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Calendar

Spring Conclave & Ordeal

May 19-21

Lodge Leadership Development

August 25-27

Fall Conclave & Ordeal

September 22-24

Winter Banquet

December 1-3



June 6-10, 2017 at Philmont

It is not too late to Register!

Come join the Order of the Arrow June 6th-10th, 2017 at Wachipi American Indian Seminar hosted at the beautiful Philmont Scout Ranch.

Wachipi is the Lakota word for dance, a gathering of people for fun and fellowship. That's what Wachipi American Indian Seminar will be: Arrowmen from around the country will gather to celebrate, honor and learn about the Order of the Arrow's rich history and tradition of the American Indian.

Both dancers and ceremonialists--youth and adult, with any level of experience--are welcome to attend and broaden their knowledge. Arrowmen will be fully immersed in American Indian activities from around the country, focusing on the Plains Indians. An emphasis will be put on craft and improving ceremonial and dance attire. Attendance will be by individual registration rather than as lodge contingents.

You can register now the price is \$285.

Program highlights include beadwork, leather working, as well as the opportunity to create or improve their outfits. During Wachipi, Arrowmen will have a plethora of activities to participate in including powwows and traditional American Indian games. Top staff are being recruited from around the nation to ensure that guests will receive top-notch instruction and instill a deep interest and respect for the American Indian arts.

Register at <https://reservations.scouting.org/profile/form/index.cfm?PKformID=0x81169c2dd>



SPRING CONCLAVE & ORDEAL

Lodge Conclave/Ordeal is May 19-21 at Gorham. You can register at the council website calendar or use this link:

[gswcbsa.org/registration/
calendardetail.aspx?](http://gswcbsa.org/registration/calendardetail.aspx?ActivityKey=1973309&OrgKey=3380)

[ActivityKey=1973309&OrgKey=3380](http://gswcbsa.org/registration/calendardetail.aspx?ActivityKey=1973309&OrgKey=3380)

Register by 5/10 to avoid a late fee.

Encourage newly elected candidates to attend and Ordeal Members to get their Brotherhood. You need to have been an Ordeal member 10 months to be eligible for Brotherhood.

Elangomats are needed. Members who serve as elangomats receive a tee shirt, special bead, patch and breakfast on Sunday. They also attend Winter Banquet free. If you are interested in serving contact Jacob Hudson at jacob.hudson131@gmail.com

In Memoriam Kermit Johnson



Kermit Johnson, a lifelong resident of Taos, passed away on January 24, 2017 at the age of 73.

Kermit was born on July 16, 1943 in Oshkosh Wisconsin to Bertie Lee and Calvin Johnson. He grew up in Wichita Kansas where he graduated from Wichita North High School. Kermit went on to earn his master's degree in Botany from Kansas University. Kermit was very involved in the Boy Scouts of America. He volunteered his time to the organization for over 55 years. He was a member of the Order of the Arrow. Other interests included woodworking, gardening, painting and silversmithing. Kermit loved being a grandpa.

Kermit is survived by his wife Kathy, sons Shane and Mahlon (Tanya) daughter Rachael six grandchildren Neven, Michael, Joshua, Adam, Jonathan and a new grandchild in May 2017. Kermit is also survived by his sisters Donna, Lisa, Cindy and Erin. He is preceded in death by his parents Calvin and Bertie. Kermit will be deeply missed by all. A celebration of life will be held later this summer.

Staff the 2017 National Boy Scout Jamboree July 19-28, 2017

Want to Attend Jamboree? It is Not too Late
Here is an Amazing Opportunity for You

Youth Trek Guides and Adult Aerial Staff are Still Needed!



Trek Guides

- Be the face of the Order of the Arrow to Scouts and Scouters from all across the world and from all walks of life
- Develop a relationship with and be a guide to units during a 4-6 mile journey to Garden Ground Mountain
- Educate participants on the importance of sustainability and the West Virginia environment during the journey
- Serve as support staff to the exciting program areas on top of Garden Ground Mountain

Aerial Adult Staff

- No special certifications are required

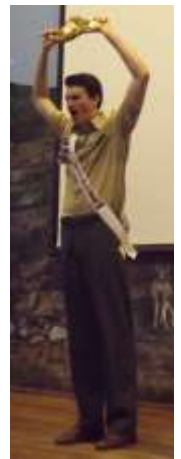
For more information and to register go to oa-bsa.org/jamboree

If you have questions email cynhoward@msn.com



Section W6E Conclave

Section W6E at Philmont was magnificent, there was so much to do from the Indian Village to the shows. There were great trainings, activities and a demonstration on how to make fry bread. The National Chief, Forrest Gertin was in attendance. He ate fry bread for the first time and liked it so much he went back for thirds. The Lip Sync Battle was one of the highlights and got everyone up and dancing, including a dinosaur!



Jason Hickey took the Golden Arrow for his rendition of a Northern Tier pirate song and Forrest Gertin took the VIP winners belt with his Pina Colada song. On Sunday Forrest conducted the installation ceremony for our new section officers; Andrew Stokes-Chief, Daniel Leffman-Vice Chief and Colin Howard-Secretary. Thank you to Jarod Pterman, our outgoing section chief, the officers, the CVCs and the advisors who made this years conclave a success.



Lodge Fellowship

Fellowship was in Farmington. Thanks goes to Crow for hosting. Everyone had a wonderful time watching movies, doing service and just spending time together. The ceremony team held a Brotherhood ceremony at the Scout Hut. Eight Arrowmen sealed their membership and completed Brotherhood.



Save the Date

Lodge Leadership Development
August 25-27
In the Albuquerque Metro area

Publication Notices

As Thunderbird Editor I would like to include pictures of the Lodge Officers. Please send one as soon as you can. If you haven't sent an introduction please provide one for the next edition.

