Jaccos Towne Lodge Makes Quality Lodge in 2006!

2006 Accomplishments

- Largest class of new Ordeals in 5 years
  - 380 new Ordeals
- 141 new Brotherhoods
- 24 new Vigils
- Friends of Scouting
  - Chapters gave to districts = $1,300 (an $800 increase over last year)
- Camp Projects
  - Bought food warmer for Belzer
  - Lighting at Kikthawenund
  - Many other small projects
  - $3,800 in materials
  - 4,726 hours of service
- Increased attendance at all Lodge events
- Balanced budget for all Lodge events
- 32 Arrowmen to NOAC (partially funded by patch sales)
- Camp Promotions presentations to 81% of all Council Troops (227 Troops)
- Second Scoutreach day
- Two Arrowmen to OA
- Trail Crew at Philmont
- QUALITY LODGE!

National Chief Visits Jaccos Towne Lodge

Sean Murray, 2006 National Chief of the Order of the Arrow, visited the Lodge on the day of the Lodge Winter Banquet in December. He toured the Camp Belzer facility, attended the Brotherhood Ceremony, spoke at the Winter Banquet, and visited with Arrowmen attending the event. In his address, he spoke of leadership and encouraged Arrowmen to participate in service, especially the High Adventure service groups that the OA supports. Sean had served on OA Trail Crew this last summer and highly recommended the experience to Arrowmen.

Jaccos Towne Lodge is Online

Check out the new website at www.crossroadsbsa.org/oa

Are your dues paid for 2007?
Fill out the enclosed form and send it today!
Remember you must be registered in Boy Scouting to be a member of the OA!
Brother Arrowmen,

I hope that you all have had a great holiday season. We have just completed a great year for the Jaccos Towne Lodge, and a new year is upon us. This year’s Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) has already been working hard to make this the best ever in Jaccos Towne Lodge’s short history. I would like to continue to make improvements in our lodge.

My name is Tommy Gregory. I am the 2007 Jaccos Towne Lodge Chief. I am a freshman at THE Purdue University where I study Organizational, Leadership, and Supervision and Social Studies Education. I am also involved with the wrestling team at Purdue. In Scouting, I am an Eagle Scout (2004), a Firecrafter, and on Ransburg and Pathfinder Camp Staffs. In the Order of the Arrow, I have been a Chapter Treasurer and Lodge Vice Chief of Communications. I was the Lodge Vice Chief of Communications in 2006.

The LEC has come up with a number of goals for 2007:

First, we would like to see more people at our events, so I encourage all members to attend as many events as possible!

Second, we would like to encourage Arrowmen over the age of 16 and not yet 21 to check out the Order of the Arrow high adventure programs. Once again, we have a brother Arrowman who has offered to provide 12 scholarships to Jaccos Towne Arrowmen for Philmont Trail Crew. Trail Crew is a chance to do service and to bond with other Brothers from across the nation. For the first week you will be doing service to the Philmont trails, and the second week, you will be hiking those very same trails.

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Three Arrowmen of Jaccos Towne Lodge were awarded the Founder’s Award at the Winter Banquet. 2006 Chief Tom James and 2006 Vice Chief of Program Jon Sowers were the youth recipients and Albert Siebenmorgen of Kickapoo was the adult. Introduced at the 1981 National Order of the Arrow Conference, the Founder’s Award was created to honor and recognize those Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to their lodge. The award is reserved for an Arrowman who demonstrates to fellow Arrowmen that he or she memorializes in his or her everyday life the spirit of achievement as described by founder E. Urner Goodman and cofounder Carroll A. Edson.

(Chief’s Talking Feather continued)

Third, we would like all those who have gone through an Ordeal and have not yet sealed their membership in the Order to do so and become Brotherhood this year.

Fourth, we would like Arrowmen to get more involved in the Lodge. The Lodge is here to serve you!

All the Lodge officers are ready to work for you and on completing the goals we have set. This year will be a great year!

I am proud to call myself the Chief of this outstanding Lodge. Keep up the good work!

Yours in the Wimachtendienk,

Tommy Gregory
Section Conclave Moves to Vincennes University in 2007

After several years at Camp Belzer, Section C-2C, which is made up of the six OA lodges in Indiana, will hold its annual conclave at Vincennes University in Vincennes, IN on the weekend of April 20-22, 2007. The theme of the Conclave this year is “We Didn’t Start the Fire, but We Keep It Burning.”

All Arrowmen are welcome and encouraged to attend for fellowship, training, competition against other lodges (games & ceremonies), and fun! A registration form is included with this newsletter and will be posted for downloading from the Lodge website.

