



The Blue Goose



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Lakota Lodge #175

What is the Blue Goose?

The Blue Goose is an annual newsletter that provides an update on Lakota Lodge #175.

The last Blue Goose that was published was in 2008.

Look for our next Blue Goose in a couple of months!

Did you know?

April 25, 1940 is the day Lakota Lodge #175 was officially formed.

Haunted Hike

The 15th Annual Haunted Hike is right around the corner. Mark your calendars for October 22nd and 23rd. The hours are: Friday 7:00pm to 10:30pm, Saturday 4:00pm to 6:00pm is the Fright Free Flashlight Hike, then from 6:00pm to 10:30pm the freight begins again. There will be a live band, free face painting, a campfire to make s'mores (supplies not provided, only the fire), and a good time. It will once again be held at the Methodist Campgrounds in Des Plaines just East of the corner of Algonquin and River Road. For More information visit www.lakotalodge.org.



The 5th annual Brotherhood Conversion Day will be held the day after the Haunted Hike, on October 24th at the Methodist Campground. Check in begins at 11:00am with an ending time of approximately 7:00 to 8:00 PM. If you received your Ordeal in 2009 or before, you are eligible for Brotherhood!



One Day of Service

Fellow Arrowmen and Scouters, looking ahead to November 6th, Lakota Lodge will be having a one day of service at Camp Lakota. This is NOT just for OA members; it is for all Troops, Packs, Crews and Scout Reach Units in Northwest Suburban Council. Lunch will be provided. Units can camp the weekend for FREE if they participate. The list of jobs that we will be doing is currently being organized and will be put together before the day of service. The work done at this weekend can be used for service hours for rank advancement. The One Day of Service will take place on November 6th from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Come spend the day providing Cheerful Service to Camp Lakota! You can find more information at www.lakotalodge.org.

Did you know?

On March 21, 1940 NWSC, decided to organize an OA Lodge. At that time we had no name, no totem, no chief but we did have 19 current members: 14 inducted the previous summer into the OH-DA-KO-TA Lodge and 5 others who moved in from outside lodges.



Lodge Chief Update

Wow, this truly has been an eventful month. Its hard to believe its already October. September brought good things for Lakota Lodge. Many events took place almost every weekend for a chance to enjoy time with our fellow Lodge members. Looking ahead, as everyone knows, we have the 15th Annual Haunted Hike at the end of October. This is the Lodge's biggest fundraiser for the year. Not only is this event fun for the participants, but also working at the Haunted Hike is a lot of fun. Come and help Lakota Lodge and see what it's all about!

The day following Haunted Hike is our Brotherhood Conversion Day. I strongly encourage all youth and adults that are eligible to go and get their Brotherhood. No need to drive up to Camp Napowan or Camp Lakota. Just come to the Methodist Campground on October 24th, for about 7 hours and get your Brotherhood!

The One Day of Service, on November 6th is going to be another awesome event for Lakota Lodge. All Scouts are invited to a day of cheerful service at Camp Lakota. Sign up and spread the word to everyone in Northwest Suburban Council!

At one of the Chapters that I visited, an Ordeal member asked me this question: "Are OA events for everyone in the organization, or just for certain members?" Yes, OA events are for everyone that is an Order of the Arrow member. We, as a Lodge, have a responsibility to ensure that our members know who we are, what we are, and what we do. Maybe this responsibly falls upon the Lodge and Chapter Officials, but what will make an even greater impact is you. Take the time and get to know the other members of Lakota Lodge.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Robert Gale
Lakota Lodge Chief

Lodge Adviser Update

Fall is here and that can only mean one thing...it's time for the Haunted Hike October 22 & 23. This event gets better every year and this year will be no exception. The Haunted Hike Committee has been working for months to make this year's event a great success. There is something for everyone at the Haunted Hike. We can use your help! Just check with your Chapter Chief or Chapter Adviser or just come out and we'll find something fun for you to do. And don't forget to spread the word around your troop, crew and school. Invite everyone you know to come out and have some scary fun. One of the most important things you can do to help is promote the Haunted Hike!

We are also hosting the One Day of Service at Camp Lakota November 6th. This is a council-wide event for everyone from Tiger Cubs to members of the Council Executive Board. This is a great opportunity to give a day of service to our camp. Come out for a few hours, the whole day or even the weekend. Bring a friend. Convince your unit to come. It will be a fun day of friendship, fellowship and service.

