

The

Buck

Ajapeu Lodge 351



Camp Sunrise Dining Hall



Fall Fellowship 2009

This years fall fellowship was held on October 16-18. It was in coalition with the Cub Scout's haunted harvest fest and featured training cells, shows, and fellowship. (More on page 4)

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Lodge Calendar

Lodge Eboard
January 10

Open to all members. Come to make a difference in the lodge.

Quality Lodge Summit and
Section COC

January 31

Talk to a Lodge officer for more information.

Lodge Eboard
April 11

Open to all members. Come to make a difference in the lodge.

Lodge Leadership
contact info. on back.

Letter from the Chief



Dear Brothers,

Hey, it's Ian Nicol, your newly elected lodge chief. First of all, I would like to extend a big thank you for bestowing this honor upon me. I believe the skills I am bringing to this position will lead us in the right direction. My plans for this year include working towards the installation of new contracts in each of the chapters and giving new jobs to the Vice Chief, Loren Murphy, and to the secretary, Troy Mullins. We have the potential to achieve great things to be obtained as individuals and as a group.

Each one of us has the ability to lead others and a great way to improve your leadership skills is to enroll in either National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) or the National Leadership Seminar (NLS). NLS is the National Leadership Seminar offered through the Order of the Arrow. This program is designed to help leaders succeed as a leader in a chapter or lodge positions, not to say however that you can't take it just because you are interested. NYLT is the same thing. It is designed to help individuals through their leadership journey. If you have any questions regarding to NLS ask Aaron Strong, questions pertaining to NYLT should be directed to Dave McAllister.

It is my goal for the lodge to bring 75 people to conclave. Other lodges are bringing 20-30 people, but if we are able to bring 75 people we can demonstrate how strong a lodge we are and the power we possess. The Section conclave is a great experience for any and all members of the OA. It offers classes on interesting and multifarious subjects. After the classes there is plenty of fun games and opportunities to hang out with other Arrowmen. The OA provides a time for us to vote on new section leaders. This makes attendance crucial because everyone's vote counts. It is the best ways for everyone to come together as one.

I know many of you are thinking 75 people is a crazy goal. I believe that this goal is achievable for our lodge. The section conclave will be held at Camp Sequassen. I have worked at this camp and can vouch that its wonderful setting. There is a lake and a sports field there and it is going on its 82 year. This will be a great experience for old members as well as new members, active members, and inactive members so save the date and come join us down on June 11-13 as we try to meet the goal of 75 people in attendance.

Lastly, I would like to say how much energy I see in the lodge. I believe that the lodge is currently progressing in an upward trend and we need to act accordingly to keep the momentum going. Please, if you have any desire to becoming an officer try it. We will support you in your endeavor. Never hesitate to help in any way you can because the lodge will greatly benefit from the skills you have to offer.

Yours in scouting,

Ian S. Nicol

FROM THE DESK OF THE LODGE ADVISER...

My Brothers and Sisters,

As we draw to a close on what has been a productive year for our lodge, I'm hoping that 2010 will allow us to build on the momentum that every lodge member has had a hand in creating. We've experienced many changes in the way we operate in the past months, and it's important to remember that this is only the beginning. First and foremost, I'd like to thank our immediate past lodge chief, Graham Edmonson, for all his hard work and dedication to our lodge, section, and the Order over his two-year term as lodge chief. Even though he is beginning his career at Boston University, he will always be a member of our lodge family, and we wish him all the best in his future endeavors. Good luck Graham, and remember that you are always welcome whenever your schedule allows!

I would also like to take an opportunity to congratulate our new slate of lodge officers. At the highly successful fall fellowship, the youth of our lodge elected Ian Nicol of Bennington as your Lodge Chief, Loren Murphy of Pittsford as Lodge Vice-Chief, and Troy Mullins of South Duxbury as Lodge Secretary. All three are graduates of the Lodge Leadership Development Conference, the National Leadership Seminar, and have attended this summer's National Order of the Arrow Conference in Bloomington, Indiana. These three top youth officers of Ajapeu Lodge bring a strong sense of commitment and enthusiasm to our Brotherhood, and I look forward to working with them in the coming year to make this lodge the leader in cheerful service in the Green Mountain Council. Please join me in wishing them the best as they begin their terms. As always, do not hesitate to step forward and become involved in your chapter and in the lodge. Remember, Ajapeu lodge needs each and every one of our more than 400 members to be successful, so pick up the phone and contact your chapter and lodge officers, or better yet attend your chapter meetings and work hard to help our lodge deliver the values, mission, and vision of the Boy Scouts of America to every Cub pack, Scout troop, and Venture crew in the Green Mountain Council.

