

The Buck Tail



AJAPEU LODGE
33

Bucks County Council BSA
Order of the Arrow

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A Note From The Chief

Brothers,

Greetings in Scouting! With the coming of this new scout year, a new group of officers has been installed and is preparing a full year of OA brotherhood and service. Our primary goal, however, remains the same as the one set forth by the previous lodge leadership at the beginning of this calendar year. That is, Ajapeu 33 is determined to earn quality lodge.

We need your help, as an arrowman who understands the Order's commitment to cheerful service, to reach our goal. If you are an ordeal member who has spent at least 10 months in the Order, you can help by pursuing your brotherhood membership; if you are already a brotherhood member, there are plenty of scouts in need of your encouragement and guidance. A personal invitation can often mean more to a scout than any letter, email, or other general announcement.

No matter what degree or tenure you possess in our Order, your participation in lodge and chapter functions is essential to our success. Remember that the mission of the OA can only be carried out through activity—activity with the lodge, chapter, & unit.

As brothers in the Wimachtendienk, we must be able to rely on each other for support and guidance. As such, I may be reached at any time through email (friguy@entermail.net), or by phone (215-794-0413). I look forward to your participation in the lodge this year and to your continued service to our troops and council.

WWW,
Dave Friel
Lodge Chief

Quality Lodge

As you know Ajapeu Lodge is close to qualifying for Quality Lodge. We need to get our eligible Ordeal members converted to Brotherhood membership. If you help an Ordeal member with this and are included on his application form you earn the right to purchase the new Brotherhood flap. Well in addition to that great flap, you also complete one of the requirements for the Arrowman Service Award given by National. This is an award that could be earned in 2001, 2002, and 2003. Last year only Kevin Hallman and Terry Robinson earned this award. Don't know about it? Check it out on the National OA website at <http://www.oa-bsa.org/misc/anr/asa/> Lets have more earn the award this year and help the lodge qualify for Quality Lodge. There will be at least one more Brotherhood ceremony at the Fall Fellowship weekend Oct 25-27.



Chapter Reports

Pennsbury

Hello, my name is Dan Gross and I am Pennsbury's new Chapter Chief. I hope every one had a fun time at the Fall Ordeal weekend and I would like to congratulate all the new Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil members. Our Chapter meetings are on the second Wednesday of every month from 7:30 to 8:30 t the Resurrection Lutheran Church on Oxford Valley road in Levittown. Our new leadership positions consist of Clinton Bruck as First Vice Chief, Dan Bainbridge as Second Vice Chief, and Craig Kalinoski as Secretary. I would like to see at least one Troop Representative from every troop at the meetings we hold. Another thing of importance is that Ajapeu Lodge needs about twenty more Brotherhood conversions for honor lodge and at our chapter meetings we will be studying for Brotherhood and doing some questioning for the fall fellowship weekend. I hope to see a lot of new faces at the Chapter meetings and a lot of people to study for Brotherhood.

LLDC

On Sept. 21-22, Ajapeu will hold a Lodge Leadership Development Course (LLDC) at Camp Ockanickon. This training weekend will furnish your lodge and chapter officers with leadership skills and new ideas for incorporation into the lodge program.

The weekend will be based on the newly revised LLDC outline, as provided by the National Order of the Arrow. Lodge planning will center on an internal assessment of the lodge, and individual leadership building will begin with specialized training techniques. All lodge & chapter officers & advisers are expected to attend. Please call your Chapter Chief or Advisor to confirm your attendance.

Playwicki

At a meeting on July 13, 2002 Reilly Thompson (Playwicki chapter chief), Andy Cistone (Playwicki chapter first vice chief), Josh Reass (Playwicki chapter second vice chief), and Nick Lutz (Playwicki chapter's secretary) came up with a schedule for the 2002-03 session. During this meeting we came up with a schedule that will make this session one of the best. Andy Cistone planned a rock-climbing trip at the Doylestown rock gym on September eighth. In October we are planning a brotherhood classroom for all ordeal members who wish to become brotherhood. This program is designed to basically help them learn about what they will need for brotherhood questioning. Also in December Playwicki chapter is having their annual "Holiday" party, and from what I hear this meeting is a whole lot of fun. In January we are planning on going bowling and Reilly Thompson is coordinating that. In February Nick Lutz is planning a ski trip, and if anyone has any questions or suggestions see me, Nick Lutz. Through out the year the lodge is also having several work weekends we have the Fall Fellowship weekend, we have weekend with wee work, and more. And most of these weekends aren't just all work but also fun. This is going to an exciting year and we hope to get a lot accomplished and we also hope that we can get more people the chapter meetings.

