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Winter Dinner a Success

The winter dinner was a success. Thank you to all who attended. Dr. Ferger's presentation was a memorable one. His slide show was very informative. Tyson Ford and George Stiefel III from the section came as well. Tyson talked about the OA Trail Crew, a special group that travels to Philmont in the spring to clean up camp trails.

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For more information on Trail Crew, see address page.

Upcoming Dates

April	
30	LEC Meeting (7PM)
May	
2-4	National Leadership Seminar (Camp Woodland)
16-18	Spring Ordeal Weekend at Camp Tuscarora
28	LEC Meeting (7PM)

Fellowship Weekend Approaching Fast Camp Tuscarora

May 16-18

The lodge's Spring Fellowship and Ordeal weekend is coming up soon. The lodge is preparing Camp Tuscarora for its 50th anniversary at which the lodge will hold an event. Projects for this year include: finishing the upgrade on the docks at waterfront, repairing the stone steps in front of the dining hall, painting the dining hall ceiling, putting new roof on the Scoutcraft and Commissary Area 1 buildings, and cleaning the ceiling at the Nature Lodge. Much help will be needed. It is not too late to sign up. Complete the enclosed registration form and mail it to the scout office or call the scout office for registration.



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Winter Dinner

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Many awards were given out including the Founders Award given for outstanding service to the lodge. The recipient of this award was Randy Gillson, Ceremonies Advisor and dedicated brother. Several brothers were nominated for the Vigil honor and will be receiving it at the Spring Fellowship. A number of brothers also received the Arrowman Service award for service on a personal level, lodge/chapter level and community service. Jamie McNamara swore in Sean Murray as the new Lodge Chief.



Randy Gillson stands as he is recognized as the recipient of the Founders Award for outstanding service to the lodge.



Sean holding the Scout Sign as he repeats the oath of the Lodge Chief after Jamie.



Section NE-3B Conclave Camp Russell August 22-24



This year's section conclave promises to be a great one. Ga-Hon-Ga lodge is hosting the section conclave at Camp Russell, located on White Lake in Woodgate, New York. Scheduled events that will take place at the conclave are :

- American Indian Affairs
- Recreation
- Publications
- Shows
- Special Events
- Training

This year looks like it will be a fun one. The current registration form is enclosed. When finished, mail to the address shown on the registration page.



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Important Dates:

May 2-4 National Leadership Seminar
May 12 Registration Deadline for
Fellowship Weekend
May 16-18 Spring Fellowship
at Camp Tuscarora



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OA Trail Crew

OA Trail Crew is a fourteen day experience gives brothers a chance to join other Arrowmen in cheerful service repairing the trails of Philmont Scout Ranch. Under the direction of trained Philmont staff and the Philmont Conservation Department, participants will be led on the two week trail crew and trek.

The first week concentrates on building and the maintenance of the trails at Philmont under the guidance of Philmont trail crew foremen. The second week is a seven day backpacking trek designed by the participants.

Not only is this a program designed to build trails and to go hiking, it also improves upon the Scouts' leadership skills, advances wilderness survival and low-impact camping skills, and will challenge Scouts physically, mentally, and spiritually.

The projects mission is to maintain, reinforce and enhance the purpose of the Order of the Arrow by using Scout camping traditions. Those who participate will use their experience to help their troop, chapter, lodge, and council programs. "Camping is a method of scouting that enhances and builds stronger programs and people."

For more information on the web go to:
<http://www.oa-bsa.org/programs/tcrew/>

Some text taken directly from the website is in quotations.

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