



THE BEAR GROWLS

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SCOUT O RAMA AND STATE PINEWOOD DERBY

March 23-25 at the Meadowbrook Mall in Bridgeport, WV, the second annual State Pinewood Derby will take place. This year, there will also be a Scout O Rama during the same time. The coordinators of the PWD have asked the Order of the Arrow to send volunteers to help with the event. Remember that the Order of the Arrow is a service based organization, and one of our primary services is to Cub Scouting. If you are interested in helping with the event, please contact the Lodge Chief, Brian McQueen, at cokecollector42@aol.com as soon as possible.

SPRING FELLOWSHIP

This year's Spring Fellowship will be held on March 30th - 1st at Camp Kootaga. This will only be the third Spring Fellowship we have ever had in the history of the lodge. If you haven't already sent in your registration form, please do so as soon as possible. If you have misplaced your form, please call the council office at 1-800-654-5272. Although there will be work available for those who wish to volunteer, it will be a weekend made purely for fellowship and strengthening the bonds of brotherhood. There will be a Lodge Executive Committee Meeting held on Saturday to discuss the important business of the lodge. It is not mandatory that you attend the meeting, but it would be a good time to see what ideas the lodge has and to give some of your own ideas. Come on out and have a good time. Let's make this event a success!

CHIEFLY SPEAKING

Spring is on the way folks. Get ready for the warm weather and all the OA events that come along with it. Nendawen Lodge has many, many events planned to keep your schedule busy. The one I want to talk to you most about, however, is Conclave. I can not stress enough how amazing and fun a trip to Conclave is. You will undoubtedly come away with not only great memories, but also wonderful new knowledge and maybe a few new friends. The registration deadline is approaching, so I suggest you register soon. You can follow the link on the lodge website to Conclave.aa-c4a.org to register. Our lodge is currently the leader for the Manmile award. As more people register, our lead continues to grow. Hopefully this year will prove to be a big one for Nendawen Lodge. I want you all to come out to as many events as possible and have a great time doing it.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Brian C. McQueen
Lodge Chief

UPCOMING EVENTS:

STATE PWD
MARCH 23-25
BRIDGEPORT, WV

SPRING
FELLOWSHIP
MAR 30-APR 1
CAMP KOOTAGA

SPRING ORDEAL
APRIL 27-29
CAMP MAHONEGON

WORK DAY
MAY 5
CAMP KOOTAGA

CONCLAVE!
MAY 18-20
BEAUMONT SCOUT
RESERVATION

WITAHemui
WEEKEND
JUNE 1-2
CAMP KOOTAGA

VIGIL WEEKEND
JUNE 8-9
CAMP MAHONEGON

OA CALL OUTS
JUNE 21, 28
JULY 5, 12, 19
CAMP KOOTAGA



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CONCLAVE SPECIAL

If you don't know what Conclave is, you haven't been getting a good dose of your Bear Growls. Conclave is where the ten lodges in our section get together for one great event! There will be training, fellowship, dance and drum competitions, ceremony competitions, and tons of fun. This year's Conclave will be held May 18-20 by Cuyahoga Lodge at Beaumont Scout Reservation in Rock Creek, Ohio. If you haven't registered yet (which, most of you haven't) you can do so at conclave.0a-c4a.org. Our lodge's attendance goal this year is ten percent of our lodge's total membership – 48 people. If you register, we will find a way to transport you there. We are currently the leader in ManMiles. ManMiles is the number of people from a lodge multiplied by the number of miles from their scout office to the camp: so the more people who sign-up the better. It has been years since Nendawen Lodge won the ManMile award. Also this year we certainly don't have to rough it. The lodging will be in cabins! These cabins will be heated and have bunks. Please come out to Conclave and let the Section know what kind of a lodge Nendawen can be! I will see you there!

Training Programs Offered

- **Brotherhood Conversion**
- **How to run an effective Chapter Meeting**
- **How to Run an Effective Year Round Program**
- **The Past and the Future (Ceremonies training)**

- **OA Troop Representative Training**
- **How to Put Together a Scouting Event Staff**
- **Brotherhood Mentoring**
- **Setting up Ceremony Grounds**

- **ScoutReach Mentoring Training**
- **The OA and Cub Scouting**
- **Initiative Games**
- **Ceremonies Principle Development**

Other Programs/Activities Offered

- Patch Trading** – Conclave is one of the best places to trade!
- Dancing Competition** – All the lodges compete against each other to see who is the best in each category.
- Drumming Competition** – All lodges compete for top prize.
- Ceremony Competition** – Come watch ceremonies being performed or compete as a team.
- Inter-lodge Competition** – Compete with other lodges in different sports.