We are so very close to completing all of our goals for recognition as a 2009 National Quality Lodge, and with this honor come a number of opportunities that can greatly benefit our council. As our lodge executive committee works hard to complete these requirements, we must look ahead to our goals for 2010: we need every member to renew their membership with the lodge; we need every Ordeal member with at least 10 months of service to the Order and their unit since the Ordeal to seal their membership through Brotherhood conversion; we need every lodge member to actively and enthusiastically support and promote Scout camping at our council resident camps – Mt. Norris Scout Reservation and Camp Sunrise; and most importantly, we need every lodge member to continue to provide cheerful service to our fellow Scouts, units, and communities in the spirit of the founders - Dr. E. Urner Goodman and Col. Carroll A. Edson.

In closing, I'd also like to take an opportunity to thank Scout Executive and Supreme Chief of the Fire Rich Stockton and Lodge Staff Adviser Aaron Strong for their ardent support of our lodge over the past year. Their service and expertise is a critical component in our continued success. I'd also like to congratulate Aaron in his appointment as Camp Director at Mount Norris Scout Reservation for 2010. As always, my door (and that of your lodge officers) is open to all lodge members – just send us an email, give us a call, or stop us on the street with any questions or concerns.

In Service,
Barry J. Simays
Lodge Adviser
Ajapeu Lodge, Green Mountain Council #592

Around the Lodge

Fall Fellowship



On October 16-18 Ajapeu Lodge's annual Fall Fellowship was held in conjunction with Green Mountains Council's Cub Scout Haunted Harvest Fest. In this one-weekend, brothers of the lodge shared in cheerful service as well as a very successful day of training, culminating in one of the best theme shows the lodge has ever had.



Along with this great success, the lodge held its elections of the 2010 lodge officers (see page 5 for bios). With this new leadership in place, the lodge is looking forward to a very successful and groundbreaking year. It's time for members across Vermont to unite in the common goal of having one of the lodge's best years.

I charge you to be active, to seek opportunities to serve the lodge, your chapter, and your unit. If you weren't at the Fall Fellowship, you missed one of most successful events in Ajapeu Lodge history.

The theme of the final show was "The Power of One", Taken from the 2009 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC), as part of the National Committee's push to strengthen the OA program. In closing

remember these words: "If not now, when? If not me, who?". The time is now it is up to you, you have the power to make the lodge as good as you want. The sky is the limit. Instead of asking yourself "why?" ask "why not?".



Philmont 2011

The cost for the trip will be \$1850.00 per person (adult and Scout) We are looking to fill 36 spots (27 youth and 9 adults) The trip dates are June 29-July 13, 2011. Informational flyers will be mailed to Scout leaders and committee chairs in November to distribute to their units. Information will be provided on the website and information can be accessed by contacting me Dave McAllister at dmcallister876@hotmail.com or calling 802-224-6965.

Also, there is a great website for OA High Adventure trips. <http://adventure.ou-bsa.org>

2010 section ne-2a conclave "A Journey Through Time"

Each year, over 300 Arrowmen from across Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, New York, and Europe gather for the annual Section Conclave, a weekend-long event designed to help unify the Lodges in our Section, provide an inspiring training program, and most of all, have fun!

Section NE-2A's Annual Conclave will be happening from June 11-13, 2010 at Camp Sequassen in New Hartford, CT. This year's Service Lodge is Owaneco Lodge of the Connecticut Yankee Council. **The cost of this year's Conclave is \$35 if registered before April 30, 2010.**

The Lodge's goal is to send 75 members, more information to follow in the next "Buck".

Lodge Communications

One of the many changes this year will be in the way the lodge communicates. This quarterly newsletter will continue to be distributed as well as the increased use of the lodge section on the Green Mountain Council web page. Because of this we recommend that every Arrowmen with access to the Internet sign up on the site, www.scoutingvermont.org, for the “my council” account. Check back often for updates on lodge and chapter pages.

Note to chapter chiefs and advisers: Please email Troy your contact information, place and time of chapter meetings, and leadership contact information. This information will be included in the next “Buck”.

