#### Mowogo Lodge 243

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# ORDER OF THE ARROW

he Arrow Point

**PowWow Issue** 

I'd like to cordially welcome you all to enjoy a weekend full of fun, training, and elections! This weekend will give us all a chance to relax and take a look at how far we've all



come. It also gives us a chance as Chapters to come together and compete against one another in some friendly games testing our strength, willpower, and of course – Scout skills! I look forward to seeing everyone and reflecting over the year and facing the new challenges for the coming.

Brandon Suit



This year we had a great turnout for the 2006 National Order of the Arrow Conference with 45 lodge members attending and six members also serving on staff! This has to be the largest contingent Mowogo has ever sent to a NOAC, and we're hoping to send even more to the next at Indiana University in 2009. Our Lodge is very enthusiastic when it comes to our Ultimate Frisbee, and this year we placed second in

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the nation! Our Brothers in regalia also performed very well in the different ceremonies as well as the team dance. Congratulations to everyone who participated.

Looking for online OA training? Visit http:// training.oa-bsa. org/

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## Wilderness Voyage

The Voyagers did not need roads. For up to 18 hours a day, they paddled miles in birch bark canoes, stopping only to carry their 180pound loads of furs over the narrow trails between lakes. They ate dried pork and peas and slept every night beneath the stars. Hard work was their life; adventure was their reward.

Over 150 years have passed since the last Voyagers made their way through the Boundary Waters of Minnesota. Today, many adventurers

pass over the same trails, but a select few dare to build them. Those who do are the members of the Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage. For two weeks, these Arrowmen trade paddles for pick axes and move stone in-



stead of water. They live the life of the Voyager, surrounded only by hard work, their crew, and the endless wilderness. The Wilderness Voyage program preserves the legacy of the French-

> Canadian adventurers by rekindling their spirit and answering the call of service. The farther you get from civilization, the closer you become to your crew, to your thoughts, and to understanding things that really matter. Only after becoming completely immersed in the wilderness can we begin to find ourselves, for we discover our strength in times of

weakness and our courage in moments of fear. The challenge awaits; are you ready for the Wilderness Voyage?

Beyond textbooks and calculators, there is a place of adventure and excitement that pure imagination cannot fully describe. The acclaimed Order of the Arrow Trail Crew program at Philmont National High Adventure Base is your gateway to adventure. OA Trail Crew offers Arrowmen a chance to experience the wonders of Philmont Scout Ranch at the lowest price available. With one week of building trail and one week experiencing a custom adventure trek, participants come from across the country to experience Philmont. Arrowmen learn to use trail-building

## Philmont Trail Crew

tools to construct trail that will leave a lasting mark. "The sense of accomplishment after completing some of the finest trail I have ever seen is like nothing I have ever felt in my life," said Sean Royston of Jacksonville, Florida, a past OATC participant. "It was truly an honor and a privilege to serve Philmont in such a large

and visible way." When was the last time you got a chance to work with breathtaking views? Kevin Burls of Ashland, Ohio, a past OATC participant, said, "I was able to serve with other devoted and motivated OA members in a beautiful area—the shadow of the famous Baldy Mountain." With the OA Trail Crew program, you can finally head out to Philmont and live your Scouting dreams. Currently, all sessions are full for the 2006 season. To sign up for the waiting list, visit http://www.oa-bsa.org.



### Ani-Gatogewi

Ani-Gatogewi is currently working to become an active chapter in Indian Affairs. Many of our chapter's members express interest in the dance and ceremony teams. We are starting to get the program running by holding separate meetings devoted just to discussing Indian Affairs. We have Scout leaders present and talk about the different types of dance and regalia.

AGG held a chapter project this summer on June 11th.

The project was at Winterville Assisted Living Center in Winterville. A veggie garden was created on the side of the building. The garden is 10x8 yards. Among the vegetables planted were okra, tomatoes, peppers, watermelon, and beans. The work consisted of tilling the clay and mulching the plot with topsoil. After removing the rocks we planted. In attendance were over half of the active members.

Ani-Gatogewi recently had a chapter meeting on August 29th. On the agenda included Indian Affairs, Pow-Wow, and our new T-shirts for spirit during Pow-Wow.

