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## ***Upcoming Dates***

### *September*

17-19 FALL WEEKEND  
29 L.E.C. Meeting

### *October*

23 Section Council of Chiefs  
27 L.E.C. Meeting

### *November*

17 L.E.C. Meeting

### *December*

4 Section-wide LLD  
22 L.E.C. Meeting

### *January*

1 WINTER DINNER



## 6,500 Arrowmen from Around Country Meet at National Conference

Thousands of OA members, including nine from Otahnagon Lodge, descended on Iowa State University for training, activities, fellowship, and memories to last a lifetime.

Lodge members who attend will returned home with a deeper understanding of the Scout Oath, Law, Order of the Arrow Obligation, and what it means to "live" these words in one's daily life, a renewed spirit, pride, and enthusiasm for Scouting and the Order of the Arrow, ideas they can use to better serve Scouting in their home unit and council, new program ideas, knowledge, and skills to improve the lodge,

Increased leadership skills and a better understanding of how to carry out the work of the lodge, the latest information on camping and high-adventure programs, including

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## ***Spring Induction Weekend*** Matt Slimowicz

On May 14th thru 16th, Otahnagon Lodge held its annual spring induction weekend at Camp Barton. On Friday night the candidates were entertained by the Naxiyoke Chapter with games before the Ordeal began. Two pre-Ordeal ceremonies were held, followed by a cracker barrel. On Saturday, the Ka-Na-Kon Chapter was in charge of the day, from water running to making sure everyone was fed. Various service projects were completed by the members of the lodge and the Ordeal candidates, including: re-roofing and restaining the sides of the ranger house.



*Dan Higham, Service Committee Chairman, seen here at the shower house project.*

Special thanks to Fran Solo, who led this project. Another project that got started was the sealing of the Dining Hall roof. Thanks to Bob Black for getting this project going.

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## Pine Whispers

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## Chiefly Speaking...



Fellow Arrowmen,

The past two years of Sean Murray's leadership have been marked by many great achievements like being awarded the Most Outstanding Lodge at the 2003 conclave and breaking the 100 Arrowmen mark for our fellowships. This year I hope will also be marked with many great

accomplishments as well.

As Lodge Chief, I have come up with many goals for the lodge this year. The goals are:

- 1) to receive the Quality Lodge award,
- 2) to rebuild the LEC by having devoted Arrowmen fill all open positions and to restructure how the LEC operates so it is better to serve the Lodge,
- 3) to rebuild our failing chapters and to increase their activity by having them serve their district in which the chapters would plan and run the winter camporees,
- 4) to have outstanding Lodge events,
- 5) to train more ceremonies teams and to have two new ceremonies: the Arrow of Light Ceremony and the Calling Out Ceremony,
- 6) to promote full-membership participation in all Lodge and Chapter events,
- 7) to have unit elections and a camping promotion visit to all the troops in the council,
- 8) to restart the Native American dance team, and finally,
- 9) to keep all that the Lodge does best going at its best.

I would like to thank everyone that has helped and shown me the way so far. This year can be a great success; it all depends on us, the members of Scouting who were "chosen to serve and inspired to lead."

Yours in Brotherhood,

*Paul Berger*

Paul "PJ" Berger  
 Otahnagon Lodge Chief



*Do not wait for leaders. Do it alone, person to person.*  
 - Mother Teresa

# News Around the Lodge...

## Record Conclave Contingent

Staff Reports



On June 11-13, the NE-3B conclave was held at Henderson Scout Reservation in Maryland, NY. This year we had the largest conclave contingent in memory, a full 42 lodge members, representing the lodge and Baden-Powell Council very well.

Every attendee from Otahnagon received a free T-Shirt. Thanks to Ted Foley for arranging this welcome addition to our program.

Congratulations to Andy Foley and his newsletter team, who took the prize of Best Newsletter in the Section. Otahnagon's excellence doesn't stop there; the pre-Ordeal team took home the trophy for the Best Team in the section for the second year in a row, and of course, great job to our Order of the Arrow Jeopardy and volleyball teams, who won their events, and the soccer team, who tied with Hodensaunee Lodge.



This year we had several of the best trainers in the section present on Saturday morning to packed classes, with all of our lodge members participating in the sessions.

Section elections were held at conclave, and two of our lodge's members were elected to office. Congratulations to Sean Murray, our new Section Chief, and to Matt Slimowicz, our new Section Secretary.

Unfortunately we did not win the Most Outstanding Lodge for a second time, but there was a huge debate on Sunday morning, with the award going to Onteroraus for their efforts as the service lodge.

