



ARROW POINTS

Don't Forget!

- Spring Fellowship
March 16-18-2012
- Section 9 Conclave
April 20-22-2012
- PreCamp Fellowship
May 18-20-2012
- NOAC
July 30-August 4, 2012

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From Kitchkinet

Brothers, I have a question for you. If you recall a Friday evening not too long ago when you were presented with your Ordeal Challenges, we left the ceremony for the purpose of finding the arrow. So my question is, have you found your arrow? If you recall the words of the others in the ring, you hopefully understood that you appear like an arrow whose path is straight, aiming upward, when in the service of others. So how are you serving? What is your target?

As a youth, is your target providing quality leadership to your unit? Are you helping the younger Scouts advance? Are you demonstrating and building camping traditions? Are you giving service to your community and to the Scouting program? Are you helping the Council provide a quality camp? Are you serving your fellow brothers by participating in the activities of the lodge? That could be serving on an election team, doing camping promotions, working on a service project at camp, being an Elangomat, or taking part in the ceremonies as either a principal or as an engineer. Are you spreading the Cheerful spirit just by being present at lodge and chapter activities and supporting your fellow Arrowmen?

As an adult, you were not elected by the youth you serve but selected from the adult leadership. Remember this selection was because it is felt that you can provide a resource to enrich and help the youth achieve all they are aiming for. So your primary objective should be to support and encourage the youth to take an active part in the Lodge and Chapter. Your first task might be to help provide transportation to get them to events. This depends on you staying informed about what activities are taking place and when and where they are. Secondly you can help direct them and advise them on ways they can grow and serve others. Then, after the youth have been taken care of, you may wish to serve in an additional capacity with other resources you have that can improve the program and camps.

So again brothers, have you found your arrow? If you need further direction on finding it, feel free to talk with your Lodge and Chapter chiefs and where you might look to find it.

Your guide,

Kitchkinet



Chiefly Speaking



I am humbled at the opportunity I have been given to lead this Lodge in 2012. I do not take this position lightly. As a Lodge we have made great strides in upholding the founding principles of the Order: Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service. There is always room to make things better than they are now, and in keeping up with our great traditions, I want to create new bonds of Brotherhood and Service. In a few short years, the Order will be looking at its one hundredth year of service to the Scouting program. Starting now, I would like to help get the next generation of Mowogo Lodge ready for success. The Troops of Northeast Georgia Council need to be one of our focal points over the upcoming years, as they are the next generation of Arrowmen to continue our legacy. We as leaders are here to guide them on their journey. Everyone has a role in the success of the Lodge. Finding the connection for each brother is the key in taking Mowogo to new heights in years to come. All fires start from the smallest spark, and movements start from the lone dancer standing out from the crowd. We are the spark in this generation, leaving it for future generations to build upon. When I leave this office I want to have left a trail for others to follow, and for Mowogo Lodge to stay hungry and foolish for years to come.

Alex Foster

2012 Mowogo Lodge Chief



Vice Chief Indian Affairs

Hey! It's your Vice Chief of Indian Affairs. I just wanted to take the chance this Arrow Points edition to let you know what's going on. So let's start off with what's been happening: we've had four very successful training events. Most recently, we had a first-ever inaugural Georgia Indian Seminar. There, we had a special guest, Ron Bell, who is the National Indian Affairs Adviser. He was able to teach us a great deal. I know I learned a lot about Powwow etiquette. As for the activities, there was finger weaving, leather pouch making and drum and dance stick construction. Welso had a few classes on dance and drum. On Saturday we had a day of service and concluded that with a Brotherhood ceremony. To end this great weekend, we held a PowWow with a full Grand Entrance. We danced for a few hours before everyone turned in after a long day of work. Remember to look for our up-coming events. Our next ones are February 26 and March 10-11 at Camp Rainy Mountain.

I look forward to seeing anyone with an interest in Indian Affairs. And if you're not sure how to get involved, then get in contact with your chapter VCIA. All of their emails are (chapter initials.vcia@mowogo.org) or contact me at (lodge.vcia@mowogo.org)

Jarred Francis

Mowogo Vice Chief of Indian Affairs. 2012

Chapter Reports

Lau-in-nih

Our chapter was asked to run the Spring Camporee this year for Sweetwater District. We have been planning the challenges and working up ideas for this event. The Camporee is March 30– April 1 at Scoutland. Anyone interested in helping to staff this event is welcome to contact Nate Kurth at n8k@comcast.net for information. We also talked about a new meeting schedule to be introduced in an effort to improve attendance.