Also, this note from Chapter Chief Reilly Thompson to all Playwicki Scoutmasters:

Communication was our biggest problem for last year. We would like you to email us with the name, phone number, and email of your OA Representative. This way we can get word out about events and changes by simply contacting 23 brothers who will in turn contact the brothers in their troop. Please refer to the Officer Roster on page 4 for the list of names and e-mail addresses.

New Vigil members

Congratulations to the six brothers who received their Vigil Honor at this past Ordeal weekend. The 2002 Vigil Honors are Dave Friel, Kyle Harris, Vince Quinn, Martin Speece, Reilly Thompson, and Bill Thompson. These six were chosen for what they have done for the lodge, council, and/or Scouting and what they are expected to do in the future. You cannot seek this honor. It seeks those that have given of themselves well beyond that of the normal Arrowman. These six join those that have done just that.

If you know of a brother that deserves to be nominated for the Vigil Honor for 2003, you can find the nomination forms on the Ajapeu website or at the council office. The deadline is April 24, 2003.

Dennis Hallman - Vigil Adviser



AJAPEU LODGE # 33
O.A. Weekend Registration Form



**October Fall Fellowship at Camp Ockanickon
 October 25-27, 2002**

**** Registration Deadline – October 15, 2002 ****

Please return this form and a check for \$20 to the Council Office by **October 15, 2002**

Mail To: Bucks County Council, B.S.A.
 One Scout Way
 Doylestown, PA 18901

Make check payable to:
 Bucks County Council, B.S.A

Name: _____ Youth: _____ Adult: _____

Phone Number: _____ Troop: _____ District: _____

Any Food Allergies: _____

Any Medical Conditions: _____

Any Medicine you will have at Weekend: _____

Any Physical Limitations: _____

Parental Permission
 (Required for ALL youth under the age of 18)

My signature indicates that I hereby give permission for my child for full participation in the BSA approved program scheduled for this weekend. Any limitations to activities have been noted above.

In case of emergency, I understand every effort will be made to contact me. In the event I can not be reached, I hereby give my permission to the licensed health-care practitioner selected by the adult leader in charge to secure proper treatment, including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or injections of medications for my child.

Signature of parent or guardian: _____

Date: _____

Office Memo: For Account #800

Program Note: We are continuing in our drive for Quality Lodge and we will be doing a Brotherhood Ceremony Saturday night

Check here to indicate you will be doing your Brotherhood Ceremony _____

Contact your respective Chapter Advisor for questions or concerns.

Chapter Advisors (Adult OA Members)		Phone #s
Lenape Chapter Adviser	John Shaffer	215-491-9790
Pennsbury Chapter Adviser	Carl Trinko	215-785-1220
Playwicki Chapter Adviser	Chris Fosmire	215-504-0927
Tohpendel Chapter Adviser	Fred Ritter, Jr.	610-749-2044

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2002 – 2003 OFFICER ROSTER

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**AJAPEU LODGE # 33
2003 NE-2A CONCLAVE
REGISTRATION FORM**



**2003 NE-2A CONCLAVE CAMP CITTA
JUNE 6-8, 2003**

The 2003 Conclave is coming. If you were on staff this last year, you saw how much fun a Conclave could be! Now's your chance to go as a delegate and just have fun! We will probably be limited to 30 spots or less, so sign up now. Registrations will be processed on a first come first served basis. After we fill our quota, you will be placed on a waiting list. Get signed up NOW!

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A Look Back at NOAC

- by Reilly Thompson

Bloomington or Bust! Five of our youth and three of our adults attended the National Order of the Arrow Conference from July 27 to August 1 this summer. All of the youth and two of the adults piled into the 35 foot RV in the early hours of the morning and set out for the long drive. 30 hours and two new bearing seals later we were at the campus of Indiana University. It was well worth the trip. The days provided chances to try new skills, such as righting oneself in an overturned kayak, improve old skills, such as perfecting the ceremonial principles, and learn new techniques, such as the latest in patch design. Each night we were treated to an exciting show in the massive assembly hall. That is, except for the Grand Hodag Tuesday night. Thousands of brothers got together to trade their numbered cubes to put together a complete puzzle. Two of the youth members also reviewed invitations to attend the Very Important Arrowman luncheon with all of the National officers. I would like to commend those that attended for their exemplary behavior. The only situation that came anywhere near becoming a problem was a curfew violation while waiting for a pizza. :-) On the last full day of NOAC we were all treated to Founder's Day. Founder's Day starts with a parade that moves to the Founder's Park, an area in which lodges may set up a booth and bring giveaway items. If you would like to see a picture of the contingent, go to the national site at www.oa-bsa.org and click on NOAC 2002 Memories at the top of the page. Scroll down to Wednesday live. On the next page scroll down to Founder's Day Parade. Look for the black shirts. To write all of the memories that were made would take more space than the buck tail provides, so I will leave the article with this: Look for info for NOAC 2004 at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa so you can make your own memories.

