

Order of the Arrow

Woapink Lodge

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2007 Winter Banquet

Woapink Lodge will hold its annual Winter Banquet on Saturday, March 1st at the First United Methodist Church in Mattoon. There will be an hour for gathering and fellowship from 4:00pm - 5:00pm with dinner beginning at 5:00pm. The highlight of the evening will be the awarding of the Arrowman of the Year award and the Founder's Award. The Arrowman of the Year award is a local award given to one adult and one youth member of the lodge each year for outstanding service. The Founder's Award is a national award that is reserved for an Arrowman 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. Woapink Lodge presents two Founder's Awards each year. The Vigil Honor Class of 2007 will also be recognized. All members of Woapink Lodge and their families are encouraged to attend.

Unit Elections

Just a reminder - each Chapter Chief will be contacting each Scoutmaster in his chapter to set the date for the Order of the Arrow Unit Elections. These are the elections where members of each troop choose who will be inducted into the Order of the Arrow this year. All elections must be conducted by a trained unit election team from the lodge and must be completed by June 1st. The 2007 - 2008 Chapter Chiefs are: Clinton Olson - Railsplitter District, Nicholas Heller - Redhawk District, and Tyler Goeckner - Two Rivers District.

Chief Illini Trail Workday

The OA Illini Trail Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 19th. All troops should reserve this date to help the Order of the Arrow keep their commitment of maintaining this trail. Bring shovels, axes, loppers, saws, and other equipment that might be needed to help clear the winter debris so the trail will be ready for spring and summer hiking. Troops may camp in the Walleye Group camp area at no cost for the weekend. For more information contact Rick Tucker at 217-429-1734.

Spring Fellowship

The Spring Fellowship will be held on May 4th - 6th at Rhodes France Scout Reservation. Scouts and Scouters who were elected last year but did not attend the Fall Fellowship need to attend. Also, Ordeal members who have been members for at least 10 months can complete their Brotherhood during the weekend.

Remember, all Lodge mailings are sent only to current paid members. To check whether your dues are currently paid please contact Matt Kaufman at the Council Office.

Scoutreach News

Lincoln Trails Council Scoutreach District is happy to announce the Centennial Quality Units for 2007. These are units who have achieved the criteria needed to be a quality unit. These units are; Pack and Troop 25 from Grace United Methodist Church, Pack and Troop 212 from the Boys and Girls Club, Pack and Troop 32 from Kingdom Come/Reasonable Service, Troop 2 from Webster Cantrell Hall, Pack 12 from Main Street Church, and Pack 11 from Wabash Crossing. We congratulate these units for their accomplishments. We encourage you to keep up the good work and extend a thank you for the service you provide to youth in our society today. Your timely dedication goes beyond words.

Scoutreach District and the Greater Decatur YMCA will be hosting a fun night on April 18th, 2008 at the YMCA. This is an effort for every Scout to have fellowship and fun in a friendly atmosphere. The time for this event will be from 3:30pm to 6:30pm. This will be a night filled with fun and activities. There will be more information coming out soon.

2010 National Jamboree

We are starting the planning for the 2010 National Jamboree. As a Council we would like to send a contingent of two troops. This is going to be an awesome experience as this will be the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. This will be a big celebration. We are currently looking for adults who would like to help with this activity. If you are interested, please contact Doug Zaring at 217-620-0772 as soon as possible.

Scouting Safely Online

On November 1st, Health and Safety along with Risk Management launched a Scouting Safely section on the BSA Website, www.Scouting.org.

Scouting Safely, available to volunteers and professionals provides risk management, health, safety, and youth protection information pertinent specifically to Scouting.

Please review this section of the National Website to ensure that you are doing everything possible to make Scouting the safest activity you can. Following these guidelines will not only make Scouting safer for the youth, but it will help ensure that the leaders are protected as well.

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