



The Blue Goose

Lakota Lodge #175, Northwest Suburban Council

November, 2008



Upcoming Events

Nov 19: Lodge Meeting

Dec 29: Winter Banquet

May 15-17: Spring Fellowship

Oct 23 & 24: Haunted Hike 2009

Oct 25: Haunted Hike Clean-up

Oct 25: Brotherhood Conversion Day

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Haunted Hike

13TH. Annual Haunted Hike was another wonderfully successful Lakota Lodge #175 undertaking!

Everyone that supported the Lodge and supported the youth of Lakota Lodge are very much appreciated. We never could have done it without your help and support!

We come together at different times and for different events over the course of the year. When we come together, we are One! We work side by side for the good of the group. It is exciting to see so many different chapters and people throughout our council, come together for this event. It is very encouraging to all members, new and old to see such cohesiveness and unselfish displays of brotherhood.

You can be proud to be connected with the Lakota Lodge. I know I am!

We have had visitors that come to see how well the Haunted Hike works for our Lodge. Yes, we raise some funds to support the Lodge and Our camps, but we grow the Lakota Lodge, during this undertaking. This is what they come to witness. What finer way is there to get to know someone, a fellow brother, than working side by side, for the common good, at some irksome task, all in service to others? For absolutely no personal gain, whatsoever. Yes we have fun scaring the ---- out of people, but there are Cub Scouts that talk about this event for some time and they want to be a part of it all. They have images and dreams of doing what you do, when they get to this age. Your inspiration of the Cubs and younger Scouts that will someday follow in your footsteps is inspiring to say the least. We build this Lodge by each activity we come together for. That is what others hope to take away from our example. That Lakota Lodge spirit. They can see it at work at an event like the Haunted Hike. But they cannot feel it, like you and I. It is only felt by those that are involved with the Lodge, as you are.

Lakota is a healthy and strong Lodge. However we are always striving to improve. It is through your commitment and support of the Lakota Lodge that we can continue to improve and continue to grow the Lakota Lodge.

We hope you can join the fun and brotherhood at next years Haunted Hike. Please add the 14 Th. Annual OA Haunted Hike to the District Calendar, Council Calendar, and your personal calendar. This is an important event we want you there! October 23 & 24, 2009 / October 25, 2009 Brotherhood conversion & cleanup!!

Remember you are always welcome to join the fun and brotherhood at any of the exciting Lakota Lodge events.

Thanks for all your support!!

Unit Elections

Also posted on the drumbeat here are a few tips on how to make sure your troop is ready for unit elections 2009.

Tips on running a proper Order of the Arrow Unit Election

Start planning early! Planning starts with the OA Troop Representative. Each troop should have a troop representative who will be responsible for making sure the election process goes smoothly. All elections **MUST** be completed by the end of February, but sooner is better. Make sure there is an alternative date that will work incase the election must change dates at the last second.

Prepare your troop representative with **THREE** possible dates to hold the election and have him attend the December Chapter Meeting (same time and place as Round Table!). Election Dates will be assigned at this meeting. It is also the troop representative's job to inform the election team on when and where the election will be held.

Troop Representatives will also be expected to help with the election process for other Troops. This opportunity will be further explained at the December Chapter Meeting.

The Scoutmaster must figure out who is eligible for election into the Order of the Arrow prior to the election. Pre-printing ballots will make the process run much smoother.

The results of the election will be given to the Scoutmaster at the end of the process. It is recommended, but not required, that the Scoutmaster wait to announce the results until the call-out.

Adult nomination forms will be available at the election. Troops are allowed to nominate one adult, plus one for every 50 scouts. These forms can be given to the election team before they leave or can be turned in to the Council Office **BEFORE** March First.

AND PLEASE, IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, ASK!

One Day of Service/LLD

The One Day of Service/ LLD took place one November 15th at Camp Lakota. We spent all day clearing out the perimeter of the Elk campsite as well as the road leading up to the loop. Thanks to the help of The Care of Trees we were able to chip all of the trees into mulch to be used in other areas of camp. Also, thanks to the help of Atlas Bobcat we were able to clear the Wilderness Road back so people can enjoy Lakota's wilderness area. That evening we had a short LLD that consisted of a few trainings and some great brainstorming sessions. Thanks to all that came and participated!

Winter Banquet

The Lakota Lodge Annual Winter Banquet is a chance for all Order of the Arrow Members to come together to share stories over a great meal. This year's Winter Banquet will be held on December 29th, 2008 at the Cotillion in Palatine. The Winter Banquet is a chance to thank everyone for all that they have done and look back on what has been accomplished throughout the year. Not to mention that there will be some awesome live entertainment! So sign up soon for the Annual Lakota Lodge Winter Banquet. The registration form for the Winter Banquet will be available on the Lakota Lodge Website.

Lakota Lodge Web Site: www.lakotalodge.org

NOAC 2009

National Order of the Arrow Conference, more commonly known as NOAC, excites Arrowmen across the country. Why you ask? Just ask anyone in our lodge who has been to one, and they will probably say it is among the greatest scouting experiences they have ever had.

