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May

May Ordeal - 5/8-5/10 - Deer Lake

ConnJam - 5/15-5/17 -

Orange Fair Grounds

June

June Ordeal - 6/5-6/7 -

Camp Sequassen

Section Conclave - 6/12-6/14 -

J. N. Webster Scout Camp

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

With much behind us and much in front of us, Owaneco Lodge has much to be proud of. The Lodge has pulled off the largest event in its history, the Fellowship, successful Ordeals, and a massive Winter Banquet. To top it all off, we are Quality Lodge for 2008 continuing our impressive streak. With Unit Elections coming to an end, I must take a moment to thank all of the unit election teams that spent many evening helping to enable our Lodge to grow stronger. Also on the note of Unit Elections, please encourage elected candidates to complete their ordeal in the coming spring.

Coming quickly are the May and June Ordeals. The May Ordeal will be held the second week in May at Deer Lake. The June Ordeal has a new date from the 5th to the 7th of June, due to the Section Conclave on the originally scheduled date. Also we have our Third Annual Lodge Picnic in April to which we hope to encourage Cub Scouts to attend.

Even more exciting is the Council ConnJam in May. At this event Owaneco Lodge has been honored with the opportunity to provide entertainment. We will be performing a show based about important points throughout Scouting's History. If you would like to be apart of the cast or crew please email at connjam@owaneco.org.

There is so much to be energized about so come to an event and I will be so pleased to meet you. Give back to scouting what scouting has given to you and together we can create a brighter and more enjoyable future,

Yours in WWW,
Chris McCloskey
Lodge Chief

BROTHERHOOD QUEST

Have you been an ordeal member for 10 months or more? Come and seal your membership in the Order by going on your Brotherhood Quest at the May Ordeal, June Ordeal or at summer camp. If you do your Brotherhood at the May or June Ordeal it is FREE. If you do your Brotherhood at summer camp it costs \$15. Come and see the exciting and unique opportunities the Order of the Arrow has to offer.



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WINTER BANQUET

The 10th Anniversary Fellowship was a difficult event to top but the Winter Banquet came close. Over 130 arrowman and guest attended this spectacular night. Some of the nights highlights included a silent auction, the presentation of a James E. West Fellowship, a Founders Award and State Representative from the 134th District Tony Hwang gave the keynote address.

The banquet was the culmination of Owaneco Lodge's 10th Anniversary and looked at the past while gazing out at the future. To celebrate some of the achievements of this past year Christ McCloskey was awarded the James E. West Fellow for his exceptional leadership as the ArrowCorps5

Contingent Leader. Bob Cloutier was awarded the the Founder's Award for his lifelong phenomenal service as the Membership Adviser.

Tony Hwang is the new State Representative for the 134th District and spoke of his leadership experience in public office. Owaneco Lodge would like to thank Tony for take time out of his schedule to be with us at the banquet.



THE ECHO PROJECT

This year Owaneco Lodge has been asked to put on a special show at the ConnJam. The show is large undertaken and we need your help. If you have ever been interested in acting, set building, lighting, sound or video you can expand those interests. The planning is well underway but we will need to start building sets for the weekend. We plan to build most of the items at the May Ordeal with completing them at the ConnJam on Friday night. The show goes up at 9 Saturday morning with 8 shows during the day. This is a rare opportunity to work on a live show with 8 showing in 1 day. Come be apart of this great project and leave you mark on this year's ConnJam. If you would like to get involved email connjam@owaneco.org.



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Go to <http://www.owaneco.org> to find your chapter's meeting location and time.



HIGH ADVENTURE OPPORTUNITIES

There are many unique opportunities the Order of the Arrow offers to its members. The most unique experiences are the high adventure opportunities. These experiences include Philmont Trail Crew, OA Wilderness Voyage and Canadian Odyssey at Norther Tier and OA Ocean Adventure at Sea Base. You get to attend each of these high adventure bases at a discount because of the service your provide. For more information on these high adventure opportunities go to <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/>.



2009 LODGE PICNIC AND HOYT WORK DAY

The 2009 Lodge Picnic and Hoyt Work Day is a time to kick off our busy spring season. Each year we hold 2 events at Deer Lake and 2 events at Camp Sequassen. We provide close to 4000 man hours a year to these 2 camps. But we can't forget our third major camp. Come and do a half day of service to get the camp in order for the spring camping season.

April 18 will prove to be a great day of cheerful service and fellowship. All food and drink will be provided including hot dogs and hamburgers, potato salad and other great food. We will play the lodge's past time of ultimate frisbee. Best of all the event is FREE. To register email picnic@owaneco.org.

NOAC

It's almost that time again, NOAC is almost upon us. There are still about 6 youth slots left for the upcoming trip to the 2009 NOAC. The trip is July 31st to August 8th and is going to be held at Indiana University. The cost to attend NOAC is \$950. To register go to <http://www.owaneco.org/forms>, fill out the NOAC registration form and send in your deposit. The full amount must be paid by the end of June.

This can be the best scouting experience you will ever have. Enjoy great food, fellowship, fun, and pick up the art of patch trading. Best of all no camping experience is necessary, you will be staying in the university dorms.

For questions or concerns email Mat Buono at buono@owaneco.org or email Bob Cloutier at cloutier@owaneco.org.



THE 313 CAMPAIGN

The 313 Campaign is a new initiative to help promote Owaneco 313. We are asking everyone to take pictures of 313 things wherever they see them (exit signs, large clocks, license plates, calculators, receipts, etc) and email them to us. Pictures with people holding lodge flaps will also be included. Hint: stash a lodge flap in the glove compartment of your car. The pictures will be used on the Lodge webpage and a video will be created that contains all of the pictures taken. When you get a 313 picture email it to 313@owaneco.org.

2009 NE-2A CONCLAVE

The Section NE-2A Conclave is being held on June 12-14 at J. N. Webster Scout Reservation in Ashford, CT. This conclave is the first for NE-2A because last June the Northeast Region reorganized and we are now a member of Section NE-2A. The section conclave is an incredibly fun event with training, food and fellowship. It is also an important event because the Section Leadership is elected. This leadership will represent the section and thus the lodge at the annual planning meeting.

Owaneco has volunteered to run the 2010 Conclave. In 2003 we held the best conclave in Section NE-2C's history with over 350 Arrowmen attending the weekend. There will be more information coming about the 2010 Conclave and how to participate in coming Observers. But we need Arrowmen to attend the 2009 Conclave to understand what a conclave is. To register go online to <http://www.owaneco.org/register> or fill out the order form and mail it in with your check.

10TH ANNIVERSARY PINS AND BOLOS

As most of you are aware, the 10th Anniversary pins and bolos have not yet arrived. Due to new federal regulations, proper chemical and lead testing needs to be conducted on products that are produced. When they arrive, we will mail the 10th Anniversary items to those who placed orders with the Trading Post. Questions regarding orders may be directed to Dr. Bob Kravacs.

