

Article submissions

Colorado Story

Hi, I am Jacob Devereaux. I'm from troop 6. It was the summer of 2011, and it was my first time at Philmont. We were hiking Mount Baldy, the tallest mountain in Philmont. Our lodge chief (Mike Crone), pointed out to me that we could see Colorado. There was a house every 5 miles on one of the roads, and I said "wow, that must be a small town."

To The Trail!

Hello, my name is Ian Proctor and I would like to tell you new Ordeal members (or former members) to come to the Brotherhood Trail meeting at **7:00 before OA meetings** start. That way you will be able to learn all the important information you'll need to know for your Brotherhood Trail. So don't forget to practice occasionally when you're at home as well.

Send your articles to me at jamesmwilson@atlanticbb.net

Please make the article at least a paragraph long

Don't forget to visit the lodge website from time to time!

<http://www.aa255.com/>

The A-Team

Dear Scouts of Chief Cornplanter Council,


My name is Hunter Proctor, and I've been a member of the OA ceremonial team since 2007. This past weekend we had 3 new ceremonialists do their first ceremony in this past spring ordeal. Michael Tyler, Tyler Haslett, and Dominick Giannini did very well in their first ceremony. I am very proud of them.

Dear Arrowmen,

Thank you for electing me as your lodge chief for the 2012-2013 term. I promise you I will do my best to provide an engaging and unique extracurricular experience for every youth involved. I firmly believe that the power and potential to enhance Gyantwachia Lodge #255 resides within all the youth that have previously invested time within the Lodge and the ones that will do so in the future. I encourage every outstanding young member and supervising adult to remain or become active; participation is a key element for all lodge events, work days and meetings! I know that with the guidance of responsible leaders, chairmen and committee members can properly serve the Lodge by providing awesome individual experiences that will culminate in numerous victories and opportunities for fellowship within the Lodge. I am also very excited to open Chief Cornplanter Council's 100th Anniversary year as Lodge Chief. I am sure that many fun-filled activities and worthwhile projects await us in the future. Once again, I thank you for electing me, and I promise that I can reciprocate your devotion and hard work in the Lodge by providing an incredible year for Gyantwachia Lodge!

Yours in Brotherhood,
Eric Zavinski — Lodge Chief





The 2012 NE-4A Section Conclave was absolutely spectacular! Held in the gorgeous Camp Karoondinha and hosted by the prestigious Susquehanna Council, Woapeu Sisilija lodge did a fantastic job in hosting a conclave to be remembered. The weekend was catapulted into pure silliness during the Friday-night opening show. Arrowmen were treated to a stunning ceremony thanks to the Ho-Nan-Ne-On-Ont ceremonialists and were also amused by the animal-like antics of the six lodge chiefs. Also, in thorough support of the Hawaiian theme, lodge chiefs were required to wear grass skirts and flowered necklaces. Following the opening show, participants were satisfied with the large buffet during the late-night cracker barrel.

It may be hard to believe, but the conclave's fun capacity was not even in full throttle until Saturday morning! After a sit-down breakfast and a reading of the morning publications, Arrowmen were treated to a variety of training cells to choose from. Two of my personal favorites, excluding Hunter Proctor's Leave No Trace station and Michael Tyler's Membership Retention cell of course, were the Wyona drumming circle and a Meet the Man session hosted by the one and only National Chief. First of all, the drumming session was very stimulating while mixing in proper care of the drum, history of Wyona's performances and different styles of singing and swinging along with some audience participation. Lastly, Johnny Rehm did an excellent job in providing a light-hearted atmosphere in which to ask him non-threatening questions. The National Chief enjoyed discussing his responsibilities and revealing deep, dark secrets such as his favorite color and motion picture.

