

THE

Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Lodge 40

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Memorial Day Workers Weekend

How does Camp Makajawan get ready for summer fun? Come North and find out over Memorial Day (May 23rd – 26th) Weekend. All volunteers are welcome to help work on projects to open camp, repair and enhance program areas. All scouts, scouters, and their families are urged to participate with a special invitation going out to all OA members. Be prepared to work and have some fun!

Pick your project! Now is the time for your Troop to sponsor an entire project for the weekend. Chose from the fabulous list below and bring your skills and leadership. Here is a sampling of what we are going to do:

OA Bowl Improvements
Tent Platform Construction
Hiking Trail Improvements
Staff Row Carpentry
Lookout Chair Repairs

OA Trail Improvements
Posts and Outriggers
Skids Creek Road Repair
West Handicraft Benches
Dining Hall Cleanup
East Camp Eco-Con Repair

Staff Row Painting
PFD Storage
Row Screens
Work Tables
Oarlock Repairs

See a project that interests you? Get started planning and reserve a place in advance by calling or writing Lodge Advisor Rob Orr (847-724-5228) or Service Advisor Tom Macfadden (847-729-7598) for more information.

Deadline to sign up in May 12th. Return enclosed reservation form to NEIC office. Cost is \$20. For more information about reservations, accommodations, meals, or travel call Service Chair Paul Bilisko at 847-582-8899.



Indian Summer



the conference.

A primary objective of this event is to elaborate and expand a participant's understanding of American Indian culture at a pace in which the students can learn more. Arrowmen will have a hands-on experience with American Indian crafts, singing, dancing, customs, traditions, Indian games, and conducting a pow-wow. Need to improve your skills in producing a successful Call-out, Ordeal, Brotherhood, or Vigil Ceremony? Well you are in luck because Indian Summer participants will also have the opportunity to delve deeper into the ceremony world of settings, props, understanding the ten induction principals, symbolism, memorizing lines, and the development of low-cost ceremonial costumes.

The last national OA ceremony and Native American Indian conference was held in 1995. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about American Indian culture and expand your knowledge in Order of the Arrow ceremonies!

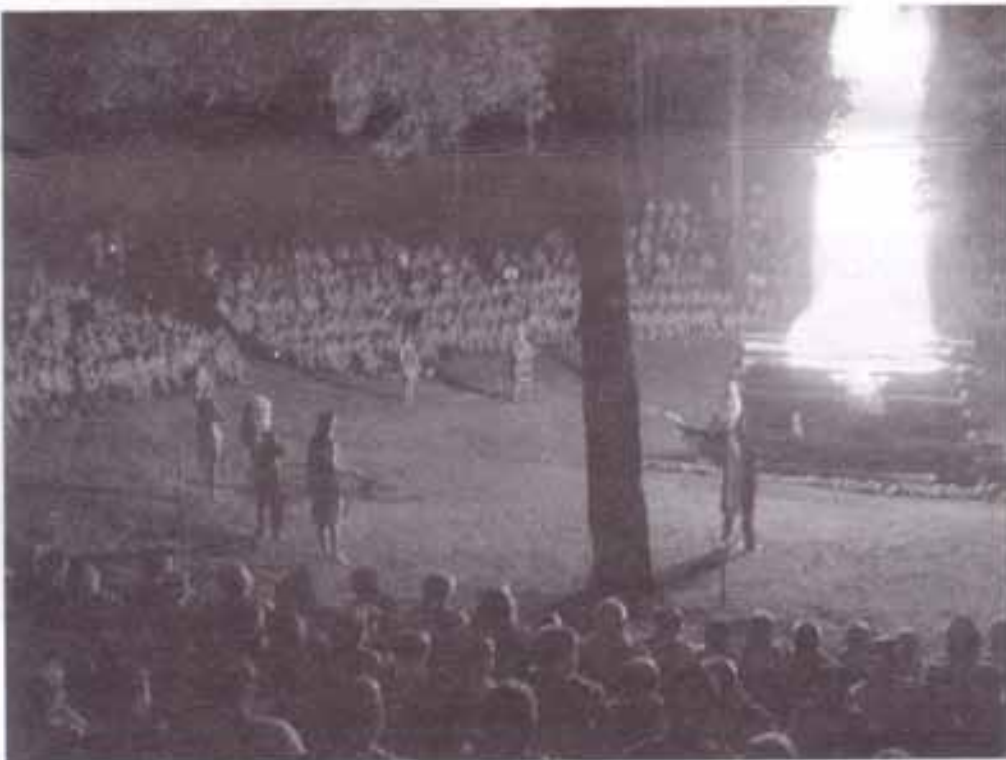
Our Council Contingent still has a few openings. Mr. Orr and Mr. Dahlen will serve as Adult advisors and we have about 6 scouts so far. The conference will be held in Asheville North Carolina, August 2 - 7. The cost is still to be determined (depends on transportation). The basic a fee is \$275 for a dorm room, \$300 for a double. If you are interested, you must call Rob Orr today (847-724-5228).