Vigil Honor Nominations Due at March LEC

It is not too early to start thinking about Vigil Honor nominations! The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to lodge, council, and Scouting. Membership cannot be won by a person’s conscious endeavors.

The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position of office to one or more of the following:

- Lodge
- Order of the Arrow
- Scouting community
- Scout Camp

Under NO circumstances should tenure in Scouting or the Order of the Arrow be considered as reason enough for a Vigil Honor recommendation.

Any member of the Order of the Arrow registered in Scouting and in good standing in a regularly chartered lodge is eligible for recommendation to the National Order of the Arrow Committee for elevation to the Vigil Honor provided that, at the time of the recommendation, the individual has been a Brotherhood member for a minimum of two years. A Vigil form may be found on the next page.

Unit Elections & Camp Promotions

Winter is the season for Unit Elections and Camp Promotions.

Unit Elections forms are available at LEC and Lodge events and on the website. Please make sure Vice Chief of Inductions Todd Wildey is given a copy of all election results for the Lodge. Adult nominations are due to the Lodge at the March LEC. Remember, the camping requirement for adults is the same as for youth, and a unit may only nominate an adult if it has elected at least one youth.

The Order of the Arrow is responsible for Boy Scout Camp Promotions again this year. Keep track of the unit promotions that your chapter does and report that to the Lodge.

Lodge has a number of Committee Chair positions open! If you are interested in getting involved at Lodge level, contact any one of the officers or advisors.
Vigil Honor Petition

The Vigil Honor is reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position or office to one or more of the following: their lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, or their Scout Camp. Under no circumstances should tenure in Scouting or the Order of the Arrow be considered as reason enough for a Vigil Honor recommendation.

Please consider the following as a candidate for the Vigil Honor. (Please Print)

1. __________________________________________________________________________
   List name as you would like it printed on certificate

2. __________________________________________________________________________
   Date of Birth (required)

3. __________________________________________________________________________

4. __________________________________________________________________________
   Address

5. __________________________________________________________________________
   IN

6. __________________________________________________________________________
   Zip Code

7. __________________________________________________________________________
   City

8. __________________________________________________________________________
   State

9. __________________________________________________________________________
   Chapter

Induction dates: ___________ Youth or Adult. (please circle one).
   Ordeal
   Brotherhood

(In selecting candidates for the Vigil Honor, candidates must have been brotherhood members for two years or longer at the time of selection by the Vigil Honor nominating committee.)

The specific reasons for this nomination are:

__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
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A suggested Indian name. __________________________________________________________________________ (limit to 34 characters/spaces)

Suggestions for Vigil guide:

__________________________________________________________________________
   Name, phone #, e-mail

__________________________________________________________________________
   Name, phone #, e-mail

Submitted by __________________________________________________________________________
   Name, Chapter, phone #, e-mail
   date
Members of the Wundchenneu Chapter Order of the Arrow Educational Performance Team are shown with Camp Riley youth in the amphitheater at Bradford Woods on July 10. Campers are examining and trying various items used by Delaware Indians and other Native Americans including a flute, drum, bow, arrow, and various furs. During the summer, the team worked with youth who have physical disabilities, Down syndrome, and craniofacial anomalies.

Most Scouters know that the Order of the Arrow is Scouting’s National Honor Society that emulates the Leni Lenape or Delaware Indians. But, many may not be aware of the council’s Wundchenneu Chapter Educational Performance Team. Formed in 2003, the purpose of the chapter is to educate children about the rich culture and traditions of the Delaware Indians through their history, legends, language, music and dance. The Team also teaches and promotes Boy Scout values and skills, including outdoor experiences, to children who may not have the opportunity to participate in them.

The Team is aided by an active 14-member Advisory Board including three Native Americans (two Delaware; one a former chief), and officials from Conner Prairie, Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art, Riley Children’s Foundation, and WFYI Teleplex.

Youth members of the Team have learned Delaware Indian stories, regalia, drumming and dance so they can teach other children. The lessons were originally taught by Michael Pace and Jim Willaert (Vigil Honor) of Conner Prairie’s Lenape Village, while being video-taped then edited into a six-hour training series by WFYI that can be used for years to come. With the assistance of advisory board and lodge member Pat Irwin, authentic Delaware-style regalia were created for the Team members to wear during their performances.

