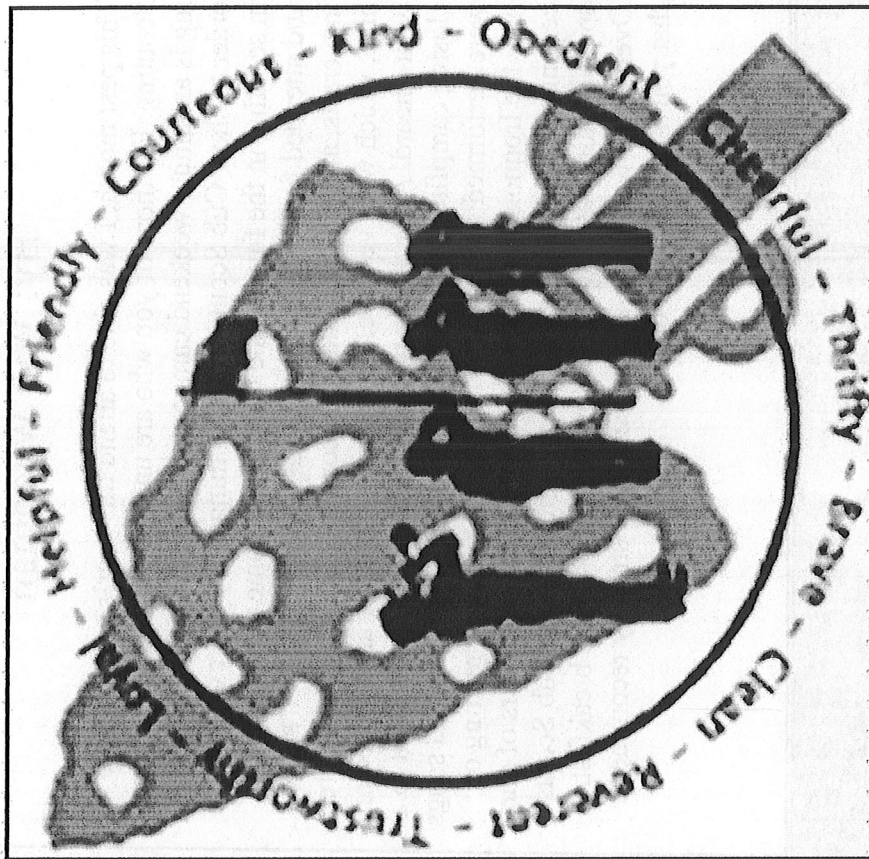


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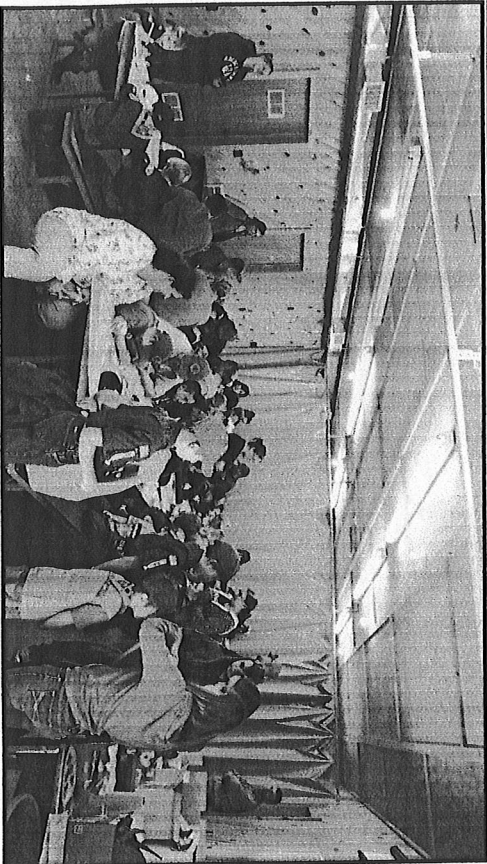


