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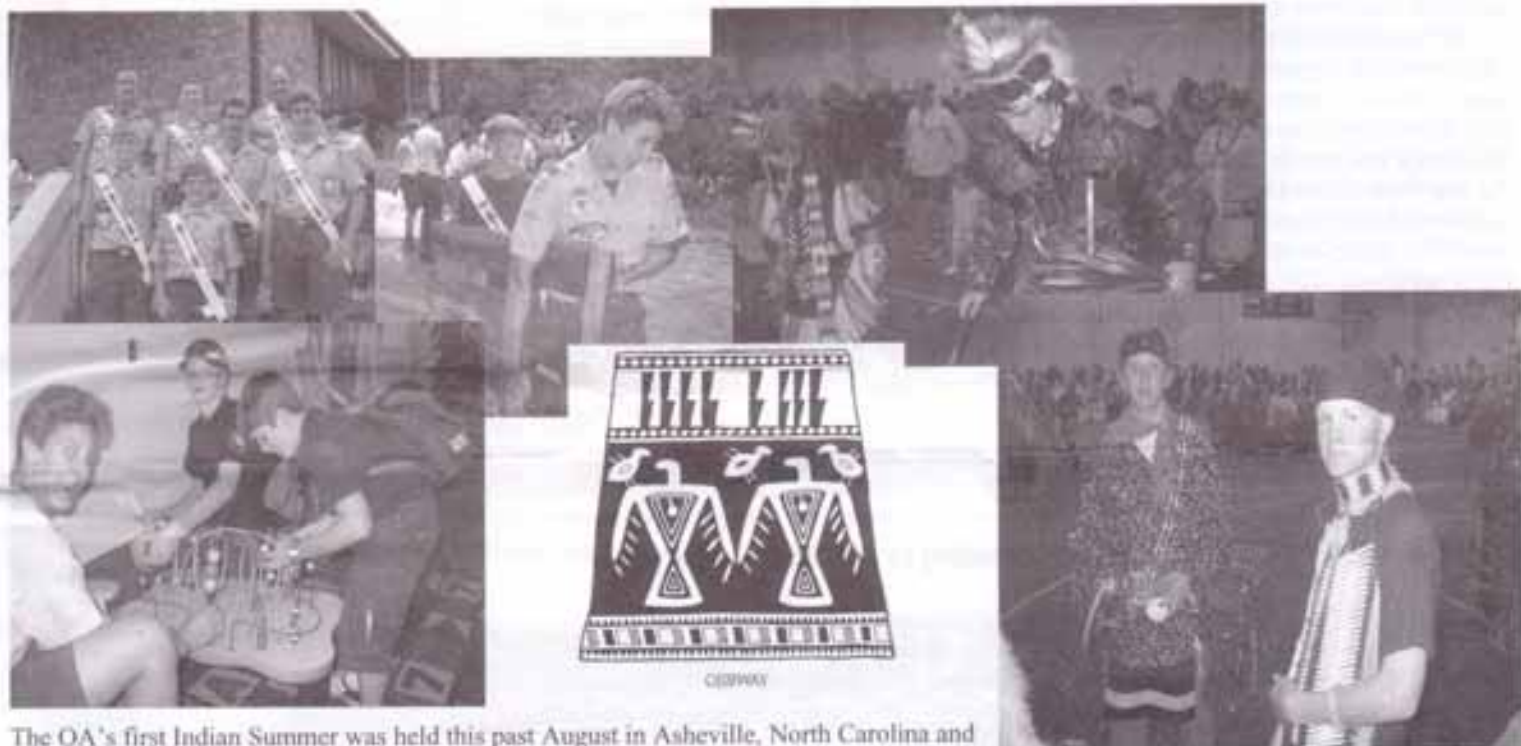
Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Lodge 40

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INDIAN SUMMER WHAT A BLAST!!



The OA's first Indian Summer was held this past August in Asheville, North Carolina and our Lodge was well represented. Charlie O'Brien, Josh Goldman, Chris Hill, Mike Turon, Alex Haak and Advisors Mark Dahlen and Rob Orr spent 4 days in the Carolina Mountains.

Indian summer is a National OA training event that focused solely on ceremonies and Native American culture. Nearly 700 Arrowmen from across the nation attended the conference held at the Ridgecrest Center, a 2000 acre training and retreat facility.

Charlie O'Brien said, "It was a very unique and interesting event that was jam packed to the brim with stuff to do. I enjoyed deepening my knowledge in dance and regalia. Chris Hill said, "I had a blast making crafts and bonding with new friends."

