



ARROW POINTS

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Don't Forget!

- Spring Fellowship
March 15-17
- SR9 Conclave April 26-28
- Pre-Camp May 17-19
- Pow-wow September
20-22

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From Allowat Sakima

Brothers,

It is good to see you again. I trust that your year has been productive. If you remember my parting words when you left the Ordeal circle, it was to be faithful and not flinch from being tested in new and different ways. I am eager to hear of your challenges and recognize your continued cheerful service.

As we continue through this holiday season, it is my duty to remind you of our duties to God and our country. Take a moment to reflect on how you can cheerfully serve our Creator and practice that part of the Scout law which reminds us to be reverent.

Next I would encourage you to continue to be loyal and obedient to the high ideals of the order. With the new year, we will have brothers stepping up to new challenges to lead us and will appreciate your continued service. We still have a vision and direction that we are seeking, and our new leaders will be counting on us. We are quickly approaching a significant anniversary and will have many exciting opportunities before us. So remain vigilant and prepare yourself for them. We will be opening our circle to admit new brothers and will continue to maintain our home lodge and campgrounds.

As always, I leave you with the admonition I revealed to you and remind you that understanding and practicing it's meaning is the true secret to success in life.

Yours in service,

Allowat Sakima

National Jamboree! Are You Going?

- **What is the National Jamboree?** Imagine 50,000 Scouts, Venturers, volunteers, and staff from all over the country, all gathered together for one big celebration of Scouting. Held once every four years, the National Jamboree is a chance to camp out with friends, meet new friends, try high-adventure activities, learn new skills, and enjoy the outdoors. Over 10 days, there are exhibits, stadium shows with entertainment, opportunities to work on merit badges — there's something for everybody.
- **High adventure like you've never seen.** Whitewater, climbing, zip lines, mountain biking, and much, much more. (Not to mention all of the things you've grown to love about Jamboree: patch trading, SCUBA, stadium shows, Technology Quest ... who could ask for more?)
- **History created by you.** This will be the first Jamboree at its new permanent home - The Summit, in beautiful West Virginia - and you'll be there for the grand opening.
- **July 15 - July 24, 2013.** It's going to be big. It's going to be wild!



**“Who’s the
best lodge?
MOWOGO!!”**

Chiefly Speaking

“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit.” I challenge you to be the best you can be. This will not happen overnight, but in time it will. It took years of learning the skills needed to be able to be a good Chief. Everyone has the potential and opportunity to become one. Repeatedly strive for excellence and it will come your way. On an old magazine in the late 1970’s, on the back cover, there was a picture of a country road and many miles of road ahead, with the words “Stay Hungry, Stay Foolish.” This quote is used by many for the end of something or the beginning of something new. So in my closing as Chief I am wishing for those Arrowmen who come after me to always stay hungry for something new and don’t lose the fire in your hearts. Be and stay foolish enough to go all the way with anything and be the best you can be. My last words to you are, “Stay Hungry, Stay Foolish, Mowogo.”

The 2012 Mowogo Lodge Chief

Alex Foster

Vice Chief of Membership

Brothers,

As we close our year, we look back and see that this is has been our most successful year from a membership standpoint. In 2012, we brought our membership up to and exceeded 1,000 dues-paid members, surpassing our goal. Also, our Brotherhood Conversion has reached 30%. I am very proud with what our lodge membership committee has done to make our Lodge what is today! I hope we can continue this awesome work and carry on into the next year and beyond. It has been my pleasure to serve as the 2012 Vice Chief of Membership. I am hoping for another great year next year on my second term.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Ben Alena

2012 Vice Chief of Membership

Vice Chief of Indian Affairs

This year has been a really good year for Indian Affairs. We had a good turnout for all our Ordeal weekends. We did well at Conclave with all our dancers, three of them placing in both dance and regalia. Mac Lacey and Jacob Hiltbrant danced Old Style, Steven Pierce danced Northern Traditional, Jarred Francis dancing Northern Straight and Alex Foster and Jackson Francis danced Grass. At NOAC we had several dancers make it to the top ten of their respective dance styles. Mac Lacey and Jacob Hiltbrant danced Old Style, Alex Foster danced Grass and Steven Pierce danced Northern Traditional. We also had our ceremony team make honor team. Those who were on the team at NOAC were Chris Steele -Allowot Sakima, JJ Wiggs- Meteu, Avery Drake- Nutiket and Jackson Francis- Kichkinet. And last of our events was the re-dedication done at Pow Wow, done by Chris Steele (Allowat Sakima), Jason Moody (Meteu), Mac Lacey (Nutiket) and Jackson Francis (Kichkinet). All in all we had great year and I hope we have another great one next year.

Jarred Francis

Vice Chief of Indian Affairs

Chapter Reports

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Brothers,

It's been a busy time with many varied activities. The Chapter assisted with the District's Cub Scout Camping, elected new officers, assisted with the Cub Bicycle Ride and the Sweetwater Camporee, and is planning the Spring 2013 District Camporee. We did a service project for the Snellville First Baptist Church in demolishing and re-building their dumpster enclosure. We are planning for Yule Log and conducting elections on request.