Do you like learning? Do you like Indian lore? Well if you do, the Order of the Arrow has the perfect conference for you! It is the National Order of the Arrow Ceremony and Native American Indian Conference, or in short, Indian Summer.

All Arrowmen with an interest in learning more about American Indian culture and Arrowmen who wish to expand their skills and understanding of the Order's ceremonies are invited to participate in

OA Bowl Improvements

Last summer several of us sat around wondering what could be done to improve our ceremonial Bowl at MaKaJaWan. Steve Silca led a bunch of ambitious volunteers last Fall to try a few ideas out at the Applesauce Bowl. The results have transformed that bowl. Since then, several adult advisors and a small group of youth members, have been working on plans to improve the main bowl. We are still in the early stages of development, but we are soon to begin Phase 1, the improvement of the safety features around the bowl. This includes improving the trails leading to the bowl and the trails around the bowls. No doubt, you will all be asked to work on parts of this project this summer. We hope to share the plans with people at the Memorial Day Worker's Weekend...but, for now, we are looking for some young men who would like to head up various work committees. We need a couple of youth advisors to be on the design board. This is happening right now. We need people to help solicit or procure the materials. We need people willing to organize specific work crews. For instance, we would like to move the teepee back on top of the hill...which means we have to do some work to the plumbing, if you know what I mean. We are looking to purchase or request from friends a new teepee. With some luck and we can start Phase 2, improving the physical features of the bowl and improve the seating. We have raised some money, but it will most likely not be enough if we are to realize the full potential of the plan. If you want to be part of the design staff, call Garret Wilson, your Lodge Chief. Be part of the future.



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



Chief's Corner

Garret Wilson -Lodge Chief

As most of you know, a lot of exciting developments are occurring in the Lodge in the spring. A new patch will be ready for this summer with the approval of the Lodge executive committee, the OASIS program (Order of the Arrow Summer in Social) will be taking off during even weeks this summer, fireside scoutmaster and SPL chats will be occurring every week this summer, and so much more! Keep posted for all of these programs as they develop.

Our Lodge is dynamically changing for the future so that our program is the best it can be. All of you Arrowmen are participating in an exciting period of change and improvements. I encourage you to get more involved. I have been impressed with all of your good ideas and, as promised, are putting them into action. Don't miss out on your opportunity to give back to your Lodge.

I am pleased to see the positive reaction to the spring fellowship, put on by Ya-kwa-hay, and can't wait to see what will happen next year! A lot of our new programs are still in need of man power, so get involved today! A thank you goes out to all of those who have been so committed to the Lodge in the past couple months. A great time for the rest of you to get back in to the swing of things is just around the corner. Memorial Day Workers Weekend is developing nicely but is still in need of more participants. Encourage your friends, family, and fellow scouters to attend this awesome event. I look forward to seeing you all this Memorial Day at Camp Ma-ka-ja-wan.

SPRINGFELLOWSHIP

WHERE WERE YOU ON APRIL 12?
 Many of us gathered at the Mundelein Lanes for fun, pizza and a little bowling.

