

# The Wolf's Howl

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## CHIEF'S CORNER

*From Adam Schalk, Chapter Chief*

My Brothers! My name is ADAM SCHALK; I am your Powhatan Chapter Chief.

At the last spring Ordeal at camp Meadowkirk, you and your brothers' elected the Powhatan Chapters top youth for many roles of responsibility. These new Chapter Officers are currently hard at work preparing plans and implementing complex processes to make your OA experience great this year!

My new leadership team and I are just about settled into our new roles of service. We are planning on having admirable events this fall. They include things like the District's Fall Camporee being held between October 3rd -5th. We plan on having a wonderful time with our brothers providing cheerful service at the Camporee. Also we plan on having a productive experience helping out with the WEBELOS-Ree which will be held on the 1st -2nd of November. I hope you can make it! And most of all our excitement is focused upon the Fall Ordeal which is going to be on the weekend of November 7-9 this year.

Thank you all for the opportunity to be your Chapter Chief. Since last spring I have had the opportunity to work very hard, for the organization that I believe will have an immense impact on your lives. All we need to do is just give up a few weekends a year and truly serve our brothers. I will continue to strive for efficiency and growth within the Order of the Arrow. Are you in fact trying your hardest and being as involved as you really could be? It's up to all of us to put forth our all.

In your service,

ADAM SCHALK

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars! Here are the events for this fall:

- Camporee – Oct 3-5, Claude Moore Park
- WEBELOS-Ree – Nov 1-2, Lake Fairfax
- Fall Ordeal – Nov 7-9, Camp Snyder

The next chapter meeting will be held during Camporee.

## PAY YOUR DUES!

Annual OA membership dues were due last December, but the Lodge still wants your money! It's not too late to pay. Dues are \$12.00. Use the form included in this newsletter.

### NEW CHAPTER LEADERSHIP

Introducing the new Chapter Leadership! At the ordeal this spring, Powhatan Chapter members elected these new officers:

- Adam Schalk, Chapter Chief
- Ryan Dufrene, First Vice Chief
- Aaron Bentley & Josh Rubin, Vice-Chiefs of Health and Safety
- Dan Mehan, Vice-Chief of Ceremonies
- Andrew Redfern, Vice-Chief of Service
- Woody Null, Vice-Chief of Administration
- Nicholas Black, Vice-Chief of Cook Crew
- Michael Milazzo, Vice-Chief of District Support
- Brandon Timbrook, Vice-Chief of Ordeal Inductions
- James Snow, Vice-Chief of Brotherhood Inductions

Please congratulate these new officers for their election. They are your leaders until the next spring.

### CHAPTER WEBSITE

*From Woody Null, Vice-Chief of Administration*

Powhatan Chapter is moving into the 21<sup>st</sup> century! After many months of hard work, we now have a brand new official website! On the website, you can get information about our chapter, ceremonies scripts, the calendar, newsletter archives, and more! So please check it out:

<http://www.thearrow.org>

### GOT NEWS?

*From Woody Null, Vice-Chief of Administration*

We are always looking for good articles for the *Wolf's Howl*. Please email them to Woody Null: [woody.null@gmail.com](mailto:woody.null@gmail.com)

### GOSHEN BUS LOADING

*From Andrew Redfern, Vice-Chief of Service*

Dear Brothers,

I would just like to start off by saying what a great job everyone did who came out for bus loading in July! We had about 10 volunteers from Powhatan and a few from Occoquan. This was my first time doing a bus loading and I was impressed by how well everyone worked as a unit. The leadership of those who had done bus loading before was fantastic! It took about 4 hours which was really quick compared to some of the other bus loading stories I had heard! Once again I am so thankful to those who came out and helped!

YIB,  
Andrew

### TROOP OA REPS

*From Michael Milazzo, Vice-Chief of District Support*

Whether it's cooking, ceremonies, or health and safety, we would always use more help in an OA event. And where would we get this help? From our members! To let you know we need help, we contact your troop OA reps. But I've found out that of the 25 troops in our chapter, only 6 have OA reps! PLEASE let me know your OA reps!!! It would be very helpful if I got their contact information and whether or not they have been trained and/or been registered. By the way, on the back of this newsletter is the form to register for an OA rep! The information can be sent to my email address ([m92m@msn.com](mailto:m92m@msn.com)). The registration forms can be sent to:

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Herndon, VA 20170

Thank you!  
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Michael Milazzo  
Powhatan Vice-chief of District Support

### ARROW COPRS 5

*From Woody Null, Vice-Chief of Administration*

ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup> was five different service projects conducted at five different National Forests by five thousand Arrowmen. Get it? 5.

According to reports, the projects have gone off without a hitch. The Order of the Arrow has demonstrated once again its ability and willingness to serve for the good of others. Projects included trail building and trail improvement.

Congratulations and many thanks to everyone involved in any of the ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup> projects!

### FALL ORDEAL

*From Michael Milazzo, Vice-Chief of District Support*

Remember back when you did your Ordeal? Just think, how many OA members were there? Well, this November 7th-9th, we're hosting our Powhatan Ordeal at Camp Snyder. There will be many candidates attending and there aren't a whole lot of members coming!! With more help, we can get ceremonies done faster, get the work done quicker, and, my favorite, cook faster so we can eat more! Hey, the more the merrier!