As a chapter we feel we have had a tremendously successful year. To recap some of the goals that we published in the Spring <u>Arrowpoints</u>:

We were fortunate enough to have three of our chapter officers attend the National Leadership Seminar in Canton, MS.

The Machque computer printer cartridge recycle program has been a success. We set a chapter goal of using this program to provide a Summer Camp campership for a scout in the Mountain District and we met this goal.

We set a goal of sending 12 Arrowmen to NOAC this year. We are proud to say that we met this goal (of course we are counting members who served on staff). We had members participate on the Lodge Dance team as well as participate in ceremony evaluations. This was a great experience and we encourage everyone to get geared up for NOAC 2009!

## Machque

Machque held two community service project weekends this summer. One tremendously successful program was helping to staff the Relay for Life in Fannin County. We give a special thanks to our members from Trop 460 that helped to make this project such a success. The second project was brought to us from Troop 402 in Ellijay. Machque members were able to provide service to an elderly gentleman who is a shut-in and who also just happens to be an Eagle Scout.

Machque also had a great "movie and pizza night" chapter meeting where we watched "Braveheart" complete with



surround sound and movie screen. We also have a chapter meeting scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup> at Lake Blue Ridge. We will be having several training cells, coordinating for Pow Wow, and will be holding a "meet the man" for chapter officer candidates.

Not only are we going to welcome new officers at the end of this year, but we will also be welcoming a new Chapter Adviser. We are proud that one of our own is coming back to his home troop and his home lodge. As Mr. Lacey takes on the task of becoming the Scoutmaster of Troop 402, Machque welcomes Frank Harper as our new Chapter Adviser (and we know we won't be getting rid of Mr. Lacey that easy).

From your Chapter Chief, I give a special thanks for all the Machque Arrowmen who have made this an especially great year. Machque Rocks!

# Chief's Corner

#### Arrowmen,

At this year's NOAC, Lodge Chiefs from across the country gathered together for the National Council of Chiefs (CoC). At this meeting, we had the opportunity to discuss national policies and events with each other and with the National Officers. This meeting provides an opportunity to evaluate the status of the Order and to make changes to improve upon those features that are in place.

During the National CoC, we had the opportunity to help set the National Strategic Plan for the next 5 years. As a result of the CoC, the Order of the Arrow has an exciting plan for the upcoming years. There will be many opportunities for every Arrowmen to have a unique experience.

One of the major areas of emphasis for the upcoming years is a continued promotion of the High Adventure Program. The Boy Scouts of America have 3 high adventure bases, each of which the Order of the Arrow has programs for Arrowmen to take advantage of. Philmont Scout Ranch offers two separate op-

portunities. The first is OA Trail Crew, a 2 week trek in which attendees spend a week working to improve the trails used by scouts. In the second week, participants get to plan their own trek and then hike at their determined speed covering as much of the ranch as their crew determines. The other opportunity is for older Arrowmen looking for an exciting Spring Break. Phil-Break offers an opportunity for college aged students to work on the trails at Philmont over Spring Break. Northern Tier offers a similar experience as OA Trail Crew. OA Wilderness Voyage puts Arrowmen on the rivers of Minnesota to work on portage trails and paddle on the rivers. The newest program, OA Ocean Adventure, drops scouts into the Florida Keys to not only earn SCUBA certification, but also to work on and improve the reefs around the keys.

Along with high adventure opportunities, there are several programs which are being promoted as critical to the success of the Order. One very important program is the Cub Scout Outreach. Nation-wide, there is a downward trend in participation. Without cub scouts, our program will begin to feel the effects. Therefore, the OA is taking an integral role in reaching out to cub packs and getting them excited about Scouting and the Order. You can help in this effort by reaching out to your local packs. Get involved with the Ceremony team so that you can assist with Crossover ceremonies. Invite cub scouts to District events to show them the fun of Scouting. There are many things you can do to help support the future of Scouting.

If you want to know more about the Strategic Plan and the future of the Order, or want more information on High Adventure, visit www.oa-bsa.org. The newest program will come in 2008 when instead of NOAC: the Order will work with the National Park Service to put on Arrow Corps 5. Arrowmen will have the opportunity to work on conservation projects while enjoying 5 different National Parks across the country. Information will be readily available through your lodge and chapter officers.