(Photo Joe Ayers and team keep close watch on the score!)

Words From the Chapter Chiefs

Namachani

There has been a lot going on in our chapter during these past few months. There have been many good turns that have occurred and are developing some new strategies and such. Our dance and drum team has been doing an excellent job with crossovers and dances within the chapter. Our attendance has been doing fairly well but I encourage others to come out to the meetings. They **are** fun and enjoyable. They are a good way to get involved and getting involved is key in the OA. There is a definite core group of people who have been doing everything they're supposed to do and I commend you. It is essential that our fellow Namachani members join us at our meetings. They are held at the LDS church on the corner of Lake and Locust in Wilmette at 7:30. If you need a ride, just ask your scoutmaster because they'll be at the roundtable meeting, which occurs at the same time. Our next meeting is vital. We need a lot of people to show up because we will be having some big changes headed our way and the support is a must have. Other than that, one of our goals as a chapter has been in the works and now is ready. We are having a Scoutreach program within our chapter and we have our first troop. We are helping a newly formed troop in the Glenview area get on it's feet and it'll be exciting to see how things turn out. Again, **all** Namachani members come to the next meeting it is very important!

Mike Schaeffer
Namachani Chapter Chief



Aptakisic

Hey Guys, this is Mick Lee your 2003 Aptakisic Chapter Chief. Summer time is coming, and as many of you know, that means that the OA is beginning to get ready to go into summer camp mode. Things are changing quickly, and it is important that we get as many of the "on-shore" things wrapped up as possible. We do not want any loose ends to deal with at Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan this summer. So if you have anything you need from the OA before we pack up and head north, speak now or forever hold your peace. Amongst the things that are changing this spring, is the Chapter leadership. As many of you know, I recently took over as interim Chief when Trey Klatt retired. As was arranged at the time, when April/May comes, Charlie O'Brien will take over for me. As for what the Chapter is up too, we are doing unit elections, and finishing up our crossovers. We are getting ready for a full out effort at our one day of service project in May. That's all for now.

Mick Lee
Aptakisic Chapter Chief

It is natural to compare our Lodge with other Lodges. Recently I have had such an opportunity using the other www - the world wide web -to visit with other Lodges. We are in the process of adjusting our Bi-Laws and so I have been studying other Lodge's through their narrow portal on the web. In the process of discovery, I have been able to learn about their structure, events, traditions etc. and have even swapped e-mail with a couple of colleagues (other Lodge advisors). One thing that I have observed is that in the larger Lodges (ours included), all have very strong Chapters. In fact, in one extremely large Lodge, the Swanee Lodge in St. Louis, has Chapters that are larger than our entire Lodge! In those chapters, all of the management of the Chapter is handled by the youth members. Each Chapter, conducts its own new member elections and have their own induction/ ceremonial teams. They even have their own winter banquets! For the Lodge's service events, like a worker's weekend, they get about third of their 4000 members to attend! Our Lodge has more than 1000 members...at last year's Memorial Day weekend we had about 70 people...at the Fall Conclave we had about 100. Can we do better? I think so. It starts with each individual...you. Remember why you were inducted. Your peers thought you deserved recognition for your camping skills and your leadership. You were invited to join a national organization that holds a single purpose, to provide service to others. Take this idea and build upon it in your Troop, Chapter and our Lodge. We have a great Lodge with many proud traditions...if we all work together, we can do amazing things. Get involved. Seal your membership.

Yakwahay

My name is Andrew Campbell. I'm the Yakwahay Chapter Chief. That is in North Star District. We meet at the Milburn Church at the corner of Grass Lake Road and US 45 at the same time as the District Roundtables, every 2nd Monday evening. Right now we are doing New Member Elections. Our Chapter is almost done with the elections. We are also working on some service projects and other activities to promote the OA. We would like to see you stop by our Chapter and see what we are doing. If you have any questions contact me (see back page for contact information).

Andrew Campbell
Yakwahay Chapter Chief

Advisor's Corner

