



# The Eagle's Flight

Official Newsletter of the Otyokwa Lodge #337 Order of the Arrow  
Chippewa Valley Council #637, Boy Scouts of America



Otyokwa Lodge Website: [www.otyokwa.com](http://www.otyokwa.com)

December 2007

## Words from the Chief

Hello My Brothers,

Things are really starting to role now! The Holiday season is just beginning, the snow is falling, and winter break is right around the corner. We are almost half way done with school and are just beginning another year of Otyokwa history. This winter there are a lot of activities going on - Webelos Lock-in, Winter Awards Banquet, and Winter Fun Weekend - and everyone should check these out. The registration forms are in this flight.

While I was looking at our website I ran into something very interesting, that is I found that the only one of the Orders three principals is mentioned in the scout law: Cheerfulness. We have conclaves and NOAC to covers brotherhood, we have work weekend and high adventure opportunities to involve service, but cheerfulness is what brings in all together to make everything we do worthwhile.

If we look at the scout slogan we know that it is "Do a Good Turn Daily." I think that this is just a start, and that we should strive to do a good turn always. Although this will be considerably harder I think it is almost possible. We can do this by being good role models and doing things with a positive attitude, I see these as good deeds which should be done as often as possible not once a day. Cheerfulness can also be found in the scout Oath in our promise to help other people, and of course in our obligation to be cheerful "even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities."

Cheerfulness is an essential part of our Order and spreads like wildfire; it not only brightens your sprits but the spirits of those around you. Keep this is in mind next time you are with someone. Try smiling and see how long it takes for them to join you, because they almost always will.

Yours in WWW,

Brad Gary  
2006-08 Otyokwa Lodge Chief  
chief@otyokwa.com

## Your Dues May Now Be Overdue

Check your mailing for the expiration date of your dues. If the date is BEFORE October 2007, YOUR DUES ARE DUE IMMEDIATELY. In order to be an active member of Otyokwa Lodge, wear your sash and flap, and to be able to attend lodge functions, you must be current in your dues! PLEASE PAY USING THE ATTACHED FORM. You will be dropped from our mailing list and will not be able to attend events or wear your sash until your dues are current. New Ordeals, your dues are already paid for this year.

## Membership Cards

If your dues are current, your membership card is available for you to pick up at any Lodge event. If you are unable to attend our Lodge events, stop in at the Scout Service Center and Terry Jay will have a membership card available for you. If that is inconvenient, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Scout Service Center: 710 South Hastings Way; Eau Claire, WI 54701 with a note stating that you would like to receive your current OA Membership Card.

# The Flying Eagle

## Second Ever Otyokwa Segment Patch

Just like last year we have another segment patch! This one is of a flying eagle, its wings extended, and its claws grasping a red arrow. The first segment will be handed out for attendance at winter banquet and/or winter fun weekend (this is one segment), the second will be given to those attending Spring Fellowship, the third is for those participating in Fall Fellowship, and the final is for those attending Section Conclave. Similar to last year you must attend the event to receive the segment free. There are only a limited number of each segment made.

If you are still interested in completing last year's Segment patch there are still a few segments available. The Section Conclave segment is no longer available. However, we have created a new piece in its place which can be bought just for being a member. Check it out and finish the patch by collecting all five pieces.

### Attention Otyokwa Artists!!!

## Segment Patches

It takes a while for a segment patch to be developed. For those of you budding artists looking to get involved in your lodge, this is a great opportunity for you. Design a segment patch that we can use next year. What the patch consists of is a series of four or five patches that would combine into one big image. Each segment would represent an activity including: Fall Fellowship, Winter Event, Spring Fellowship, Section Conclave, and if it were five segments, one other activity.

We welcome ideas any time, send them to the Scout Service Center, Attention: Brad Gary or bring them to an event. If you have an idea but don't have the artistic skills to do a "professional patch" don't worry, submit your ideas and we can find someone to make it look good.

## Lodge Updates

### One Day of Service

Our one day of service is going better than ever. A few weekends ago a group of 42 scout went to Irvine Park in Chippewa Falls to set up their Christmas decorations and got over 100 hours of community service in. We will continue to have more service projects throughout the year so keep your ears open. If you have any good ideas for community service projects for large groups let someone on the executive board know or come to a meeting a share your ideas. Keep up the great work and be on a look out for future projects.

