

Order of the Arrow Woapink Lodge

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Congratulations

Woapink Lodge would like to congratulate Ryan Easterling of Troop 104 in Decatur on being re-elected Section C-3C Chief for the 2008 - 2009 term. Ryan has served as lodge secretary, Section Secretary, and Section Vice Chief in the past.

We would also like to congratulate Sean Fitzgerrel of Troop 202 in Decatur on being elected as the 2008 - 2009 Section C-3C Vice Chief. Sean is a former Lodge Vice Chief.

Winter Banquet

The 2009 Woapink Lodge Winter Banquet will be held on Saturday, March 7th in Mattoon. The location will be announced at a later date. All members and their families are invited to attend.

Lodge Dues

A letter has been sent to all lodge members as a reminder that lodge dues are now due. Annual membership dues are \$10 per person. All dues must be paid on or before December 5th.

2009 National Order of the Arrow Conference

The 2009 National Order of the Arrow Conference or NOAC will be held August 1st - 6th, 2009 at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN.

All arrowmen will be receiving a form to sign up to be a member of the Woapink Lodge Contingent shortly. The lodge has a set number of spots and will take reservations on a first come first serve basis. Reservations must be on the form that is mailed to arrowmen, and they must be returned to the Council Service Center by mail. This ensures a fair process for the reservations. We will try to find spots for all arrowmen who wish to attend this event.

If you have questions about NOAC please contact Lodge Adviser Steve Sell @ 217-234-6785.

Vigil Honor Nominations

If you would like to nominate an arrowmen for the Vigil Honor, please write a letter stating why this person should be chosen for the Vigil Honor and send it into the Council Service Center. Mark Vigil Honor Nomination on the outside of the envelope.

In order to be eligible for the Vigil Honor, you must be a current dues paid member of Woapink Lodge, be a member of the Boy Scouts of America, and have been a Brotherhood member for at least 2 years prior to the selection meeting (to be held in the Spring).

Local Tour Permit Revised

The Local Tour Permit has been revised and the new one is effective immediately. The new form is available at the Council Service Center. Some of the key changes are as follows:

- Youth Protection training expires two years from date of completion. (available online)
- Safe Swim Defense training expires two years from date of completion. (available online)
- Safety Afloat training expires two years from date of completion. (available online)
- Climb On Safely training must be taken for all climbing activities.
- Effective January 1, 2009, at least one adult must have completed Planning and Preparing for Hazardous Weather Training for ALL tour permits. (available online)
- A new statement regarding the *Guide to Safe Scouting* - "As a tour leader, I certify that appropriate planning has been conducted, qualified and trained supervision is in place, permissions are secured, and have in my possession a copy of *Guide to Safe Scouting* and other appropriate resources."
- More information about the tour leader and assistant adult leader are required.

Cubcasts

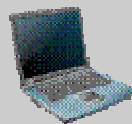
Cubcast is an audio podcast featuring a variety of how-to and information topics for Cub Scout leaders and parents. You can reach the Cubcasts by logging on to the national website www.scouting.org.

Each month a new topic will be featured, as well as activities for the current month's theme. All of them are available for you to listen to. Check the national website each month. The current subjects are "Seeds of Kindness" and "Popcorn Sales."

New Eagle Scout Application

Starting May 1st, 2008, all Scouts submitting the Eagle Scout Rank Application must use the new updated version which has a notable change. Now, under requirement 5, the name of the candidate's Eagle project is required, as well as the grand total of hours devoted to it. (from page 10 of the Eagle Scout Leadership Project Workbook.)

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