



Kuskita

Chiefly Speaking

Good Day Brethren,

For those that attended the Brookie Brotherhood Weekend, thank you for coming, and helping with clean-up. For those that could not make it, I hope to see you at the Winter Fellowship (Feb. 19-21), where much fun is to be had. A reminder for everyone, the EC meeting in January has been changed to January 17th. It will still be at the Council Service Center at 2 pm. The Lodge Banquet will not be in February, but on March 20th, so please make a memo in your calendar. Always remember to look at your Lodge Calendar in the Kuskita, so you can know what's going on and when it's happening. Any questions please contact me by either phone- (724) 787-9712 or by e-mail- firemage_13@yahoo.com. If you get my voicemail, please leave your name, number, and the best time to reach you.

Thank you,

Jack C. Libengood

Kuskitannee Lodge Chief 2009-2010

Secretary/Treasurer

Greetings fellow arrowmen, I am looking forward to Winter Fellowship. I encourage everyone to attend because this is a fun weekend and everyone will have a great time. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Ryan Moon

Membership Vice Chief

This is Matthew JohnTony your membership vice chief. For those of you who have attended this years brookie brotherhood we had a blast. there was games, services, and lots of FUN FUN FUN. We had brotherhood testing and a new brotherhood member. The next OA event will be the winter fellowship in February. so come have fun and don't miss the winter fellowship or ill send the flying monkeys form the wizard of Oz to attack you.

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Mathew JohnTony



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Dance Team

We've hit the ground running this year, doing shows and holding practice and having an awesome time doing it. We're always on the lookout for new members, so if you are interested, drop by one of our practices for a no obligation free trial membership. Practices are held the first and third Sunday from 3-5 PM at Rae's cabin. If you want more information on the team or practices, contact Andy Machemer at machman4@yahoo.com or call me at 724-964-3601 (home) or 724-825-8223 (cell). I'm looking forward to a great year and hope to see you all at the next event!



Andy Machemer

Dance Team Social will be held on April 9-11 at Bucoco. More details will be coming at a later date

Publications

Wishing all brothers happy holidays.

Publications chair, Tyler Lucas

Troop Elections will be held in February and March, and all of the elected members can take their Ordeal at the **Spring Ordeal**, who would of guessed, which is going to be held on April 23 -25 at Camp Bucoco. Sign ups are being held online.

Kuskitantee Lodge members hard at work.

Work being a relative word.





Attention all youth members:

We will be holding youth leader elections at Spring Ordeal this year. We are doing this to make the transition from one set of youth leaders to the new group easier. It has always a mad scramble in the past to fill the executive committee in 30 days. We want to try having all summer to fill out the EC. Our elected officers are the lodge chief, the vice-chiefs, the secretary and the treasurer. Anyone interested in being an elected officer must send a letter to me by March 1 indicating that you want to be a youth leader and run for a particular office. This letter should be signed by your parents, which will show that they understand that you have taken on a position of responsibility in the lodge. This lodge is run by the youth members. Please consider running for an office and helping run this lodge.

Craig Spink, Lodge Adviser

Camp Promotions help needed!

It is a major responsibility of our lodge to promote camping at our council camps. We will be doing camp promotion visits over the winter to talk to cub packs and troops that have not signed up to attend our council camps next summer. We will be doing some training on this at the Winter Fellowship. The more people I get to help me the easier the job will be. Please contact me to volunteer to help out. My email is alchemist@wowoatam.com and my phone number is 724-898-1574.

Thanks for your help!

Craig Spink

The Winter Fellowship weekend will be February 19-21, 2010 at Camp Agawam.

We are planning a number of fun activities for the event. As usual we will have a lot of video games running all weekend.

You can sign up on-line right now or send the form in the Kuskita to Craig Spink at 145 Dwellington Dr., Valencia, PA 16059. If you want to pay in advance please make the check payable to Kuskitannee Lodge 168-MTC.

You can also register at council.

The cost is \$18 per member if you register by February 5. If you register between February 5 and February 12 the cost is \$23 per member. Registration after November 13 will cost \$28 per person. See you there!

Winter Fellowship signup

Return this form to Craig Spink

Name: _____

Want to save a stamp? Try our new on-line sign up page! Go to www.kuskitannee.org and click the link for details and on-line registration for the Winter Fellowship weekend!

You can mail a check (payable to Kuskitannee Lodge 168) or pay at the door.

Mail to: Craig Spink 145 Dwellington Dr., Valencia, PA 16059.

Make checks out to Kuskitannee Lodge 168-MTC

You must have a Class 1 Health form or the Lodge Emergency Health information and Waiver form filled out to attend the event!



Your family is cordially invited to attend

2010 Kuskitannee Lodge

Order of the Arrow

Annual Family Banquet

(tureen, covered dish, pot luck, buffet, or whatever you call it)

To be held on

Saturday, March 20, 2010

Gathering 5:00 PM - Dinner 6:00 PM - Program to follow
at

Glade Run United Presbyterian Church

Valencia, PA

Directions on reverse

Cost \$5.00 per person, maximum of \$20 per family.

Meats, rolls, beverage will be provided. Each family should **bring table service** and a **dish/casserole/container to serve at least 12** people according to the following schedule:

King Beaver – cold dishes/salads

Glacier Ridge – Hot Dishes

River Valley – dessert

Please **RSVP** no later than **5:00 PM February 30** by one of the following methods: on-line registration at www.kuskitannee.org; mailing this form back to Craig Spink; email to alchemist@wowoatam.com or by phone to 724-898-1574 (Craig Spink) and be sure to leave your name, your phone number or email, the number in your party, and what dish you will be bringing, so that we can attempt to have a wide selection of foods. We may have to ask some officers/advisors to bring a different dish.