### ***What is this? A Dance team in The Blue Hills!!!***

It sure is. You may have heard rumors going around of a dance team happening in the northern part of our lodge; well it is no longer a rumor. With help from a few key people we are finally beginning to pull it together and are now looking for interested people, people who live near this area that want to see what it is all about. If you have been waiting for this and are eager to join or if you want to learn more about the Dance Team call Jordan Braun or Don Whitmore at (715) 924-2256.

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## Webelos Lock-In 2008

January 11, 2008 - YMCA - 700 Graham Ave. Eau Claire, WI (Downtown)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Troop/Crew/Post Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth (*under 18*)    \_\_\_\_\_    Youth (*18 - less than 21*)    \_\_\_\_\_    Adult (*over 21*)    \_\_\_\_\_

**Due at the Scout Office by January 8, 2008.** Mail or drop off the registration form at the Chippewa Valley Council Service Center 710 South Hastings Way Eau Claire, Wis. 54701.

## **Webelos Lock-In**

**January 11, 2008 - YMCA - 700 Graham Ave. Eau Claire, WI (Downtown)**

What better time to hang out with all of your OA buddies that staying up all night playing games and selling food. For those who don't know this is where the lodge gets to make an awesome impression on the Cub Scouts who cross over to the Boy Scouts as well as all of the other Cub Scouts in attendance. We operate a concession stand, help serve the pizza, and our Dance/Ceremonies Team perform an impressive crossover ceremony for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year Webelos. Mark your calendars for Jan 11, 2008 at 9:00pm at the Eau Claire YMCA. Fill out the form in this *Flight* to let us know if you are planning on attending so we can be sure to have plenty of help.

## **Winter Awards Banquet 2008**

**January 12, 2008 Rice Lake - Moose Lodge**

Because of last year's huge success and its central location in our council, this year's Winter Banquet will be held at the Moose Lodge in Rice Lake, WI on Saturday January 12, 2008. We will begin gathering at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$12.50 per person.

Arrowmen, family and friends are all invited to attend. Winter Banquet is all about fellowship and recognition. It is a time to get together with your fellow Arrowmen, share a meal and a laugh, and congratulate your Brothers on their achievements over the past year. Come and see what door prizes we cook up this year and receive the first section of the second ever Otyokwa lodge segment patch.

Please fill out the reservation form in this *Flight*, walk-in are **very limited**. Sign-up now!!

### ***Directions to the Rice Lake Moose Lodge 40 E Newton St:***

From US Hwy 53 exit on Hwy O and go east to Hwy S (Main St.). Turn north onto Hwy S driving into Rice Lake. Once you cross the bridge, go to the first stop light and turn east onto Messenger Street. Follow Messenger St. to the Moose Lodge parking lot, turn north into the lot and park. The Moose Lodge is between Newton and Messenger Streets at 40 E Newton St.

## ***Come and Join the Fun at*** **Winter Fun Weekend**

**February 15-17, 2008 PSR Winter Camp**

Mark your weekends for February 15-17, 2008 for a great Winter Fun Weekend at Phillips Scout Reservation's Winter Camp. There will be plenty of room for everyone who wants to come if you register ahead of time. There is no guarantee there will be room if you do not register and we may have to turn you away, so register now and register early.

This is the one of few events that is created for no other purpose than for our enjoyment. Here we can do just about anything we want to, thing like snow football, sledding, snow wars, Halo, Mario kart, Risk, and anything else we can think up. As always there will be plenty of delicious food and great fellowship. Invite all of your friends form the order to come, those you live near and those you only see at OA events.

