

THE WHIPPOORWILL

Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Lodge 40



Spring 2004

Spring Service Projects

To all OA members and all other friends of Camp Ma-ka-ja-wan we need your assistance Memorial Day Weekend, May 28th to 31st. This spring we have a huge list of projects to get Camp Ma-ka-ja-wan ready for the 75th Anniversary summer. In addition to the regular, annual clean-up, fix-up, and getting camp ready to open projects, we have some special projects that are one-time-only. Get in on the fun and help make history!

Who can participate? Anyone who wants to volunteer and can put in a good day's work! All scouts, scouters, and their families are urged to help out. OA Members – this is it! We need your cheerful service this year more than ever. Our goal is to have 200 volunteers – the most ever for a Spring Worker's Weekend. New Ordeal Members – this is a terrific way to complete your 1st year and seal your membership in the order. There will be a Brotherhood ceremony and we want you.

Troops! Crews! Chapters! Now is the time for you to sponsor a project for the Memorial Day Worker's Weekend. OA Troop Reps round up your members. We will supply the materials and equipment (and even the know-how). You provide the muscle-power, enthusiasm, fellowship and fun. Come up to Ma-ka-ja-wan and work as a group. Call Tom Macfadden at 847-924-0432 (Tom.Macfadden@comcast.net).

Here is a run down on some of the projects:

Assigned projects:	Fishing Pier for East Camp OA Wigwam	Troop 156 Earl Knodel Crew 156
	Bowl Restoration	Dave Breucks Steve Silca Ric Kuzmanoff Rob Orr
Open Projects:		
	Clear Winter Treefall Staff Row Painting Dining Hall Cleanup West Waterfront Painting Posts and Outriggers Campsite Winter Clean up Staff Row Painting Woodchips to Climbing Wall Country Store Clean up	Commissary Clean up West Waterfront Brush Clear Staff Row Repairs Staff Row Painting Woodchips to Climbing Wall Country Store Clean up Paint West Boathouse Clearing Bowl Trails



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www.oa-bsa.org—National OA home page



Greetings Fellow Brothers!

It my pleasure to say that good things are happening in the Lodge. Many new ideas are being studied and this summer is looking to be one of the best ones yet. However the Lodge is coming upon a test, a test on its members willingness become involved. A test the will set the tone of the Lodge regardless of actions taking by its leadership. You, as Arrowmen, need to become involved. Come to the Memorial Day Workers Weekend. Help with work projects on the Lodge, Chapter or Troop level. Cheerful service is the principal upon which our great and honored Order is formed. Opportunities for service are plentiful, but the opportunities are nothing without you and your fellow Arrowmen attending. That is why I, as your Chief, am asking each and every one of you to attend any service project on any level and to become involved with an organization that has given us all so much.

SPECIAL THANKS

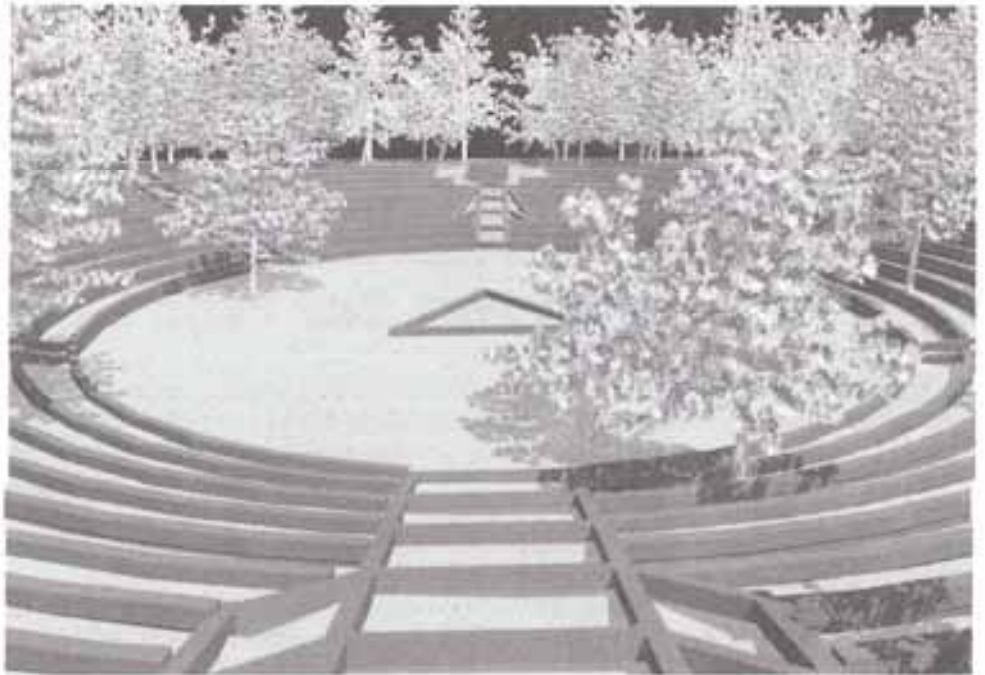
We have received many fine donations for the Lodge from people who wish to remain anonymous.