I would like to thank all of you for your dedication. The success of the Order of the Arrow depends on its members and because of all of you Lakota Lodge is second to none!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Tim Mellin
Lakota Lodge Adviser

Lodge Vision and Goals

1. To have a better understanding of Lodge positions and their responsibilities, not only for current Lodge officers and chairmanships but also for up and coming Lodge officers.
2. To create a better financial system consisting of organization, budgets, and better reimbursement methods.
3. To improve our contact with the members of our Lodge to promote Brotherhood, Cheerfulness and Service in an effective way.
4. To promote Lodge and Chapter events for new members to get and stay involved with the Lodge.
5. Increase meeting attendance at Chapter and Lodge Executive Committee Meetings.
6. Win "Spirit Award" again at Conclave in April 2011.



Lodge Vision

Lakota Lodge will continue its tradition of promoting Brotherhood, Cheerfulness and Service to all members of the Lodge and to increase our service, activities, adventures, and training for youth and adults. We will continue to promote and extend camping opportunities for all Lodge members. Lakota Lodge will also maintain and improve the quality of leadership that enrich and help to extend Scouting in Lakota Lodge and Northwest Suburban Council.

Vice Chief of Operations Update

This year is shaping up to be an even better year than the last. The Operations aspect of the lodge will continue to provide valuable training, quality unit elections, up to date membership and troop rep programs, and a strong Ordeal, brotherhood, and vigil program. In years past we have had all of these things functioning well, to the point where things just got done, but this year we want things to just get done with, efficiency and accuracy. To assist us with this, we have a strong committee of guys that also share this vision. Among them are: Steven J., Dan P., Tyler H., and John P. who occupy the Training, Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil chairmanships respectively. I am still searching for some guys that are willing to dedicate their time and effort in creating a quality program and to fill the positions of Unit elections, Membership, and Troop Rep positions.

One major change in the lodges operation this year is the new use of Lodge Master. While it will still take a while to fully implement Lodge Master, we hope to start using it this year. Its benefits include a better email list, tracking of dues, and activities in the lodge, as well as many other features that will help our Lodge stay organized. On another note, Steven J. will continue providing the quality training this lodge has come to enjoy. One of the more recent examples of Stevens dedication to quality training was the LLR (Lodge Leadership Retreat) which was a new type of event aimed at helping the leaders of the our lodge become better. We can definitely see more strong ideas from Steve throughout the year. Another change is the change in the ordeal opportunities, this will prove to be a challenge for our ordeal chairmen Dan P. but he will, no doubt, find a solution, and will be working closely with the key five.

This year's Operations committee is off to a great start and with a little bit more help, we are determined to improve the way this lodge runs so that it runs more smoothly, efficiently, and on time than ever before.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Thomas McKenna

Vice Chief of Programs Update

The lodge has done exceedingly well in running events as well as planning for the future of our Lodge. Just recently we had our Fall Fellowship in which we had great attendance helping clean Camp Lakota and prep it for the winter. We had many new Ordeal, Brotherhood and Vigil honor candidates attend and all of them received their respected honor. Looking into the future, we have planned One day of Service and are almost finished planning out Winter Banquet. All these Chairman have gone above and beyond what they have been expected to do and their hard work is paid off by excellent events and programs for the members of our Lodge. I would like to thank the advisers as well for helping out these chairmen with whatever they need done and are excellent sources for information if need be. The Programs committee is working very hard to make this next year for Lakota Lodge one of the best it's ever been. Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Nick Goodwin

Past Events



**Arrowmen help
Cub Scouts
build a fire at
WOW.**

Webelos Outdoor Weekend

On September 18th, at Camp Lakota, three of our four chapters participated in WOW. The Lodge ran a fire safety and fire building station for the Cub Scouts. Thank you to Drew D. for taking on this responsibility. Also, thank you to everyone who came and helped out.



ScoutTrek 2010

On September 25th, 2010, Lakota Lodge was part of Northwest Suburban Council's 100th Anniversary Celebration. Many OA members came and helped out at our station. There was a Haunted Hike display, regalia display, an OA history display and also multiple games. Thank you to everyone who helped at ScoutTrek 2010.



**Putting in frame work
for new fence at Fall
Fellowship**

Fall Fellowship

Pathfinder Chapter hosted a fantastic weekend at Camp Lakota. Many projects were completed such as putting in place the framing for the pool fence. There were 32 people that obtained Ordeal, 12 people that obtained Brotherhood and 4 people that obtained the Vigil Honor. A big thank you goes to Charlie M. for being the Chairman for this event. Congratulations to everyone in Pathfinder for hosting a fantas-



**Ordeal Clan does work
outside of Lakota's pool
during Fall Fellowship**

2010 New Vigil Honor Members

Carl Bohm, Alex Esau, Robert Gale, Nick Goodwin, James Jensen, Erik Kowols, Daniel Kmalsom, Jimmy Scanlan, Alex Wziontka, Robert Lithgow, Stephen McKenna, Dolores Motisi, Deborah Nudo, Jeff Pape, Mary Sabol, James Scanlan, Susan Simmons, Carol Stieve, and Mark Stowick. Congratulations to all of you!