## **ArrowCorps5**

**Sign up now for this unique summer opportunity**

I hope everybody has heard about Arrow Corps5. It is only the biggest and coolest service project ever taken on by the Order of the Arrow. Join 5,000 arrowmen in one of 5 National forests in undertake projects which will set back years and years of damage caused by people and various invasive species. The work that the Order does in 5 weeks is work that the normal forest crew may have never gotten to do. This project will truly change these places of natural beauty by preserving and returning it to its natural state. After a few days of service doing things like path maintenance, removing invasive species and trash, and working on erosion control there is a day of recreation. Things like White Water Rafting, kayaking, mountain biking, fishing, view historical sites, horseback riding, canoeing, and other river float trips are offered. ArrowCorps5 happens this summer and the date depends on the site chosen. For more information Check out the ArrowCorps5 website at [www.event.oa-bsa.org](http://www.event.oa-bsa.org) also found off of the Otyokwa lodge website.

**SIGN UP NOW** if you are interested or might be interested in going because registration is soon. Help decided our trip plan and learn more about it by **SIGNING UP NOW**. This does not commit you to going but we must know if you are interested.

## Spring Fellowship

**April 25-27, 2008 L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation**

If you plan now you will not have to miss this exciting event. April 25-27, 2008 is our big chance to make our camp the best place it can be. While we set up camp we also help make the improvements that might not normally get done without our help. We also get to see the work we have done all throughout the summer as we attend or work at summer camp.

Along with the service comes the brotherhood. Everybody who is receiving this letter is a member of the Order of the Arrow and has already passed their ordeal. Now is the time for those of you who have not yet obtained your Brotherhood membership to seal your membership in the Order of the Arrow by completing your Brotherhood at Spring Fellowship. Completing your Brotherhood is not like earning your Ordeal. All that is required is learning the Song and Obligation of the Order, along with a few other aspects of the Order. A complete list of requirements is provided on page 50 of your Handbook. Visit [www.jumpstart.oa-bsa.org](http://www.jumpstart.oa-bsa.org) for tips on learning this information.

Be sure to enjoy the Spring Fellowship as a member after you have gone through your ordeal because it is a different experience every year. This is also your very first opportunity to receive this year's Spring Fellowship section of the Eagle Segment Patch, so make sure to sign up early and remember this date.

## Elangomats

Elangomat means friend, and if you have what it takes to befriend ordeal candidates and guide them through their ordeal and encourage them onto brotherhood check this out. Last year we implemented a new program which includes elangomats getting to know their clan members and if a certain percentage of that clan obtains their Brotherhood membership a token of recognition (cool t-shirt) is given to that extraordinary brother. This entails remembering your clan members and contacting them a few times a year to invite them to participate in our lodge events and encourage them to work on their brotherhood. If you are one of these elangomats don't forget the task. And if you are looking for a way to get more involved and want to become an elangomat do not forget to sign up at the next fellowship.

## [www.otyokwa.com](http://www.otyokwa.com)

The Otyokwa Lodge is online. Pictures, calendar, forms, Eagle's Flights and more. Check it out! Links to these other great OA websites are also on the Otyokwa site, they include:

<b>OA Jumpstart</b>	<a href="http://www.jumpstart.oa-bsa.org">www.jumpstart.oa-bsa.org</a>
<b>Section C-1B</b>	<a href="http://www.sectionc1b.org">www.sectionc1b.org</a>
<b>OA Central Region</b>	<a href="http://www.central.oa-bsa.org">www.central.oa-bsa.org</a>
<b>National OA</b>	<a href="http://www.main.oa-bsa.org">www.main.oa-bsa.org</a>
<b>National BSA</b>	<a href="http://www.scouting.org">www.scouting.org</a>

## Lodge Calendar

January 11, 2008	Webelos Lock In
January 12, 2008	Winter Banquet
February 15-17, 2008	Winter Fun Weekend PSR
February 17, 2008	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
March 9, 2008	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting - 2:00pm Scout Office
April 13, 2008	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting - 2:00pm Scout Office
April 25-27, 2008	Spring Fellowship PSR
September 12-14, 2008	Section C1-B Conclave, Camp Decorah in Holmen, WI

# Winter Awards Banquet 2008

January 12, 2008 Rice Lake - Moose Lodge

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of guests \_\_\_\_\_ x \$12.50 \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Troop/Crew/Post Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Vegetarian Entrées needed: \_\_\_\_

Youth (*under 18*) \_\_\_\_ Youth (*18 - less than 21*) \_\_\_\_ Adult (*over 21*) \_\_\_\_