We want to thank those who has made donations of money for the Bowl, and for donations of equipment, wheel barrows and other tools. Most of the yard tools will be stored near the Council office for service work to be done here.

We are now focusing on tools for Camp. Know anyone who might have surplus or used shovels, rakes, yard tools. Let us know and we will accept them for summer camp.

Thanks.

OA Bowl Improvements



Artist drawing of completed OA Bowl. Be part of history — help support the Bowl—donate time or money!!

If you've been watching the Whippoorwill earlier this year, you know last Fall our Lodge started a massive renovation of our Ma-ka-ja-wan OA Call-out Bowl. We've made great progress but there is much to do before the bowl is ready for the summer ceremonies. This is your once-in-a-lifetime chance to be a part of history – the remaking of the OA Bowl. There will be three main project work dates.

*Wilderness Engineering Society (WES) worker's weekend for adults only
May 21 –23*

During Memorial Day Weekend about 20 people from our crew will work solely on the bowl, so that others can focus on the many other things that have to get done that weekend.

And finally, there will be a special week long work week, from June 6 – 12 for adults and older scouts (18years and up...youth members have to apply to Steve Silcat).

Contact Dave Bruecks (847-566-4735 dbruecks@siganmfg.com) or Rob Orr (847-724-5228 roborr156@oal.com) for more information on how you can help on the bowl project.

OA FUND RAISING

As the scale of the OA Bowl restoration has grown, so has the budget! We need to raise about \$14,000 to cover current and future expenses. We have already raised \$4000 from last year's special patch sale. This enabled us to purchase many of the railroad ties we will need. To raise the rest of the money, we hope to have several patch sales and some other events still to be defined. We are also launching a special "Own the Bowl" program. If you are able, we are asking for donations: \$25 for a seat, \$100 for a bench and \$500 for section. If you would like to help, write a check to BSA – NEIC and in the memo section state for OA bowl. Please add this account number 1-2371-050-00-Bowl. We will be making a special commemorative display for all donors to be installed at the bowl site.

Around the Lodge

TROOP 32 SERVICE



On Friday, February 13th several scouts from Troop 32 out of Glenview traveled to feed about 50 people at Hilda's Place. Hilda's is part of Connections for the Homeless center located in Evanston. The event was led by OA members Ryan Lawler, Kevin Lawler, and Spencer Olson. First-year scouts Graham Welch, Peter Jojorian, and Doug Cummings helped to prepare and serve the meal as well as clean up the dining room before and after dinner. A delicious meal of lasagna, salad, garlic bread and chocolate cake was prepared and served by the scouts. The clients were very appreciative and enjoyed the meal thoroughly.

Kevin Lawler, OA Troop Rep, Troop 32

SPECIAL BACK PATCH RELEASE

The OA is issuing a special Arrowhead Back Patch. See the enclosed order form. Proceeds will go entirely to Bowl Restoration at Makajawan. If you make an order through your Troop Rep. He can get you a special discount on orders of 5 or more made through him. The patches sell for \$15, but if you order through your Troop Rep it will cost only \$12. Get your patch today.

LODGE SERVICE PROJECT AMERICAN INDIAN CENTER

On March 6th, the Lodge returned to the American Indian Center in Chicago to assist in some much needed cleanup. We worked for seven hours clearing out rooms, cleaning, painting, and moving outdated materials. We were handsomely rewarded with authentic Navajo frybread tacos for lunch. The American Indian Center desperately needed the OA's assistance considering its dilapidated condition. This service project was one of the stepping stones in the Lodge's quest to increase cheerful service in the community. If you were unable to make this event, do not worry, the Lodge's annual Memorial Day Conclave is fast approaching. Thanks to all who attended, your help was truly appreciated.

Yours in Cheerful Service,

Brian Lichtenheld

SERVICE AT CAMP Attention OA Members

As this school year comes to an end, I know there is at least one thing on everybody's mind. That thing is, of course, Camp Makajawan. This summer marks our camp's 75th anniversary. We are going to experience an increase in both camper attendance and outside visitation during the week and on OA weekends to celebrate this commemorative moment and watch the call-out ceremony that we all love.

On a personal note, I am looking forward to working side-by-side with each and every OA member, young and old, while we build the fire. As always, we are going to need as many workers as possible. Without all of you the fire will never be built. Preparation starts at the Memorial Day Conclave so be there, too. I know you are all as excited as I am to make this rapidly approaching summer's fires the best possible.

Yours in Scouting,
Mike Macfadden
Head OA Ranger



Some of the OA work crew representing the Lodge. We hope to do another project with them in June