Ashokwahta Lodge #339

Taste of Scouting 2013

By: Will Woodman

This past month, I was able to attend this year's annual Taste of Scouting. For those of you who are unaware, the Taste of scouting is an annual weekend campout done at Camp Sam Wood in order to show Cub Scouts what fun things they can expect to do in scouting in the future. The Cub Scouts come in on Saturday and attended four different, fun events, archery, BB gun shooting, crafts, and a nature hike. I personally worked at the nature hike, which went very well, along with the other areas based on what I heard. After dinner was served, the Cub Scouts went to a closing campfire at the circle. There, a variety of skits and songs were performed by our lodge brothers, including a reading of how the Iroquois first discovered fire by a few members of our ceremonies team who were present. After that, the Cub Scouts spent the night at camp, departing soon after a nice breakfast. Overall, the weekend was a success and I strongly recommend that you attend the next one.



2013 Conclave (continued)

patches that I had won. I attended the Religious Service which was held at 5:00. About 15 minutes after the service was over it was time for the Flag Ceremony.

After Flags all the Lodges headed up to the dining hall for a pork chop dinner, with BBQ sauce and the all the fixings like corn, mashed potatoes & gravy ending with a brownie sundae for dessert! Right after dinner there was Order of the Arrow "Meet the Man", in which all in attendance were able to meet the members that were running for Lodge Chiefs, then came elections.

Elections and Meet the Man lasted about an hour, once finished the newly elected Chief's had a pie eating contest. After elections and the pie eating contest Ordeal Members were on their own to do what they wanted to do for the rest of the night. There was an evening show, Crackerbarrel, and there also was a movie.

On Sunday when we woke up we had the Closing Flag Ceremony. Like Saturday morning, breakfast followed right after flags. I only had cereal this time because I didn't care for the French Toast with cottage cheese! Once everyone was done eating breakfast Awards were handed out and then there was Conclave Closing. As soon as the closing was done we were able to leave.

I enjoyed Conclave and can't wait to go next year!

Yours in Scouting,
Christopher Neal

2013 NE3A Conclave

This summer I attended my first Order of the Arrow Conclave. Conclave was held May 31st through June 2nd at Camp Sam Wood. On Friday I arrived at Camp Sam Wood early. Once I reached camp I set up my tent, and then had a pulled pork dinner in the dining hall.

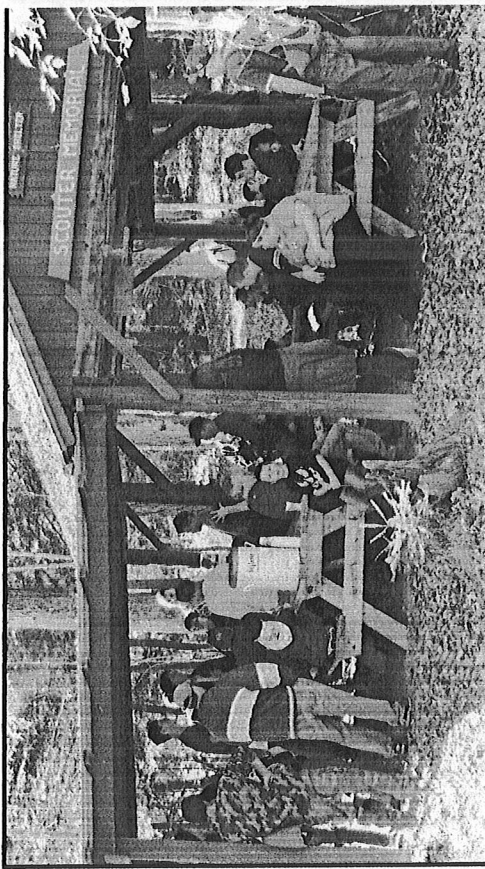
After dinner was finished I helped by giving directions to the different lodges attending Conclave so they were able to reach their camp sites. At 8:45 p.m. I went to "Welcome to Conclave" which explained what was going to go on that weekend. Following the meeting there was Crackerbarrel and a movie. Crackerbarrel is where the kitchen makes pizza or has left over desserts from dinner.

Saturday morning I woke up and went to the Flag Ceremony. After Flags everyone started heading up to the dining hall for breakfast. Once my French Toast and cereal breakfast was over I went to my first training session which was "Iron Chef: Sam Wood".