## Lodge Indian Affairs

Mowogo Lodge had a very impressive showing through Indian Affairs at NOAC 2006 held at Michigan State University. Our Brotherhood ceremony was rated as an Honor Team with Craig Ross as Allowat Sakima, Morgan Miller as Meteu, Davis Lacey as Nutiket and Ryan Bender as Kitchkinet. The Pre-Ordeal Team also performed well and showed a great commitment to serving the Lodge in the coming years with Alex Foster as Allowat Sakima, Adam Kish as Meteu, Davis Lacey as Nutiket, and Michael Richter as Kitchkinet. Brett Lacy was evaluated for the Vigil Ceremony and did an excellent job, earning Honor status. The Lodge's Dance Team practiced, practiced and practiced and had their best performance so far this year.

Competing for the Lodge in team Dance were Andrew Kastner and TJ McArthur as Beaver Pullers, Craig Ross and Brett Lacy drumming and

singing and our dancers were; Billy Orr, Myron Petro, Ryan Young, Grady Garner, Davis Lacey, Adam Kish, Alex Foster, Ryan Bender, Michael Richter, Nate Abb, Zach Abb, and Nick Pawlowski. Participating in Individual Dance Competition for the Lodge were Nick Heidmann and

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Have you seen any turtles? There are lots of them hanging around the necks of some of your brothers. The necklace is an indication of membership in the Turtle Clan. This is a group of OA brothers which is involved with special work at every function. It's purpose is:

To recognize those Brothers who demonstrate a love and desire to promote native American culture, heritage, history and arts within the traditions of the Order of the Arrow.

The requirements for membership in the clan are:

**1**. Active Membership in Mowogo Lodge

**2**. Participate in Indian Affairs within the Lodge through 2 years of service in:

- Ceremonies have your own outfit for your principle part and participate in 5 of 9 ceremonies over the 2 year span.
- Engineers –keep ceremony rings in appropriate setting and return to natural state.
   Keep all equipment required for this position in good

**Turtle Clan** 

working order at 4 of the 6 functions over 2 year span.

- Dance –Have your own outfit for your dance style, keeping within authenticity of time and tribe. Dance at 5 of the 9 opportunities over a 2 year span.
- Drum –Dress in uniform manner to drum team, and make at least 2 sticks while performing in 5 of the 9 opportunities.
- Training/Research teach at least 1 hr class in 3 of 4 opportunities on an Indian affairs topic – clothing, dance, drum, ceremony, history, or culture.
- Judging/Evaluating/Advising

   Evaluate in 5 of 9 events
   or offer a training cell on
   evaluations to participants.
- Miscellaneous provide 20 hrs of service/research/ training over a two year period to the furthering of Indian affairs in Mowogo Lodge in any of the above categories.

**3**. Demonstrate Character and attitude that is a good example

of Scout Spirit while displaying the fire that burns within the heart and consciences of the Arrowman.

**4**. Nomination by current society member with concurrence by a majority of turtle society members

**5**. Youth will comprise more than 50% of clan members

If you are interested in Indian Affairs and becoming a member of the Turtle Clan, contact your Chapter VCIA or the Lodge VCIA or any Turtle Clan member. New members will be recognized at the Winter Banquet and presented with their necklace.



# Lodge Indian Affairs



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Derek Gramling who danced Old Style and Adam Kish who danced Fancy. Congratulations to everyone involved in Indian Affairs at NOAC and with all of our success this year, I am looking forward to a very promising 2007.

Myron Petro





| 0.00 am | Breaklast at holder hall          |
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| 8:30 am | Devotional Service at Holder Hall |
| 9:00 am | Departure                         |
|         | LEC in Holder Hall                |

| Chapter      | Sleeping Arrangements | Clean-up Schedule       |
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| Ani-Gatogewi | Powell                | Saturday Dinner         |
| Canantutlaga | Russell               | Saturday Breakfast      |
| Japeechen    | Cornelia, Jutaculla   | Saturday Dinner         |
| Jutaculla    | Demorest              | Sunday Breakfast        |
| Lau-in-nih   | Bridges               | Saturday Lunch          |
| Machque      | Clarkesville          | Saturday Dinner         |
| Yona-hi      | Lavonia               | Saturday Cracker Barrel |

# Word Search

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| LEAF   | MUD   | PLANT  |
| POTS   | POWER | SEEDS  |
| SLUG   | WATER | WEED   |