Nate Kurth
Chapter Chief

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Brothers,

When I took office the chapter was in complete disarray, but now, thanks to help from many dedicated officers and volunteers we can look back on the year and know that we have made real progress. We have gone from almost never meeting to having regular, well attended chapter meetings. When I first received the chapter regalia it looked as if we would not even have enough to field a decently dressed tap-out team, but again, thanks to our dedicated volunteers, we were able to perform the best tap-out in our chapter's history. Over the past year we have done much towards putting our chapter on stable footing, and, though we face challenges, I am confident in the ability of my successor and those working with him to overcome those challenges and continue to move the chapter forward over the next year.

Mac Brooks
Chapter Chief

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Brothers,

What a great year we've had! Once again, we have set the example and continue to live up to Etowah District's motto of "Leading the Way". Along with inducting 37 new Ordeal candidates this year at Spring Fellowship and Pre-Camp, we also completed the construction of 14 sets of new Adirondack bunks and the re-roofing of 3 Adirondacks in Jefferson Campsite. Summer saw us send 8 of our members to NOAC as well as retrofitting 16 tent platforms at Scoutland. We also began the ongoing project of demolishing and rebuilding the deck on the Trading Post at Scoutland. The new structure will be covered and is scheduled to be completed by this spring.

We raised the bar this year in membership by coming in at a whopping 137% of our 2011 totals and we converted 44% of our eligible Ordeal members to Brotherhood. Event attendance was also up this year as we sent 58 members to Spring Fellowship, 14 to Conclave, 58 to Pre-Camp, 16 to the Yonah-hi Brotherhood Weekend and 43 to Pow Wow. At this time we also have at least 19 committed to attend the Christmas Banquet. Finally, all of our hard work paid off in November when our scores were calculated for the Chapter Journey to Excellence and we scored at the Gold Level! Congratulations to all our members and thanks for your tremendous efforts towards this goal.

Jacob Nolan
Chapter Chief

Machque

Brothers,

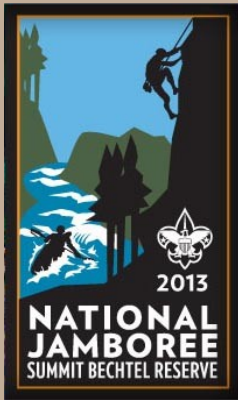
As the year begins to come to a close, members of Machque chapter can look back with pride and satisfaction on 2012 as a year of significant accomplishments. At Spring Fellowship, Machque Chapter added ten new Ordeal members and had seven Ordeal members seal their membership by becoming Brotherhood members. Machque also had three of its very deserving members, Mike Davis, Brady Kumler and Mac Lacey, selected to receive the Vigil Honor.

Machque continued to set a high standard at Pre-Camp where its 28 participants worked well into the evening to complete the replacement of the bridge at the north end of the parade field. Machque also had three candidates complete their Ordeal and one member achieve Brotherhood at Pre-Camp.

Machque chapter continued its tradition of high participation by leading the lodge with 23 participants including five staff members at the 2012 National Order of the Arrow Conference at Michigan State University in Lansing, Michigan. To top it all off, Machque Chapter's 28 participants performed exceptionally well in the competitions and for the first time took home the Black Bear award. Looking back, it has been a very good year for Machque Chapter.

Andrew Service
Chapter Chief

Ani-gatogewi, Canantutlaga, and Yona-Hi did not submit articles for the newsletter.



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Finishing Strong

Lodge Advisor's Minute

"Fifteen blazes led you to us, but the trail that you have followed becomes rougher, steeper, fainter. You will need a brighter fire."

Have you ever stopped to think about what this means? Perhaps unless you have portrayed Nutiket in the pre-Ordeal ceremony, then you haven't given much thought to this. Literally, we know that the fifteen blazes are the 12 points of the Scout Law and the 3 points of the Scout Oath.

So now that you know what the fifteen blazes represent, I ask you to think about what Nutiket means when he says that those blazes led you to the pre-Ordeal ceremony. What does he mean when he says that the path becomes more difficult? What is the brighter fire he refers to, and how will it help you over this treacherous terrain?

Nutiket is *not* saying that you should abandon the fifteen blazes and opt instead for some other fire more bright. Instead, he is saying that you should continue to use the fifteen blazes to assist you on your path, but in a more intentional and intense way. Have you experienced a time since your induction when the trail has become a bit rougher? Perhaps there were forks in the road, and you needed a guiding light to help you safely discern the right path from the wrong one. The fifteen blazes are there to help you. Although older and more mature Arrowmen are there to mentor you along the way, even they need to be occasionally reminded to fully seek the fire at its center. And sometimes that encouragement comes from you.

Think about these things the next time you watch a ceremony. What words resonate with you? How can you make the fire brighter?

I'm looking forward to watching as you do this in 2013.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Edward Lacey
Lodge Adviser