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO TO REGISTER IS PAY A VISIT TO **CONCLAVE.OA-C4A.ORG** AND CLICK ON THE BUTTON THAT SAYS “REGISTRATION.” ALSO AT CONCLAVE.OA-C4A.ORG, YOU CAN FIND MUCH MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE CONCLAVE AND THE GOALS STATUS. YOU CAN FIND DIRECTIONS TO CAMP, A FAQ PAGE, A SCHEDULE, A MENU, A DESCRIPTION OF THE TRAINING CELLS, AND PROMOTIONAL ITEMS. WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? REGISTER NOW!



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SPRING ORDEAL

This year's Spring Ordeal will be held at Camp Mahonegon on April 27-29. Our Elangomat Vice Chief Matthew Stalnaker still needs volunteers to be Elangomats for the new Extended Elangomat System. The Elangomat is the person who was a member of the OA that was in charge of your Clan during the Ordeal. If you are interested in being an Elangomat, please contact Matt Stalnaker or Brian McQueen as soon as possible. All lodge contact information can be found on nendawen.oa-c4a.org. Brotherhood conversions will also be done during the weekend. **It is possible** to both be an Elangomat and to do your Brotherhood conversion. Even if you don't have to do Brotherhood or want to be an Elangomat, you can still come out and help both the camp and your lodge. I hope to see you there!

WITAHemui WEEKEND II

On June 1-2, Nendawen Lodge is hosting a very important event at Camp Kootaga. In order to have Summer Camp set up before the Staff arrives, we are hosting a second Witahemui Weekend that involves help from troops. It is our hope to have every site in camp adopted by a troop. What this means is that members of a troop (including non OA members) will come into camp during the weekend and, on Saturday morning, be in charge of placing platforms and setting up tents in the campsite they have adopted. Breakfast and lunch on Saturday will be provided by the lodge, and there will be no cost for the event. It is very important that most campsites are adopted. The OA will adopt some as needed, but even our resources are limited. If your troop is interested in adopting a site, please have the Scoutmaster of your troop email Brian McQueen at Cokecollector42@aol.com as soon as possible.

SUMMER CAMP STAFF

Camp Kootaga is in need of people who wish to work on staff during Summer Camp. If you wish to be a part of the wonderful staff at Camp Kootaga that you have seen before, you should apply to do it. Specifically, the Order of the Arrow needs someone to take the role of the OA Coordinator for Summer Camp. This is a paid position. The OA Coordinator is in charge of the Call Out Ceremonies, the OA-Troop Relations during the week, the OA Ice Cream Social, and must teach a couple merit badges. If you are interested in being the OA Coordinator at Camp Kootaga this summer, contact Brian McQueen at Cokecollector42@aol.com. If you are interested in applying for any other position, please contact the Council Office.



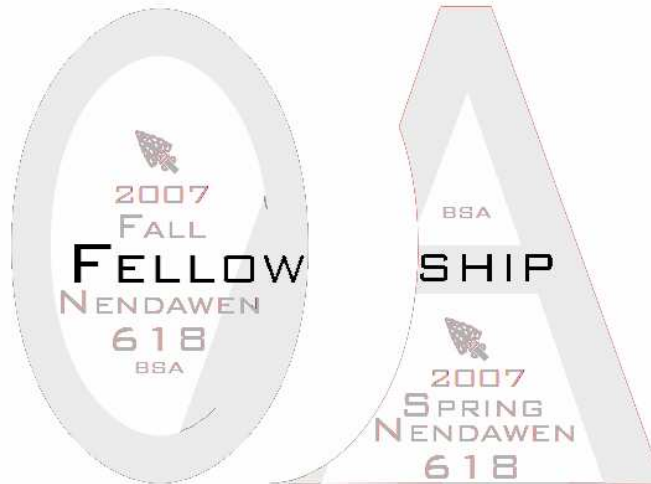
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FELLOWSHIP PATCH

This year, a two part Fellowship Patch will be sold at both the Spring Fellowship later this month and the Fall Fellowship later this year. The price of the patch has yet to be decided. Here is a picture of what the patch will look like:



The “O” patch will be sold at the Fall Fellowship, and the “A” patch will be sold at the Spring Fellowship. Don’t miss out on your set!

WITAHemui WEEKEND RECAP

On March 9-10, Nendawen Lodge held its first of two Witahemui Weekends for the year. It was very successful. With only 22 people in attendance, the lodge stacked many tent platforms, cut down trees, cut away intrusive weeds and bushes, built new seating at the First Year camper area, and tore down many of the Staff Camp platforms to prepare for the new Staff Camp area. The rain kept us from completing the deconstruction at Staff Camp, but camp ranger Scott Clay said he was very pleased with the amount of work the OA completed. Hopefully, the Witahemui Weekend will have more participants next year. We will make the Camp a better place with every project we do.

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