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Michigamea's Internet Presence

Michigamea Lodge 110 is the host of its own website in addition to the Council Website. Due to the changes throughout the year to the Lodge Program, the best way to find the most current information about the Lodge is at the website. Come check out the awesome look at:

Calumet Council-
<http://www.calcouncil.org>
Michigamea Lodge 110:
<http://www.oa110.org>



Lodge Leadership

Lodge Chief:

Lodge Vice-Chief of Committees:

Lodge Vice-Chief of Chapters:

Lodge Secretary:

Lodge Treasurer:

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ORDER OF THE ARROW

Publishers Wanted

Any arrowmen looking to report about certain OA events should join the lodge's Communications Committee. All you have to do is report about a few events for each Nutshell News, which is published quarterly. The committee meets at every LEC at 7:30. To join, call the Communications Co-Chairman. Do not hesitate, **JOIN TODAY!** You won't regret it!



Calendar of Events

- September:**
- 26-28: Section 3-B Conclave
- October:**
- 6: Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
- 11: Cub Scout Adventure Day
- 20: Deep River Hike
- November:**
- 20: Camp Promotions Dinner
- 21-23: Lodge Leadership Development Conference
- January**
- 3: Winter Banquet
- 5: Lodge Executive Committee Meeting



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Chiefly Speaking

I would like to welcome everyone back for the start of the 2003-2004 year and I hope everyone had an excellent summer. I appreciate all of those Arrowmen who came out to the Spring Fellowship and assisted with the various work projects. The Spring Fellowship was a success and I have received nothing but thanks and compliments about the new swim dock. I would like to take this time to remind everyone that the Section C-3B Conclave is going to be held on September 26-28. The Lodge will be attending the Conclave as a contingent, so do not let a lack of transportation prevent you from attending this event as it is an excellent opportunity to meet people from other Lodges and to learn more about the Order of the Arrow. I have many goals for the Lodge this year. One of these goals is to earn the National Quality Lodge Award for the third year in a row. I hope to see the newly elected Ordeal members begin attending meetings and taking on new leadership roles at both the Chapter and Lodge level. I am looking forward to a very productive and successful year, and I hope all of you are looking forward to one as well. Just remember that the Lodge is only as strong as the Arrowmen who participate in it.

Section C3-B Conclave 2003

It's that time again where Arrowmen from 9 lodges in Northern Illinois, Northwest Indiana and Eastern Iowa get together and have a great time. This great opportunity offers all Arrowmen fun, fellowship, and various training cells in where you can discuss various topics concerning common lodge events. Also bragging rights will be given through hardcore competitions like volleyball and football! The Conclave will be held on September 26, 27, & 28, 2003 at the Loud Thunder Scout Reservation in Andalusia, IL. Your money needs to be turned in this MONDAY at the council office (September 8) so transportation can be arranged. Flyers can be found at www.oa110.org. This is an event that you DO NOT want to miss!



Cub Scout Adventure Day

Cub Scout Adventure Day will be held at the Park across from the Council office On Saturday, October 11, 2003. The Cub Scouts will be having fun with different games and activities. The Order of the Arrow will be in charge of the concession stand for the day. This is great way for us to make money and show our support to the Cub Scouts. We need Arrowmen to come out that day to help setup and work the concession stand. The hours are from 7:00 AM until 2:00 PM.



Change in Camp Promotion Dinner

This year the Camp Promotion Dinner is scheduled for November 20th, 2003. After several years of research and Scoutmasters telling the lodge that they already made reservations for Summer Camp before the event, Michigamea Lodge has moved the date of the Camp Promotion Dinner to the fall. Many camps that attended looked at this event at a place to recruit for the next summer, but our units were really looking for places to camp for the following year. This caused many camps to be unrepresented at the dinner because they would not attend if they had already filled their campsites. It is the hope of the lodge that this change to November will help increase attendance and help make this event a greater resource for the units in our Council. So mark your calendars, to attend the Camp Promotion Dinner on November 20th at Munster High School. Remember, Scoutmasters and SPLs attend for FREE. **Please note that this is a different date than listed in the council calendar. **

Another new resource is coming to our units. It is the "Michigamea Lodge 110 Where to Go Camping Book." This resource will be mailed to each Scoutmaster in the council later this month. The 129 page book is distributed on a CD ROM, and contains many great and exciting places for your troop to go camping. This resource would not be available if not for the donation by Larry VanCleave, deceased, of his "Scouter's Resource Guide". Many old time Scouters will remember this Very Large Series of Three Ring Binders that was a great guide to helping run a troop program. The lodge has taken the Camping Section and updated it

so it can be made available to all our units. Unit Leaders are encouraged to make copies of the disk and share it with other leaders in their unit. It is also planned to make this resource available for download on the lodge web site at www.oa110.org. So ask your Scoutmaster for a copy of the disk as you plan for your Troop's Annual Planning Conference.



Chapter Responsibilities

- Deep River Hike Concessions - Chapter 7
- Winter Banquet - Chapter 11
- Potowatomi Hike Concessions - Chapter 5
- Spring Fellowship Cooking (2004) - Chapter 6
- Fall Fellowship Cooking (2004) - Chapter 12



Deep River Trails Hike

Once again this year, the Lodge will be hosting the Deep River Trail Hike. It will be held rain or shine on Saturday, October 25, at Deep River County Park in Hobart, IN. The cost is \$4.00, which includes a patch, old mill entrance and parking. The hike is open to all Scouts, Scouters and their families. No advance registration is necessary. Concessions will be available. **Please refrain from bringing pets to the park.**



Spring Fellowship

The annual Spring Fellowship was held June 13th-15th, 2003. It was a successful event overall. Congratulations to the new Ordeal and Brotherhood members on a job well done. Most of the tasks were completed. The HODAG was also a very big hit. The addition of the new dock was enjoyed by all whom had the chance to use it this summer at Council events.



Lodge Leadership Development Course

On November 21-23 2003, the LLDC will be held at Camp Frank S. Betz. During these three days Arrowmen will have an opportunity to learn about more about the Order of the Arrow. This opportunity is open to all Arrowmen young and old. There is a \$10.00 fee which includes meals and training materials. There is a \$5.00 late fee for those Arrowmen who pay after Tuesday, November 18th.

Attire for the weekend will be Class A Scout uniform, OA Sash, and Lodge Polo. Health forms are necessary and blank forms are available at the Council office. Saturday night will have the annual **friendly** game of OA Jeopardy. So come join your Fellow Arrowmen for a fun weekend.



From the Mind of the Vice Chief

Hello, my fellow Arrowmen, I am your new Vice-Chief of Committees for the lodge. This upcoming year is going to be a very exciting time. Already we are adding a new official committee for the growing Scoutreach Program. This is a great new committee that will do great and I encourage everyone to become a Scoutreach Mentor. Also during this upcoming year, I am planning that all committees are working up to their full capacity and to promote the idea of joining our various committees. We have something for every interest from working with the Ceremonial Team to managing a website. I'm sure that this will be one of the best years for the lodge, and my advice for you, one of the main scouts in your troop is to become active and show off your leadership!!!



New Products for Sale

The Lodge has new Michigamea items for sale. The new Jacket patch is out now along with the new Vigil Flap Patch. The new Vigil Flap marks the completion of all three honor flaps. So why don't you stop by the Lodge Treasurer and pick up these new items.