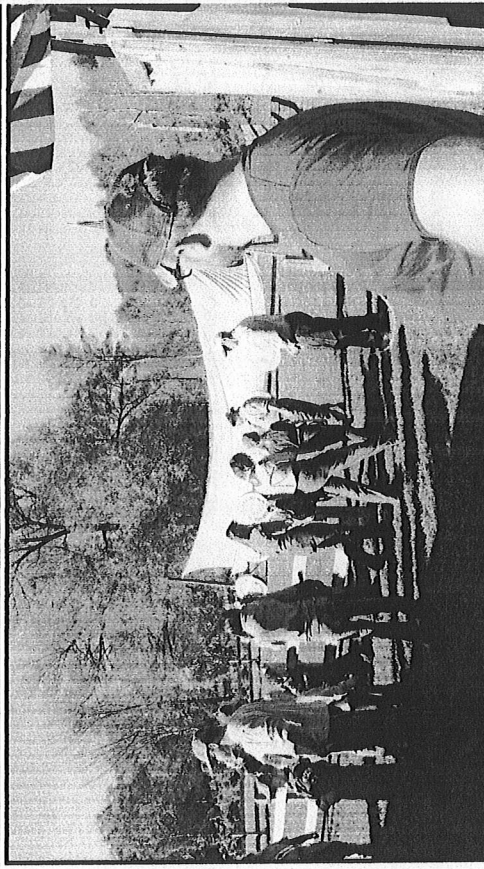
At Iron Chef we cooked different foods including breakfast burritos which were my favorite. My next session was "I'm an Arrowman, Now What"? In this session I learned about how I and my fellow Arrowmen can go to the Florida Sea Base or other high adventure sites and work for one week but enjoy the next week for a discounted price. My last session was "Survivor: OA style". In this session I learned how to survive in the wilderness with only a few supplies. Once all of the training sessions were over all of the lodges ate lunch.

After lunch the silent patch auction started and Ordeal Members, such as myself had free time until 5:00. There were a lot of sports being played such as basketball and Ultimate Frisbee during this time.

I like trading patches, so the silent auction was fun for me. I purchased a bunch of patches from the silent auction. At 4:30 the Silent Patch Auction ended, and I collected all of my



Cubs and parents gather at the Scouter Memorial Nature Lodge at Camp Sam Wood for a nature hike during Council's Taste of Scouting.



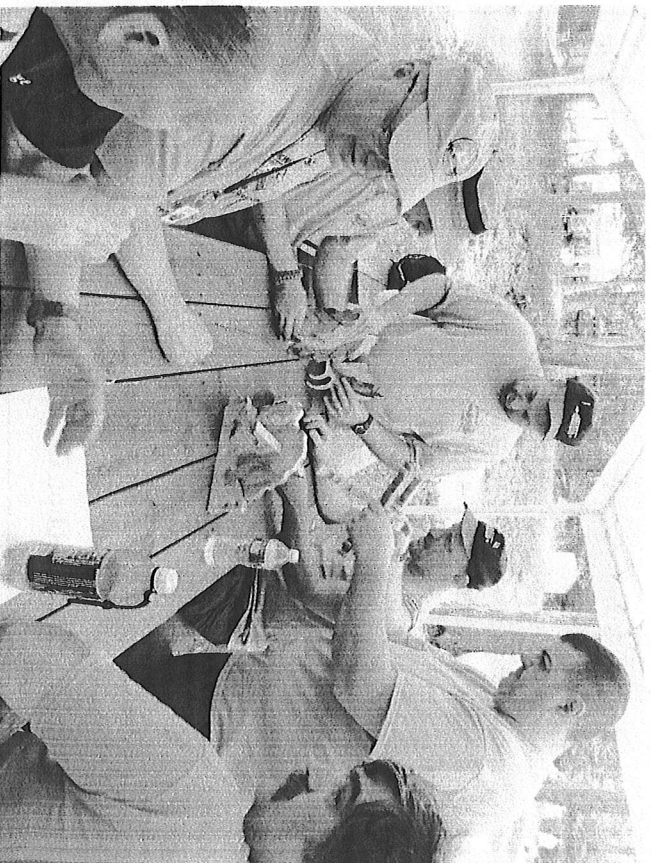
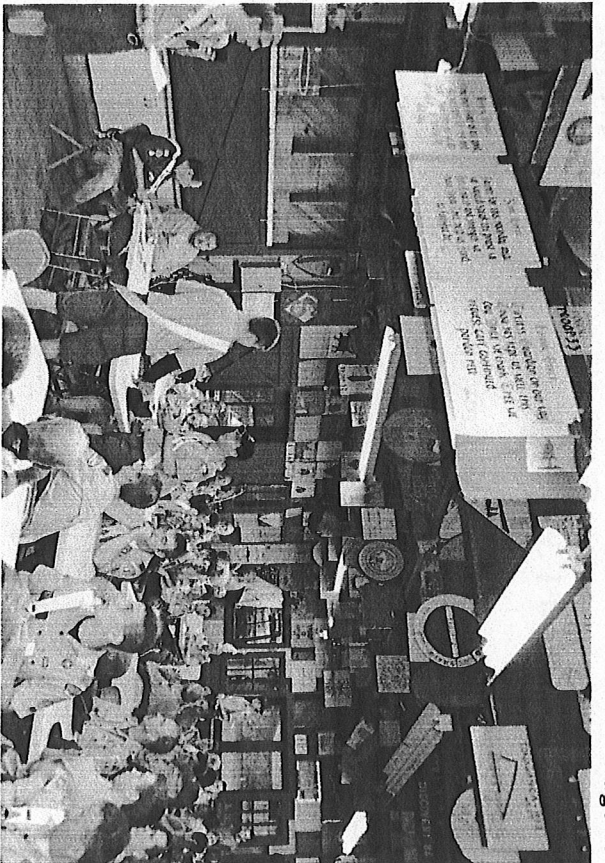
Cubs and parents have a blast at the Camp Sam Wood archery Range during September's Taste of Scouting.