Future Events

Summit Corps

The New River Experience - a hybrid of ArrowCorps5 and our OA High Adventure programs. The New River Experience will provide service to the New River Gorge National River in West Virginia. Upgrading the trail bed of the Garden Grand Hike and Bike Trail, along with invasive species removal, will be the focus of the project. The Garden Grand Hike and Bike Trail connects the New River Gorge National River to the Boy Scout's new high adventure base and home of the Jamboree - The Summit: The Bechtel Family National Reserve.

Lakota Lodge will send a contingent to the July 10-16, 2011 session. Currently we expect the cost to be around \$450. If you would like more information, or would like to sign up and put down a deposit, please contact the Lodge Chief, Robert G, as soon as possible.



Council of Chiefs

The Council of Chiefs is a meeting to facilitate inter-lodge communication and reporting, to update lodges on new National Order of the Arrow programs, overview this year's conclave organization and timeline, as well as provide exclusive training opportunities designed to foster lodge success. The COC is on November 7 at Gameworks in Schaumburg. The fee is \$15 for Lakota Lodge members. This includes food, a meeting location, and an hour of gaming. The flier will be available soon on the Lakota Lodge website.

Winter Banquet

The Lakota Lodge Annual Winter Banquet is a chance for all Order of the Arrow Members and their families to come together to share stories over a great meal. This year's Winter Banquet will be held on December 27th, 2010 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 soon.

October 17

Haunted Hike Set-up
Methodist Campground

October 18-22

Haunted Hike Set-up
Methodist Campground

October 20

LEC Meeting
Methodist Campground

October 22-23

Haunted Hike
Methodist Campground

October 24

Brotherhood Conversion
Day & Haunted Hike
Clean Up

November 3

Operation's Meeting

November 6

One Day of Service
Camp Lakota

November 7

Council of Chiefs

November 17

LEC Meeting

**For more information
on OA events,
please visit:**

www.lakotalodge.org



Did you know?

During a meeting on April 5, 1940, the first 19 members chose our name-- LAKOTA. Our first totem was an arrowhead with 2-crossed arrows and a chief.

Chapter Updates

Blackhawk

The past few Blackhawk Chapter meetings have been awesome. Many youth have come and had a great time! We participated at Fall Fellowship and helped at the ScoutTrek event. We just held a Haunted Hike pizza-planning meeting and we are all ready to go. Our theme this year is going to be awesome. You'll have to wait and see what it is! Like the rest of Lakota, Blackhawk is looking forward to the Haunted Hike. Also, we have been promoting the One Day of Service and other future events. Thanks for all your support of Blackhawk Chapter.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Matt C.

Northwoods

Northwoods is off to a great start this year. We have a great team of elected officials such as Mike M. as our secretary, Josh H. as one of our vice chiefs, and Alex W. as our other vice chief. This is going to be a great year! We have already started planning for this year's Haunted Hike and we have a ton of ideas. We are going to be hosting the 2011 Winter Banquet and we are looking forward to that. Hope to see you at our next meeting.

Yours in Brotherhood,

John C.

Pathfinder

Pathfinder Chapter has been doing well, we have just ran a successful Fall Fellowship. We had many ordeals come out and do the actual ordeal process. Also at our meetings we've been getting ready for the OA haunted hike and also getting a ceremony team ready. We've been doing very well in the participation area to be exact; we had 40 plus youth at our previous meeting. Were doing very well getting newly inducted ordeal's at the meeting, I believe we had 5 new youth at that meeting. We are also getting ready for the one day of service. The Pathfinder chapter has been stronger then ever this month and our looking forward of continuing for the rest of the 2010-2011 season! Looking forward to seeing everyone at future meetings!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Jeffrey W.

Signal Hill

Signal Hill chapter is making improvements in the relationship between the Chapter leadership and the OA involvement at the troop level. Our October chapter meeting will be an ice cream social dedicated to new Ordeal members so they can be introduced to possible opportunities in the Chapter and Lodge. Currently, we are busy preparing for Haunted Hike and are avidly promoting this year's One Day of Service and also the Winter Banquet that our chapter is coordinating.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Tyler H.

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