



2008 Spring Ordeal at Mt. Bayou Lake

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The 2008 Spring Ordeal will be held at Mt. Bayou Lake, the weekend of May 30-June 1. Friday check-in will begin at 7:00 PM for members. We will be welcoming new Ordeal Candidates into our Lodge, perfecting our ceremonies in preparation for Conclave, doing fall maintenance at Camp and enjoying great fellowship with other Lodge Members.

We **STONGLY** encourage any **Eligible Ordeal member** who is interested in earning **Brotherhood** this weekend to do so. Church services will be held at camp on Sunday morning. There will be an LEC meeting immediately following the fellowship on Sunday morning. It will last about an hour and should end by 11:00 AM. Remember to bring your uniforms and sashes. Please plan to attend. **BRING A TENT TO SLEEP IN!** See the attached Registration Form on Page 4. Remember to get your registration in by the **May 23rd** deadline.

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Seal Your Membership In The Brotherhood

Have you sealed your membership in the brotherhood? If not, there is a perfect opportunity for you to join the 2008 Brotherhood Class. The Lodge will be holding Brotherhood Induction Weekends March 29 at Camp Thistlewaite and September 13 at Camp Thistlewaite. The fee for Brotherhood is \$30.00 which includes your event fee, a pocket flap and your Brotherhood sash. The event will start around 7:45 for sign-in and will end by approximately 2:00pm. Registration deadline is Wednesday, March 26, 2008. It is important for those of you who are eligible to take advantage of this opportunity so that your membership is sealed in the Order of the Arrow and so that we may achieve Quality Lodge this year. The requirements for Brotherhood are 10 months as an Ordeal Member, a letter to the Lodge Secretary explaining what you have done since become an Ordeal Member to cheerfully serve within your unit or with the Lodge and completion of the Brotherhood hike. For more information about the Brotherhood, contact Lodge Adviser John Aldridge at jwaldridge@bellsouth.net or (337) 367-7802.

| Lodge Calendar | |
|----------------|----------------------------------|
| March | |
| 29 | Brotherhood Conversion (Camp T.) |
| April | |
| 4-6 | Council Camporee (Camp T) |
| 13 | LEC Meeting |
| May | |
| 18 | LEC Meeting |
| 30-31 | OA Spring Ordeal |
| June | |
| 1 | OA Spring Ordeal |
| July | |
| 13 | LEC Meeting |
| 25-27 | SR-2 Conclave (Baylor U.) |

Lodge Advisor's Corner

Part of the obligation in the Order of the Arrow states "preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow". Preserving the traditions includes many things; one way to continue with the traditions is by maintaining your membership. The Lodge re-chartered with 182 members. Today, our records show that only 58 members have paid their 2008 dues.

Another part of the OA tradition is the Indian Ceremonies. There is only a handful of members that are interested in performing and learning the different parts. If this is not your position then ask if we can use in your area of interest. Please consider notifying the Lodge Chief **Scott Maillet** at email rockerhead08@aol.com of your interests. We can use



your interest in upcoming events. I encourage each member to pay their dues even if it goes into the next year.

The Lodge is moving forward as we have joined the company of many Lodges in a national online program to accomplish our lodges's needs. This program will allow for more accurate records and will assist the Lodge Officers in their respective areas. Lets keep up the tradition by renewing your membership, cards will be produced each month prior to the LEC meeting and will be given to the Lodge Secretary and you should receive your card within two weeks of the meeting.

In W.W.W.

John Aldrige
John Aldrige

National Notes

LLD Recognition Patch

The Lodge Leadership Development recognition patch order form is available on the OA Web site. This patch recognizes Arrowmen who staff and attend your lodge LLD training course.

OA Scoutreach Mentoring

Take advantage of the OA Scout-Reach Mentoring program. Learn more by visiting the OA Web site.

High-Adventure

Check out the national website to obtain information about Philmont OA Trail Crew, OAOA, and the OA Wilderness Voyage.

Online OA Trading Post

Click on the OA Trading Post banner on the home page of the OA Web site to purchase great recognition items and gifts. Click on the National Endowment page to review the selection of coins, figurines and prints.

More information about National Notes and other news can be found on the OA Web site online at <http://www.oa-bsa.org>.