The Team’s primary performances have taken place at Camp Riley, the Riley Children’s Foundation camp for Indiana children with physical disabilities held in Bradford Woods near Martinsville. Starting in 2004, the Team has visited Camp Riley during the summer to perform for Campers and counselors. The performances include: a Delaware greeting, explanation of the Team’s mission, differences explained between Delaware (Woodland Indian) and Plains Indian (“Hollywood”) regalia, Delaware stories, explanation and playing of Native American flutes, a bow and arrow explanation, and demonstration and interactive drumming and dancing. This past summer, 12 performances were held during five visits at Camp Riley, much to the delight of more than 200 campers. One of the most popular stories is “How the Turtle Cracked It’s Shell.” After hearing the story, Camp Staffer Diana Helt said, “The boys talked about how they wanted to go on a nature hike and find turtle shells. One camper also decided that he is going to make a story book talking about the Indians and the things that he learned from the Scouts’ presentation. They loved it!”

Not only is the Wundchenneu Chapter Order of the Arrow Educational Performance Team beneficial to those that observe the performances, it also is worthwhile for the Scouts and leaders involved. Members acquire public speaking skills and are interactive with youth with challenges that include physical disabilities, Down Syndrome, and craniofacial anomalies. Thanks to the Team for their service to the community and for spreading the great news of Scouting through its Delaware Indian performances.

For more information about the Wundchenneu Chapter Order of the Arrow Educational Dance Performance Team, please contact Co-Chairman Gary Winko at garyw52bsa@sbcglobal.net.

Members of the Wundchenneu Chapter Order of the Arrow Educational Performance Team are shown with Camp Riley youth in the Carr Center at Bradford Woods on July 27. A team member is telling one of several Delaware Indian stories that the campers enjoy and also teach a lesson. During the summer, the team worked with youth who have physical disabilities, Down syndrome, and craniofacial anomalies.
Section C-2C Conclave
April 20-22, 2007
Vincennes University, Vincennes, IN

We Didn't Start the Fire, but We Keep it Burning

Get training, compete against other lodges (games & ceremonies) and above all have fun with other members of our Order from throughout the Section. At Section Conclave you will have the opportunity to gain further knowledge of the Order. Participate in a unique weekend with 300 fellow Arrowmen.

Send registration to:
OA - Conclave
1900 North Meridian
P.O. Box 1966
Indianapolis, IN 46256

Early-bird deadline: Received by Fri, Mar 30
Checks payable to: BSA-CAC
Write on the memo line: OA Conclave
Code: 60ADP

Jaccos Towne Lodge Conclave Registration Form

Name: _______________________________________

Street Address: _______________________________________

City, State, Zip code: _______________________________________

Home phone: ____________________________ E-mail: ____________________________

Council & Lodge: Crossroads of America Council – Jaccos Towne Lodge

____ Youth registration @ $30 $ _________
____ Adult registration @ $40 $ _________

____ Late fee (if received after March 30) @ $10 $ _________

Total fees enclosed $ _________

Please check if interested in ____ basketball, ____ volleyball, ____ ceremony competition, ____ euchre, ____ cooking contest, ____ tennis, ____ racquetball, ____ golf frisbee, ____ historical tours, ____ kickball, ____ “Lodge” ball, ____ ultimate frisbee, ____________________________ other competition

You must attach a Class 1 health form to registration

ALL Adults must complete (30 minutes) youth protection training found at:
http://www.crossroadbsa.org/training/youth_protection_and_adult_leadership_in_scouting.htm
Philmont Trail 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 the first week, participants have the chance to make a significant difference to Philmont by participating in trail building in the backcountry. Work will include clearing terrain for trail and constructing switchbacks, retention bars, and several other erosion controls. The impact of this service will be felt by scouts for decades.

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. You can do and see just about anything, from the Tooth of Time to Baldy Mountain, your crew decides!

Unique Opportunity for Jaccos Towne Arrowmen

A fellow Arrowman has made available scholarships to pay the $150 fee for up to twelve Arrowmen from Jaccos Towne Lodge to attend in 2007. Applications are available from the Lodge. Deadline for youth applications: January 14, 2007 with notification by February 28th.

Contact Kim Wickizer at ekwick@lightbound.com or 317-398-7805 if you have questions or if you missed the deadline to find out if there are still openings. This information has been available since November.

Wilderness Voyage

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 in northern Minnesota 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 each year to better enjoy their experience. Trail work involves restoring and protecting trails that have existed for centuries and are in dire need or repair.

The second part of the program is a trek planned by the crew. From the 8-1/2 mile “Grand Portage” leading to Lake Superior, to the Height of Land, even the pictographs on Fishdance Lake, crews have done and seen all in the Boundary Waters.