Aside from a full class schedule, we also participated in 3 Native American Pow Wows, a mountain man rendezvous and service projects for the Center. While the schedule kept us running from about 8:30 a.m. till 11:00 p.m. everyday, there was still time to explore the immediate area. A couple of us got up very early one morning and climbed the Rattlesnake Trail to summit behind the Conference Center (You can't keep the outing out of scouting!). This offered a beautiful view of the surrounding mountains at sunrise. Upon reaching the summit, Mike Turon called out, "Now I know why they call these the Blue Ridge Mountains!" All the way to the horizon one could see the gentle sloping shade of blues that marked the range.

Josh Goldman commented on how well organized the entire event was. It was hard not to find something that would be of interest. There was an entire building devoted to crafts projects and another 20 classrooms set up for seminars and demonstrations. Alex Haak said he enjoyed learning new Native dance styles. If you missed Indian Summer, you can still get a taste of the experience at next Summer's NOAC. NOAC is the National OA Conference. It attracts about 8000 scouts and leaders and is a great way to learn much more about the OA and how you can make a contribution to the OA. Be part of the fun.

Arrowman Experiences OA Trail Crew



Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, Service. These are the three main aspects of our Order. Participating in the Order of the Arrow Trail Crew at Philmont Scout Ranch this past summer enabled me to understand, experience, and demonstrate all three of these characteristics. The OA Trail crew is a rugged two-week adventure in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. Trail crew participants spend the first week in cheerful service clearing, creating and maintaining trails with nine other OA members from Lodges across the nation. This week enables the participants to establish friendship, work in cheerful service, and reflect on the objective of the order. The second week is spent hiking the beautiful mountains and stunning valleys of Philmont. Brotherhood is cemented, cheerful service is continued, and one's philosophy on life is expanded. The OA Trail crew program is a life altering experience. The program positively altered my spirituality and logic, providing me with a greater appreciation for the people and nature surrounding me. In addition, it affirmed my dedication to serving others and doing a good turn daily. Finally, life long friendships were made. The people I met were all dedicated Arrowmen and I know that I grew as a result of the time spent with each of them. The OA Trail crew was one of the best experiences I have ever had. It reaffirmed my view of life and I created friendship I will never forget. I strongly encourage all who are interested to apply for one of the next year's OA Trail Crews. Applications are available at www.or-bsa.org (National Programs, OA Trail Crew). The cost is \$100.00 plus transportation and the two week sessions run from early June thru mid August. If you have any questions, please call me at (847-291-7643 or email me at bico44@comcast.net. Special thanks to Rob Orr, Lodge Advisor and Matt Ackerman, Council Executive for recommending me.

Brian Lichtenheld
Brotherhood Member

Let the Public know what Scouting is doing in your town

As an Order of the Arrow member, you most likely know of a positive Scout story or event the public should read about in your local newspaper, church bulletin or school newspaper. If you write the story and get it published you can earn the new "Scout News Reporter" patch.

Promoting Scouting to the public can help recruit new members, retain current members and let our local communities know what the Boy Scouts of America are doing. While, the Northeast Illinois Council Public Relation Committee does submit news release on council activities and events, it is the everyday stories of local Scouts that make the biggest impression on the public.

Good media input coming from Troops and Crews can: generate pride in your unit members, serve as a powerful recruiting tool, and promote goodwill between Scouting and our local communities.

To help local units promote Scouting through the media, the Northeast Illinois Council has published a new guidebook. This guidebook includes information on how to write your story, sample news releases and a list of media to contact. This guidebook is available on line at www.neic.org or call Allen Hibnick at the Council Service Center at 847-433-1813 x 628 to ask for a hard copy.

To earn the "Scout News Reporter" patch, just complete the form that is available on line or at the Scout Service Center.

www.neic.org—Northeast Illinois Council home page
www.aa-bsa.org—National OA home page



It is an incredibly exciting time to be involved with the OA. We just had an amazing summer and we all express our congratulations to our new members. They are our Lodge's future and I ask that you help me push them and others along to get involved today.

As Makajawan came to a close, our lodge didn't. A contingent from Makajawan lodge 40 went to participate at Indian Summer. You are all invited to our next Lodge Executive meeting to hear some of the guys tell the tale of a packed couple of days, filled with ceremonial wisdom and fun that just wouldn't stop.

Indian Summer was a great success and transition into the Lodge's fall session. Later this month their will be a Lodge executive training session to make sure our lodge team is all on the same page. Then let the meetings begin! In September our monthly meetings will start up again and I have charged your Chapter Chiefs with making them the most organized and entertaining meetings since you can remember. Watch out! Because this craziness just may spread to the Lodge level.

