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NOAC 2012

United We Leave A Legacy

The 2012 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) will be one of your most memorable Scouting experiences. NOAC 2012 will be held at Michigan State University from July 30 through August 4, 2012 and is projected to be one of the largest in the Order's history with more than 9,000 Arrowmen in attendance.

NOAC will feature a number of unique events, including national competitions for ceremonies, drum, and dance; evening shows; the OA history museum; and competitions such as soccer, basketball, and ultimate Frisbee. Highlights such as the Founder's Day festivities including the Founder's Day Parade and the inter-Region dodge ball battle are some of the exciting events at NOAC.

Arrowmen can participate in service projects, high adventure opportunities, leadership training, American Indian Activities training, and much more. While enjoying the various activities, Scouts will have a great time meeting new brothers and sharing their experiences with people from around the nation.

Our lodge is sending a contingent to NOAC 2012 and you won't want to miss out. To sign up, contact the lodge chief or lodge adviser to sign up today.

Deadline is April 15th for Early Discount!!!

Summer Camp @ RSR

Camp Roosevelt 2012, "Where the memories of the past meet the dreams of the future." In fact, a Cycling Merit Badge Participant said, "I like this camp because I actually get to do stuff." Roosevelt invites all Scouts and Scouters for 5 action packed weeks of Scouting adventure. With 45+ Merit Badges including Eagle required; BSA Awards, fun filled activities and competitions, COPE Course, Boating and Water Actives, camp awards, friendly staff, and excellent training courses, there is something for everyone. With all this and more, why haven't you signed up yet?

A week at Roosevelt is like no other. Besides the merit badges Scouts can test what they have learned in scouting at the Scout Skills and Aquatic Meets. Now we can't forget about the training. During the week youth as well as adults can participate in such as Safety Afloat, Safe Swim Defense, Weather Hazards, Climb On Safely and more. How about some skills related awards, why not test your knot tying skills by tying 20 knots to earn the Knifty Knotter Award, or try your best shot to earn one of the shooting sports shooter of the week awards, don't fret anglers there is a big fish award for your best catch of the week.

Oh no, you had so much fun at camp and you want more? Provisional or Pro-V is the answer! You can camp with Scouts from other units to form your own troop for the week. You get to experience camp for another week and make some new friends in the process.

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Lodge Calendar

May 4-6, 2012	Service Weekend, Roosevelt SR
May 18-20, 2012	NE-6A Conclave, Broad Creek SR
June 1-3, 2012	Service Weekend, Pine Hill SR
July 30- August 4, 2012	NOAC, Michigan State University
September 7-9, 2012	Service Weekend, Roosevelt SR
October 12-14, 2012	LLD Weekend, Roosevelt, SR

Conclave 2012 – Party Like it’s 2012: We Saved the Best for Last?

Greetings Brothers,

Each spring, at a Scout camp, the Lodges of our Section meet at an annual Conclave. The word “Conclave” means “a secret gathering”, but don’t let the name fool you — over four hundred people will be there, from five lodges. The purpose of Conclave is to gather the arrowmen within our section to spread quality training, fellowship, and promote the Order as a whole. This year conclave is being held at Broadcreek Scout Reservation in Whiteford Maryland from May 18-20 and its going to be one exciting event.

Within our Section, NE-6A, the Council of Chiefs and our host lodge Nentico 12 have been hard at work to put together this year’s conclave with the theme being “Party Like it’s 2012: We Saved the Best for Last?” The theme coincides with the fact that since its 2012, this might be the last Conclave we have before the world ends (not really, but it’s a great theme). With the theme comes a great opportunity for many events that will be taking place. Between the amazing games of Lodgeball and Ultimate Frisbee to the world class training from the best in the nation to the end all show and carnival, this conclave will be one to remember. In fact, this conclave will be so exciting that both our National Chief and Northeast Region Chief are coming to experience the awesomeness of our conclave (It’s the National and Region Chief, can’t get any better than that).

If you never have been to a Conclave (or any other OA event) this may be your last chance ever, so don’t miss out. This Conclave will be the largest and awesomenest Conclave in the nation this year. Check-in will start May 18th at 5pm. To register and receive the special price of only \$35 visit www.ne6aconclave2012.info or visit our lodge’s website at www.tekening.org before it’s to late!

P.S – If our lodge gets 100 arrowmen to attend conclave I’ll shave my head and goatee at Conclave for you guys.

-Francis Cincotti
Section Chief



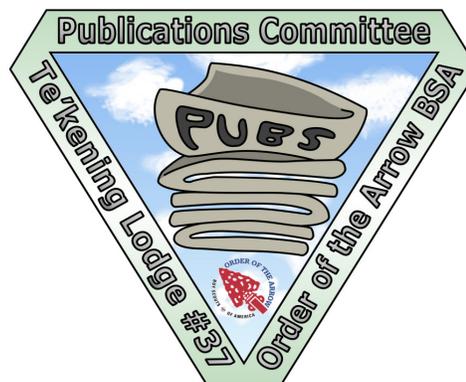
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All Things Scouting

Te'kening Lodge 37 is excited to announce our 2nd annual "All Things Scouting" event the day has been set for the event is September 15th time and location to be finalized, what we are looking for is several lodge members both youth and adult to join in the committee to plan and manage the event.

This year we would like to add additions venues to the event so thoughts were vendors who have youth oriented business or activities, possible seminars, public participation invitation to join or reconnect with Scouting. Again we are looking for Brothers to step up and get some new faces and fresh ideas, if you are interested pleas contact the Lodge Advisor if an adult or the youth should contact the Lodge Chief.