A special thanks to all those who made this conclave possible, and to those who were instructors, you did a fantastic job. If you didn't go to conclave this past year, make sure you plan to attend the 2005 conclave, which will be held at Camp Tri-Mount and hosted by Half Moon Lodge.

## LLDC A SuCCeSS

Zachariah Riley



On August 20th-21st, the lodge's LEC held it's annual Lodge Leadership Development Conference (LLDC) at Camp Tuscarora's Winter Unit Four. Although it was rainy, it was a huge success, with 25 of the LEC there

to train as well as to be trained.

We started with an evaluation of last year and made new goals for the lodge. We also had six training courses that included Dynamics of Leadership, Recruiting and Retaining lodge members, What is a chapter/How to run it, Ceremonies and Dance, as well as Communications.

The reason for the Lodge Leadership Development Conference is to train the Lodge Executive Committee to run the Lodge events such as the Fall and Spring Induction Weekends, the Mall Show and the Winter Dinner.

We have an outstanding LEC this year, who are going to do a great job completing their goals. The lodge would like to give a special thanks to all those who made this possible. The trainers, the trainees and of course, the cooks.

With the completion of this weekend, and our newly trained brothers, upcoming events are sure to be hugely successful.

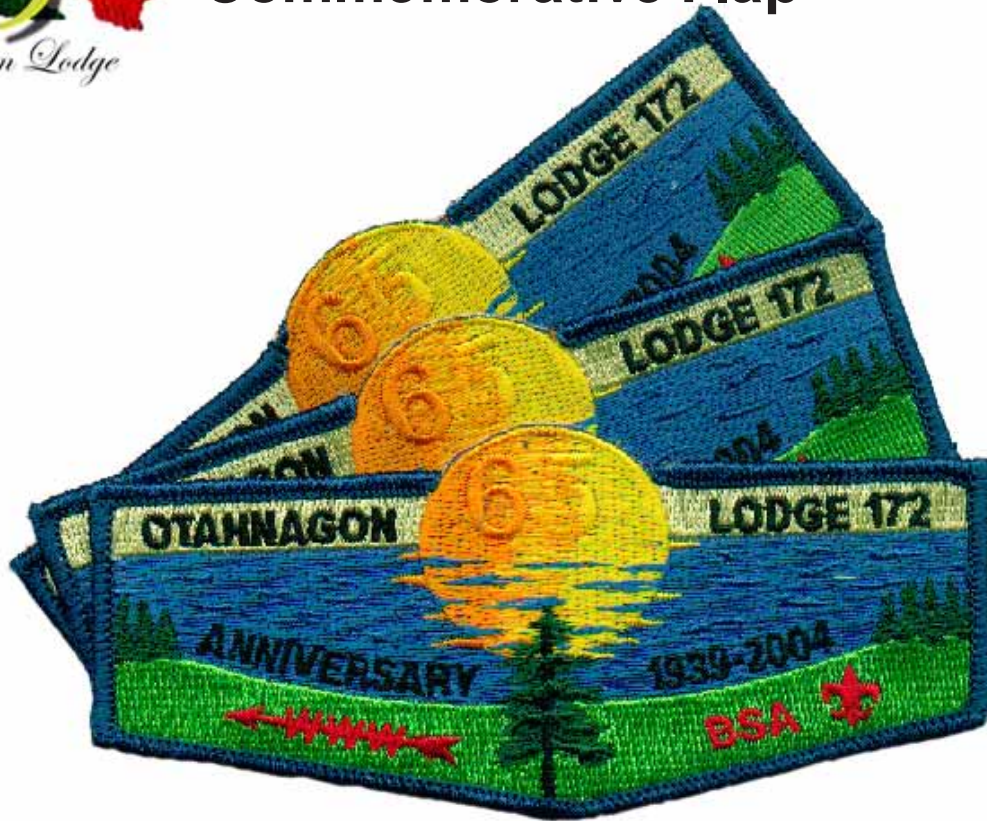
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how to successfully promote Boy Scout camping, new friendships with fellow Arrowmen from throughout the country, and memories to last a lifetime.





# Otahnagon Lodge 65th Anniversary Commemorative Flap





- 400 fully embroidered, full-color anniversary flaps sold on a *first come, first served* basis. Cost is \$3.00/flap. Shipping is \$.50/flap.

**Special Notes:**

- **The lodge reserves the right to limit quantities ordered.**
- **Flaps are also on sale for immediate pickup at the Scout Office.**

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 Attn: Order of the Arrow  
 P.O. Box 66  
 Binghamton, New York 13903

# 2004 Fall Induction Weekend Registration Form

Please print clearly.