After another scrumptious meal, the afternoon at Camp Karoondinha was filled with numerous fun-filled activities and competitions such as a volleyball tournament, hula-hooping duel, coconut bowling, sudsy slip n' slide, iron man pentathlon, land surfing, open swim, rifle shooting and much more! Gyantwachia lodge retrieved many victories in both the gold and silver arrow games. And although the lodge ceremonial team did not win this year, we were one of just three lodges in the six-lodge section to even compete! Even that is testament to how dedicated and seasoned our veterans and newcomers on the team are alike. And later, after an exhausting day full of events, Ho-Nan-Ne-On-Ont still succeeded in putting together a riveting closing show. All scouters were treated with a viewing of a Liberty's Kids episode, video detailing the origin of Wikipedia and numerous lodge skits and plays. One skit in particular was quite disgusting actually! This theatrical gem placed the audience in the world of Langundowi lodge, a lodge in which it is perfectly acceptable to eat Nutella that has already been in the mouths of numerous other Arrowmen. Mmm, delicious! After the closing show, all Arrowmen then proceeded to the dining hall where an exciting patch auction was to begin. Everyone was kept up well into the night, but it was for a good cause because the profits will send the next Section Chief to Dallas, Texas in order to become an even better leader and experience fellowship with his fellows who might become national officers.

Tyler Allen, the Section Chief, did an excellent job in running the section conclave but was put on the spot once more during the new elections. The weekend was a blast so far, but it was not over yet. The elections for new section officers still had to ensue. The Section Chief, Vice Chief and Secretary are in charge, along with supervising adults and advisors, to run four Council of Chiefs meetings and the Section Conclave for the upcoming year. It is not a task to be taken lightly, but numerous individuals stepped up to the challenge. A nerve-racking nomination process would decide eligibility to run, and if that was not enough, each candidate for office had to impress the youth as a whole with a smashing speech. After the dust had settled, and the battles were won, Tyler Allen was once again crowned Section Chief along with Ben Dealy as Vice Chief and yours truly, Eric Zavinski as Secretary. However, what we can be most proud of as a lodge is the fact that we were the first lodge to win the first official and largely coveted Spirit Award! Throughout the entire weekend, all Gyantwachia arrowmen presented their unbreakable spirits by participating in our lodge songs and cheers. Our Spirit proved true time and time again, and our collective Gyantwachia swagger allowed us to clinch the Spirit Award. And so without a doubt, the 2012 NE-4A Section Conclave can be proclaimed a masterpiece among conclaves. Let us hope that we as Gyantwachia lodge can make next year's conclave an

Yours in brotherhood,

Eric Zavinski

Conclave 2012- Silver Arrow Games

While none of the youth may have noticed, the Gyantwachia Lodge won the Silver Arrow Games for the first time in history!!! (We have won the Spirit Award before!!!) A big “Thank You” to Mark Woody for recruiting and organizing our adults to compete! Our VICTORIOUS Volleyball team was a sight to behold: we had an injured, healing, rehabilitating Dart Summerson anchoring the team with orders “not to move.” (He only disobeyed (A Scout is Obedient!) one time, tried to move and almost was out of the game.) Long story short, we won hitting the ball to a place that “required them to move!” With events all afternoon long out numbers dwindled. With three events left only Don Mong and I were still there. Hula hoop was a two-man event and we won that, then don went to the rifle range and I went to Bocce. While we did not win these two events we won the overall competition! Thanks you to all the adults who participated! NOW, we need to do it again next Conclave at Camp Olmsted when we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Chief Cornplanter council!!!

-Daniel Wolboldt

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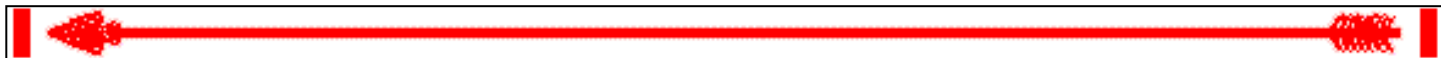