New Ranger at Pine Hill

The Southern New Jersey Council is proud to announce that we have a new Ranger at Pine Hill Scout Reservation.

Rob is originally from Abington, Pennsylvania, but for the last 25 years Rob has lived in the Gloucester Heights section of Gloucester City. He moved to New Jersey 26 years ago from Rossville, Georgia which is near Chattanooga, Tennessee.

When asked why Rob felt he'd make a good ranger and how he'd benefit Pine Hill he answered this "I feel that I would be a benefit to Pine Hill Reserve through my combined 20 years experience as a contractor in home renovations and 8 years working as a maintenance director for a church that housed a K-12 school. I feel that the work that I have done in the last 8 years is very similar to that of a Camp Ranger I have had to work closely with volunteers as well as organize work days. I was responsible for the protection of the facility as well as security of the students. I took care of problems from painting to plumbing to electrical to grass cutting..."

Rob grew up in a painting contractor's family and started when he was 8 years old filling nail holes. When he began to work full time, he was working as a painter and carpenter in his family's business. Rob then took a job in maintenance on a 120-acre site in Deptford for 2 1/2 years. From there he went to work for a couple of different contractors for the purpose of honing his skills of carpentry, plumbing, electrical, and equipment operation. Rob continued into business for himself for the next 20 years as well as working the last 8 of those years as Maintenance Director for Haddon Heights Baptist Church and Baptist Regional School.

We are happy to welcome Rob to the Southern New Jersey Scouting Family!



Advisors Minute

Brothers,

As we progress through this year we need to get back to helping the units and the program move forward recruiting not only O.A. members but new youth to become scouts, we need to support our Cub packs and help them grow as they are the future of Scouting. We as a team can join together to accomplish tough jobs that might arise, build strong and meaningful relationships between troops and their leaders which strengthens the lodge and council.

There is less than six weeks away from the first Spring weekend at RSR you can register online through the lodge website, those Vigils who wish to attend the Vigil breakfast can sign up for that, due to the menu we are unable to accept walk-ins for the meal.

This is also our lodges election weekend I remind everyone that anyone who wishes to run for an office MUST submit a letter from their unit leader and the chapter advisor, all those seeking office will be expected to follow some new guidelines that will be presented at the weekend. I look forward to seeing everyone at the weekend.

Al "Fox" Thorpe
Lodge Advisor

NYLT @ Pine Hill

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING (NYLT) is an intensive week-long youth directed leadership training experience. The training is conducted by highly qualified youth staff under the supervision of adult advisers using the BSA National Youth Leadership Training Course syllabus. The course models a month in the life of a troop – three meetings (one each day for the first three days) all leading up to a big outdoor experience (an overnight outpost camp).

The course uses the patrol method and presents model Patrol Council meetings. Patrols are challenged to present by the end of the week their "Quest for the Meaning of Leadership." While this challenge is designed to have them go through the four stages of team development, it will help patrols and participants internalize the leadership skills and concepts being presented to them along the way. Throughout the course, the staff will be modeling the concepts and skills that are the core content of the course. The focus of each session is not only knowledge but giving the youth a "Toolbox of Skills" that equips them with the how.

This years course will be held at Pine Hill Scout Reservation, August 11-18, 2012. To participate Scouts must have attained the rank of First Class and be 13 years of age by the start of the course. Venturers must be 13 years of age. Scouts applying must currently or will soon serve as Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, Instructor or Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. The course is open to male and female Venture youth leaders. The participant must be an experienced camper with good camping, hiking and outdoor cooking skills. He/She should be familiar with the BSA Patrol Leaders' Handbook prior to arriving at camp. The participant must agree to spend the entire scheduled week participating in the National Youth Leadership Training Course. Cost is \$255 per participant.

For more information go to www.snjscouting.org and click the "Training" tab.

May weekend to bring Arrowmen to the Old West

This upcoming may, Te'kening lodge will be hosting an Old West inspired weekend, where arrowmen will be encouraged to deck themselves out in their best cowboy (or native american) gear and get involved with the festivities. Now, as many people know, typically the themes for our weekends have been unrelated to the actual activities, and have only really shown through at mealtimes with theme inspired food. This, my friends, is about to change.

The new program committee is working hard on bringing our themes to life, and they're doing that by making the theme's feel like you're really in the time period, country, or fictional world that the campout is themed for.

As an anonymous program committee member told us, "Many of you arrowmen probably remember the good vs evil weekend that happened back in October, and what we want to do is try to have more weekends like that. The Good and evil campaign has now been renamed to 'The Arrow Chronicles', and it will be getting an updated story soon enough.

As for this weekend, you can expect to see cowboys walking around, maybe some native americans too, and you'll also find some cool games we'll be having that will be inspired by the old western movies." The arrowman didn't give anymore information on the matter, but we're sure that the may weekend will be one to remember.

Make sure to head to www.tekening.org today to sign up, you don't want to miss out on a rootin' tootin' good time!!



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With all these offerings and more why not consider spending a week or more at Camp Roosevelt? For more information head over to the web www.snjscouting.org and click on the camping tab or contact Mr. Chris Collins at the council office 856-327-1700 Ext. 23

-Jac Tarr



Cub Day Camp

Day Camp is designed for Cub Scouts ages 6-10 to have an active outdoor fun experience over the summer. They will get to take parts in many actives at Pine Hill Scout Camp (Berlin, NJ) along with having a wonderful adventure with the staff. Dinosaur Adventure is the theme in 2012. Cubs will be on the hunt or will they be hunted for the very same creatures that lurked in the woods 65 Million years ago.

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Please make every effort to help support the Cub program, our little brothers in blue are the future of the BSA and the order.

They're coming!



Summer 2012