Calendar of upcoming Events

Dec 18th, 2013	Lodge meeting	Batavia Office
Dec 24th, 2013	Winter Banquet Registration Due at the office	1st Presbyterian Church
Dec 28th, 2013	Ceremony Practice	Batavia First
Jan 4th, 2014	Winter Banquet	
Jan 9th, 2014	United Methodist Church	
Jan 10-11, 2014	Seneca and Nundawaga R/T Kiondike Derby	Election signups Genesee County Park
Jan 15th, 2014	Lodge Meeting	Batavia Office
Jan 16th, 2014	Towpath R/T	Elections sign up
Jan 25-26, 2014	Section Training Retreat	Manchester?
Jan 26th, 2014	Ceremonies Practice	1st Presbyterian
Feb 19th, 2014	Lodge meeting	Batavia Office
Feb 23rd, 2014	Ceremonies practice	1st Presbyterian Church
Feb 26th, 2014	Program Kickoff/Chili Dinner	Batavia First
March 19th, 2014	United Methodist Church	
March 30, 2014	Lodge Meeting	Batavia Office
	Ceremonies Practice	1st Presbyterian Church
April 6th, 2014	COC	TBD
April 16th, 2014	Lodge Meeting	Batavia Office
April 20th, 2014	Election results due in the office for all units	
April 27th, 2014	Ceremonies Practice	1st Presbyterian Church
May 16-18th, 2014	Spring Weekend	Camp Sam Wood
May 21st, 2014	Lodge Meeting	Batavia Office
May 25th, 2014	Ceremonies Practice?	1st Presbyterian Church
May30-June 1, 2014	NE3A Conclave	Camp Scouthaven
June 18th, 2014	Lodge meeting	Batavia Office

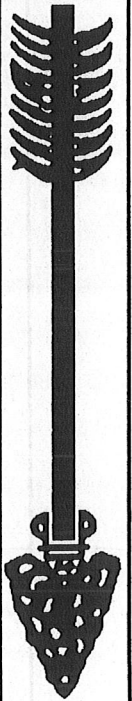
Lodge meetings are held at the Batavia Service Center, located at 45 Liberty Street in Batavia (side door). This meeting is for Lodge Officers, Troop Representatives, and any interested youth members.

LEC meetings begin at 7 P.M. and end around 8:30 P.M.