Imagine for a moment, you and eight thousand of your closest friends, descending on a major college campus for 6 days of brotherhood and fellowship, training and recreation, competition and friendship making. That is what a NOAC is all about.

From August 1st through 6th 2009, you will experience training, sports competitions, arena shows, gatherings, ceremony competitions, dance competitions, college dorming with your best friend, great food, the Founders Day Fair and Parade, patch trading, tons of lodge spirit, among many other great and amazing things.

In 2006, our lodge sent 33 participants to the NOAC in Michigan. This year we hope to increase that amount to 60 and it all starts with your help! If you have never been, this year is a perfect time to go, and even if you have been before, why not experience NOAC again? Our Lodge needs your help in making this the best NOAC ever!

If you are excited and ready to attend the 2009 NOAC, talk to our Lodge Chief, Lodge Adviser or our Contingent Leader Mike Stanbary at mes260194@aol.com for more information and how to sign up. Stay tuned to www.event.oa-bsa.org for updates! Remember, the theme is "I'm There". The question is, "Will you be there?"

For more information about NOAC 2009 visit www.event.oa-bsa.org

Chief's Update

Brothers,

Lakota Lodge has had a very busy fall season...one for the record books. We started September with our Fall Fellowship at Camp Lakota. At Fall Fellowship we were able to complete an incredible amount of cheerful service for our council camp. Along with that, we held some awesome ceremonies and the food was excellent. We then moved to the end of September where we had the Section C-3B Conclave which we were the host lodge for. That meant that we organized all of the facilities and logistics for the event. Conclave was a great weekend for the lodge. First, we had 66 members attend the conclave who all took part in awesome trainings, games, and shows. Also, at the Conclave the section elections were held where our very own Richie Ferolo was elected as Section Vice Chief.

October marked the Lodge's 13th annual Haunted Hike. The Haunted Hike was a huge success this year. Thanks to the steadfast guidance and leadership of our Haunted Hike Chairman Chris Erdoss and Haunted Hike Adviser Jay Haack the Haunted Hike went off without a hitch. I can't begin to describe how much I appreciate all the help and dedication that everyone that came out gave. Whether you came as staff or a participant this year's Haunted Hike couldn't have happened without your dedication to the OA and Lakota Lodge. Once again, thank you so much for everything!

Looking to the future, we have our February LLD as well as the 2009 National Order of the Arrow Conference. The February LLD is a great opportunity for you to not only learn more about the Order of the Arrow, but to also meet a bunch of new people and have a great time with your fellow Arrowmen. In the summer of 2009, the lodge will be attending the National Order of the Arrow Conference where over 8,000 Arrowmen will meet at Indiana State University. I highly suggest that you all attend the 2009 NOAC. This is an opportunity of a lifetime.

In closing, I just want to say what a great job you have all been doing. The Lodge has been very successful in the past few months. Without all of you having such a tremendous interest in the Order of the Arrow we wouldn't be able to make this program happen. You are part of Scouting's National Honor Society and you ARE the best in the Boy Scouts of America. Remember the words of Meteu "... For he who serves his fellows, is of his fellows' greatest."

Yours in Brotherhood,
Mike Stanbary

Adviser's Minute

Greetings Lakota Lodge.

What a busy fall season the Lodge has had. It all started at the beginning of September with the successful Fall Fellowship at Camp Lakota...excellent Fellowship, ceremonies and food were to be had. It was then on to the Section C-3B Conclave at Naval Station Great Lakes. Lakota was the host Lodge for this event and our Lodge had 60 Lodge members attend this event...the most our Lodge has ever had attend a Section Conclave. This too was another weekend filled with good Fellowship, meaningful classes, fun, and this time.....Navy food. Section C-3B elections were held at this event and our past 2 term Lodge Chief Richie Ferolo was elected to the position as Section C-3B Vice Chief....Congrats Richie!

At the end of October was our annual Lakota Lodge Haunted Hike. If you missed this year's event, well you missed a lot. After a rough start a month prior to the hike (the campground was under 3 to 6 feet of water), we once again had a very successful Haunted Hike.

Words cannot express the gratitude that is owed to each and every one of you who put forth service to the Lakota Lodge Haunted Hike 2008. No matter what part you played or what job you served in, your efforts and work ethic did not, and will not, go unseen. In Lakota Lodge the one is no greater than the whole....we are one Lodge and four excellent Chapters. The team work, brotherhood and cheerful service was awesome....Thank you....Thank you.....Thank you all. You all are the best!

Lastly, I encourage all Lakota Lodge members to become active members of this great Lodge....Lakota Lodge. Please attend your monthly Chapter meetings and the Lakota Lodge LEC Lodge meetings....our Lodge LEC meetings are open to all Lakota Lodge members....you all have a voice. Not sure when and where on the meetings???? Ask your Troop OA Representative, check out the Lakota Lodge website calendar or contact our Lakota Lodge Webmaster or even contact the Council office for meeting times and dates.

Many thanks once again thank you for all your service to our camps and to Lakota Lodge.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Mike Tangen

Lakota Lodge #175 Lodge Adviser

"It is part of a good man to do great and noble deeds, though he risk everything"...Plutarch

"The mind is not a vessel to be filled but a fire to be lighted".....Plutarch