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**\*\* See registration form included in back \*\***

### BROTHERHOOD CONVERSIONS

*From James Snow, Vice-Chief of Brotherhood Inductions*

Hey OA members, hope you had a good summer but now that it's over the OA will be swinging into full gear. Now many new OA members have asked me "hey, what are those two bars for on your OA sash?" Well what I tell them is that those bars signify that an OA member has sealed his brotherhood

membership in the OA. The next question I usually hear is "how do you get to be sealed into the brotherhood membership?" So I tell them that you have to have been active in the OA for at least 10 months. Finally the last question is most likely going to be "Where can I get my membership sealed into the brotherhood?" Well right now the first opportunity that Ordeal members have to get their brotherhood is this coming fall Camporee which is taking place in October 3-5 at Claude Moore Park, but if you can't make it there then the fall ordeal is in November 7-9 at Camp Snyder. I hope to see more brotherhood members this year so don't wait!

### NOAC 2009

The 2009 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) will be held August 1 through August 6, 2009 at Indiana University. NOAC is a national event where thousands of Arrowmen gather to compete in ceremonies, socialize with other OA members, trade patches, learn about Indian lore, watch amazing performances, and much, much more! So mark the date: August 1-6, 2009 at Indiana University. More information on how to sign up will be published when it is made available.

<http://event.oa-bsa.org>

### FALL CAMPOREE

*From Michael Milazzo, Vice-Chief of District Support*

This October 3rd-5th, we will do our fall Camporee. As the Order of the Arrow, we are the "staff" for this event. Almost every year, we are very short on OA support which makes us not able to give back fully to the troops we come from. There is never too much help!! If you can come as the OA, all you have to do is bring your sash. Think of it as cheerful service!

### WEBELOS-REE

*From Michael Milazzo, Vice-Chief of District Support*

Every year the WEBELOS of our packs come together at the WEBELOS-Ree at Lake Fairfax. This year it will be November 1st - 2nd. We have some very easy jobs to do there (such as Health and Safety). It shouldn't require much work so all the more reason to go out and have a fun, relaxing weekend!

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### TWO ARROWMEN SIT IN CONGRESS

*From Duane Bailey, Scoutmaster, Troop 160*

On Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, what was thought to be a routine tour of the U.S. Capitol to complete a final requirement for their Citizen in the Nation Merit Badge, turned into a once-in-a-lifetime experience for Troop 160 Arrowmen Kevin Bailey and John Rowley. Both had the opportunity and distinct privilege of being invited down from the House gallery to sit in Congressional seats on the floor of the House Chamber. During this time, they listened to Republican congressmen speak directly to the American people about the need for a vote on H.R. 6566 – the American Energy Act ([www.gop.gov/energy/americanenergyact](http://www.gop.gov/energy/americanenergyact)).

Never before in the history of the U.S. Capitol have American citizens been invited to sit in the seats normally reserved for only members of the United States Congress.

Typically, visitors to the House Chamber are allowed limited access to the visitor's gallery which overlooks the Chamber, or to visit the adjoining Cloak Room. While on the floor, the boys occupied front row seats along the "right" side of the center aisle - - 20 feet from the podium used by the Speaker of the House or the President, during his State of the Union addresses! These Scouts heard presentations by House Republican Leader John Boehner (R-OH) and Congressman Ted

Poe (R-TX). While in the House Cloak Room, the Scouts had an opportunity to speak directly with Representative Poe about his views on the need for a vote on this legislation, which is a Republican plan for clean and reliable energy. After their meeting, Representative Poe took a few moments to pose for a photo with the Arrowmen.

It was a truly exciting and memorable day for these Scouts. They began the day with the goal of learning about history at the U.S. Capitol, and instead, became participants in a unique historical event!

### POWHATAN SCOUTS PROVIDE CHEERFUL SERVICE AT INTERNATIONAL CAMPOREE

*From Dr. Mark Renne, Troop 1570*

What do you do at Camporee? Brotherhood conversions of course! What do you do when the Camporee is the Michigan International Camporee? You do brotherhood conversion with an international flavor. That is just what happened when 800 scouts and scouters from 25 countries gathered for the 2008 Michigan International Camporee, held at the Northwoods Scout Reservation at the end of July.

When a scouter from Argentina approached the Lodge Chief for the Chief Okemos Council OA Lodge with a request for a brotherhood conversion the response was (following advisor approval), 'Yes, but we don't have our entire ceremonies team at the Camporee.' When this need was broadcast camp-wide, Ben Renne and Andrew Redfern stepped forward to take the parts of Meteu and Allowat Sakima, respectively.

An awesome ceremony was performed with lightning flashing in the distance and loons calling over the nearby Arrowhead Lake (fitting location for arrowmen to gather). The Argentinean scouter noted that the ceremony was very meaningful and that he plans to introduce OA in his own country, patterned after the Native Americans of Argentina. Great job Ben and Andrew!!

## Directions to Camp Snyder

6100 Antioch Road  
Haymarket, VA 20169  
(571)-248-4904

### Via Route 66

Drive West on I-66 towards Front Royal

Take Exit 40 for Route 15 South  
Travel 1/2 mile

Turn Right at Route 55  
Travel about 1 mile

Turn Right at Antioch Road  
Travel 1/2 mile

### Via Route 15

Drive South on Route 15

Turn Right at Route 55  
Travel about 1 mile

Turn Right at Antioch Road  
Travel 1/2 mile



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