Lodge Dues

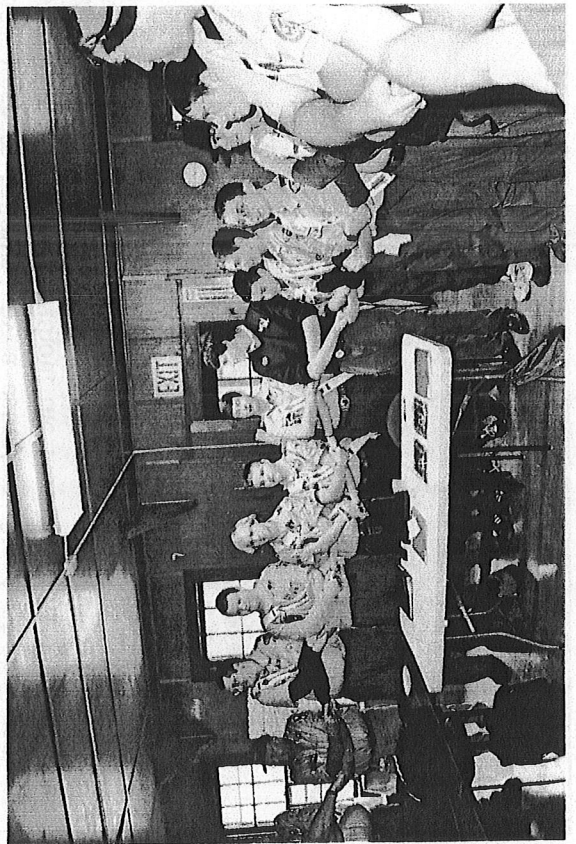
To remain a lodge member in good standing, you must keep you dues up to date. They become due on Jan 1 each year and run out on Dec. 31. Dues are \$8.00 per year. Your dues must be current at the end of the year to remain as active with the national charter renewal. You can be 2 years behind and still receive a newsletter and emails. To determine your dues payment, look at the top line of the mailing address for this newsletter. The last year that you paid for is listed. If you know someone that was a member but doesn't get a newsletter, it may be because of a lack of dues being paid. All those who last paid in 2011 will be dropped from the mailing list as of Dec. Those who are listed as 2012 will no longer be considered in good standing, but will receive mailings. You must be in good standing to take brotherhood or to receive awards and hold office. Those that are behind on dues, can pay at an event or at either office. If you owe more than 1 year's dues, you only need to pay for 2 years, 1 is a past year and 1 is the current year. Cards are made out and available at events such as the weekends and banquet. They can be put in the troop folder at Bantavia if we know about it. They are not mailed out. If you want them mailed, you must provide a self addressed and stamped envelope. Those who took part in the ordeal ceremony this spring and also paid \$8 should see theirs listed as 2014. There were several of you. You get the remainders of the years dues paid when you take the Ordeal. This mailing will go out to all those who have paid dues in 2011, 2012, and newer. However those with 2011 as last dues payment it will be the last mailing you get, so contact the office to pay your dues. \$16 dollars will pay you up thru the end of 2014.

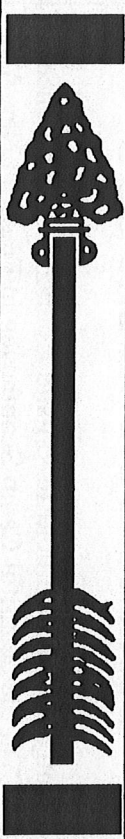


Section NE-3A On-Site COC

Recently our section held its on-site Council of Chiefs meeting (COC) at the beautiful Camp Scouthaven in Freedom New York. Camp Scouthaven will be the site of our section's 2014 Conclave. The theme for Conclave is "A Storm is Brewing" which is showing that our section is ready and cannot wait for NOAC 2015, which will be our Orders 100th anniversary! Camp Scouthaven is a Cub Scout camp in the Greater Niagara Frontier Council which covers the entire north shore of Crystal Lake. The host lodge of the conclave is Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee #159. At the COC we discussed Conclave, NLS, Budgets, and OA high adventure and more. Overall section's goal for Conclave 2014 is to make it a fun, enjoyable and memorable conclave.

