORDEAL
CAMP MAHONEGON

MAY 10
WORK DAY
CAMP KOOTAGA

MAY 23-24
WITAHemui
WEEKEND
CAMP KOOTAGA

MAY 30 - JUNE 1
CONCLAVE
CAMP ARROWHEAD

IT IS A BRAND NEW YEAR

Welcome to 2008 everyone! There are many exciting things happening this year. On the lodge level, we have several new officers and even a few new advisors. We will have our second large-scale Witahemui Weekend this year. The planning for this event will start soon, as we hope to make it even more productive (though last year's productivity will be hard to beat) and also more fun. On a larger level, ArrowCorps 5 is happening this year. This is the largest service project ever performed by the Order of the Arrow or the Boy Scouts of America, and will involve over 5000 Arrowmen at 5 different sites across the country during a course of 5 weeks. We would like to see more of each and every one of you this year, so come out to our events and participate. You'll see how much fun you can have!

WITAHemui WEEKEND

Witahemui Weekends are the perfect times for the Lodge to truly help out our Summer Camp facilities. Witahemui is the Lenni Lenape word for service. As such, it should be apart of all Arrowmen's lives. These weekends have been set aside for people to come out and do work helping to maintain Camp Kootaga. Just because it's a work weekend doesn't mean there is no fun to be had. Work has to stop when it's dark, and that leaves plenty of time for talking and reminiscing with friends. The Witahemui Weekends planned for this year are on March 7-8 and May 23-24. They were a great success last year and you can help keep that success this year.

LODGE LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT

On January 18-20, the new Lodge Executive Committee Officers met at Camp Kootaga to be trained in their duties and to form a working team relationship. Our lodge started using this program last year to train the officers, and we have found it much more effective than the method we used previously. The officers got a chance to meet with each other and with their respective advisors to set goals for themselves for the year. The first Lodge Executive Committee Meeting of the year was held on Saturday the 19th. The minutes from that meeting will be posted on our website (www.nendawen.oe-c4a.org) on the LEC page. Minutes from all LEC meetings since January 2005 are archived on that page.



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SPRING FELLOWSHIP

Spring Fellowship will be held at Camp Kootaga on March 28-30. Fellowships are a great chance to come and get to know your fellow Arrowmen and help out the camps in the process. These weekends are for socialization and certainly some outdoor fun. You can come play basketball or football, or stay inside and play cards. You can listen to the drum and help work on Native American Regalia, or you can just come ready to relax away from the rest of the world with a hike in the woods. Whatever you prefer, this Spring Fellowship will be an event you will enjoy.

LODGE FLAP CONTEST

While we're on the subject of Spring Fellowship, don't forget that all design submissions for the new Nendawen Lodge flap are due on or before March 28. In case you missed the memo, the person whose design is selected wins an entire year's worth of lodge activities paid for in full. To find a list of rules and regulations visit <http://nendawen.oa-c4a.org/contest.html>. For a lodge flap shape template, take a look at page 2 of the October-December 2007 Bear Growls at <http://nendawen.oa-c4a.org/beargrowls/2007/Oct2007.pdf>. Remember that all issues of the Bear Growls are archived at <http://nendawen.oa-c4a.org/beargrowls.html> Good luck!

CONCLAVE

Mark you calendars for May 30. This day marks the beginning of another fun filled Section c-4A Conclave. This year's host is Thal-Coo-Zyo Lodge down in beautiful Camp Arrowhead. This year's Conclave will have many new and exciting classes along with a myriad of Native American Activities. As usual, the drum and dance competitions will be a must see for many of our members and believe me, it is a great experience to behold. Last year, our lodge did spectacularly in the competitions - placing in the top 3 in almost all categories. We also sent a drum team that placed first in the Section. The lodge attendance goal for this conclave is 15% of all of our registered members. We came very close to meeting our goal last year, so it shouldn't be a stretch this time around. Let's have a great turnout for Conclave 2008!



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PINEWOOD DERBIES

District Pinewood Derbies are coming up quickly! The OA has always had a part in the Pinewood Derby process and the Cub Scouting program in general. The biggest of the Pinewood Derbies is, of course, the Council Pinewood Derby at the Mall in Parkersburg on February 2. If you would like to help with this event, please contact Jacob Steele, the Lodge Chief. Of course, you should help with your respective District Pinewood Derbies as well. Don't forget that the Boy Scouts and the Order of the Arrow would be nothing without the young men transitioning up through Cub Scouting to join them.

CHIEFLY SPEAKING

Well, it's finally my turn to write the Chiefly Speaking article for the Bear Growls. You may remember me from years past as I have been the Secretary/Treasurer and last year I was the Lodge Vice-Chief. You will be hearing from me quite frequently now, and I hope that you all are able to make it to as many events as possible in the coming year. One major push I would like to make is that we have not 10% go to Conclave, but instead surpass that goal and have 15% attend Conclave. I have several plans for this coming year, and I also need your help and approval so if you have any questions or ideas please feel free to contact me at the events, or email me at jabocmuddytoes@yahoo.com

Yours in Brotherhood – WWW

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