



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

February 2006

Words from the Chief

Brothers in the Order of the Arrow,

Boy! The past few months have gone by fast. With many OA events, working on merit badges for my Eagle, as well as my project proposal, and on top of all of this, schoolwork, it seems like only a few weeks ago we were assembling the last Eagle's Flight. That is not the case, however. Since that time, our lodge has held our annual Winter Awards Banquet. The event was a success, with lots of food, prizes, awards, and brotherhood. It was our pleasure to have former Central Region Chief Dominique Baker as our guest speaker. Before the Winter Banquet, we held an informative visitation from the section, fulfilling the requirements of the Lodge Assistance Program. During this visitation we discussed our quality lodge status and learned ways to make our lodge even better from the leadership of our surrounding lodges. A few weeks ago, lodges met at the Wausau Inn to plan the next Section Conclave. In the coming weeks we will hold our Winter Fun Weekend at Camp Phillips, assist in the Webelos' Crossover at DeLong Middle School on February 24th, bond with our brothers from Agaming during their Spring Retreat on March 18th, and then, before we know it, it will be time for the Spring Fellowship. Mark these events on your calendar!

Throughout the past few weeks, I have been thinking about my experiences in the OA. I have attended NOAC, gone to the National Leadership Seminar and chatted with the former National Chief Jeff Hayward, participated in many Section Conclaves and Lodge Fellowships, and become friends with other Arrowmen from the surrounding area. I've learned about Native American traditions, regalia, and dancing. I've learned leadership skills that I've applied in my life. I would hope that you all take out of the OA what I have. Participate whenever you can! Come to lodge events and join in the brotherhood! Even if you've never gone to an OA function other than your Ordeal, don't hesitate to take the first step and come to something. All OA members have been in that position at some time. Now is the time to take the next step and become more involved. You were selected to the OA by your fellow scouts who saw something in you that differentiated you from others. Show what that thing is!

Yours in WWW,
2005-06 Otyokwa Lodge Chief

Lodge Calendar

February 24, 2006	Webelos Crossover Event - Lock-In
March 12, 2006	Executive Board Meeting 2:00 p.m. Scout Service Center
March 18 - 19, 2006	Spring Retreat with Agaming Lodge; Clear Lake, WI
April 28 - 30, 2006	Spring Fellowship Weekend
May 14, 2006	Executive Board Meeting 2:00 p.m. Scout Service Center

Webelos Crossover

February 24, 2006 DeLong Middle School in Eau Claire

Many of you may recall your own Webelos' Lock-In with fond memories. Now, you have the opportunity to assist in this event. Each year, the Otyokwa Lodge provides concessions throughout the evening, helps with the distribution of pizza and pop at midnight, and then conducts the actual crossover ceremony. We can use your help, starting at 6:00 p.m. with set-up, throughout the evening at the concessions stand, and then with the ceremony, held at around 12:30 a.m. We will be closing down the concessions shortly after the ceremony concludes at around 2:00 a.m., but then we will need help cleaning up. If you can stay, your help would be appreciated until the end of the event at 6:00 a.m. The event is held at DeLong Middle School in Eau Claire on February 24th, 2006, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Mark Your Calendars and Register for Spring Fellowship

April 28 - 30, 2006, at L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation

That's right! The annual Spring Fellowship is fast approaching. The event will be held the weekend of April 28-30, 2006 at L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation. Registration will be from around 5:30 - 7:30pm on Friday, and departure will be around 9:30am on Sunday. If you are able to attend this weekend, your presence would be appreciated. We will assist in preparing Camp Phillips for the summer camping season, as well as assisting in general improvement projects for the camp. This is also a chance to earn your Brotherhood, spend time with fellow Arrowmen, and practice the ideals of our Order.

This weekend will serve as the last chance for potential member called out last summer to become members in the Order by completing their Ordeal. Also, any Ordeal member can seal their membership in the Order by completing their Brotherhood. This is not like the Ordeal: it consists of learning a few principles of the OA. Requirements can be found in the OA Handbook, so, Brotherhood candidates, get out your books and start studying! We will have a review session for all candidates during the weekend, so don't worry about the information.

Mark your calendars and register soon for the Spring Fellowship - see you all there!

National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)

July 29 – August 3, 2006 East Lansing, Michigan

Just a quick update. Our lodge has a large contingent of at least 22 set to go to NOAC this summer at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan. After the event, look for a review written by your fellow Arrowmen. Just a note: the next NOAC will not be held until 2009, due to the National Jamboree and the 100th Anniversary of Scouting.

Chainsaw Training

At the December Executive Board meeting, the Otyokwa Lodge agreed to help fund a chainsaw training course at Camp Phillips. The course will be held on **April 22nd** plan on it being an all day event. If any adults over the age of 21 would be interested in attending, please contact Dan Dienger.

Order of the Arrow Summer Ceremonies

Each Friday night during the summer camping season, the Otyokwa Lodge conducts a Call-Out ceremony. We would like to invite you to participate in these ceremonies. If you are at camp with your troop and would like to serve as a trail guard, a torchbearer, or even possibly have a speaking role, contact the OA Summer Coordinator sometime early in the week. Participating in a ceremony is an awesome event, and now everyone has an opportunity to do so.

ATTENTION: Change in the Website Address

The Otyokwa website has a new domain. It can now be viewed at: www.otyokwa.com

Update your bookmarks and check it out!

Other Websites to check out include:

OA Jumpstart website www.jumpstart.oa-bsa.org
Section C-1B www.sectionc1b.org
OA Central Region www.central.oa-bsa.org
National OA www.oa-bsa.org
National BSA www.scouting.org

Section C-1B Conclave 2006: Back to the Future

September 15-17, 2006 Camp Rokilio near Keil, Wisconsin

The next Section Conclave is shaping up to be a good one. Last month, the lodge youth leadership from the five lodges in our section met and planned for the Conclave. This year's theme was chosen to be Back to the Future. It's time to get on board the DeLorean and go to Camp Rokilio near Keil, Wisconsin. The Otyokwa Lodge is running the Ultimate Frisbee and Volleyball tournaments; let's get together the best teams so we can win our own events! Mark the weekend of September 15-17 on your calendars! More information to come in the future. You can also check out www.sectionc1b.org for a promo video.

Unit Elections

Shortly, all units will receive a unit elections packet. Unit elections are very important, as they are the time when potential members are elected into the OA. To be eligible for selection, a scout must be First Class and have 15 nights of camping, including one long-term campout. Due to the number of troops in our council, it is very helpful if units can have elections done before camp. If you would like more information about unit elections or if you would like to request a unit elections team to come and conduct the elections, please contact Victor Smith or Dan Dienger.

2005-2006 Otyokwa Lodge Officers

Victor Smith - Lodge Chief

Nick Gallagher - Lodge Vice Chief -Administration

Nate Sheehan - Lodge Vice Chief - Activities

Dustin Swanson - Lodge Secretary

Brad Gary - Lodge Treasurer

Dan Dienger - Lodge Adviser

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Spring Fellowship Registration Form

April 28 - 30, 2006 - L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Troop/Crew/Post Number: _____

Email: _____

Cost for weekend: Member-at-large \$10.00 _____

Completing Brotherhood \$25.00 _____

Return this form and your payment by April 25, 2006

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

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 1st 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 2nd paragraph at top of page).*

Return this form and your dues payment of \$10.00 to the Chippewa Valley Council Service Center
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