Don't forget, the banquet is your last chance to pay your 2010 dues without penalty!!!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHIEF OF THE FIRE.

RAY TENNANT



LODGE BANQUET SIGNUP FORM

Cut out this form and mail to:

You can mail this form to Craig Spink at 145 Dwellington Dr., Valencia, PA 16059:

Name: _____ Number of people: _____

I will bring this side dish: _____

My email: _____ My phone # _____

Directions to Glade Run United Presbyterian Church, 1091 Pittsburgh Rd, Valencia, PA 16059
(724) 898-3503

From Butler: Take Route 8 South. Continue past intersection where Route 228 joins from the East (by H.P. Starr Lumber). Route 8 will climb a hill. The church is at the top of the hill on the left. It is about ½ mile South of the intersection with Route 228.

From the East: Take Route 228 to Route 8. Turn left (heading South). Follow directions for Butler.

From the West and the I79 corridor: Take Route 228 East to Route 8. Go North on Route 8. Route 8 climbs a hill. Go through the traffic light at Brown's Hill Road. Pass the costume store and the church is on the right. It is about 1 mile from the intersection with Route 228.

August 21-23, 2009	<u>Big 3 weekend Bucoco</u>
September 11-13, 2009	LLD at Bucoco
October 18, 2009	EC meeting Rae's Cabin
November 20-22, 2009	<u>Brookie Brotherhood Agawam</u>
January 17, 2010	EC meeting CSC
February 19-21, 2010	<u>Winter Fellowship Agawam</u>
March 20, 2010	<u>Lodge Banquet</u>
March 28, 2010	EC meeting Rae's Cabin
April 9-11, 2010	<u>Dance Team Social</u>
April 23-25, 2010	<u>Spring Ordeal Bucoco</u>
May 23, 2010	EC meeting Rae's Cabin
June 11-13, 2010	<u>Conclave</u>
August 13-15, 2010	<u>Big 3 weekend Bucoco</u>
September 10-12, 2010	LLD at Bucoco
October 1-3, 2010	<u>Brookie Brotherhood Agawam</u>

Lodge
Calendar





Season's Greetings from your Lodge Adviser!

As we close out the year it is time to look back on our accomplishments in 2009 and look forward to new challenges in 2010. We did 2500 hours of service in 2009 (down from over 4000 hours last year), we added 66 new Ordeal members, had 44 members become Brotherhood and inducted 4 members into the Vigil Honor. In addition to our service to our council camps, we performed 100 hours of service at McConnell's Mills State Park as our community service project. We met all the requirements and will be Quality Lodge for the fourth consecutive year! We had fun weekends with good ceremonies and lots of good food. In short, we had a pretty good year. Despite our good year we need to consider why we have 1500 fewer hours of service this year. We are, after all, a service organization. We need to consider why we had such a large decrease in service time and why most of the service time is put in by adult members. What can we do to increase our service hours? Why didn't you come up to help out?

In 2010 I hope our lodge can build on our accomplishments in 2009 and do things even better. For starters, I would like to see more members come to our events. Send Jack an email if you have ideas that may get more people to come to our weekends. We have our troop OA elections coming up this spring. I want to see more people, both youth and adult, helping out with the OA elections. This is an important activity since this is how we get new members and continue to grow as a lodge! Finally, we are a service organization. We need to have more people get involved with our service events at our camps and we need to come up with more ideas for a community service project.

We have applied for a matching grant from OA National to help us install lightning sensors and emergency warning systems for both of our camps. If we receive this grant we will need a lot of help getting everything installed. We are also helping replace the shower building at the pool at Bucoco so please come up to camp on Saturdays and help out with service!

Thanks to everyone that participated in our events and helped us earn Quality Lodge! Let's make 2010 a really great year.

Yours in the Wimachtendienk,
Craig Spink, Lodge Adviser





The following is a reprint of an article that was originally printed incorrectly

“WE ARE THE ARROWS”

By Klamachpin Majauchsu

When we become members of the Order of the Arrow we first learn why the arrow is our totem. As Scouts, we are the arrows in a quiver, and the users may be the fellow members of our units, our lodge, our families, and even the Lord himself. They will select us like arrows, one by one to represent them. Only the arrows that are straight and true, unbroken, and without flaws will have the honor to ride the bow. The ones that don't meet the standards are cast aside. Because you are a member of the Order of the Arrow, it is a testament that you are the arrow that met the standards required by the user.

The user is also very thrifty. Quality arrows, like us Scouts and Arrowmen, takes lots of time and skillful effort to make so that when the user selects an arrow from his quiver for the honor to ride the bow the chances of success are better. The user also needs to be careful in selecting a worthy target and to be careful with his aim. As the arrow is sent aloft on its journey many things may happen to cause it not to complete its mission, the wind might blow it of course, or the target might move, or the user might get distracted. For it is a great disappointment and a waste when the arrow, for whatever reason, doesn't fulfill its mission. But, when the mission is a success, and we hit the target as intended the user is happy and satisfied.

What we need to keep in mind is that the sash we wear is not a badge. It is a sign to tell others the true nature of our character. The sash says that we are the arrows. It's no different than that of being an Eagle Scout. It's something that needs daily maintenance. It is a state of being. Those who are Eagles will always be Eagles and those who are Arrowmen will always be Arrowmen. Only those arrows that become broken and warped with dishonor and become unworthy to ride the bow, or reside in the quiver, will be cast aside as sticks for the fire.

Remember, our “Quality Lodge” status is only as good as the quality of the arrows in our quiver, and we are those arrows.

Picking up trash along the Slippery Rock Creek in Mc Connell's Mill State Park



Contrary to what the pictures show. We actually did pick up trash.



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