

THE YONK

CHIPPANYONK LODGE

KNOX TRAIL COUNCIL

September 2008

Arrow Corps 5 With Mark Fitzgerald

There have few opportunities to serve that equal the size and scope of Arrow Corps5. This national service project, as you may know, included 5 national forests and 5000 Arrowmen from across the country to do service in these great havens of nature and beauty. At every site, the views were great and the work was fulfilling, but at Bridger-Teton national forest, where I worked, everything was bigger and better. The views from the top of Teton Pass, where my crew worked were magnificent, and if you got lucky, like we did, you could see wildlife such as deer and moose, as well as eagles, smaller birds, and rodents. The first part of my trip out west was rather boring and tiring, mostly because waking up at 4:00 in the morning to make a flight is not my idea of fun. I met up with the guys from Madokawanda in Salt Lake City, and we picked up our vans, six of them, and from there we drove a long way to Teton Village in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. After a gas stop, we were going to leave, but one van, my van, would not start. 45 minutes later, we left the gas station minus one van and slightly more cramped. Over the next few days we toured Yellowstone National Park, but did not even scratch the surface of all the great things to see and do in the Park. Saturday morning, we loaded up and headed to Jackson Hole High School, our home for the next week. We spent the rest of the day setting up camp and getting lectured on the various aspects of our temporary living conditions. The opening show Saturday night was awesome, and it really showed us what we were there to do.

Sunday we were introduced to Philmont Trail meals. It was explained to us that these would be breakfast and lunch for the rest of our stay. For those of you who don't know, a Trail meal consists of a sleeve of saltines, two small cans of ham or chicken, some sort of granola bar, and something else. And by the way, that fed two people. Dinner was hot and tasty, cooked in the High school kitchen and served by the staff. As we learned at the training sessions on Sunday, there were going to be two words of the week: SAFETY and HYDRATION. We were expected to drink at least 10 quarts in a day, which means about 10 large Nalgene's. Needless to say, not very many people drank this much, but most of us got the point. Those who didn't had to be shipped off the mountain because of heat stroke and dehydration. As far as I know, there were no injuries other than heat and water issues. Work crews were chosen at random and almost no one was in a crew with someone else from their Lodge. My particular crew consisted of Arrowmen from Louisiana, Florida, Wisconsin, North Carolina and other places around the country. Crews were split into two squads of about 10 people. Every squad had a squad leader, who was either a trained volunteer, or a member of the squad who filled the position. Every two squads had a highly trained and paid Crew Leader, who had been to all of the previous sites. Our tools, which were basically our best friends on the trail, were not the most orthodox, but got the job done. They included mattocks- both cutter and pick types, Pulaski, McCloud, hazel hoe, shovel, sledge hammers, rock bars, and fire rakes. All had proper ways to be stored and carried on the trail. Safety first!

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The work my crew did consisted of building trail through meadows and forests. To do this, we dug down through the roots of the plants in the area to get to dirt, and then dug a slope up the side of the mountain, as well as made an edge at the downhill side of the trail. The “primary user group” for our trail was to be mountain bikers, so the trail did not have to be very wide. The roots from the brush proved to be almost developed to resist disruption by any man made tool. Depending on the roots, we could get between 500 and 1000 feet of trail completed in one day. Most of our time, however, was spent building turns on steep downhill trails. I have a new appreciation of trails in general, and especially switchbacks, because if you take a moment at a well made turn, you may realize that the entire turn is

just about level. This takes a lot of work, especially on mountain bike trails, because bikes need a lot of space to make a turn compared to a hiker. At the end of the week, it turned out that as a group, we had dug over 12 miles of trail, not to mention the crews that did overflow work on trails that were added in just in case we finished all the original work, which we did. All in all, the entire trip was a very fulfilling experience for me. I learned how to build trails and how to work with a group of people I did not even know. On my day off, I walked into town, in my full Class A, using the techniques I learned in HTPUCIABSU!

When I stopped in at an outdoors shop, the guys there were really happy about what we were doing up on the pass.

They explained to me that most of the large groups did more harm than good to the local economy, but the Boy Scouts had a completely positive impact on the town. When they said this I realized that the Scouts, more specifically the Order of the Arrow, can make a difference everywhere, just by doing what we do at every Ordeal and by holding up the ideals that are our motto. Wimachtendienk, Wingo-lauchsik, Witahemui.