Yours in Cheerful Service,
Tyler Davis
Section CVC of Indian Affairs





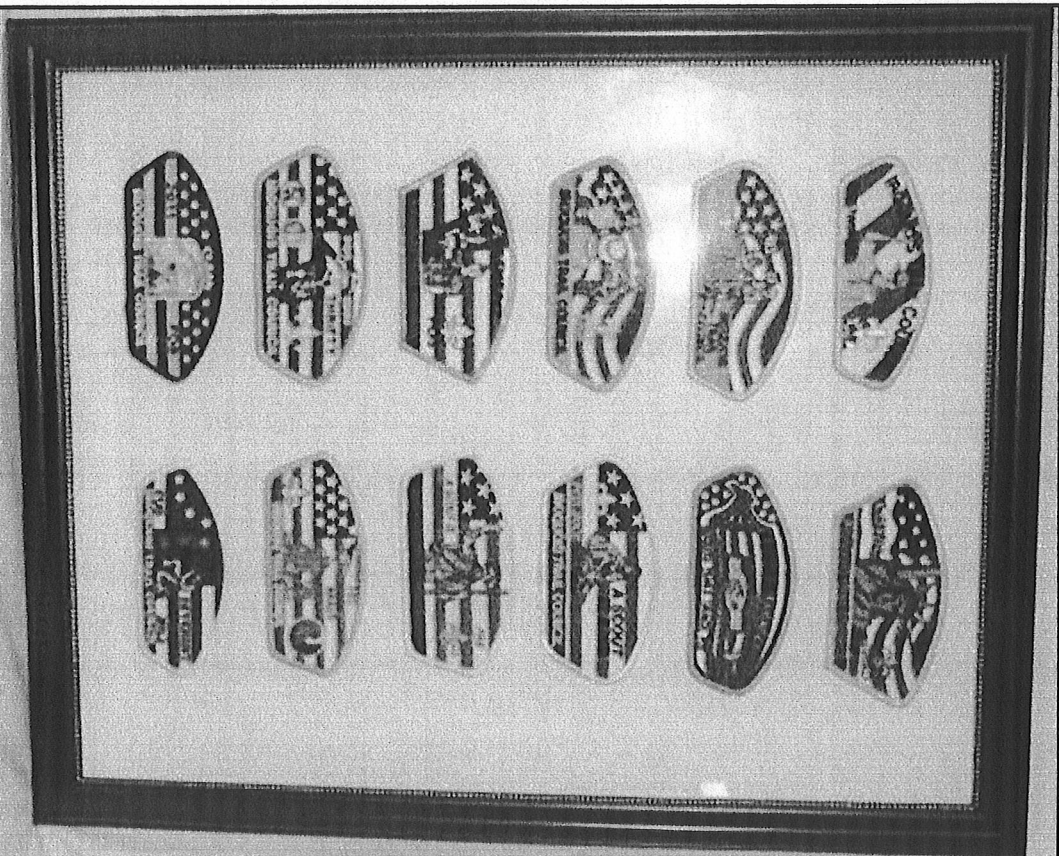
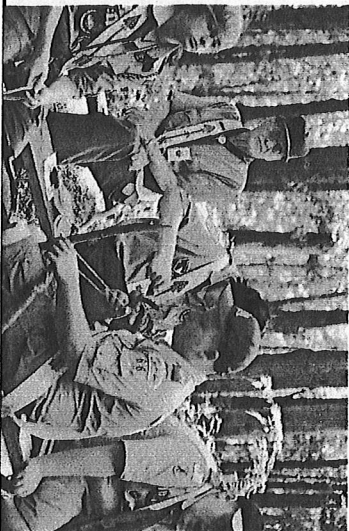
Jam-Bor-All

On the weekend of September 20-22, 2013, the Fall Jam-bor-all took place on a mildly rainy and cold weekend at Camp Dittmer. More than 100 campers turned-out along with many staff, which consisted of Scouts and leaders from Troop 59, Clarendon, and from Troop 650, Alexander and many other volunteers.

The Jam-bor-all consisted of many games, from monkey tails to wood cutting relays, but the main event was a lacrosse game on Lake Remick. The game had two team's one green and a red. The game ended up 1 to 0 green team victorious (*Editor's Note: actually, the game ended in a 1-1 tie*).