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2010 Lodge Officers

Lodge Chief

Ian Nicol



I am currently 15 years old, and attend Mount Anthony Union High School. I am currently a sophomore. I enjoy biking and just hanging out.

Lodge Vice-Chief

Loren Murphy



I am currently 17 years old, and attending Otter Valley Union High School in Brandon. I live in Pittsford, which is close to Rutland. I am currently a Junior and planning to attend either Dental or Law School. If I am not spending time with my friends, I am at a Boy Scout or OA event. I absolutely love music, I love my Blackberry, my car and most technology. I am always open to talk about anything and I am really social, so don't be shy to ask me a few questions or even talk to me on Facebook.

Lodge Secretary

Troy Mullins



I am currently 16 years old, and attend Harwood Union High School in South Duxbury. I am currently a Junior, and recently was accepted for membership in the National Honor Society. This will be my second year as Lodge Secretary. I recently joined Crew 1 of Barre. I enjoy serving others and when I'm not, I can be found either in the weight room or wrestling. I look forward to improving on *The Buck* in the future (including this issue).

Quality Lodge

Quality Lodge is a national program that recognizes Lodges that fulfill certain criteria. By earning Quality Lodge the lodge will have more opportunities to receive aid from the National Committee. As it stands right now the lodge needs FOUR members to pay their dues to fulfill these criteria. **PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES IF YOU WEAR A FLAP.** To anyone who has paid their dues, please ask everyone you know in the OA to pay their dues. We're less than ten members short, and this could provide the lodge with some much needed momentum.

Membership Recognition

Please welcome our new Ordeal Brothers

EthanGagonTroop602

ChristopherMoranTroop777

KyleMoranTroop777

ZedekiahWorthingtonTroop519

JedediahWorthingtonTroop519

TimothyPearsonTroop701

EzraWorthingtonTroop519

TravisWorthingtonTroop519

TanonMatthewsTroop519

JulianCunninghamTroop617

ChristianPatenaudeTroop23

AdamRainvilleTroop543

IsaacPrescottTroop543

CoreyMartinTroop759

CurtisBrownTroop841

TannerTibbitsTroop218

CalebWyskTroop218

BrettElliottTroop888

SamuelDesrochersTroop707

EricRauertTroop707

AdamAremburgTroop888

KevinAremburgTroop888

ZacharyStevensTroop888

StephanieFieldTroop635

Please congratulate our new Brotherhood Arrowmen

Peter Quick Pack 832

Claudius Stute Pack 114

Richard Nickerson Troop 205

Blake Talcott Troop 603

Ethan Burdett Troop 701

Erik Werner Troop 111

Conor Noonan Troop 111

Arthur Derienzo Troop 876

Chase Spinks Troop 207

Robert Worthington Troop 519

Owen Rachambell Troop 645

Heidi Racht Troop 645

George Patenaude Troop 23

Benjamin Feinson Troop 23

Russell Baker Troop 525

Robin Baker District 1

Deaton Spinks Troop 207

Donald Fleming Troop 853

National Scout Jamboree

It is still possible to register for the National Scout Jamboree. See the council website for more information on how to be a part of this once in a lifetime event.

Green Mountain Council's Website: www.scoutingvermont.org



Recognition of Service

At this year's Fall Fellowship the Lodge gave out several Awards. I would first like to recognize Ralf and Nick Bullock, Chuck Gilroy, and Barry Simays, for their service to the lodge as Elangomats and their continued service in helping more than 30% of their clan members seal their brotherhood. For this service they received the coveted Elangomat Service Neckerchief.



Secondly I would like to recognize Drew Hitchcock for his continued dedication and service to our lodge. For this great dedication Drew received the Founder's Award. Created to honor and recognize those Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to their lodge. The award is reserved for an Arrowmen who demonstrates to fellow Arrowmen that he or she memorializes in his or her everyday life the spirit of achievement as described by founder E. Urner Goodman and cofounder Carroll A. Edson.

Lastly I would like to recognize Fred Gobeille for receiving James E. West Fellowship, in recognition for his years of service and dedication to the Lodge. Fred was previously the Lodge Adviser and served a vital role in the function of the lodge. The true awe of this award is that the lodge donated money to the fund in Fred's name. That donation will be invested. So in literal terms, it is the gift that keeps on giving. Fred also received a square knot and certificate.



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