Anticipate, along with the fun, a packed fall of exciting events. Section Conclave, Fall Conclave, Lodge Leadership Development, Toys for Tots, Popcorn Super Sunday, and the Winter Banquet; just to name a few. Within these expect many other service and fellowship opportunities through your chapter or even the lodge.

I charge you with the responsibility of getting involved with the Lodge today in order to make this the greatest season ever. We have set a goal for service and I am asking for your hands to help accomplish this next step towards greater heights. We need YOU!

Yours in Service
Garret Wilson



New Arrowmen - Welcome
Learn more about the OA on the Internet

Welcome to all new Arrowmen. This past summer you completed your membership by going through the Ordeal ceremony at camp. Some of you may complete your Ordeal at the Fall Conclave. The question before you now is what do I do next? First, congratulations on being elected to this honor society. What you do with the OA is really up to you. Many scouts and scouters simply wear their patch and sash and we never hear from them again. Don't be one of them. Others find ways to explore their desire for service by helping their Troop in organizing service projects or by setting an example for the younger scouts. Still others help out the Lodge by being part of the leadership team, helping their Chapter or the Lodge perform ceremonies or do service. The OA is known the Brotherhood of Cheerful service. There are many ways you can serve.

As new Arrowmen your dues to this Lodge are paid for one year and a half. After that, you will be asked to pay \$10 renewable at the first of the year. Also, take the time to check out the JumpStart program on the internet. This is a great way to learn more about the OA. Go to www.OA-BSA.ORG. Click on JUMPSTART and used the password "Obligation."

OA BOWL SERVICE PROJECT

We are ready to move to the next phase of the Makajawan bowl restoration project. We are hoping to have a major worker's weekend October 10-13 (Sept 28th had to be cancelled). This is Columbus Day weekend. This event is contingent on our ability to attract enough crew people to get the job done. The Council has offered us a bus that will leave Saturday morning around 7:00 a.m. and return Monday evening around 6:30 p.m. Please fill out the enclosed form and help us get our bowl back in shape. You must register by Sept. 30th. We need all kinds of skilled and unskilled labor. We also need tools. Shovels, rakes, axes, picks, roto-tillers, etc. The cost depends on the number of people, but we are pricing the bus at about \$10 and the meals at \$20. Our first project will be to develop the first ring around the bowl floor using stone blocks as a underground base and railroad ties for seating. There will also be a wolmanized plank attached to the tie for seating. Call Rob Orr for details.

Advisor's Corner



I am very glad to see so many members of our Lodge discover others parts of the broader OA community. Personally, I had a great time learning about ceremonies and native culture at Indian Summer this past summer. Brian Lichtenheld had an amazing experience being part of the Philmont Trail Crew. These are just a few of the activities that will give you a chance to explore what the OA means for you. NOAC is another great event coming next summer. We are going...so make your plans now to attend. Section meetings also allow you to learn more about other members of the OA in our immediate Tri-state area. Northern Tier Canoe base has a service project/trek adventure much like Philmont's. Get involved with the OA. Your Lodge...your Chapter, your Troop. Get the OA spirit and help your fellow scouts better understand the true meaning of the brotherhood of cheerful service. I had such a great time at Indian Summer, I found myself smiling the entire time. That's what the OA can do for you. Share the smile.



Lodge leadership—In search of a Chief—New Procedures

As many of you may know, the procedure for electing Lodge leaders has changed. Instead of electing our leaders at the Memorial Day Conclave, we now will do it before the Winter Banquet. The process for election is different as well. To be considered, you must submit a formal application. There is a special subcommittee of the Lodge that will be putting together the slate, based upon the nomination petitions. This is the official call for nominations. To be eligible, you must be an active member of the Lodge and submit a letter to the Lodge Nominating committee by September 30, 2003. In the letter place your name, Troop, leadership position within scouting, the Lodge position you would like to consider. Explain why you feel you would serve the Lodge well. We will be voting for all five positions - Lodge Chief, Vice Chief of Committee, Vice Chief of Chapters, Secretary and Treasurer. A committee of your peers will be building a slate from the names submitted. They will decide who are the best candidates to run for election to the various offices. The general membership will vote on the slate in December at a special business meeting before the banquet. All elected will serve for one year, starting Jan. 1, 2004. Send your letters to the Lodge Nominating committee, BSA- NEIC, 2745 Skokie Valley Rd., Highland Park, IL 60035. Forms will be available at the council office.

Popcorn Service project.

Every year we support our Council's major fund raiser by working in the distribution warehouse. Check out the calendar on the back for the dates— or talk to your Chapter Chief and find out when your Chapter will be working. If everyone does a little work, it will make the job easier for us all. Hope to you there. Bring your friends to make it fun.