



# Kuskittanee Lodge 168

## Conclave 2006

This year, Conclave will be held at Camp Potomac and will be hosted by Ahtuhquog Lodge. Plan on arriving by 7PM at the latest. Please bring a Class 2 medical form with you. The fee is \$35 per person. Please pay at Council before Conclave!

Our lodge web page has a link to create custom directions to the camp. Using on-line map sites, use this as the destination address: 18300-18363 Scout Camp Rd SE, Oldtown, MD 21555, US (Google uses 18498 as the street address).

Directions: Take PA Turnpike East to exit 110 (Somerset/Johnstown). Follow PA 31 East to Route 219 South. Take 219 South to US 40. Take US 40 East to Cumberland, MD. Get off onto MD route 51/Industrial Blvd (Exit 43B) towards airport. Follow 51S for 13.4 miles. Turn left onto E. Wilson Rd. After 0.6 miles turn left onto Scout Camp Rd.

At 7PM, there will be an informational meeting in the campsite. If you find that you're running late, be sure to contact Craig Spink at (412) 999-0854. Craig will be the point of contact for Conclave.

## Big 3 Weekend is coming!

Our Fall Ordeal will be held August 11-13 at Camp Bucoco. We will bring new Ordeal members into the Lodge and hopefully all eligible members will seal their membership by becoming Brotherhood members. We will select our new Vigil Honor members and we will elect our new Lodge Leadership for the 2006-2007 year. Mark your calendar now so you won't miss the event. Our

theme will be Pirates Cove so bring all your Pirate regalia. More details will follow in the July issue of Kuskita!

## NOAC 2006

The final payment for NOAC has been sent in. We are bringing 29 brothers to the National Conference this summer! Our Dance Team plans to be very active in individual competitions and our drum is looking to successfully defend their National Championship that they won at the 2004 NOAC. All brothers attending will get lots of great training and will see outstanding shows. Our next meeting has been re-scheduled to June 28 at 7PM at Rae's Cabin. We will review travel plans, decide how much it will cost per person for transportation and make sure we are on top of everything. Please bring your Class 3 health form, your hold harmless agreement and your code of conduct with you to this meeting. It is required that at least one parent of each youth member attend this meeting. Look for a letter reminding you of the meeting coming soon!

Craig Spink

## Lodge elections will be held at the Big 3 weekend in August

Any youth member interested in running for an elected office in the Lodge must send a letter to Council indicating that they plan to run for office. The letter must describe your vision for the position and your commitment to the position. The letter must be submitted to the Lodge Advisor, Lloyd Haseleu at [lch3rd@connecttime.net](mailto:lch3rd@connecttime.net) or to the Council Service Center (830 Morton Avenue

Extension; Butler, PA 16001) in care of Lloyd. The deadline for letters is July 7. **If you miss the deadline you can't run for office!**

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Hello,  
This year went great for elections. See you all at Summer Camp!  
Yours in Brotherhood,

Shawn Shaffer  
King Beaver DVC

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### "Always Doing Service"

Come out every Saturday to see one of your camps, do service and have fun!  
WWW,

Ryan English  
Service Chairman

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### Hello to All!

The Dance Team has been continuing to lead the fun in service to others. We are also trying out a few new things with upcoming events and presentations to Packs and other groups.

WWW  
Chris Worst  
Dance Team Chairman

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Hello Brothers,

As your Trading Post manager, I'd like to ask for any suggestions for what to sell or even notes on how or where specifically it needs changed. I hope that we are selling what you want.

Thankfully,  
Paul Murphy  
Trading Post Chairman

### A Word From Your Administrative Vice Chief!

Conclave is just around the corner! If you aren't already going, please sign up ASAP. Additionally, we need to start thinking about summer camp. We need members to help out on Wednesday nights. The dance team and ceremony team can't do everything. YAAARRR! Be ready for Big 3! The theme is Pirates Cove. So make sure you bring your pirate attitude! We also need new members for the EC. Elections will be held at Big 3. So, if you want to be on the EC, start thinking about it now!

WWW,  
Dave Spink  
Administrative Vice Chief

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### Brotherhood conversion

Quality can be defined as a degree or grade of excellence or worth. The Boy Scouts of America use the term Quality to reward units that meet goals set by the National office. If you meet or exceed the goals you are a Quality Unit. Kuskitannee Lodge is not a Quality Lodge and has not been one for years. Why not, you might ask? Don't we do a lot of service to our Council? Of course we do. Don't we have a vibrant, active Lodge that has fun activities? We most certainly do! So how come we aren't a Quality Lodge? One reason: we don't have enough Ordeal members becoming Brotherhood. What do you need to do to become Brotherhood? You study about the OA, memorize the Obligation and take a simple test. Please consider becoming Brotherhood at Big 3. We need your help to become Quality Lodge!