Nate Kurth
2012 Lau-in-nih
Chapter Chief

Canantutlaga

At the last meeting we worked on getting more troops signed up for OA elections and on getting more youth signed up for NOAC. We also focused on explaining the different OA Ceremony training events going on, including Georgia Indian Summer, and talking about OA volunteers at Scout Show.

Nathan Fleeson
2012 Canantutlaga
Chapter Vice Chief of Communications



From Section

After combing through many NOAC scholarship applications, the Section Leadership has decided to award a total of twenty NOAC scholarships for an amount of \$200 each.

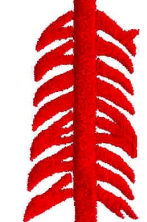
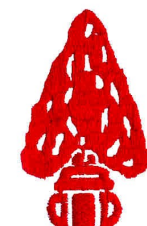
Mowogo received five out of these twenty scholarships! The recipients are: Daniel Odom, Mac Lacey, Ben Llena, Jon Tom Stevens, and Jackson Francis. However, the process is not over. More Scholarships are slated to be given away or earned at Conclave by attendees and participants in competitions, etc.

For details on how to apply, go to:
http://mowogo.org/joomla/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=81

Georgia Indian Seminar

I would like to thank everyone who attended the First Georgia Indian Seminar. It was a ton of fun and we all learned a lot of new things. We had a great time learning about dancing and different types of dance outfits. At the GIS we made many crafts including drum beaters, chokers, finger weaving, dance wands, and pouches. We had a special guest, Ron Bell, who we would like to say a special thanks to. Mr. Bell helped make crafts and he made sure that everyone was having a great time. All and all I think the weekend went very well!

Brady Kumler
Lodge Service Chair



NOAC 2012



Join 8,000 Arrowmen for the 2012 National Order of the Arrow Conference at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan from July 30 through August 4, 2012. This six-day conference will bring Arrowmen together from around the country and the world for idea sharing, networking, inter-lodge and individual competitions, top notch training, and evening shows. Visit www.event.oa-bsa.org to visit the 2012 National Order of the Arrow Conference website.

How to register

Mowogo Lodge will travel to the 2012 National Order of the Arrow Conference as a contingent. The lodge will provide youth and adult leadership during the trip to, while at, and from Michigan State University. Register for NOAC at www.mowogo.org event registration. If you need the user name and password, contact your Chapter Adviser.

The Lodge charge for registration, transportation, lodging and food at Michigan State is \$650.00. To meet payment obligations to National, and to avoid late charges, payments will be accepted on the following schedule:

- \$100 deposit DUE NOW
- \$160 by March 15
- \$160 by April 15
- \$115 by May 15
- \$115 by June 15

What you can look forward to at NOAC

The opportunities at NOAC are endless.

From training on leadership skills, to how to start a dance team, and what it takes to run a lodge induction weekend, training will inspire you to return home ready to share knowledge with your lodge. The American Indian Activities will provide additional training on crafts, song, and dance. The AIA committee will host PowWows as well as national singing, team dance, and individual dance competitions. The Inductions and Ceremonial Events will provide you opportunities to participate in ceremonial evaluations and inductions training. At NOAC, there are plenty of lodge competitions for our lodge to compete in, including the national championships for soccer, volleyball, basketball, and ultimate Frisbee. Stop by the National Order of the Arrow museum in the afternoon, or participate in an afternoon training session.

If you have questions, contact:

Mowogo's Youth Leadership for NOAC 2012 is Drew Hickey (lodge.vca@mowogo.org), and his adviser is Joe Odom at lau.adviser@mowogo.org.
Are you with us? Well, get on board!!



Overview of the Dances: Issue I

Men's Southern Straight or Southern Traditional

This dance is widely known as "The Pride of Oklahoma", and is often announced as such at PowWows. This graceful, dignified style comes from the dances done by the warrior societies of old. The dancer "tells a story", tracking his prey or enemy, pointing to tracks along the way. The traditional style of this dance is smooth and graceful, and the dancer is supposed to land on the left foot on the last beat of the song. The jerky, aggressive hopping or skipping sometimes seen today is done by unknowledgeable dancers, or those determined to catch the attention of the judges in a contest.

The outfit consists of front and back knee-length wool broadcloth aprons and a back "tail" which hangs to the ground. An "otter" or "hair plate" drop is worn down the back, extending from the neck to the ground, trailing behind the dancer. Cloth or buckskin leggings are worn over close-fitting bike shorts (a "breechcloth" going between the legs is never worn by real Indians at PowWows today). The dancer may wear a traditional ribbon shirt, a vest, bandoliers and a bone breastplate. Head gear of a porcupine-hair roach or otter turban and a neck scarf completes the outfit. A dance stick and eagle feather fan are carried, and a "tobacco" pouch may be carried to hold money, and keys.



