



The Wolf's Howl

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Chief's Corner

By: Adam Schalk, Powhatan Chapter Chief

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

I would first like to congratulate all our new Ordeal Brothers. Let me tell you, a world of opportunity has just opened up for you. My term as Chapter Chief is almost over. It has been a great privilege to be able to lead our chapter for the past year. Not only have I learned and benefited from the OA in this past year but in the years before it as well.

The experiences I have encountered, I believe are priceless and can not be expressed in words. This alone is why I am urging you to step up and ease your fellow brother's burdens, by attending this years Spring Ordeal and Camporee. I understand that all of us have many commitments and obligations outside of Scouting. If we can stop for just a minute and forget all our daily cares, and remember our bonds of brotherhood that tie us all together in cheerful service to others. Right now I challenge all of our brothers to become more active in the Order of the Arrow. I look forward to meeting all of you at our Spring Ordeal and Camporee.

IN YOUR SERVICE,
ADAM SCHALK

Upcoming Events

May 1-3: Spring Ordeal
May 15-17: Spring Camporee
May 16-17: Section Conclave
July 30 - Aug. 6: National OA Conference

We've gone electronic! Check out the Powhatan Chapter Calendar online at www.thearrow.org. Or add powhatan.oa@gmail.com to your Google Calendar!

What's Inside

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Pay Your Dues!

Remember, to help fund the lodge, we all have to pay dues to keep our membership active. Dues are \$12 per year. If you have not paid for 2009, please do on our website, www.thearrow.org.

National OA Conference (NOAC)

By: Woody Null, Vice-Chief of Administration

Once every few years, the Order of the Arrow holds a national conference. It is a week long in August. What can you do there? Just about anything. There are classes in the morning, ranging on anything from ceremonies to leadership to scout skills, and just about anything else. The afternoon holds competitions and events of all kinds, ranging from swimming to volleyball, ceremonies competitions to basketball games, to any sort of fun activity a bunch of scouts could think up.

Hurry up and register – slots are filling quickly. Attendance for this event is in high demand. Don't let someone else take *your* seat. A bonus feature for our lodge only: We will be stopping at Cedar Point amusement park for some *awesome* rollercoasting!

NOAC will be held at Indiana University. The Lodge is renting busses to take us there and back. Sign up online today. www.thearrow.org.

Spring Camporee

By: Michael Millazzo, Vice-Chief of Dist. Support

On May 15-17, we have the Spring Camporee. As the Order of the Arrow, we are the "staff" for this event. We would love for you all to come help us out, as we can always use a hand providing cheerful service to the District. It's just another way to give back to our troops. There is never too much help!! If you can come lend a hand, all you have to do is bring your sash. Look forward to seeing you there!

Spring Ordeal

By: Andrew Redfern, Vice-Chief of Service

When you went through your Ordeal, you probably did not notice all the OA members that were there to support the event. But without them it would not have been possible. The more people we have, the more fun everyone will have! This spring, you have the opportunity to help put on the Ordeal for new members. It will be held May 1-3, at Camp Fraser in Great Falls. It's nearby, so you can stop in for only a little bit if you're busy. I hope to see you there!

*NOTE: Camp Fraser is located at:
101 Springvale Rd. Great Falls, Virginia 22066
A registration form is included in this newsletter.*

Attention New Members!

James Snow, Vice-Chief of Brotherhood Inductions

Many new OA members have asked me, "Hey, what are those two bars for on your OA sash?" What I tell them is that those bars signify that an OA member has sealed his brotherhood membership in the OA. This simply means they have completed the induction process by doing a brotherhood talk, walk, and ceremony. The next question I usually hear is, "How do you get to be sealed into the brotherhood?" So I tell them that you have to be active in the OA for the 10 months. You don't have to repeat your Ordeal. Finally, the last question is most likely, "Where can I get my membership sealed into the brotherhood?" The first opportunity you have is at the Ordeal at Camp Fraser on May 1-3. The next one is at the Spring Ordeal which will be May 15-17. So I hope to see you at either of these so you too can become a brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

Be Prepared

By: Aaron Bentley, Vice-Chief of Health & Safety

After a long conversation with the Health and Safety Crew at the fall ordeal, Mr. George C. Shefflet challenged four of the crew to take leadership courses through the Emergency Management Institute, a FEMA-based institute. The Crew met his challenge by all successfully completing the course within the allotted time period. Mr. Shefflet then challenged the crew again, with six more courses. All varying in length and difficulty. Soon after we heard back from EMI that the entire crew had successfully completed the courses.