ARROWCORPS5
A HIGHER ADVENTURE

About the Fall Ordeal ~ With Max Resnik

The Fall Ordeal is coming on September 12-14 and will be held at Camp Resolute. It is the last chance for those elected to be inducted into the Order of the Arrow. The Ordeal is also an event for the members too. Those who attend will have

a great time. There is also a brotherhood ceremony for ordeal members who are converting. This year, the Vice Chief of Viking District, Max Resnick, will be overseeing the Ordeal Master, Mark Fitzgerald, as he runs the event. The Lodge



Executive Committee (LEC) also has some great plans for the members to have fun. Attending the Ordeal as a member is a very different experience than being a candidate. For those of you that have not had this experience yet, you should register right away because it is tons of fun. For those who have already been to another ordeal know that the amount of work is very small, but overall it is like a party. This year, we will also have some surprises that many members who go will be very glad that they registered when they find out. So if you haven't registered yet for the Fall Ordeal, go online to Chippanyonk.org and follow the link. Then make sure to tell all your friends in the OA,

and the scouts who got elected into the OA in your troop to register.

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A Few Words About Noac ~With Daniel Rowe

NOAC 2006- Probably the greatest experience in my Scouting Career, it is up there with my recent trip to Maine High Adventure. There is no other experience like it. People say that the National Jamboree is the greatest Experience

you can have, well; they have never been to NOAC. NOAC is like Jambo, only 10,000 times better. First of all, there are only 8,000 Arrow men there, so you have a lot more fun, less lines, less waiting. I went to Jambo 05 with my Troop for 3 or so days. It was fun, but once I went to NOAC, Jambo seemed like a sever downgrade. When we went there were huge lines for all the fun stuff, so we couldn't really do anything fun, just walk around and look at the “Slightly interesting, but not amazing” things. At NOAC you can take training sessions, do activities, be in the band or chorus, and attend lectures, all of which are worth your time. While I was there I attended a class on Scuba

diving, in which we went scuba diving in the School's pool, I attended numerous lectures, including a lecture by the Founder and Owner of GOLITE, a outdoor products company who focuses on making their gear as light as possible, I attended a lecture from a man who had climbed many mountains, including Summiting Everest. I also attended quite a few Training sessions to help me bring more knowledge back to both my lodge and my troop. One of the biggest things at NOAC very well may be patch trading. If you go to the Hall, there are just so many people filling it up willing to trade, you can find many different types of patches, from contingent patches, to trading flaps, to joke flaps. The shows at NOAC are the best in the business, with pyrotechnics, huge elaborate sets, and great Acting. On the Final day is “Founder's day” which is a huge celebration. A lot of lodges set up booths in the field and have things to give out that are famous for coming from their state or region, there is everything from root beer to popcorn, to anything and after the final show on the last day, when you stand up with your fellow arrowmen and sing our order's song, there is nothing more amazing or powerful to close out a great week. NOAC 09 will be even bigger and better so sign up as soon as you can, it will definitely be an experience of a lifetime.

Want to Write?

Adam Roth
Secretary

Hello fellow brothers, my name is Adam Roth the new secretary for the lodge. As many of you may or may not know I am in charge of our lodge's newsletter "The 'Yonk" and the lodge website. During every quarter of the lodge year I will be assembling a new 'Yonk for each quarter, when assembling the 'Yonk I need articles from arrowmen in the lodge to fill it with content. If any arrowmen are interested in writing an article for the 'Yonk I will accept all articles for consideration to be published in the 'Yonk. So if you wanna be a journalist some day, a great writer, or just really like writing then send me some articles you think would be great in the 'Yonk.

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Chiefly Thoughts

My Brothers in the Wimachtendienk, we are entering into what I believe will be one of the greatest years in the history of Chippanyonk Lodge. This past year has been somewhat of a rebuilding year, one where as Chief I challenged the Executive



Committee and the lodge to come together and for us to reach higher. We succeeded, increasing our brotherhood conversion rate, reorganizing our Lodge calendar, and making larger steps toward achieving our goal of making Quality Lodge. Last year we did reach our goal of Quality

Lodge, we are however, closer now than we were in the past several years to reaching our goal again for 2008. In 2008-2009, we hope to reap the benefits of the new initiatives that the Executive Committee and I worked so hard to implement in 2007 and 2008. Some of these initiatives include: the Brotherhood Walk, New Trader Patch, Lodge Apparel items and the one-day Spring Fellowship.