Thank you to all who submitted articles. Everyone wants to hear more from the chapters. Be sure and send in some news and share some of the great things you are doing.

Make it your Thunderbird!

Chapter and Lodge Officers: Please submit your articles by July 31, 2017

Submit the articles using the Thunderbird e-mail address:
yahtah.thunderbird@gmail.com

YIB,
Colin Howard Lodge Publications Chair

Updates from Lodge Officers



Lodge Executive Officers

2016-2017

Lodge Chief	Graeme Burton
VC Administration	Andy Till
VC Operations	Jacob Hudson
VC Northern Chapters	Aedan Wells
VC Southern Chapters	Michael Allen
Secretary	Colin Howard
Treasurer	Chris Robison

DUES—DUES—DUES

Make sure to pay your 2017 dues.

Dues are \$10 and can be paid online through the Council website (gswcbsa.org). Hover over the "Order of the Arrow" menu on the left side of the website and select the "Members" sub-menu.

You can view the current dues status list and click the 2017 Lodge Dues link to pay the dues. You can also add this to your cart as you are registering for Lodge Events.



From the Secretary's Desk

Lodge Fellowship was well attended. There was a Brotherhood ceremony with 8 Arrowmen sealing their membership in the order.

I am continuing to work on updating the Lodge Rosters. Please send me updates on Chapter elections and contact information for and new Chapter Officers. I believe the Lodge Officers and Committee rosters are now up to date.

I have set up a drop box to post and store all the rosters, the lodge organization chart and the LEC minutes. This way we can access the meeting minutes when we need to look at them. I will send out the access to the site soon. I will send out electronic chapter JTE forms to chapter leadership.

As the Thunderbird editor I would like you to send me anything you would like announced. I could use more chapter and officer news.

Send articles and updates to my Scout email: cynhoward@msn.com

I plan to continue as the Thunderbird editor but my term as secretary will be ending soon. I wanted to thank everyone for helping me get our Lodge paperwork in order. I have enjoyed serving as your secretary.

Colin Howard—Lodge Secretary

Chapter Update

From the Crow's Mouth



Crow Chapter recently hosted Spring Fellowship and we hope you all enjoyed it. Our ceremony

team has done multiple Arrow Of Light ceremonies around San Juan County. They all went well and the team is getting better with each ceremony they do. Troop elections are starting and our election team has been hard at work performing elections for various troops in the area. We are looking forward to Spring Conclave and meeting with the lodge again.

Yours in service,
Adler Smith , Crow Chapter Secretary



Ubiquitous Ute Update

Greetings from the Ute Chapter
The "North of the Border" Bunch

Thankfully everyone survived our latest Spring Camporee. Once again we got to experience the proverbial Colorado weather – if you don't like it, wait five minutes, it will change!!! In spite of the cold and a few passing snow showers, the Ute Chapter conducted a memorable Order of the Arrow Call Out at our Friday evening campfire.

Now it is time to encourage the new candidates to pass their Ordeal and be welcomed into the Ute Chapter.

As a Chapter, we continue to perform Crossovers and also Camp Promotion.

We take time to practice our drumming and dancing at our monthly meetings and have a couple of CD's for our members to listen and learn songs. We still have our sights set on re-viving the Grand Entry at Conclaves.

*"When you do nothing, you feel overwhelmed and powerless.
But when you get involved, you feel the sense of hope and accomplishment
that comes from knowing you are working to make things better"* Albert Einstein

Happy Camping!

Ute Chapter OA

MIGHTY MESCI MINUTE



The past few months the chapter has been busy with service projects, unit elections are ceremonies. The ceremony team has been conducting crossover and Arrow of Light ceremonies for the Cub Packs in our area. The team acquired a badly needed new headdress and some wonderful arrow candle stick holders. The election team was busy visiting troop meetings to conduct unit elections, camp promotions and general Order of the Arrow presentations. Their hard work resulted in 59 candidates elected.



In March several of us attended the Lodge Fellowship in Farmington. We had a great time and Robert Stanley sealed his membership by getting Brotherhood. The next weekend we helped out at the District Pinewood Derby. We ran the snack bar, conducted the opening flag ceremony and helped with the race. At our chapter meeting we celebrated Crazy Hair/Hat day. We also held our chapter elections. Congratulations to Brennan Hamman, our new chapter chief. He



and his vice chiefs will take office officially at our May meeting after Spring Conclave/Ordeal.

We started April with a conservation service project at the Embudo Trailhead in the Sandia foothills. We helped clean and repair the trails. We



had a good showing at Section Conclave at Philmont where several Mescalero members participated in the Lip Sync Battle. Jason Hickey took 1st with a Northern Tier song; **Tristan Howard and his "crew" took second with a Backstreet Boys song**, and a Jason Hickey Aidan Randell duo took third. Tyler Sperry preformed a Star Ward song and helped as a music tech. We have a lot of talent in Mescalero Chapter! Our



April meeting theme was Space and Aliens were we saw an OA celestial body, **"rings around the chapter chief"**.



We ended April with our biggest service to our district, Spring Camporee & Call Out. Robbie Potter was the youth in charge of camporee. He worked with a **supportive group of OA members that coordinated the "Amazing Scout Race"**. **Over 200 Scouts attended and had fun even though it was**

the weekend of the big snow storm. Some called it "Klonderee" others "Klondike in April". Accommodations had to be made since some troops decided to leave early. The ceremony team was flexible and conducted the Call Out in the afternoon so no one would miss it.

We will be hosting the Lodge Conclave/Ordeal so we look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Cheerful Service and Happy Camping!
Colin Howard
"Outgoing" Mescalero Chapter Chief

