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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CHIEF

Dear Kuskita Platinum Members,

I'm writing to you all today about a topic that is painfully relevant to us all around this time of the year. Motivation, or lack thereof. I find it so much more difficult in the dreary winter months to get that motivation to keep that ball of everyday life rolling. Going to class, answering emails, conducting unit elections, and even getting out of bed in the morning are painfully difficult to complete sometimes. My bed is so warm and comfortable, when juxtaposed with a world that's so cold and stressful, why even bother? It's a question that we all must wrestle with, and the answer is going to be different for every person.

For me, it's the knowledge that this stressful time of the year will pass. The midterms, elections, cold weather, endless essays, and constant vibration of my phone are all temporary. It's truly unfortunate that so many headaches happen to fall into the same part of the year, but that's life. A few months, summer will be here and the tribulations of winter will feel like a distant memory. So, my fellow Brookies, even though it's an upstream battle, let's keep battling that the current until we reach better times!

Eternally Yours in Service,

Samuel Beaver
Lodge Chief

*"Two roads diverged in a wood and I- I took the one less traveled by, and
that has made all the difference."*

~Robert Frost~

Messages from your Friendly EC Officers

Messages from your Administration/Executive Vice Chief

Arrowmen,

There are several scouting activities that are only available to registered members of the Order of the Arrow. If you have not yet had the opportunity to experience the Jamboree or Philmont, I am glad to inform you that the Order provides the “journey of a lifetime” to those who serve.

If you have not heard of OA High Adventure, it is a program that combines camping and service, two things all Arrowmen enjoy. OAHA offers programs at each High Adventure base and there you can experience what the world has to offer. Each base offers a unique atmosphere. From hiking to boating each program demonstrates different scout skills and leaves you speechless.

Interested Arrowmen can inquire about the Canadian Odyssey, Ocean Adventure, the Summit Experience, Trail Crew and/or Wilderness Voyage by emailing us, kuskitanee@gmail.com, or by going online adventure.oa-bsa.org.

Administrative Vice Chief
Ethan Mooney

Brothers,

Jamboree 2017 is quickly approaching and registration spots are dwindling! If you are interested in attending this “once in a lifetime experience” there are two ways to jump onboard. You can either register with council and join or contingent or you can volunteer to serve on Operation Arrow!

Operation Arrow is a mission developed by the National Order of the Arrow to find over 750 Arrowmen to answer the call to serve as part of Operation Arrow – the largest jamboree staff team ever assembled! There are three main program areas: Service Corps, Trek Guides and Indian Village. Each program area offers a different experience at the Summit.

If you are interested in answering the call to serve alongside nearly 750 additional youth members feel free to contact us at kuskitanee@gmail.com or by going online event.oa-bsa.org. We hope to see you there!

Administrative Vice Chief
Ethan Mooney

Greetings from your Membership Vice Chief

Life can get extremely busy. As members of the OA we have a responsibility to show up to Order of the Arrow outings and participate in cheerful service. Sometimes we have other responsibilities too, football, marching band, and others among them. If you can make it for part of a meeting or part of an outing, that shows that you are trying hard to be there. Eventually though, you may have to decide what is more important to you, as it would be very hard to be a high-ranking member of the EC and still not attend some of the outings.

Yours in Service,

Matt Ehret

WHO IS READY FOR CONCLAVE 2017?

Hello Brothers,

On March 8, a group of us met to discuss the shows for Conclave 2017 at Camp Conestoga which is taking place on June 9-11. The theme is Lego. For those who does not know what a Conclave is, it is where a group of lodges in one section meet to have a weekend of fun every year. The four lodges in our section, NE-4B, is Kuskitanee, Wagion, Allohak, and Monaken. We meet with these lodges and we usually have a great time of fellowship, activities, training cells, great food, patch trading, and many more awesome activities!