**Reservations are due at the Scout Office by January 8, 2008.** (Cost is \$20.00 at the door)

Mail or drop off the reservation form and payment at the Chippewa Valley Council Service Center 710 South Hastings Way Eau Claire, Wis. 54701. Checks payable to: Chippewa Valley Council, BSA

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## Winterfest Weekend Registration Form

February 15-17, 2008 - PSR Winter Camp

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Troop/Crew/Post Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth (*under 18*) \_\_\_\_ Youth (*18 - less than 21*) \_\_\_\_ Adult (*over 21*) \_\_\_\_

Cost for weekend: Preregistration \$12.00 \_\_\_\_\_ (At the door: \$15.00)

*If you plan to complete your Brotherhood ADD:*

Brotherhood Ceremony \$13.00 for sash: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this form and your payment by February 12, 2007**

Mail or drop off the registration form and payment at the Chippewa Valley Council Service Center 710 South Hastings Way Eau Claire, Wis. 54701. Checks payable to: Chippewa Valley Council, BSA

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## ArrowCorps5

**Sign up now for this unique summer 2008 opportunity**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Troop/Crew/Post Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth (*under 18*) \_\_\_\_ Youth (*18 - less than 21*) \_\_\_\_ Adult (*over 21*) \_\_\_\_

**Due at the Scout Office ASAP** Mail or drop off this interest form at the Chippewa Valley Council Service Center 710 South Hastings Way Eau Claire, Wis. 54701.

# Otyokwa Lodge # 337

## Yearly Membership Renewal

Our membership year runs from October 1 to September 30, each year. Members who do not pay their yearly dues will be dropped from active membership on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year when their dues are no longer current. **Your mailing label on the front of this newsletter will show the date, according to our records, that your dues expire.** If you are no longer an active member of Otyokwa Lodge, you will not receive the Eagle's Flight newsletter and other mailings. You will not be eligible to run for an office, serve on committees, attend lodge events, advance to Brotherhood and/or Vigil Honor nor may you wear an O.A. sash. These are privileges accorded to members-in-good-standing, those who have paid their Lodge dues and are registered members of the BSA! Thank you in advance for paying your dues!

According to National policy, OA brothers must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America and their OA registration must be with the Lodge associated with the Council that they hold their primary BSA registration. An OA brother who has not maintained membership in OA and becomes a registered member of Chippewa Valley Council, BSA can become a member of Otyokwa Lodge by filling out this form and paying current dues (even if you were inducted into another Lodge). If you are currently a registered member of the BSA in another Council, and wish to maintain contact with Otyokwa Lodge, you may register as an *associate member* for a \$10.00 yearly charge. Fill out this form and check the space indicating your desire to be an associate member. As an associate member, you will receive our Newsletter to keep you up-to-date on our activities. You will not be eligible for advancement or honors in Otyokwa Lodge, you may not be on committees or be a part of our membership count.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Troop/Crew/Post Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*(You MUST be a registered member of the BSA in order to be a member of the Order of the Arrow)*

Personal BSA Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Located on your membership card below the expiration date)*

Are you the YOUTH Troop Representative? *(circle)* yes no

District *(circle)*:      Blue Hills      Clear Water      Glacier's End      Tall Oaks

Youth *(under 18)* \_\_\_\_ Youth *(18- less than 21)* \_\_\_\_ Adult *(over 21)* \_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

*I am a(n): (Please fill in all that apply)*

Ordeal member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge/Council: \_\_\_\_\_

Brotherhood member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge/Council: \_\_\_\_\_

Vigil Honor member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge/Council: \_\_\_\_\_

*For youth and adults because we need both (circle):*

I would like to serve on a committee yes no committee preference? \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to help with ceremonies yes no

I would like to be on the Dance Team yes no

\_\_\_\_\_ *(please check if applicable) I am not currently registered with the Chippewa Valley Council, BSA and would like to be considered an Associate Member of Otyokwa Lodge (See 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph at top of page).*

**Return this form and your dues payment of \$10.00** to the Chippewa Valley Council Service Center 710 South Hastings Way Eau Claire, Wis. 54701. Checks payable to: Chippewa Valley Council, BSA