Gyantwachia Lodge Calendar 2012-2013

2012	July 20 New Lodge Officers take over
July 30-Aug 4	NOAC at Michigan State University
Sept 4	Lodge Meeting
Sept 13	Troop Rep Meeting
Sept 16	CoC Meeting
Sept 21-23	National Leadership Seminar/NLATS Camp Alpine
Oct 2 7:30	Lodge Meeting (7 pm Brotherhood Trail help!)
Oct 11	Troop Rep Meeting
Oct 19-21	Fall Camporee/Cub Fun Day at Chapman's Dam
October	Howler Published!
Nov 6	Lodge Meeting
Nov 8	Troop Rep Meeting
Nov 16-17	Fun Day at NWPC Community House
Dec 4	Lodge Meeting
Dec 7	Christmas Walk
Dec 8	Nursing Home Visitation/Key 3 meeting
Dec 13	Troop Rep Meeting
2013	100th Anniversary of the Chief Cornplanter Council!!!!!!
Jan 1, 2013	Unit Elections begin
Jan 5	(Saturday)Family Banquet and Lodge Meeting
Jan 10	Troop Rep Meeting
Jan 13	CoC meeting
Jan 19	Winterfest at Chapman's Dam
Jan 26	Klondike Derby at Camp Olmsted!!!
January	Howler Publisher
Feb 2	Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner
Feb 3	Scout Sunday/ Community Scout Sunday Service
Feb 5	Lodge Meeting
Feb 6	Uniform Day
Feb 7	Camp Leader's Chili Dinner (Roundtable)
Feb 14	Troop Rep Meeting
Feb 22-23	Fun Day at NWPC Community House
Mar 5	Lodge Meeting/100 th Anniversary Video Contest
Mar 12/13	St Patrick's Day Pancake Dinner
Mar 14	Troop Rep Meeting

Apr 2	Lodge Meeting
April	Howler Published
Apr 5-7	CoC at Camp Olmsted/Walk through
Apr 11	Troop Rep Meeting
May 2	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Unit elections completed for 2013
May 4, 11, 18, 25	Beaver Days
May 7	Lodge Meeting (Election of Lodge Officers)
May 9	Troop Rep Meeting
May 14	Vigil Nominations due to CCC office
May 17-19	Ordeal Weekend/ Vigil Meeting
May 27	All conclave money to Section 4A Account at CCC office
Jun 1	Fun Day/Beaver Day at Camp
Jun 4	Lodge Meeting
Jun 7-9 201	Section 4A Conclave at Camp Olmsted
Jun 9	COC meeting at 10 am
Jun 13	Troop Rep Meeting
Jun 14	Flag Day, Elks Club 6:00 p.m.
Jun 15	Beaver Day at Camp
Jun 22-28	Summer Camp at Camp Olmsted
Jun 28	OA Day at Camp Olmsted, Installation of Officers
Jun 28-30	Ordeal Weekend/Silver Wolf/Beaver Day at Camp Lodge Leadership Development Course & Lodge Meeting
July	Howler Published
Jul 4 th	4 th of July Parade!
Jul 15-24	National Scout Jamboree!!!!
Jul 18-21	Cub Scout Summer Adventure
Aug 2-3	LODGE CONCLAVE /Fun Day/Beaver Day
Sep 3	Lodge Meeting
Sep 12	Troop Rep Meeting
Sep 20-22	National Leadership Seminar/NLS/NLATS at Camp Alpine
Oct 1	Start Camp Promotions and Staff Recruitment
Oct 1 7:30pm	Lodge Meeting (7 pm help for Brotherhood trail)
Oct 10	Troop Rep Meeting
Oct 26	Spook-A-Rama
Nov 5	Lodge Meeting
Nov 9	100 th Anniversary Dinner at the Conawango Club
Nov 15-16	Fun Day at NWPC Community House

Dec 3	Lodge Meeting (Brotherhood Trail help)
Dec 6 Friday Night	Christmas Walk Chestnuts 5-10PM Parade 6PM
Dec 7	Nursing Homes/Food Baskets 9AM Salvation Army
Dec 12	Troop Rep Meeting



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