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X-treme Scouting

- by Terry Robinson

Few would argue that the Scouting Movement will shortly be coming upon a membership crisis with membership in feeding Cub Scout units being in quite a slump. At that point, we have two methods to keep up membership in Boy Scouts, increase Cub attendance and retention, or expose and retain otherwise new members to the Boy Scouts program.

Last year at a meeting between the Lodge Staff Advisor (William Mischke), Lodge Lay Advisor (Michael Wilsey), Lodge Chief (Terry Robinson) and Council Executive (David Hasel) the second option became the council's chosen method of attacking this membership crisis. After some development, the Council X-treme Scouting day at Ockanickon was born.

On November 2nd, 2002, at Ockanickon Scout Reservation, from noon till 6 PM, Ajapeu Lodge will be showcasing aspects of the Scouting program ranging from the patrol method and COPE to fire-building and cooking at the X-treme Scouting Day. This program is focused on boys from 11-13 who've never really been exposed to the Scouting program and all it has to offer. We also hope to dispel some myths about Scouting and bring together potential Scouts with troops that have programs that will interest the boys.

Ajapeu Lodge is running the program and set up for this event and is still searching for Arrowman with an interest in showcasing Scout skills, the patrol method, COPE, team building, or who may simply want to direct people around camp. People looking to give a day in Cheerful Service and expose kids to the Scouting program or simply with questions are asked to contact Terry Robinson at (215) 355-8543 or iampepper@erols.com.





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2002 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 13-15	NLS Training	(CAMP MOUNTAIN RUN)
SEPTEMBER 21-22	AJAPEU LODGE OFFICER TRAINING	(OCKANICKON)
SEPTEMBER 26	LODGE EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG.	(SCOUT OFFICE)
OCTOBER 13	COUNCIL OF CHIEFS Noon - 3:00.	(Burlington County Council)
OCTOBER 24	LODGE EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG.	(SCOUT OFFICE)
OCTOBER 25-27	FALL FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND	(OCKANICKON)
NOVEMBER 1-3	NE2A SECTION OFFICER SEMINAR	(Camp Alpine)
NOVEMBER 2	COUNCIL RECRUITMENT DAY	(OCKANICKON)
NOVEMBER 21	LODGE EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG.	(SCOUT OFFICE)
DECEMBER 19	LODGE EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG.	(SCOUT OFFICE)

2003 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**JANUARY 11	COUNCIL OF CHIEFS Noon - 3:00	(JERSEY SHORE COUNCIL)
JANUARY 30	LODGE EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG.	(SCOUT OFFICE)
FEBRUARY 27	LODGE EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG.	(SCOUT OFFICE)
MARCH 8	LODGE FAMILY BANQUET.	(FOSTER DINING HALL)
MARCH 27	LODGE EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG.	(SCOUT OFFICE)
MARCH 28-30	NLS and NLATS Training	(CAMP ALPINE)
**APRIL 13	SECTION NE-2A COUNCIL OF CHIEFS	(Citta Scout Reservation)
APRIL 24	LODGE EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG.	(SCOUT OFFICE)
MAY 2-4	NLS Training	(Camp Woodlands, Constantia, NY)
MAY 16-18	SPRING ORDEAL WEEKEND.	(OCKANICKON)
JUNE 6-8	SECTION NE-2A CONCLAVE	(Citta Scout Reservation)
JULY 24	LODGE EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG.	(OCKANICKON)
AUGUST 22-24	FALL ORDEAL WEEKEND.	(OCKANICKON)
SEPTEMBER 25	LODGE EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG.	(SCOUT OFFICE)
SEPTEMBER 28-30	NLS Training	(CAMP ALPINE)

2004 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 31 - August 4	National Order of the Arrow Conference	(Iowa State University)
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NOTES:

- Dates for Lodge Executive Board meeting are subject to change.
 - Chapter Meetings are scheduled to be held on the same night as District Roundtables.
 - No extra charge is made for those brothers taking their BROTHERHOOD CEREMONY.
- ** Dates for Section Meetings along with time and places are tentative.



* The letter after your name on the address label indicates if you are (O)rdeal, (B)rotherhood, or (V)igil, and the year indicates the year that your dues are paid through. Contact Mike Wilsey, the Lodge Advisor, if any corrections need to be made. Home phone: 215-453-8729 and e-mail MWilsey@WilseyTool.com

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