None of these changes could have occurred without the help of a great team of youth and adult leaders and of course our fellow Arrowmen that worked with us and saw the benefits of our ideas. Looking forward to the next several months in which we have so much to do Spring Ordeal is coming up on September 12-14. The Cub Day Trek on Saturday October 18th and Sunday October 19th. This new one-day event, led by Vice Chief Moritz Schmid, we will be assisting cubs with their trek through various scouting stations around Nobscot. After the Cub Day Trek, we move on to Annual Lodge Banquet, January 10th, 2009, and I encourage all of you to attend. . After that, we find ourselves rapidly approaching Spring Fellowship, and the Spring Ordeal. Last but certainly not least, NOAC, this is an event unlike any you have ever seen in the Order of the Arrow. . It will be an action packed week of fun events and competitions, hundreds of training opportunities, fellowship, patch trading, awesome shows and special events, and tons of excitement from the opening show all the way through Founder's Day activities. I hope to see you all in, Bloomington, Indiana!

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SEPT. 12, 2008 7:30PM

Where will **you** be?
Oh that's right.....
You'll be at the

2008 Fall Ordeal

Joining 30 of your other
Fellow Arrowmen!
Don't Miss It!

-Registration 7:30PM-
--Camp Resolute--

Chippanyonk.org to Register

Meet The LEC:

The Lodge Chief

Ben Gemski
Chief
chief@chippanyonk.org
Nicknames - Gemski, Gemsky, Sky
Hometown - Westborough, MA
Age - 20
Rank and Honor - Vigil
Employment- Austin Preparatory School,
Hawills LTD.
Hero? - Tim Gunn, James Lipton
Ride - '97 Ford Ranger
Favorite Bands - Dave Matthews Band,
Phish, OAR, Coldplay, Dropkick Murphys
Hobbies - Theater, OA, Boy Scouts, Fire
Department, Skiing, Desktop Publishing
Pets - Cat
Best OA Experience - Conclave '05



Secretary
Adam Roth
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Nicknames - Fabio, Thor
Hometown - Westborough, MA
Age - 18
Rank and Honor - Eagle Scout, Brother-
hood
Employment - Target
Heros- Pete Townshend, Steve Wozniak,
Billy Corgan, and Dean Kamen

Ride - 1996 Toyota Camry
Favorite Bands - The Who, Frank Zappa,
The White Stripes, Led Zeppelin, ect..
Hobbies - Guitar, Robotics, OA, Boy
Scouts, Cycling, Wii, and Heavy Metal
Pets - None
Best OA Experience - Conclave 2007!!



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Age - 15
Rank and Honor - Eagle Brotherhood
Employment- None
Hero(s)? -
Ride - None
Favorite Bands - Augustana, Ludricris,
Snoop Dogg, Dr. Dre, Mariah Carey
Hobbies - Sports, Xbox 360
Pets - Fish
Best OA Experience - Fellowship, lots of
bowling and fun!



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Hometown - Mendon, MA
Age - 18
Rank and Honor - Eagle Scout, Vigil
Employment - Camp Resolute, Target
Hero(s)? - Chuck Norris
Ride - 1981 VW Vanagon - The Vegetable
Mobile
Favorite Bands - Dave Matthews Band,
Coldplay, Phish
Hobbies - Skiing, Sailing, OA, Boy Scouts
Pets - None
Best OA Experience - Ceremonies



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Adviser's Minute...

Andrew J. Taft
Lodge Adviser

It feels like it's been a long time since last I wrote an article for "The Yonk," and the fact that camp came and went probably has a lot to do with that. I had the distinct pleasure of serving on camp staff again, and the summer passed by very quickly. We had another great year of camp, and I'd like to thank everyone who came for supporting Camp Resolute.