To follow this event was a camp wide Dutch oven meal in the dining hall. Each troop made their own meal to share. Some of the dishes were pizza, lasagna, and a sea food dish. To end the campout there was a nice Vespers followed by a campfire. None of this campout would have happened without the hard work of Mr. Kohnmann and Mr. Tyx with the support of the troops they are part of.

Yours In Scouting,
John Flanagan



A framed set of Friends Of Scouting (FOS) Council Shoulder Patches (CSP's). Wouldn't this look great on your wall of Scouting Memorabilia!! Be sure to attend the Lodge Winter Banquet on January 4!!

Patch Auction Preview



All of the above are must haves for the serious collector of Lodge 339 History. The three Lodge flaps are very collectible. Below: The J-1, or "Jacket-1", is another highly collectible patch to bid on! Attend the banquet to bid at the auction!!



National Leadership Seminar (NLS)

The National Leadership Seminar in Alpine, New Jersey was one of the best leadership training experiences I ever had. It takes NYLT to a whole new level on teaching you about leadership. It taught me leadership skills that not only will I apply to our lodge, but I can take what I have learned to my school, troop, church, college and whatever lies ahead in my life. Tyler, Will, Joe and I can take this leadership to further improve our lodge and make the Order of the Arrow a better organization for everyone. The most important thing I learned at NLS was the answer to "The Riddle of Man": to love one another. I interpreted this as how we can all achieve our goals and achieve greatness if we care about one another. I have been in this lodge since May of 2013 and have already seen that we can all care about one another and care about this lodge. So we all can make this lodge better than it already is as long as we don't lose our passion for this lodge and our trust in one another.

Yours In Scouting,
-Spencer Cottman

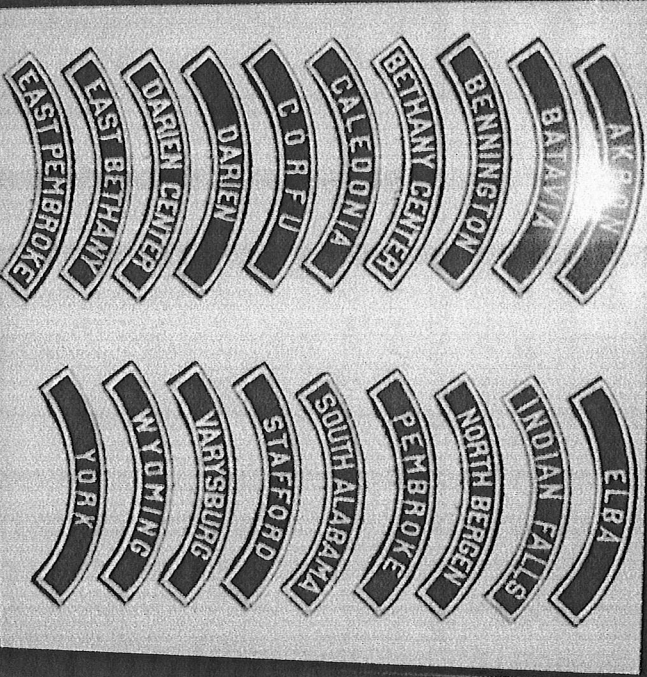


WINTER BANQUET

Hey everyone -

I am writing to remind you all about the winter banquet that will be coming up on January 4th at the Batavia United Methodist Church. Last year was my first time being the MC for the banquet and I enjoyed it very much, we had a lot of very good food and it was a good time overall and we raised a decent amount of money at the patch auction. I hope to see you all there this year!

