Chief Tom Talks

Arrowmen,
I hope that you all have enjoyed your summer breaks. I also hope that everyone had enough time to relax and prepare themselves for the fall and the winter activities. We had a fantastic Fall Fellowship and very successful Fall Ordeal!

Lodge Leadership Development will be great. First, encourage and a special surprise for the Lodge Banquet so make sure you attend and participate as well.

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Second, encourage members of the Order to pay their dues. By doing both of these things, we will not only complete the requirements for Quality Lodge, but I feel that our Brotherhood will only become stronger.

We have reached the second half of the year, not to mention the busiest part of the year. I ask that we continue the hard work we have been doing, and finish this year strong. I am proud to call myself the Chief of this outstanding lodge. Keep up the hard work, make sure you attend and re-commit themselves work!

Yours in the
Tom James
2006 Lodge Chief
This summer, Order of the Arrow members from around the country had the unique opportunity to get together at the largest National Order of the Arrow Conference ever with over 8,000 Arrowmen from every state. We had an awesome time. From the opening show to the closing show they were all great and meaningful. During the Indian show our lodge sat down on the floor close to the action. Our two ceremonial teams did a great job competing in the Pre-Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies. At the VIA (Very Important Arrowman) luncheon, National Chief, Sean Murray, sat next to our own Corey Lewis, a first year Ordeal member. There was always stuff for members to be doing, from classes to patch trading. On Founder’s Day we passed out Trails-End popcorn and video games. The entire week was topped off with the closing show entitled: “Texting Brandon”. The Goodman Gala, with inclement weather, delayed the exit of Arrowmen but ice cream and the spirit of Brotherhood kept Arrowmen excited! Later on after we where allowed to leave they shot off fireworks to end the week. The next day we packed up and were off back to Indiana, for the next NOAC at IU in 2009.

Get your Official NOAC Fundraiser patch

Don’t get a knockoff Jaccos Towne fundraiser patch; get the official patch for the new lower price of just $10.00. You can get them at the downtown Scout office, on the council web site at http://www.crossroadsbsa.org/youth/order_of_the_arrow.htm, or at any Lodge event.
Adviser’s Corner

Hope everyone had a fun and safe summer. It’s time to get back in the swing of things. Sometimes that is easier said than done. In June the newsletter that was sent gave all Arrowmen the opportunity to save 10% when they registered to attend the fall events. Sign up early for LLD and Lodge Banquet. Please take advantage and get signed up, saving money helps you and your family at anytime. Take that a step further and carpool to events. It can also give you a chance to visit with your friends and maybe make new friends.

Congratulations to our Pre-Ordeal and Brotherhood teams that competed at NOAC. They represented the Lodge well and made us proud. Thank you to David Largent and Steve James for being the adviser and co-adviser to the teams. Mr. Largent also ended up being asked to teach ceremonies classes for several sessions.

As we all look forward we know the busy time is coming for the entire Scout program. Participate to the best of your ability and enjoy whatever you do. Looking forward to seeing all of you at the fall events.

Kim Wickizer

Jaccos Towne Lodge Adviser
Quality Lodge Update

At the beginning of this year the executive committee had a meeting at Good Old Mickey D’s and we wrote down with our list of goals. Some goals where typed up, others where on scratch paper, and some all up in the brain. It was good that we all had some common goals in mind. Some of the goals involved our areas of interest and some for the lodge in general. At the end we all had one common goal and that was to be a Quality Lodge. This was something we had fallen short in the year before. We have work had to emphasize this at all our meetings to push and encourage brotherhood conversion rates. We have also pushed for the retention of new members by dropping the back year dues fee. We are doing very well this year with record numbers of attendance at summer camp due to summer camp promotion. The Council had over 15,000 boys in our camps this summer. In all we are heading in the right direction. We still need 34 more Ordeal members to seal their membership in our Order. We also need 300 more people to pay their 2006 dues. So attach is a dues form; please stay current with your dues of only $10.

Thank you,
Tommy Gregory

JACCOS TOWNE LODGE DUES FORM

Last Name: _______________________________ First Name: __________________________ MI: ______

Birth Date: _______________________________ Unit Type & No. __________________________

Address: _________________________________ City: ________________________________ State: _____ Zip: ______

Home Phone: (_____) ____________________ Work Phone: (_____) ______________________

Induction dates: Ordeal: ___________ Brotherhood: ___________ Vigil Honor: ___________

E-Mail: __________________________________________

Membership #: __________________________________________ (on BSA membership card)

_____ $10.00 Dues for year ________ (60AD)

Cash ________ Check # __________

Date ________ Receipt No. __________________

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Limited Time Special Offer

- Reading
- Checkers
- Moccasin
- Medicine Bags

September 15-17
Belzer Scout Camp
Cost $18.00 by Sept 6th, $23 anytime thereafter
Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. Friday evening

Service
Training
Indian games
Fellowship
Lodge Officer elections
Vigil Honor
Fellowship

2007 Lodge Officer Training
2007 Chapter Officer Training
2007 Lodge/Chapter Adviser Training
All Arrowmen are invited to attend

Nov 17-19 at Belzer
Cost $15.00 by Nov 1st
$20.00 anytime thereafter

Lodge Leadership Development

Check which event's you will attend.
You need to choose at least 3 of them to receive discount
Total the cost and subtract the 10% and send in that amount along with a completed form before September 6th

The Jacobs Towne Lodge has a new opportunity. This program will allow all who pre-pay and pre-register for at least 3 of the 4 fall lodge events to receive a 10% discount savings for the 3 events.