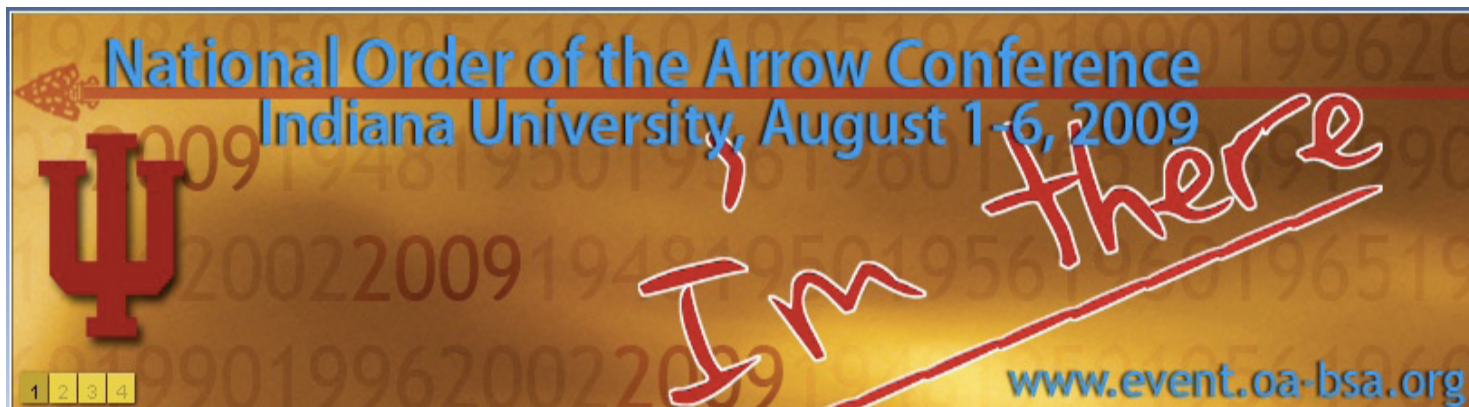
At camp the lodge looked to do more than it had in years past, and in addition to our traditional events, we ran an event for the Resolute Quest for Buccaneer Gold. One week we had a dunk tank that soaked our Lodge Chief in full uniform, and other weeks we had a trivia game to give scouts another way to earn gold coins. We continued our weekly Brotherhood conversions, as well as the ice cream social every Wednesday night, which was a big success. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves with our activities this summer, and I certainly enjoyed eating ice cream and chatting with lodge members every Wednesday.

There are a lot of unprecedented things going on. The Tampa Bay Rays are in first place in the AL East this late in the season, Manny Ramirez is playing for the Dodgers, the Celtics won their seventeenth NBA title, and Chippanyonk Lodge has a three-term Lodge Chief. Ben Gemski is in his third and final term as Lodge Chief, so congratulations to him on getting elected once again. He and his LEC have a great program for this coming year, and we should have another fantastic year, including achieving Quality Lodge for the second straight year. If any of you have any great ideas for events or activities that the lodge could participate in, please feel free to contact Ben, our activities chairman Cory McDonough, or any other LEC member, because we're always looking for new and fun ideas for what arrowmen can do.

One important change that we're making for this year is that the Cub Day Trek in October will now be two one-day events on Saturday and Sunday rather than the weekend-long 3-in-1 Weekend. We'll be looking for arrowmen to volunteer their services on either Saturday or Sunday, and we'll particularly need help on that Sunday. The Cub Day Trek is a great opportunity for Cub Scouts and their families to come to Nobscot for a day to participate in various Scouting activities, such as archery and a monkey bridge, and it culminates with a closing campfire. Arrowmen who come to help will be helping to run these events and participate in the campfire. It was a lot of fun last year, and we expect it to be as good if not better.

I look forward to another great year, and I hope to see as many of you as possible at our events throughout the year.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Andrew Taft



Vigil Nominations~ Adam Roth

Vigil Nominations are coming up so for this issue I have included the Vigil nomination forms for members of the lodge to nominate eligible members for Vigil honor rank. The forms needed are on the next to pages.





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2008 Vigil Nomination Form

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 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 – from the Order of the Arrow Handbook. Deadline for submissions is October 3, 2008.

Please Print All Information

(Email Patrick McGoldrick at PMcGoldrick@msn.com if you are unsure of nominee's eligibility)

Name of Brother being Nominated: _____

Street Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Registered As: _____ Unit: _____ District: _____



Service Record:

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/ Council; ie. Committees: _____

/ Other; ie. Jamboree, Philmont (positions): _____

To Camp: _____

To OA / Lodge positions held: _____

/ Other; ie. Committees, Ceremonies, Elangomat: _____

/ Events Attended; ie. Ordeals, Conclaves, Banquets: _____

Calendar

Sept. 12-14, 2008 - Fall Ordeal - Camp Resolute - Bolton, MA

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