LodgeMaster Assists Atchafalaya with records

LodgeMaster is the new software system being used to help OA lodges manage their membership databases. Not only was LodgeMaster designed by the OA for the OA, its capabilities extend much further. This software is also able to import Boy Scouts of America ID numbers, track service hours, help manage Ordeals, track assets, run reports on membership, and much more. Additionally, the system is designed to allow multiple lodge members to access and edit the database simultaneously. As a combination of desktop application and online database, this unique software allows lodge leadership to download the latest information at the click of a button. Most importantly, this software can help eliminate much of the time necessary to perform lodge administrative tasks, leaving more time for the important things like service and brotherhood. For more information about LodgeMaster, visit www.oa-bsa.org.



2008 SR-2 CONCLAVE

July 25-27, 2008
Baylor University – Waco, TX

The 2008 Conclave will be here soon, hosted by Netopolis Sipo Schipinachk Lodge at Baylor University. Details on cost and transportation arrangements are being developed and will be communicated to you soon. You can check out the new site layout for the Section website at www.sr-2.org. New content is being added regularly!

Why should I attend Conclave?

Next to a Jamboree and a National Order of the Arrow Conference, a Conclave is probably the largest intercouncil event in the Boy Scouts of America. What happens at a Conclave can make a big difference in the effectiveness of



lodge programs of the Order of the Arrow and in the dedication of an individual Arrowman. The 2008 Conclave's theme is "Rekindle the Fire." Throughout the event, Arrowmen will gain knowledge and understanding of all aspects of the Order of the Arrow program. Arrowmen will also rekindle the Fire of brotherhood, cheerfulness and service while rededicating themselves to the founding principles of the Order of the Arrow.

What will I do at Conclave?

Conclave has something for all Arrowmen. There are training sessions available to help you build your lodge and strengthen the commitment of Arrowmen. Help your lodge win the Quest events, and bring home all the awards. Volleyball, OA Trivia and more await your competitive skills. Also, this year the Conclave will have greater emphasis on American Indian traditions, including drumming, costuming and more. The most important aspect of Conclave is the chance to fellowship with Scouts from across our area — Scouts who have committed themselves to a life of Cheerful Service to Others. The registration form will be available in the next edition of the Crawfish Tales. The deadline to registration will be July 1, 2008. Any questions please contact Matt Sonnier at (337) 349-2337 or at matt@mattsonnier.com.

2008 MT. BAYOU LAKE SUMMER CAMP STAFF

Summer Camp 2007 was GREAT and 2008 is promising to be even better! We have Troops already signed up in both weeks and some "staffers" have committed to do it again. There will be many exciting changes in 2008 and if you would like to be part of this "WINNING" team, contact: Don Lajoie at CoastalDE@oacbsa.org

"NOTICE" to all ACTIVE Members. Pay Dues!!

If you have paid your 2008 dues, keep an eye out for your new membership card arriving in the mail. Membership cards will be printed for those members who have paid their dues and then given to the Lodge Secretary for mailing at each month's LEC meeting. From the Lodge By-Laws, dues for the Lodge shall be set as follows:

1. Current year dues shall be \$10.00 if paid prior to July 1.
2. Current year dues shall be considered delinquent if not paid prior to July 1. If paid after June 30 a \$5.00 delinquent fee shall be added for a total amount of \$15.00.
3. Failure to pay delinquent dues prior to January 1st of the following year shall result in the member being placed on probation. The member shall be denied participation in Lodge events until dues status has been made current by the payment of \$20.00 for delinquent and current year dues or \$25.00 if delinquent in both years.
4. Transfers from other Lodges or adults joining the Lodge who were members of a lodge as youth shall pay only \$10.00 at any time in year for current membership status.

Card will not be mailed out for members paying their dues late (after June 30th). These cards may be picked up at an OA function. (Monthly LEC

meeting, Ordeal, Fellowship, Banquet, etc)

BE AN "ACTIVE" MEMBER, PAY YOUR DUES TODAY."

ArrowCorps⁵ A Chance Of A Lifetime

Want to have an experience of a lifetime next summer? Do you want to visit one of nation's majestic national parks? If your answer is yes then ArrowCorps⁵ is the program for you. ArrowCorps⁵ is a service program, in which five thousand Arrowmen from across the nation will visit five different National Parks and perform conservation service projects for these parks. This program, when completed, will be the largest service project in the history of Scouting and thus the opportunity of a lifetime. For more information please visit www.event.oacbsa.org.