While we were having the meeting, we discussed the idea for the Friday night show and part of the Saturday show. We discussed the idea of a Hollywood Squares type game, but it's called Hollywood Rectangles. The game is a tick-tac-toe style game that consists of two contestants and 9 panelists that answer questions that are given by a host. The contestants judge the truth of the answers that were given by the panelists. If the contestant gets it correct, then a "X" or an "O" is placed in front of the panelist until there is there are three "X's" or "O's" in a row.

As a group, we came up with the design of scaffolding to hold the panelists and some ideas to decorate it. Another thing we discussed is the design for a patch for the lodge members to have when they go. We got much accomplished there and I hope to see you at Conclave 2017!

Justice Rozic

Conclave Chairman



GO FOLLOW OUR SOCIAL MEDIA!!!!

Hey everyone! It's your technology coordinator, Noah Reynolds, and I wanted to inform you that the website is changing! Although you may not be able to see it, stuff is happening in the background to prepare for a new website. The plan is to make the website more dynamic, with the idea that you can go to the website and find out everything that is happening in the lodge, including signing up, and paying, for lodge and section events! If you have any ideas of what you would like to see in the future, or you have questions regarding the future or our online presence, feel free to contact me via email at kuskitannee@gmail.com!

Technology Coordinator

-Noah Reynolds



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Kuskitannee
Lodge 168

Who wants to join the Drum and Dance Team?

Fellow Arrowmen,

The Drum and Dance team is planning on having a regalia making day at Rae's Cabin. If anyone is interested or has questions about it, please call me at 724-783-2127.

Dennis Peters

Drum and Dance Team Chairman

A Message from your Service Chairman

Hello Brothers,

I would like to thank everyone for all the hard work this year at Big 3 and Winter Fellowship. Look forward to more fun projects at Spring Ordeal.

John Ostrowski



Who wants to be an Elangomat?

Hello Everyone,

My name is Garrett Hill and I am the Ordeal Master. To any youth who wants to be an Elangomat, please contact me at my cell phone 724-944-3801 or at my email ghill09181@gmail.com.