Unbeknownst to the crew, Mr. Shefflet had selected The Professional Development Series, which includes seven Emergency Management Institute independent study courses that provide a well-rounded set of fundamentals for those in the emergency management profession. Many students build on this foundation to develop their careers. The crew would like to thank Mr. Shefflet for his interest in helping Health and Safety to build a more trained, competent leadership so that we can take the existing crew and begin to build new membership in Health and Safety.

We are currently working on the training of new members of the crew. We had our first Training Course, on Sunday March 22, 2009. We would like to thank Mr. Terry Idol for teaching this course. The crew is hard at work trying to ensure that we have the proper gear and supplies to support all the upcoming Order of the Arrow and the District events in the near future. If you are interested in becoming part of the Health and Safety Crew or in First Aid training, please contact :

PowhatanHealthandSafety@gmail.com

We hope to hear from you soon!

Yours in cheerful service,
Aaron Bentley & Joshua Rubin
Vice- chiefs of Health and Safety



Joshua Rubin and Michael Millazzo receive awards from Mr. Shefflet.

Join the Cook Crew!

By: Nicholas Black, Vice-Chief of Cook Crew

It hasn't even been a year yet and the things that I've learned are extraordinary. Being vice chief of the cook crew definitely has been an experience that I am unlikely to forget. I first got interested in the whole thing when I went through my ordeal. I was amazed with the quality of the food that was served at the end of it. Knowing that Mr. Lyver was involved with OA, I asked him about it at one of our regular troop meetings. "You should join the cook crew if you're interested!" he replied. At the next ordeal weekend, I asked around about cook crew. I was directed to Mr. Stone, and from that point on, felt like I had always been part of the kitchen. Everything seemed to be laid back but was actually being done properly and in an orderly fashion. I was also treated with great respect, which made me feel more like I belonged there. That same ordeal weekend, I found out that the current vice chief was stepping down. I was amazed at how many people encouraged me to run and I thought that this was my chance to get more involved with the OA.

All of the adults I work with belong in a gourmet kitchen. They are all wonderful cooks and are mainly responsible for such wonderful food. I would like to extend many thanks to the current cook crew. Although at times they can be a bit rambunctious, they are also what make this cook crew work. Without them, it would be impossible to cook for a couple hundred hungry scouts. Another person I would like to thank is Andrew Redfern, who basically took control and ran the pancake dinner this past February, which was a huge success. Lastly, I look forward to seeing many new faces in the kitchen. A large number volunteered for the cook crew at the fall ordeal, and, I must say that you will certainly have a good time. Like Mr. Stone told me, if you've never cooked for several hundred people, it's quite an experience.

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Got News?

We can always use interesting articles to publish in the *Wolf's Howl* and email out. If you have anything exciting to share, please let us know!

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WEBELOS Crossover

By: Andrew Redfern, Vice-Chief of Service

On March 1, the Powhatan District held our annual WEBELOS Bridging/Crossover Ceremony. 87 WEBELOS became Boy Scouts at the Herndon High School in an impressive Indian ceremony. The event was a huge success thanks to the numerous volunteers who helped make it possible. Thank you.

NOTE: DVDs of the ceremony are available from Herndon Community Television:
www.hctv.org | (703) 689-2323

Crossover Congrats!

This is a letter we received shortly after the WEBELOS Crossover on March 1.

Dear Adam,

I wanted to let you, and your team of scouts, know how lovely the Order of the Arrow Ceremony was today.

From the first step into the high school, it was evident that a lot of time and effort went into the planning. Registration was quick and easy. The scouts manning the tables were efficient and friendly. They were prepared with name tags with Troop designations. The scouts all sitting together was incredibly smart, even though a hundred 11 year olds in one place could have been a disaster!

The program itself was interesting and helped the boys to understand the enormity of going from adult led Cub Scouts to boy led Boy Scouts. The scouts in the isles to help the new scouts find their seats was a stroke of genius as we witnessed many boys wondering/wandering until the older boy came to get them and lead them to their seats.

I know that this ceremony took many hours to plan, put together, and finally, to implement. I know that there were many "invisible" helpers as well as the ones on the stage or in the isles. Please thank the entire team for my family. We all enjoyed it tremendously. It was worth coming home from a weekend away a little bit early. I do think that Bed will remember this for the rest of his life as an important bridge to his future.

Sincerely,
Sheryl Clark

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