ATCHAFALAYA LODGE 563
EVANGELINE AREA COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
ORDEAL - MT BAYOU LAKE



(Friday 5:00PM to Sunday – Noon)

INFORMATION:

Check One:

- \$30 Ordeal Candidate (New Member) Includes Dues – Pd _____
Ordeal Candidates must have been duly elected by their troop and have one year (two opportunities) from their election to take their Ordeal or their election is null and void.
- \$30 (Pre-registration) / \$35 (At Camp) Brotherhood Candidate Includes Membership Dues * Pd _____
- or**
- \$20 (Pre-registration) / \$25 (At Camp) Brotherhood Candidate (If Yearly Dues are pd for current year) Pd _____
(Ordeal Members must have completed their 10 months tenure to be eligible)
- \$20 (Pre-registration) / \$25 (At Camp) Member, Includes Membership Dues * Pd _____
- or**
- \$10 (Pre-registration) / \$15 (At Camp) Member (If Yearly Dues are pd for current year) Pd _____

**Annual Dues are \$10 if paid on time; \$12 if past due. All members MUST be active (dues paid-up / current) prior to participating in any Order of the Arrow of Event. Late charges are incurred by delinquent members.*

ALL BLANKS MUST BE FILLED IN:

Ordeal Candidate Ordeal Brotherhood Vigil BSA Registration No. _____

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle _____ Suffix _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone: Home (____) _____ Work (____) _____ Cell (____) _____

E-mail Address: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Scout Rank _____

Name of Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship _____

Emergency Contact's Phone Numbers (____) _____ (____) _____

Unit Type & Number _____ or District / Council Position _____

Medicine(s) YES ____ NO ____ If Yes, please list _____

Provide any pertinent information concerning dispensing: _____

Dietary Concern: YES ____ NO ____ If yes, please explain: _____

If needed, use a separate sheet of paper with this form for additional space!

OA Word Search

There are 32 words in the block below related to the OA. How many can you find?

ALLOWAT SAKIMA
ARROW

BROTHERHOOD
CAMPING

CEREMONY
CHAPTER
CHEERFULNESS
CHIEF
CHINGACHGOOK
DELAWARE
FLAP
GUARD
GUIDE
INDIAN
KICKINET
LEADERSHIP
LENNI LENAPE
LODGE
MEDICINE MAN
METEU
NUTIKET
OBLIGATION
ORDEAL
ORDER
SCOUT
SERVICE
TRADITION
UNCAS
VIGIL
WIMACHTENDIENK
WINGOLAUCHSIK
WITAHemui



30 YEARS AGO IN LODGE HISTORY

| Year | Chief | Home | Advisor | Home | Pro. Advisor | Home | # of Members |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| 1978 | Billy Mincey | Lafayette | Wayne Bernard David Cook | Morgan City Lafayette | Mike Holley | Lafayette | Not known |
| Vigils of 1978: | | | | | | | |
| | Bill Fangue "RELIABLE ONE" | | Harry Roy "TALKER" | Gustive Lamperez III "SWIMMER" | | Pierre Fortier "SILENT ONE" | |

ATCHAFALAYA LODGE #563
42 YEARS OF SERVICE TO SCOUTING
EVANGELINE AREA COUNCIL
1966 – 2008

YOUR 2008 CHAPTER OFFICERS

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|--|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Attakapas Chief – Taylor Ducote | 337.256.3209 | Advisor – Edwin Whip | 337.367.3591 |
| Avogel Chief – Robert Hess | 337.233.0862 | Advisor – Lee Ritter | 337.781.4010 |
| Chitimacha Chief – Open | | Advisor – Ray LaHoste | 985.385.2781 |
| Coushatta Chief – Seth Guillory | 337.585.6314 | Advisor – Dr Tom Jones | 337.942.1149 |
| Mermentau Chief – Steven Dial | 337.783-8005 | Advisor – Farren Trahan | 337.783.8005 |
| Natchez Chief – Open | | Advisor – James Landry | 337.893.1830 |

YOUR 2008 LODGE OFFICERS

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|--|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Lodge Chief – Scott Maillet | 337.967.6247 | Advisor – John Aldridge | 337.367.7802 |
| VC of Membership – Stuart Leigh | 337.837.3111 | Advisor – Ronald Conn | 337.896.3036 |
| VC of Service – Stephen Dial | 337.783.8005 | Advisor – Open | |
| Secretary – Travis Delcambre | 337.369.8023 | Advisor – Lee Ritter | 337.781.4010 |
| Treasurer – Philip Young | 337.837.8793 | Advisor – Open | |

Professional Advisor – Philip Frey 337.235.8551 Supreme Chief of the Fire – Jim Rees 337.235.8551



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