Rufus



Ceremonies Team

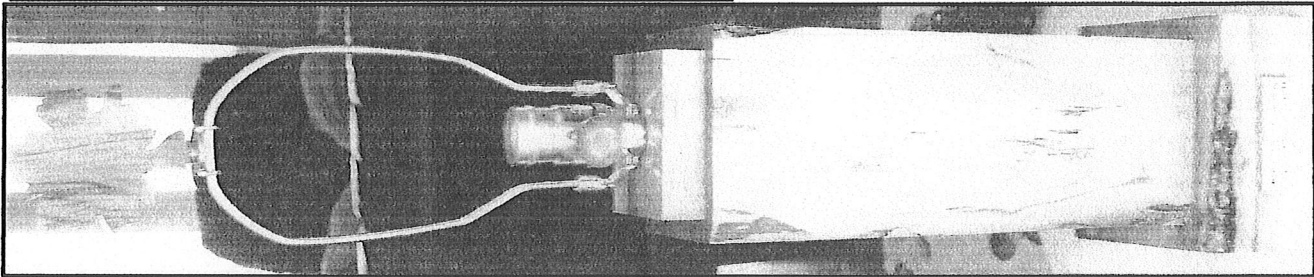
Dear Lodge Brothers, Our lodge's ceremonies team did a great job at the Fall weekend and was helpful at the "Taste of Scouting" by helping with the campfire. Our ceremonialists did a great job not only at the campfire but also through other skits and being role models. The ceremonies team is a group of brothers who perform the Brotherhood and Ordeal ceremonies for our lodge. We hold monthly ceremonies practices on the last Sunday of every month where we go through lines, assign parts, fix regalia (if needed), and have fun. If you are interested in joining or participating in ceremonies you can contact either Alex Kieffer or I at 339ceremonies@gmail.com or at our next lodge meeting. Our next ceremonies practice is 1-4 on November 24, 2013 at the First Presbyterian Church where Liberty St. meets E. Main St.

Yours in Cheerful Service,

Tyler Davis

Ashokwaha Ceremonies Co-Chairman





For the determined collector of Camp Sam Wood memorabilia, you must have this lamp!

Constructed of maple wood from a Camp Sam Wood tree, this lamp will provide excellent lighting for any area.

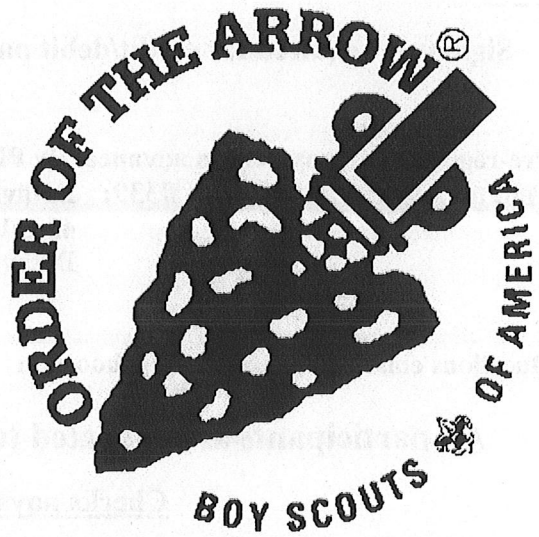
You can't bid on it if you aren't there!

Make sure you register to attend the Lodge Winter Banquet to be held on January 4, at the Batavia United Methodist Church.

See registration information in this newsletter.

Winter Patch Auction and Banquet

The Auction at this year's Banquet we will have several things worth noting. We will again have a lamp that has been made by Don Morris, as well as a Framed set of FOS patches, a Framed set of Red and White community strips, a Silver bordered Commissioner CSP, and a Silver bordered 1998 NOAC lodge flap. We will also have many other things to bid on from CSP's, Lodge Flaps, Camp patches and Neckerchief's. We will enjoy a beef and chicken buffet and have time to enjoy fellowship with our fellow lodge members. Our Lodge Chief will give a year-end report about what the lodge has done this year. We will award the Founder's Award to a deserving member, as well as learning about some of the things coming up this coming year. There will be picture shows running showing some of the things that we have done this past year before we start, so come early and enjoy the fellowship with others. The festivities will begin around 6:00 with plans to be eating by 6:20. Evan Kindron will again be serving as our Master of Ceremonies. Remember dues can be paid at the time of registering for the Banquet. For those who do pay, dues cards will be available at the registration table.



Winter Banquet and Auction 2014 Registration

January 4th, 2014, 6:00

Batavia First United Methodist Church

8221 Lewiston Rd. (Rt. 63) Batavia, 1402

\$15.00 Registration Due before December 24th

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All participants are expected to register and pay in advance* by mail or phone.

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