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OWANECO: A TRAILBLAZER

On July 24th, 2008, 28 members of Owaneco Lodge #313, accompanied with two members of Achewon Netopolis Lodge, from Greenwich, embarked on a trip of a life time. As the plane soared into the sky the contingent member's excitement soared. They were finally on their way to the Bridger-Teton National Forest, to participate in the largest service project since World War II.

On their way to Bridger-Teton, the Owaneco contingent made a side trip to the Frontier Days Annual Rodeo in Cheyenne Wyoming. This has been rated the world's number one rodeo for eight years straight. In addition to men and women representing five states riding around on horses and bulls, there were carnival rides, food and ven-

dors. Many souvenirs could be bought including, \$500 cowhides, to \$50 cowboy hats, to other commemorative items.

The 1100 Arrowmen that were at Bridge-Teton were split into three sites: 150 at Goosewing, 150 at Gros Ventre, and 700 at Teton Pass. Goosewing and Gros Ventre were tasked to remove fencing and Teton Pass was tasked with constructing the Arrow Trail. Owaneco was at Goosewing, possibly the most beautiful site at all of ArrowCorps. We worked and lived with Arrowmen from around the country including New Jersey, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Ohio, Indiana and Tennessee. Arrowmen were broken up into 30 man crews and 5 man squads to work in the field. Over the 5 days at

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SEPTEMBER ORDEAL 2008

In September, the last ordeal of they year is held. The September Ordeal will be at Camp Sequassen from September 19-21 and will be hosted by Arcoon Chapter. This is the lodge's last time to greet its newest brothers into the lodge. This is very important to keep this lodge going, so it is encouraged that all brothers attend.

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ARROWCORPS⁵

Goosewing many life long friendships were built.

The crews at Goosewing removed over 6 miles of fencing, installed erosion control and removed a road. One of the fences removed was a three mile fifty year old eight foot high fence which had prevented native animal's migration. These animals include elk, bison, moose and bears. The other fence that was removed was over three miles of barbed wire range fence. The metal from these fences is being sold by the Forest Service to be melted down and recycled.

Goosewing, with its hard workers, took down the six miles of fence in about a day and a half, two days before the Forest Service had anticipated. The Forest Service provided additional projects including adding erosion control to areas where

the eight foot fence was and the removal of a road. After the four days of cheerful service all of the Arrowmen felt they had left a legacy and were thanked intensely by the Forest Service.

During the contingents free time, we enjoyed tours of Yellowstone, hiking, biking, whitewater rafting, spending some time in nearby Jackson, Wyoming and for some brothers doing back flips on top of mountains. On Saturday Owaneco left Jackson for a two hour drive to Yellowstone National Park, the nation's first national park. Saturday and Sunday included sight-seeing of the park and touring the Old Faithful area. Traveling a mile sometimes took forty-five minutes due to the frequency of bison crossing the road and the occasional elk. On Sunday night, the exhausted brothers of Owaneco Lodge made the long journey home.

SEE THE VIDEO AT:

<http://www.ow-boa.org/events/arrowcorps5/>



STAYING ACTIVE IN THE LODGE: ECM

As you may have already guessed, it does take a lot of hard work to keep this lodge running smoothly, and the more youth we can get to help out the better. The lodge has a meeting once a month on the third Monday at 7:00 p.m. Each year new positions are selected from different committees and if you see someone a position in the lodge that interests you then come to a meeting and learn more and meet new friends. For more information contact chief@owaneco.org

FEATURED CHAPTER: ARCOON

District:

Wepawaug Valley

Towns Served:

Bethany, Milford, Orange, West Haven, Woodbridge

Meeting Location:

Council Resource Center - Milford, CT

Meeting Date & Time:

First Monday of Every Month (September Through June) - 7:30PM

A SHARPER LOOK AT ARROWCORPS⁵



(Left)
A group of arrowmen from O w a n e c o Lodge celebrate after the 2 hour hike up a giant mountain. One Scout said it was the most intense hike he had ever been on!

(Right) Bison or Buffalo?

If you said bison, you are absolutely correct. There are wild Buffalo that storm Wyoming and can chase prey at up to 30 mph.



BACK TO IU: 2009 NOAC

NOAC 2009 will be at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. We will be leaving around the end of July and returning the first week of August. At the last NOAC there were hundreds training classes, fun activities and don't forget about patch trading!

Our ceremony team will be competing to be the best in the Northeast once again and our dance team is planning to compete to be national champions. There will be over 8,000 Arrowmen from all across the nation at the 2009 NOAC. NOAC consists of competitions, shows, patch trading, training classes, exhibits, brotherhood, and much much more.

If you don't like cooking, this is the trip for you. You don't have to cook, it is done for you. You don't like tents, no problem. We stay in dorms on the campus.

Sign-ups will be available this fall to join us on this great and exciting adventure at NOAC 2009.



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CURRENT LODGE EVENTS 2008

In October, the Lodge will host two fun events, the Lodge Leadership Development and the 10th Anniversary Fall Fellowship. From October 10-11 will be our lodge's Lodge Leadership Development to be hosted by Scatacook Chapter. This event is a chance to get a better understanding of what the Order of the Arrow and Owaneco Lodge is and to get trained in the operation of our lodge. Best of all its FREE! More information is to come about the LLD.

The 10th Anniversary Fall Fellowship will be October 24-26 and is being hosted by Achewon Chapter. This year's Fellowship will be the premier event in the history of our lodge. Come for a blast of a weekend of brotherhood, food and games. In the past the weekend has had themes of Star Wars, a Dixie Fellowship and a Haunted Fellowship. In the morning on Saturday, we will fulfill cheerful service to our council's camp. And in the evening, you will have the most fun you've ever had before in your life! There will be themed games and movies and of course cool patches. At this year's fellowship we will be celebrating our lodge's 10th Anniversary so you don't want to miss it. If you have not come to a lodge event since your ordeal this is the event for you. Come and see what the Order of the Arrow is really about!

To culminate the year on December 29th, will be our lodge's Winter Banquet. This is a night of food, fun and fellowship. The Winter Banquet is a night to relax with your fellow brothers and to honor those brothers that have distinguished themselves over the past year. The night will include a guest speaker to talk about their cheerful service; this past year we had

Craig Breslow a relief pitcher for the Boston Red Sox and now for the Minnesota Twins. A Silent Auction is held to help raise money for the lodge's many programs and enhance our service to Connecticut Yankee Council (if you would like to make a donation please contact Robert Emerson at emerson@owaneco.org). The Winter Banquet will be hosted by Chief Pomperaug Chapter. More information is to come.

To see the true fun of it all, you need to come to all of them! These events don't just happen by themselves there are many dedicated individuals to help make them a success. If you want to be part of the Events Committee and help plan and run Owaneco Lodge's events please contact the Events Committee Chairman Andrew McCloskey at amccloskey@owaneco.org.



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