FULL NAME: _____	PHONE NUMBER: _____
ADDRESS: _____	DATE OF BIRTH: _____
CITY: _____	STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ (Circle Unit Type)	
DISTRICT/CHAPTER: _____ PACK / TROOP / CREW UNIT #: _____	

**You are registering for the 2004 Fall Induction Weekend**

Camp Tuscarora (September 17-19)

Registration Deadline: Monday, September 13

There is a \$10 late fee for any registrations received (i.e. not at the Scout office) after the deadline.

## Candidates

*If you are joining the Order of the Arrow, complete this section.*

Ordeal Candidate Weekend Fee* .....	\$ 36.00
Late Registration Fee (see deadlines above)	\$10.00
<b>Total Fees Included:</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

**\* What does the Candidate Fee Include?**  
 Food, OA sash, OA handbook, 2004 & 2005 lodge dues (\$12), lodge pocket flap, and pocket ribbon.

## Members

*If you are already a member of the Order of the Arrow, complete this section.*

Member Weekend Fee (per weekend) .....	\$ 10.00
____ I would like to be an Elangomat* .....	-\$5.00
____ I would like to become a Brotherhood member** (additional charge) .....	\$13.00
2004 Lodge Dues .....	\$ 6.00
Late Registration Fee (see deadlines above)	\$10.00
<b>Total Fees Included:</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

**\* What is an Elangomat?**  
 Elangomat, which means friend, is an OA member that participates in the Ordeal again to help new members fully experience the meaning of the Order. Elangomats are given a \$5 credit toward registration.  
**\*\* Brotherhood candidates may not be Elangomats.**

### Method of Payment

- \_\_\_\_\_ Cash (in person only)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Check (mail or in person, make payable to **Baden-Powell Council, BSA**)
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As an Arrowman, I understand the lodge leadership is responsible for the supervision of the event in respect to maintaining discipline and security, and agree to the following **Code of Conduct**:

1. Observe the Scout Oath or Promise, the Scout Law and the Order of the Arrow Obligation.
2. Attend all planned general sessions and activities.
3. Confine trading and swapping to free periods and designated areas.
4. Be personally responsible for breakage, damage, or loss of property.
5. Observe quiet hours and lights out from midnight to 7 a.m.
6. Keep my quarters clean, my bed made and dispose of trash in the proper place.
7. Not change my officially assigned sleeping quarters without permission from headquarters.
8. Understand that the purchase, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages or illicit drugs at the event will not be permitted and will result in immediate dismissal from the event. This standard shall apply to all youth and adult participants.
9. Wear suitable covering at all times.
10. Comply with federal, state, and local laws, including those which prohibit the use of fireworks, firearms, and gambling. Infraction of these laws and regulations will be cause for immediate dismissal from the event.
11. Not be authorized to sell items at the event. I understand that the lodge trading post is the only source for purchasing items at the event.
12. Comply with all restrictions on motor vehicle operation.
13. At all times, be considerate guests of the camp and the council.
14. Follow the Boy Scouts of America's policy on smoking and observe all smoking restrictions.
15. All individuals under the age of 21 must remain at the event for its entire duration, unless prior arrangements have been made with lodge leadership, and written consent from a parent/guardian is on file with headquarters.
16. Individuals under the age of 18 are prohibited from driving to the event. Individuals under the age of 21 must have parental permission to ride with a driver under the age of 21.

PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this completed form to:

Baden-Powell Council, BSA • Attn: OA • PO Box 66 • Binghamton, NY 13903-0066 • Fax: 607-729-9163

To receive confirmation of your registration, please send a self addressed stamped envelope in to the office with your registration.

**An appropriate Personal Health & Medical History form and Consent and Medical**

**Release form must accompany this registration form (see reverse side).**

**CLASS 1 PERSONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL HISTORY**

To be filled out by parent, guardian, or adult participant. Please print in ink. **All participants** must complete the "Consent and Medical Release" portion.

**IDENTIFICATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent(s) or guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

If person named above is not available in the event of an emergency, notify

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of personal physician \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Personal health/accident insurance carrier \_\_\_\_\_ Policy No. \_\_\_\_\_

**ALLERGIES** (Food, medicines, insects, plants): NO / YES Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Circle all items that apply, **past or present**, to your health history. Explain any circled items.