**"He who serves
his fellows, is of
all his fellows
greatest"**

**Chief
Chingachgook**

Men's Northern Traditional



This is the Northern equivalent of a Southern Straight dancer, with a few important differences. Northern traditional dancers may wear skin aprons instead of wool, and they don't have the long "tail" attached to their aprons like a Southern Straight dancer. A trailer is attached to their eagle feather bustle which is worn at the back of the waist. Most wear fully-beaded side-drops over their aprons. Their leggings, if worn, are usually made of skins. They may wear ribbon shirts or vest, beaded yokes, breastplates, and a porcupine-hair roach. Some tribes may wear an eagle or hawk-feather cap, or an appropriate animal skin as a headdress. They dance with an eagle staff, war lance, or the like, a shield, and an eagle-feather fan. They dance in a rather aggressive manner, in step with the drum, telling the story of a battle or tracking a prey as they dance. They will often be featured doing a "sneak-up" dance, crouching before the attack. Some people say this dance style originated with the Omaha tribe in Nebraska.



For more information, see: <http://www.powwows.com/>



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Lodge Adviser's Minute

Welcome Brothers!

It's time to again kick off a great year for Mowogo. Actually, your LEC has been hard at work and kicking it since being elected last September. Once again our membership has made an excellent choice in selecting the lodge leadership to guide them for the year. We have always known we were the best lodge, but last year we were recognized as such by Section when we earned Lodge of the Year. It is my hope that we can maintain this direction towards Honor Lodge and once again prove who we are.

When our lodge chief, Alex Foster, and I first met last fall to talk about his goals for 2012, we talked about several areas. A few of these were: Taking a 50 member Contingent to NOAC; Lodge Communications; Chapter Operations; and Indian Affairs. I am very pleased at the direction we are now going with these goals.

NOAC promotion is in full swing and as of publication we had 18 members registered (5 adults, 13 youth). Canantutlaga (2 adults and 5 youth) and Machque (1 adult and 5 youth) are neck-and-neck in registrations, and Lau-in-nih is in third place (2 adults and 3 youth). We have 17 members committed to work NOAC staff and I have challenged each of them to recruit 3 youth to attend with the contingent. Chapter Advisers and Associate Advisers are also challenged to recruit at least three youth contingent members. I feel confident that we can ride the waves of enthusiasm from our participation in Summit-Corps last summer to more than exceed our contingent goal. If you are an Arrowman, you should talk up NOAC at every unit meeting you attend.

Our lodge communications continue to improve with newly revamped Ordeal Orientations focusing on informing new members about upcoming events, chapter involvement, and methods of paying dues. Steven Pierce is on top of things as the Vice Chief of Communications – but he does need your help in getting information for the Arrow Points. If your chapter does not regularly show up in the newsletter – you need to ask your Chapter Chief why not. Remember that anyone can send information to Steven for publication; it does not have to be from your chapter VCC, although it is his primary job to do so.

For the most part, chapter participation and attendance in our LEC meetings has been very favorable. We are taking initiatives for the chapters to be very involved in Arrow of Light and Crossover ceremonies as well as unit visitations and elections. We have had our first Unit Mentoring program request in the mountain district and Machque is working to provide youth leadership to a once defunct but now active troop.

On the weekend of February 17th we had our first Georgia Indian Affairs Seminar. Brady Kumler was the chairman for the event and Kristi Kumler was the lead adviser. Two nationally recognized experts visited with us to impart their knowledge. Mr. Ron Bell is a National Committee member who is best recognized for being the lead adviser for the Indian Villages at numerous national Jamborees. He visited with us and helped our dancers with regalia and technique. Our Section Adviser, Devlin Cooper, is a former National Vice Chief for Indian Affairs and he was present to help with dance regalia as well. Members were welcomed on Friday night with craft activities such as finger weaving, feather dressing, and choker construction. Not only did ten members convert to Brotherhood, but a great deal of work projects were completed at Scoutland – making Lane Bridges and Doug Hooks very happy.

So as you can see, we are well on our way to meeting our goals and remaining the best lodge in the Section – and of course – in the Nation. I ask that every member get to know your purpose as an Arrowman. By pulling together on the challenges issued by our Lodge Chief, we can strengthen every unit in our District and in so doing strengthen our Council and our Lodge.

Find the Arrow,

Edward Lacey