

Order of the Arrow

Woapink Lodge

Lodge Chief - Tyler Goeckner
Lodge Adviser - Steve Sell
Lodge Staff Adviser - Doug Zaring

Lodge Awards Presented

At the 2009 Winter Banquet on March 7th the Lodge presented awards to outstanding arrowmen from our area. The lodge's Arrowman of the Year award was presented to Christopher Buchanan of Troop 31 in Argenta and Larry Ole-son of Troop 104 in Decatur. The national Founders' Award was presented to Daniel Hinze of Troop 104 in Decatur and Nathan Morrell of Pana. Congratulations to these great examples of Scouting and the Order.

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 2008 - 2009 Chapter Chiefs are: Tim Wetzel - Railsplitter District, Doug Muhs - Redhawk District, and Kyle Brown - Two Rivers District.

Chief Illini Trail Workday

The OA Illini Trail Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 18th. 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 217-330-8580.

Spring Fellowship

The Spring Fellowship will be held on May 1st - 3rd 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.

Council Nominating Committee

Council President Richard Nolte is pleased to announce that the council Nominating Committee will be chaired by Ritchie Barnett. In accordance with Council By-Laws, announcement of the annual meeting is being made so that active members of the Lincoln Trails Council may make recommendations of possible nominees for Executive Board members to be considered and reviewed by the Nominating Committee. Recommendations must be made in writing at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting, which is scheduled for May 19th, 2009. As a reminder, those eligible to vote at the council annual meeting include registered Chartered Organization Representatives and registered duly elected council Executive Board Members.

Worker's Needed

If any Scouter has some days off coming up this spring and would like to help do a little work on the adult staff area at camp. The properties committee is working on construction of new cabins and a general refurbishment of the adult staff area. Work that needs accomplished includes electrical, painting, and general carpentry. If you are available help on this project please contact John Merli at 217-423-3158.

2009 Beaver Day

Mark you calendars now for May 9th for the annual Beaver Day at Rhodes France Scout Reservation. Scouts and Scouters are invited to come down to camp and help prepare the facility for the Summer Camp season.

Many projects need to be completed to help get the camp ready for the hundreds of Scouts that attend the council's summer programs. If you would like to help, please contact Beaver Day Chairman John Merli at 217-423-3158 for a list of tools needed or more specific information on projects to be completed.

Subscribe to the E-Trailblazer



If you would like to receive an e-mail notice when the Trailblazer is published online please send an e-mail to Council Registrar Matt Kaufman at matt.kaufman@scouting.org.