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|--------|------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| ADHD*  | Hemophilia | Convulsions/seizures | Kidney disease  | Heart trouble |
| Asthma | Diabetes   | High blood pressure  | Cancer/leukemia |               |

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list ALL medications taken in the 30 days prior to arrival at the Scouting activity where this form is to be used:

\_\_\_\_\_

List any medications to be taken at camp: \_\_\_\_\_

List any physical or behavioral conditions that may affect or limit full participation in swimming, backpacking, hiking long distances, or playing strenuous physical games: \_\_\_\_\_

List equipment needed such as wheelchair, braces, glasses, contact lenses, etc.: \_\_\_\_\_

**IMMUNIZATIONS** (Give date of last inoculation; Do **Not** Write "Up to Date")

Tetanus toxoid \_\_\_\_\_ Measles \_\_\_\_\_ Polio \_\_\_\_\_ Diphtheria \_\_\_\_\_

Mumps \_\_\_\_\_ Pertussis \_\_\_\_\_ Rubella \_\_\_\_\_

**WAIVER OF CLAIMS**

In consideration of the benefits to be derived from participation in the activities of the Order of the Arrow, any and all claims against the Boy Scouts of America, the officers, employees, agents, or other representatives of any of them, or any other persons working under their direction or engaged in the conduct of their affairs, arising out of any accident, illness, injury, damage, or other loss or harm to/or incurred or suffered by the participant named above or to his or her property, in connection with or incidental to the activity, including preliminary training and travel, are hereby expressly waived by the applicant and the applicant's family or guardians.

**CONSENT AND MEDICAL RELEASE**

I give permission for full participation in the OA program, subject to limitations noted herein. I hereby approve and agree to all the terms, conditions, and waiver of claims of this form and certify to its correctness. Further, I agree that this BSA youth member (if an adult, that I) meet(s) the health and physical fitness requirements of the trip or activity.

**In the event of illness or injury**, I understand every effort will be made to contact me (if an adult, my spouse or next of kin). In the event I cannot be reached after reasonable efforts have been made, I hereby give my permission to the physician selected by the adult leader in charge to secure proper treatment, including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or injections of medication for my child (or for me, if an adult).

PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

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Andy Foley, Secretary/Treasurer, Zachariah Riley, Vice Chief of Program, PJ Berger, Lodge Chief, Matt Slimowicz, Vice Chief of Administration, Ryan Machir, Vice Chief of Chapters, and Sean Murray, Immediate Past Lodge Chief.

Staff Adviser and a new Vigil member, and Mr. Ted Foley, Information Adviser from Troop 221. In the evening we watched a movie, welcomed our new brothers and, what else, enjoyed the fellowship.

Sunday morning everyone looked refreshed and enjoyed another meal, followed by a Scout's Own Service put on by the Machir Family and the Tatchen Chapter. Afterwards we jumped into JumpStart, followed by the Business Meeting, where the lodge officers were elected. Congratulations to Paul Berger, Lodge Chief, Matt Slimowicz, Vice Chief of Administration, Zachariah Riley, Vice Chief of Program, Ryan Machir, Vice Chief of Chapters, and Andy Foley, Secretary/Treasurer. The lodge began a new award at this weekend, the Chapter Spirit Award, which is presented to



the chapter that, in the eyes of the lodge leadership, is the most spirited and contributed substantially to the success of the weekend. Our first recipient was the Tatchen Chapter.

Finally, the lodge wishes to thank the 2003-2004 lodge officers, especially Sean Murray, who will now serve as our Immediate Past Lodge Chief and NE-3B Section Chief. Thanks also to everyone that helped to staff the event or attended

and participated in the lodge service projects.

Sheltered from the rain, a third group installed some FRP Board in the shower stalls to improve moisture control.

Afternoon was an exciting time, with a slight break in the rain, everyone scrambled to complete projects that got stalled in the morning. Later in the afternoon we did our Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies. Although they were moved because the rain returned, the performances were quite impressive nonetheless. The feast followed, cooked up once again by Mr. Jim Higham, Lodge



Dick Place, Ted Foley, and David Bailey prepare the Saturday night feast.



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## Camp Barton Summer Camp Report

Matt Slimowicz

Every week on Friday night we had another impressive call-out ceremony. This year the team was comprised of Marcin Bojanczyk, Gordon Szebenyi, Nick Blakely, William Albrecht and Vince Engbith. Something new this year was "Scout Law Jeopardy," where on the way to the closing campfire, each troop was stopped by 12 Native American guards, each of which would question the troop as they passed.

We are pleased to report we held one Brotherhood conversion during Scout Week 4, with four Arrowmen earning their brotherhood. We are looking forward to an impressive 2005 season.



### Burning Issue: Venturing Crew OA Unit Elections

**Q: Can Venturing Crews have OA elections and elect candidates for OA membership?**

**A:** Order of the Arrow elections can be held in Boy Scout Troops and Varsity Scout Teams only, as the Order of the Arrow is a program specific to Boy Scouting. For more details, see Operations Update 99-2, available on the National Order of the Arrow web site (<http://www.oa-bsa.org>).