Garrett Hill

UPCOMING EVENTS

DRUM & CEREMONY TEAM PRACTICE DATES

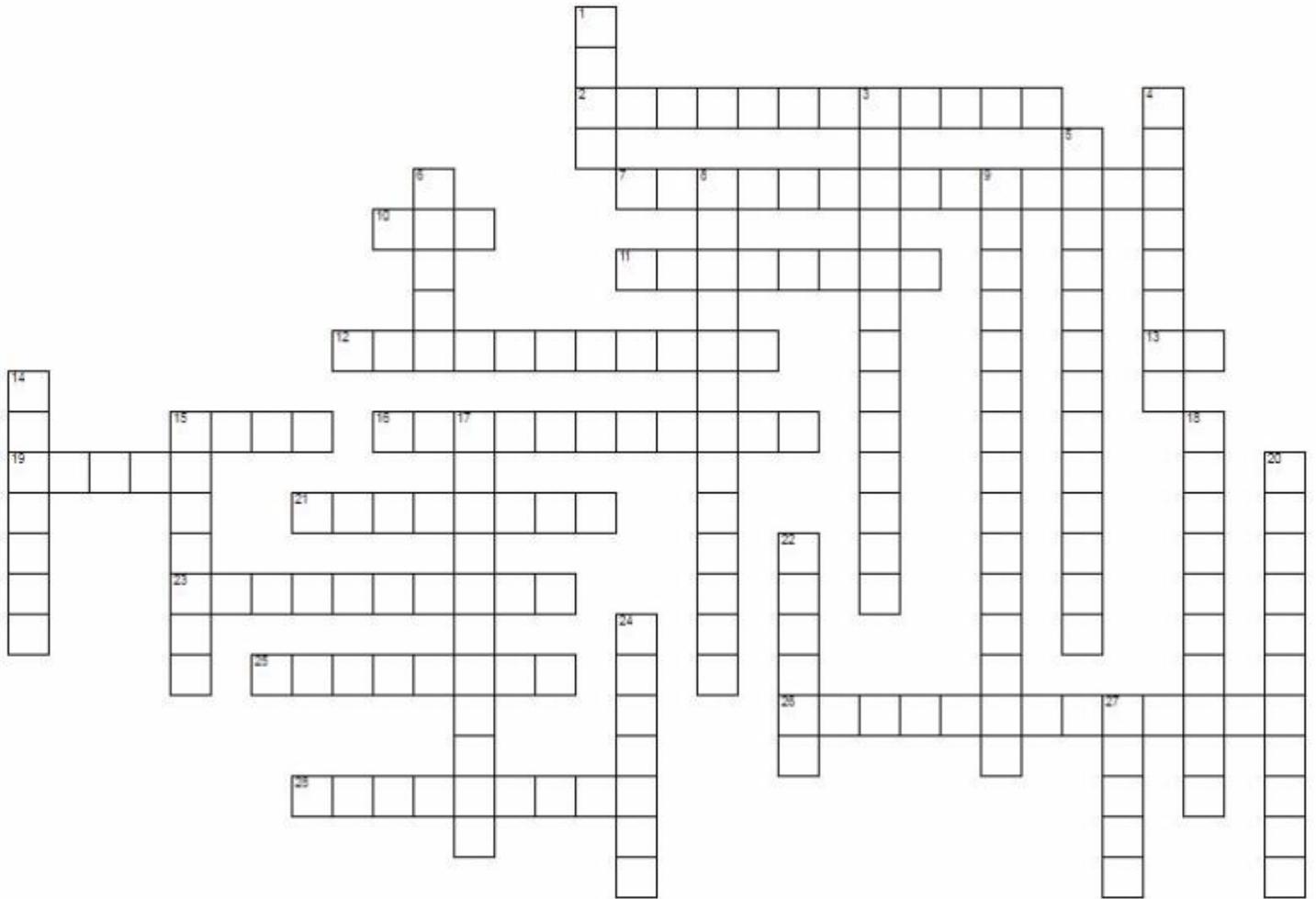
DATE:	TIME:	LOCATION:
MAY 21, 2017	1:00 – 3:00PM	RAE’S CABIN @ CAMP BUCOCO
JUNE 4, 2017	1:00 – 3:00PM	RAE’S CABIN @ CAMP BUCOCO

DRUM PERFORMANCES/EVENTS

DATE:	TIME:	EVENT/LOCATION:
JUNE 21, 2017	6:00PM	CAMP BUCOCO
JUNE 25, 2017	6:00PM	CAMP BUCOCO
JULY 5, 2017	6:00PM	CAMP BUCOCO
JULY 12, 2017	6:00PM	CAMP BUCOCO

IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW FOR THE UPCOMING MONTHS

- **Service Day-** June 3 @ Camp Bucoco
- **Conclave 2017-** June 9-11 @ Camp Conestoga
- **The National Jamboree-** July 19-28 @ The Summit Bechtel Reserve
- **Spirit of Service-** July 22-23 @ Camp Agawam
- **Big 3-** August 18-20 @ Camp Bucoco



ACROSS:

- 2** Section Chief
- 7** Location the Order was founded
- 10** Started a campfire
- 11** Name for our members
- 12** National Vice-Chief
- 13** Scouting's National Honor Society (abbr.)
- 15** Section
- 16** Lodge Number
- 19** Medicine Man
- 21** Drum
- 23** Guide
- 25** Lodge Advisor
- 26** Chief of the Fire
- 28** Lodge Chief

DOWN:

- 1** Strategy
- 3** National Chief
- 4** Award created to recognize individuals who are not members of the Order of the Arrow for outstanding service to the Order (2 words)
- 5** Co-Founder of the Order
- 6** Highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow
- 8** Founder of the Order
- 9** Order of the Arrow members exemplify these in their daily lives (4 words)
- 14** Outdoors activity promoted by Arrowmen
- 15** Guard
- 17** Section Vice-Chief
- 18** Cutting-edge
- 20** Lodge Name
- 22** Initial membership in the Order
- 24** Number of years the Order of the Arrow has been in existence, as of 2015
- 27** 44th word in the Obligation

