

# Order of the Arrow Woapink Lodge

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## NOAC 2009

August 1st - 6th

Indiana University - Bloomington, IN

Woapink Lodge will be sending a contingent of 21 arrowmen (14 youth & 7 adults) to the National Order of the Arrow Conference in August. These arrowmen will be attending the largest BSA gathering outside of a National Jamboree with more than 7,000 total in attendance. Each day the participants will be taking part in training courses aimed at making them better leaders and better Scouts. Some will take part in American Indian craftwork. The afternoons are filled with games and competitions ranging from dodgeball to ceremonies competitions. Each evening the group will visit Indiana University's Assembly Hall for an outstanding show put on by the NOAC Shows Staff.

The National Order of the Arrow Conference is a great experience that all arrowmen should try to attend at least once. The next conference will be in 2012, so make plans now to be a part of it.

## Fall Fellowship

The Fall Fellowship will be held on August 14th - 16th at Rhodes France Scout Reservation. Scouts and Scouters who were elected this year and will be called out this summer are eligible to attend to complete their Ordeal. Also, Ordeal members who have been members for at least 10 months can complete their Brotherhood during the weekend.

## Section C-3C Conclave

The 2009 Section C-3C Conclave will be held on September 25, 26, & 27 at Camp Freeland Leslie in Oxford Wisconsin. The Section Conclave is a gathering of the six lodges in our Section. The event will be filled with informative training courses, ceremonies workshops and competitions, and sporting competitions. This promises to be a great event for all who attend.

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.

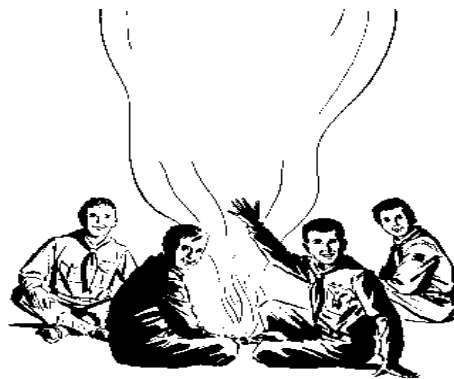
# Outdoor Program is Key to Retention

Years ago, Baden-Powell observed that outdoor experiences are a magnet, attracting and capturing the enthusiasm of youth. With an increasing number of youth living in urban and suburban communities, their quest to get outdoors is undoubtedly stronger than ever.

Enduring units are those that plan and carry out an outdoor program every month throughout the year. Outdoor activities may include day hikes, conservation and service projects, overnight camping, camporees, day camp, family camp, summer camp, special outdoor events, cold weather camping, and high adventure. Not every experience has to be overnight. Daytime activities are easier to plan and may result in higher participation because of the smaller time commitment.

Experiential education is an increasingly popular pursuit of schools seeking the attention of youth who are bored by academic endeavors. Long ago, the BSA recognized this as an effective tool to motivate and teach young people. This is evident in Scouting's outdoor programs today.

Developing and organizing outdoor programs that are age-appropriate will capture the interest and enthusiasm of youth. By offering meaningful outdoor programs, youth grow mentally, emotionally, and physically, and the number of active youth in Scouting will increase. We have a greater impact on the lives of youth when they remain in our programs over a period of years, resulting in a lifetime of achievement through Scouting.



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