Fall Fellowship $18.00
Fall Ordeal $15.00
LLD $15.00
Winter Banquet $12.00 YOUTH $15.00 ADULT

Total Amount less 10%:

Send this amount in before September 6th

Winter Banquet

Registration will start at 3:30 PM
Activities from 4-6:00 PM. Dinner 6:15 PM
Program to start at 7:30 PM
Dec 10 at Belzer
$12.00 youth
$15.00 Adult
due by Dec 1 or add $5.00 per person

Deadline for discount extended to Sept 17th
The Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure is a unique opportunity to experience the programs at the Florida Sea Base, while providing a new type of service to the Atlantic Ocean. In a two-week period, participants will complete PADI SCUBA certification, as well as interact with undersea wildlife like no other Scouts do.

For one week, participants will undergo intensive SCUBA certification in preparation. Arrowmen will also provide meaningful service to the staff of the Florida Sea Base, and enjoy fun in the Florida sun while brushing up on their volleyball skills.

The second week of OAOA is spent using the SCUBA certification to its fullest extent. Participants will spend their time taking wildlife samples in the Florida Keys, performing island restoration and other meaningful projects to the surrounding area.

From the OA Web Site

OA Trial Crew

The Order of the Arrow Trail Crew program is one of the best ways to experience Scouting's premier high adventure base, Philmont Scout Ranch. For two weeks, participants see and experience all that Philmont has to offer and much more.

For one week, participants have the chance to make a significant difference to Philmont by participating in trail building. Work will include clearing terrain for trail and constructing switchbacks, retention bars, and several other erosion controls.

The second week of the program is spent experiencing Philmont in its finest. Unlike regular treks, Trail Crews make their own itinerary, instead of selecting from pre-planned routes.

We have 12 slots open for next summer via scholarships from a local Jaccos Towne member.

New Pre-registration benefits

The Jaccos Towne Lodge has now started a new program. This program will allowed all who pre paid and pre register for 3 of our lodge events will receive a 10% discount.
The Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage program is an experience like no other. For two weeks, you will join together with Arrowmen from around the country and experience all that the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness has to offer. The first week of the program is spent giving back to the Boundary Waters through portage trail restoration work. Participants have the opportunity to leave their mark on the Boundary Waters that will enable millions of visitors to better enjoy their experience.

The second part of the program is a trek planned by the crew. From the 8-1/2 mile "Grand Portage" to the Height of Land, crews have done and seen all in the Boundary Waters.

Please use the OA website to learn more about the OA Wilderness Voyage program at Northern Tier High Adventure Base.

From the OA Web Site

ArrowCorps 5
A HIGHER ADVENTURE

The Order of the Arrow has had a long-standing interest in coordinating a national service project, utilizing the infrastructure and leadership established over many years of success at the Boy Scouts of America's high adventure bases. Working closely together, the United States Forest Service and the OA have chosen five project sites, spread across America that will be the focus of our combined efforts. ArrowCorps5 (pronounced Arrow Corps Five) will provide a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for each participant to set an example of leadership in service to those who treasure our national forests.

Five thousand physically fit and able volunteers (determined by the "Philmont Weight Limits for Backpacking & Hiking"), made up of youth and adults, will participate. The national Order of the Arrow committee and key sponsors will fund the projects. Participants will pay a reasonable fee to help pay for accommodations, meals, and a full day of recreational activities during the projects.

Additional information will be available through the National Bulletin and National Order of the Arrow Web Site in the future. Mark Twain National Forest will be the first of the five sites to be featured starting in the fourth quarter of 2006 with the other four sites following in 2007.

Mark Twain National Forest
June 7-14, 2008 / Missouri

Manti-La Sal National Forest
June 14-21, 2008 / Utah

George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
June 21-28, 2008 / Virginia

Shasta-Trinity National Forest
July 12-19, 2008 / California

Bridger-Teton National Forest
July 26 - August 2, 2008 / Wyoming
From the Editor

If you have any comments on this newsletter please feel free to contact me, Tommy Gregory VCC by email:
tommyg_06@sbcglobal.net

Thank you for your time and from the whole Jaccos Towne Lodge Executive Committee. We hope that everyone enjoyed the summer at our CAC Camps. We would like to see all of you at our fall events.

Tommy Gregory

Our Vision for the Order of the Arrow

To be recognized as Scouting’s National Honor Society and an integral part of every council. Our service, activities, adventures, and training for youth and adults, are model of quality leadership development and programming that enrich, support, and help extend Scouting to America’s youth.
2006 Jaccos Towne Lodge
Winter Banquet

National Chief Sean Murray
National Order of the Arrow Chief
Sean Murray will be the guest
speaker at our 2006 Lodge Banquet
and install our 2007 Lodge Officers

• Camp Belzer, Indianapolis
• Registration begins at 3:30 PM
• Activities from 4:00 – 6:00 PM (Includes patch auction with patches collected at NOAC from Lodges across the country!)
• Dinner begins at 6:15 PM (catered by Jugs)
• Program and installation of officers begins at 7:30 PM

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Registration begins at 3:30 PM and continues until 6:00 PM
December 10th, 2006

Complete form and by Dec 2nd, mail to:

Crossroads of America/OA Gathering
c/o Doug Brown
1900 N. Meridian St.
Indianapolis, IN 46206

Name_____________________________________ Email____________________________________

Membership # from BSA membership card (up to 9 digits)______________________________

Address________________________________________ City______________________________

Zip Code__________ Phone_________________________ District_________ Chapter_________

Cam code 6OADP Youth / Adult (please circle)

Write: "6OADP" in the memo line of your check.