
Michigamea's Internet Presence

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Lodge Leadership



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Any arrowmen looking to report about certain OA events should join the lodge's Publications 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 Communications Chairman Do not hesitate, **JOIN TODAY!** You won't regret it!



Calendar of Events

- April**
5: LEC meeting
- May:**
3: LEC Meeting
14-16: Excellent Adventure IV
28-30: Swap Meet
- June:**
7: LEC Meeting
11-13: spring fellowship



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Chiefly Speaking

Dear Fellow Brothers:

The Lodge's annual Winter Banquet went very well. The guest speaker, Mr. PJ Parmar, did an excellent job and the food was great. I would like to congratulate everyone who was presented with an award at the Winter Banquet. I would also like to thank all of those whom attended and filled the evening with fun and fellowship. One final thank you goes out to Chapter 11 and the other four Lodge Officers, who helped to plan, coordinate, and run the Winter Banquet. I am glad to see that the Lodge is promoting Scoutreach not only through its Scoutreach Mentoring Committee but also through scholarship opportunities, such as the three scholarships given to Scouts in Scoutreach troops for Calumet Council's Junior Leadership Training Conference. Recently, the Lodge held a special Lodge meeting to vote on the possible amendments to the Lodge Constitution. I am pleased to announce that the proposed amendments to the Constitution passed. This completes the updating and changing of both the Lodge Constitution and the Lodge bylaws, which were amended by the LEC in October. We have a Council-wide camporee coming

Adventure IV, which will be held in May. The Lodge will be doing one large call-out ceremony for the entire Council, which is extremely exciting. The final note I would like to leave you with is that the Officer Nominating Committee will be decided on the nominations for next year's Lodge Officers. If you are interested in an Officer position and have not notified, or myself please do so immediately. I wish everyone a happy spring season and just a reminder; the Spring Fellowship and the Hodag are just around the corner.



Secretary Report

I have had a great year as secretary of our lodge. I would like to again thank all of those who helped out at the LLDC. A note concerning motions, please write down your motion and hand it to me. This will make the meeting faster and more effective. Thank you for your help and the occasional abstention.

 **ORDER OF THE ARROW** 
NOAC HYPE!!!

Without a question of a doubt, the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is the most premier event the OA offers and the second largest scouting event held. It's a week long conference from July 31, 2004 to August 5th held on the beautiful campus of Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. Over 7,000 arrowmen from around the country get together for training, patch trading, American Indian events, outstanding arena shows, lodge competitions, and the Founder's Day celebration!

Our lodge is attending this huge extravaganza as a contingent so all transportation will be provided and all the member will be able to get there own stock supply of NOAC 2004 edition lodge flaps featuring the "Blues Brother Squirrels!" We will also be adding a few extra surprises for the members going to show our lodge spirit as well. This event promises to be a great time and we hope that we can bring and much back from this event that we learned to help continue building Michigamea into the great lodge that it is. After all, this is where we originally got the idea for a Hodag! All additional information can

be found on the lodge's Official NOAC Homepage at www.oa110.org.



Treasurer's Report

For all you Arrowmen who paid you 2004 dues, the Lodge thanks you. By now, you should have received your signed membership card in the mail. If you still need to pay your dues, the balance owed can be paid at the Council office. If you paid and did not receive a card, please contact the Profession Staff Adviser immediately to resolve any discrepancies.



Excellent Adventure IV

On May 14th, 15th, and 16th, 2004 Lake County Fairgrounds will once again become the site of one of the greatest scouting events that Calumet Council has ever seen; that's right, its time for Excellent Adventure IV!

The Excellent Adventure Committee is busy creating this exciting event for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, Explorers, and Scouters of all ages. As always, all leaders and parents are invited to attend and enjoy this event.

If you have any questions, concerns, or want more information on this amazing event, talk to your unit leaders, call the council office or visit the council website <http://www.calcouncil.org>. Don't miss out on this amazing event.

Scoutreach Success reprinted from the O/A National Bulletin, March-May 2004

When considering methods of service to our councils, many lodges overlook the potential for an OA Scoutreach mentoring activity. Calumet Council's Michigamea Lodge recently finished the first of a planned series of such projects.

During June of 2003, our past Lodge Chief, OA Scoutreach mentoring adviser and five members created OA Scoutreach Camp. The program was launched during staff week of Calumet Council's Junior Leader Training course at Camp Betz in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

The program was created as a pilot for future OA Scoutreach programs in the Council. After months of planning and coordinating with Scoutreach units, a troop of 10 boys and two adults was invited to participate in the program. For two days and one night, troop members learned the basic camping and outdoor skills as well as troop meeting skills such as how to organize patrols, how to lead a group in reciting the Scout Oath and Law, and how to properly perform a flag ceremony.

The troop has as a unit only once before the Scoutreach pilot program. Collectively they had little leadership or Scouting experience, but they left camp knowing how to function together as a strong unit.

A few days after finishing the Scoutreach camp, troop members attended their first summer camp. During the week,

the Scouts were notably ahead of many other units at camp, winning the award for best flag ceremony. Michigamea's OA Scoutreach Committee is working with council leadership to create a permanent OA Scoutreach mentoring program to help prepare troops for their first camping experience. The program will continue to help Scoutreach units camp, earn First Class rank and provide them with the basic Scouting and troop training.

Before the Scoutreach program, Michigamea Lodge had only an ad hoc chairman to oversee OA Scoutreach activities. Michigamea now has a permanent committee, complete with a chairman, advisor, and several members who all meet monthly.



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.