OAOA

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.
Congratulations to Jim Stolt, our new Lodge Advisor. The following is a short statement of his goals for this year (note, this is an excerpt from another article he had done): Our officers' and advisors' goal is to promote and increase participation of our members at all lodge events. We will be working to get quality lodge again this year. We are hoping to be awarded a grant from National for a project at one of our camps. We will be promoting the troop representative program in our units with a goal to add an adult advisor in each unit to help the youth with the troop.

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. All locations and dates appear below.

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

Hello Jaccos Towne!

My name is Benjamin Grimes (though most folks just call me Ben), and I am your new Vice Chief of Communications for 2007. If you're going to be stuck with me for a whole year, you'll probably want to know just a little bit about me, right? And what better way to introduce myself than my first article? I am an Eagle Scout, and I serve as an Assistant Scoutmaster in my home troop (441, in case anyone is curious). I was also on White Stag staff for two years, and every year I have been down to the rifle range at Ransburg, I have come away with the Ransburg Rifleman award (that's three in a row). But enough about me and my boring self, ultimately these newsletters are about you. That's right, this is your newsletter, so feel free to send any feedback, be it suggestions, comments, kudos, or complaints. My goal for this year is to improve lodge communications (and this newsletter is a part of that), please let me know if I'm doing my job! All the Lodge Officers are dedicated to improving the lodge for everyone, so let's make this a great year together!

Yours in Scouting,

Benjamin Grimes
JACCOS TOWNE LODGE DUES FORM

Last Name:_____________________________________  First Name:_____________________   MI: ______

Birth Date:_____________________________________  Unit Type & No. ___________________________

Address:________________________________  City:_____________________   State:_____   Zip:________

Phones:  Home: (_____) ______________ Work: (_____) ______________  Cell:  (_____) _______________

Induction dates:  Ordeal: ______________  Brotherhood: _____________  Vigil Honor: ______________

E-Mail(s):  ________________________________________________________________________________

Membership #: _____________________
(on BSA membership card)

$10.00 Dues for year _________ (6OAD)

Cash___________   Check #___________

Date________    Receipt No._________________

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Attention All Ordeal Masters and Ordeal Advisers

Please get your Ordeal Trading Post orders in as soon as you can. With so many Ordeals in May this year, the earlier you turn in your requests, the easier it will be for everyone. Order forms will be available at Lodge events or from Eric Wickizer - 317-398-7805 or ekwick@lightbound.com. Thank you!

New National Officers

As the Order enters a new year, new officers are elected to carry on the tradition of great leadership given to us by our founders.

National Chief Evan Chaffee-CA
National Vice Chief Larry Newton-AL
Central Region Chief Don Hough-IL
Northeast Region Chief Ken Hager-PA
Southern Region Chief Alex Gomez-FL
Western Region Chief Chad Wolver-AZ

Check the National Website for more information.

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Elements of a Good Brotherhood Program

The OA Guide to Inductions says: "The Brotherhood committee should ensure that each new Ordeal member receives the Spirit of the Arrow booklet No. 6, 'Those Who Chose You Need You,' four months after the Ordeal along with a letter of encouragement; booklet No. 7, 'the Ties of Brotherhood,' with the letter of invitation to the Brotherhood; and booklet No. 8 'Journey's End...and a New Beginning,' immediately prior to the Brotherhood ceremony." Furthermore, it says, "Ensuring the timely distribution of the Spirit of the Arrow booklets can be a significant challenge, particularly in larger lodges, but they are an essential part of a good Brotherhood program."

Have you sent Spirit booklets to your new Ordeal members? Are you encouraging Brotherhood conversion? If not, start today!
Jaccos Towne Lodge 2007 Calendar

January 12-14, 2007
Indian Gathering
starts 6 PM
Camp Kikthawenund

January 14, 2007
LEC
11:00 AM
Camp Kikthawenund

February 18, 2007
LEC
2:30 PM
Camp Belzer

March 18, 2007
LEC
2:30 PM
Camp Belzer

April 20-22, 2007
Section Conclave
11:00 AM
Vincennes University

April 22, 2007
LEC
2:30 PM
Vincennes University

May 20, 2007
LEC
2:30 PM
Camp Belzer

August 26, 2007
LEC
2:30 PM
Camp Belzer

September 21-23, 2007
Fall Fellowship
Camp Bear Creek

September 23, 2007
LEC
11:00 AM
Camp Bear Creek

October 19-21, 2007
Lodge Ordeal
Camp Ransburg

October 21, 2007
LEC
11:00 AM
Camp Ransburg

November 16-18, 2007
LLD
Camp Belzer

November 18, 2007
LEC
2:30 PM
Camp Belzer

December 9, 2007
Winter Banquet
TBD