



Moose Tracks

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Welcome Back to Moose Tracks

Our Last installment of Moose Tracks, our Tri-Annual newsletter, was published in November 2013. Likely for some, this is the first issue that you are seeing. Moose Tracks is intended to provide information on upcoming events, recap past events, and strengthen your knowledge on what the OA is and how to become involved. Hopefully in reading this newsletter, some of your questions will be answered. Thank you for taking your time to read our newsletter.

– Totanhan Nakaha Communication Team

ArrowPower 2014

With no national events occurring, 2014 is yet another year of the lodge. This year Sections C-1a and C-1b are hosting another Arrowpower. What is ArrowPower you may ask? ArrowPower is a weeklong event consisting of service, this years' service is going to be on the St. Croix and Namekogin Rivers in Wisconsin, as well as fun and recreation every single night, as well as an entire day of nothing but fun at the end of the week. ArrowPower is really a great way to show your service and really make a mark on the future, at least in the area. Registration is open to all scouts and venturers ages 14 and over. Participants DO NOT need to be in the OA to participate. This event is open to all scouts. Registration is open on our lodge website for the event, which is going to be going on August 17-24 2014.

OA High Adventure



The OA, as part of its dedication to promoting camping and high adventure, hosts several high adventure trips at the national high adventure bases each year. Participants must be registered with the OA and be at least 16 years old when starting their trek to participate. The high adventure opportunities are:

OA Trail Crew: OA Trail Crew is a two-week trek at Philmont Scout Ranch. The first week is a week of service to the ranch, building and repairing trails and other crucial camp features. The second week is a regular Philmont hiking trek that your crew decides. No pre-planned itineraries like other treks.

OA Ocean Adventure: The Order of the Arrow, in cooperation with the Florida Sea Base, is offering you an opportunity to provide cheerful service while experiencing the adventure and fun of the Florida Keys and the waters which



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surround them. This ten day program will provide an array of service opportunities that include work helping to develop the Florida Keys Heritage Trail, removing invasive species in and around the Sea Base's Big Munson Island, and supporting both the Crane Point Nature Center and Marathon Wild Bird Center in preserving the Keys flora, fauna and wildlife. You will be camping at both Big Munson Island and Crane Point during the service portion of the program, after which you will move aboard a 40-50' sailing yacht for four days at sea.

OA at Northern Tier: The OA offers two different types of high adventure at Northern Tier. The first is the Wilderness Voyage, which consists of service and fun in the BWCA Wilderness. The second option is the Canadian Odyssey, which is similar to the Wilderness Voyage, except it takes place in Canada and at the end of the trip, culminates in a 90 mile, 4 day canoe trek back to the main base camp in Ely, Minn.

OA at the Summit: New this year, the OA brings its intense high adventure program to the newest high adventure base in the nation. Four days of the program will be focused on building or maintaining trail around the Summit, and the New River Gorge National River Area. The remainder of the experience will revolve around white water kayaking and rafting, along with mountain biking, climbing, and participation in other Summit activities. Participants will not only build trail, but also bonds of brotherhood as they start their High Adventure journey. Contrary to the other bases, the summit

experience can be taken on by scouts as young as 14 but not yet 18, so if you aren't 16 and want to experience all of what OA high adventure is, here's your chance.

For more information, go to <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/>

The lodge has full scholarships available; you only need to pay for transportation. Check with you Chapter Chief for more information.

Why should I get my Brotherhood?

As an ordeal member, you are entitled to everything that the order offers, so what's the point of getting brotherhood? A lot of people may ask that question. The answer is simple. The Brotherhood honor is about sealing your membership in the OA. During the ordeal, candidates are often not truly able to discover what the order is all about during their trials and tribulations. The brotherhood honor is a time of ten months that is given to the ordeal member to think about the order and the meaning behind the actions they took to complete the ordeal and to give them a chance to learn more about the order and what it all is. In doing this, the candidate also learns the song, obligation, and admonition of the order. If you remember when you joined the troop, the scout oath and law were some of the first and most important things you learned. Why should the OA be any different? Becoming a brotherhood member will allow you to be a much more knowledgeable member of the order, and hopefully allow you to contribute in ways you would've never thought before.



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Service to Others, the Northern Lights Way

On March 8th, the Northern Lights Chapter provided lunch and a concession stand for 170 scouts and countless leaders at the annual Northern Lights Merit Badge Madness day. Plenty of food to go around and no one went away hungry. Just one of many ways the Order of the Arrow can be of service to Scouting.



OA in the Troop

“Those who chose you need you.” These words, echoed many times in the ordeal ceremonies often are passed over; however, it really is a true thing. Those scouts who elected you, your troop members, need you in order to be successful. The OA is about serving the troop in a few very crucial ways.

One of these is camping promotion. The OA is a major force in national and council level camping promotion. You too, can be a force in promoting camping at the level of even your own troop. Taking the charge to plan and execute camping outings that have meaning will result in a much more successful troop.

Another huge area is service. Service to the community is always needed, and as an arrowman you are called to perform cheerful service. But what if your whole troop was standing behind you, and making a difference in your community? Leading a troop service project every year could be a way to give back, and show that cheerful service in your community.

The main point is that the OA should not stay in the OA, and it's all about spreading what you've learned with your troop.



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100th Anniversary NOAC 2015

2015 marks the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow. In celebrating this occasion, NOAC 2015 is being held at Michigan State once again, and it is set to be the best NOAC ever. NOAC is the National Order of the Arrow Conference. It is held every 3-4 years at a major college campus in the country and is the equivalent of a national Jamboree for the OA. Thousands of Arrowmen from across the country come to gather in fellowship and fun. This year's NOAC is going to be an absolute blast for all who attend. Registration is open and filling up fast, and is available on our lodge website. Costs are currently estimated to be around \$650.

Ft. Snelling Cleanup



The 11th annual cleanup of Christmas wreaths from the Ft. Snelling Veterans Cemetery was held Saturday Feb 1st, 2014. Led by BSA Order of the Arrow members of Kaposia Chapter (with help from 6 other Chapters,) 710 volunteers cleaned up an estimated 35,000 tired wreaths in less than 3 hours on a cold winter morning!

The participants included 108 Cub Scouts (from 20 Packs,) 236 Boy Scouts (from 53 Troops,) 34 OA staff and 191 adults Leaders, plus other community volunteers and family members. Of these, about 330 were from Kaposia District, but the rest came from 13 other Districts of Northern Star Council, BSA.

Many thanks to Kaposia District for once again putting on this great service event.