Craig Spink  
Membership Vice-Chief Adviser

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### July Executive Committee Meeting

Members of the Executive Committee need to plan to attend a critical EC meeting on July 12, 2006, beginning at 7:00PM at Camp Bucoco. This meeting will focus on final details related to August Big Three Weekend. Make sure to plan now and to attend...

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### Next OA Newsletter

The next edition of the Kuskita must be published in mid-July. The Publications team welcomes articles from Lodge members. Please send them to Sean Hayden at [smhayden116@yahoo.com](mailto:smhayden116@yahoo.com). **The deadline for the July edition is June 30, 2006.**

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### Kuskitannee Web Page

David Spink is working on a major upgrade and overhaul of our website. If you have experience with HTML or web page design, please contact Dave at [spinker223@yahoo.com](mailto:spinker223@yahoo.com). Our website work will position us better to compete in the web design competition at NOAC.

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### 2006-2007 Lodge Events Preview

Mark your calendar now... here's a look ahead to the coming year's major lodge events starting with August of 2006:

**August 11-14** Big Three Weekend – Bucoco

**September 15-17** Lodge Leader Development Conference – Agawam

**November 10-12** Brotherhood Emphasis Weekend – Bucoco

**February 23-25 2007** Fellowship Weekend – Agawam

**April 27-29** Spring Ordeal – Agawam

**May 18-20** Council Wide Camporee Weekend – Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers

**June 8-10** Section Conclave

### Transitions and Team Building

At August Big Three Weekend, we will thank Lloyd Haseleu for several years of dedicated service to Kuskitannee Lodge. Lloyd has led our lodge faithfully through a variety of challenging experiences and times of great joy. Lloyd is not leaving Scouting nor our lodge. He will be serving and around the campfire with us for many years to come.

Craig Spink will assume the mantle of leadership for Kuskitannee Lodge as its Lodge Advisor at Big Three, too. Craig has been a faithful presence with all lodge events and a strong leader in our midst. He and Lloyd have worked together to ensure a smooth and orderly transition so that our lodge can continue on with positive traditions and toward a strong future.

Every August, we need to build a team of adult advisors for the Lodge. The OA is a boy-led organization, but that does not happen without the critical coaching that comes from strong, responsible adult leaders. As with any year, there are a number of spots "open." Should Craig or our Lodge Staff Advisor, Jay Rairigh approach you, please consider serving.

The "Brotherhood of Cheerful Service" keeps our camps running effectively. It grows young men into stronger leaders in a broader context beyond the local troop. We cannot do that alone. Please consider serving on the adult coaching staff this coming program year!

**Wonder where the articles are from the rest of the EC??? Don't forget, any member can submit articles for Kuskita!**

## **YARR! Pirates Cove Weekend**

The theme for the Big 3 weekend on August 11-13, 2006 will be Pirates Cove. Sign up now to reserve your space!

The costs will be as follows:

**Current Members** \$25 per person  
\$20 if paid on or before Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>.  
\$15 if paid on or before July 28<sup>th</sup>

**Ordeal Candidates** \$30 per person

**Brotherhood Candidate.**  
\$38 per person (includes \$14 sash)  
\$33 if paid on or before Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>  
\$28 if paid on or before July 28<sup>th</sup>

**Vigil Breakfast – For Vigil Members Only** - \$7.00 additional.

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Brothers,

It is with deep sadness that I inform you that Deac Smith passed away recently. Deac earned his Eagle Scout rank in 1935. He served our country in the U.S. Army and served our youth as Boy Scout leader for seven decades. He did Vesper services at many OA and Council events. He was a Vigil Honor member of our Lodge and was an outstanding example of what Vigil Honor exemplifies. He was always available at a moment's notice to run a Vespers service or do anything else he was asked to do. He would drop everything to help out on an Eagle Scout Board.

Deac was an outstanding example of all the values Scouting tries to teach. Deac had many great services that he presented at Vesper services over the years. One service that always comes to mind when I think of Deac is the footprints on the pavement service. Deac started by describing his observations of people walking through a puddle on a city street. People with different shoes would leave a trail of

footprints of different lengths down the street depending on the type of shoe they wore. His analogy was comparing how far wet footprints would last on a city sidewalk to the effect you have on your surroundings based on your behavior and character. The greater influence you have on helping people, especially our youth, to develop to be better people, the longer your footprints will last on the pavement. If we can leave a trail of footprints on the pavement half as long as Deac's we will have done well!

Goodbye, Deac, we will miss you but we won't forget what you tried to teach us.