



The Bear Growls

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CONCLAVE!

Mark your calendars; Section C-4A Conclave is May 18-20! Conclave is a very enjoyable trip to another Lodge in our Section. Visit Conclave.0a-c4a.org to register for this exciting event and for more information. This year, Conclave will be held at Beaumont Scout Reservation outside of Cleveland, Ohio. At Conclave, Arrowmen can do a lot of fun and interesting things. There are drum and dance competitions, training sessions, ceremony competitions, and many other exciting events. Last year, our lodge had several dancers place in the top 3 in their respective categories, and a couple of our dancers won their competitions. This year's Conclave training centers around ceremonies and the Ordeal experience. The lodge goal for this Conclave is, as always, 10% of our lodge members. More information will be presented in the next issue of the Bear Growls. However, the registration deadline will be drawing near by the time the next Bear Growls is published. So hurry and register soon at Conclave.0a-c4a.org. Come and show how great Nendawen Lodge can be. We hope to see you there!

Witahemui Weekend

The Witahemui Weekend is BACK! Due to the great success of the Witahemui Weekend last year, the Lodge Executive Committee has approved TWO for this year. The first of these two is March 9-10 at Camp Kootaga. The second, more important one is June 1-2 at Camp Kootaga to set up for Summer Camp. The Witahemui weekend is basically an extension of an OA work day, but with more fun involved.

Friday night there will be Cracker Barrel and free time to be with friends and brothers. In the morning, it's breakfast and off to work. After lunch, there are a few more hours to finish up the projects. We finish off with a great dinner and goodbyes. The best part of the weekend is that it is absolutely free to participants. Please come out and show your support for the Camp.

Calendar of Events:

February 3

Council Pinewood Derby
- Parkersburg

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Pinewood Derby
-Bridgeport

February 23-25

State Pinewood Derby
-Bridgeport

February 24

Blood Drive
Parkersburg High School

February 30-March 1

Spring Fellowship
-Camp Kootaga

April 20-22

Ceremonies Weekend
-Camp Mahonegon

April 27-29

Spring Ordeal
-Camp Mahonegon

May 5

Work Day
-Camp Kootaga

Chiefly Speaking

Hello, all! You may remember me from last year or the year before when I guest wrote the Chiefly Speaking as your Lodge Vice Chief. Now, you should be hearing from me a lot as your new Lodge Chief. We have several new things planned for the lodge this year. Most of these plans should lead to our ultimate goal of obtaining the status of Quality Lodge. The first thing you may have already noticed is the new look of the Lodge Website. If you haven't seen it yet, check it out at [Nendawen .org](http://Nendawen.org). The biggest change this year is the revamping of the job description of the Chapter Chiefs. They will help the lodge to complete the Where to Go Camping Guide, find and register OA Troop Representatives, and help Ordeal members convert to Brotherhood Membership. My personal goal for Conclave attendance is 35 members from Nendawen Lodge. It isn't a far stretch from last year's attendance of 29. The Lodge Executive Committee approved the making of a two part Fellowship patch that will be available for purchase by anyone who attends Spring and/or Fall Fellowship. I am really looking forward to serving you all this year. If you have any ideas, questions, concerns, or anything else you think should be brought to my attention, please do not hesitate to email me at Cokecollector42@aol.com.

Yours in Brotherhood,
 Brian C. McQueen
 2007 Lodge Chief

Spring Fellowship

Spring Fellowship this year is March 30th through April 1st at Camp Kootaga. The Fellowships of the past have been a blast and a great time to sit around and get to know one another. You can come and play basketball, learn about ceremony and dancing regalia and beadwork, play Hearts and other fun card games, talk to people, laugh and joke, drum with a the lodge drum team, and perhaps take some time and improve Camp Kootaga. These fellowships are about brotherhood, Wimachtendienk. They

are a time of socialization and friendship; a time to come together and just have FUN. So come out to Camp Kootaga and have a great time.

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On January 12-14, a cold, wet weekend at Camp Kootaga, most of the Lodge Executive Committee made a trip out to attend Nendawen Lodge's first Ever Lodge Leadership Development Course. The topics covered in this course were very diverse. The great minds of the LEC were trained how to become better leaders, how to increase Brotherhood, how to better service the camps, and how to better perform their jobs.

There were various brainstorming sessions in which the LEC came up with great ideas on how to better and more smoothly run the lodge. The LEC also was able to become a team and bond during the time they all spent together. At one point during the day Saturday, the LEC held its annual Year Planning LEC meeting during which they decided on the year's calendar, the yearly budget, and the design of the Fellowship Patch, among other things. The organizers of the event received MANY compliments afterward. The LEC plans to do this again next year, as it was a HUGE success.