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The Elogamgussit of
Sipp-O Lodge #377

Buckeye Council, BSA
November, 2006

COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK DAY AT ZOAR VALLEY TRAIL

Join us as we give back to the community during this year's Fall Community Service Day!

When , Where & Why: November 11, 2006 from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Sipp-o Lodge will be working on the Zoar Valley Trail. We'll meet in Camp Tuscazoar's parking lot for check-in and crew assignments. Two crews will work to clear two ½ to ¾ mile stretches along the Zoar Valley Trail. Two additional crews will work to mark trees along a portion of the trail which will serve as a guide for hikers throughout the year.

Bring Tools! Weed eaters (only adults can use gas powered ones), Hedge trimmers, Loppers, Shovels, Work Gloves (duh), Gravel Rakes and any other tool that you can imagine would possibly be helpful.

Lunch Provided! The camp has offered to provide a hot lunch to all volunteers for \$2 per person provided that he has RSVP'd. That will be a welcome sight on a chilly November day!

RSVP: Deadline is Thursday, November 9, 2006. E-mail Connor Reese at reeses@sssnet.com or leave a message for him at 330-854-5898 on or before the deadline! The camp needs to know then for a headcount for lunch so please RSVP! You don't want to get there and be hungry!

Let's all get behind this event and make it great! See you there!

Annual Dues are Due Soon!

This year, just like last, dues will be \$10. Dues must be paid by December 1st. See form on the last page.

Paying your dues is very important! You can attend functions only if you are a paid member. Also you can't receive patches



for events if your dues are not paid. Show everyone that we are a strong and active lodge by maintaining your paid membership.

**We've PATCHED together
a great Sipp-o Lodge Winter Banquet for You!**



The Limited Edition Winter Banquet patch will be ghosted much like this one – but will include a photo chromatic surprise! It is sure to become just as collectable as this one.

What are three things Arrowmen can't do without???
Good food, good friends, and great patches!

Saturday, January 6, 2007
Skyland Pines Rustic Lodge, Canton

For those of you new to Sipp-o Lodge, the Winter Banquet is our kick-off for the upcoming year.

- ◆ **Come meet the new Lodge Officers**
- ◆ **Welcome our 10 new Vigil Honor members**
- ◆ **Learn about our plans for the upcoming year.**

SPECIAL GUEST DAVID TRUAX

We welcome back David Truax, Buckeye Council's newest Scout Executive. Dave was a member of our council's professional team twenty years ago and was on the Camp Design Committee that transformed the Donahaven Tree Farm into Seven Ranges Scout Reservation. Dave will be on hand to give us a glimpse of his goals for Sipp-o Lodge and the Buckeye Council.

A PATCHED TOGETHER EVENING OF FUN!

Everyone attending this event will receive our special Winter Banquet pocket flap and have the opportunity to buy a second flap. We will also hold a silent auction for all of the Sipp-o Lodge patches distributed this year. The silent auction is a great way to fill out your patch collection and to get some extra patches to trade. There will be *one special auction piece containing all the 2006 patches plus the Limited Edition Sipp-O Lodge Ceremony Team Patch*. There will only be one of these items up for bid, so bring your check books.

The cost is only \$17.50 if you reserve your place at the table by December 27 and \$20.00 after that date. See the reservation form below or register online at <http://www.sipp-o.aa-c4a.org> . Make your reservation TODAY! *Walk-ins are strongly discouraged!*

For directions to Skyland Pines, check out our website: <http://www.sipp-o.aa-c4a.org>

Sipp-Oians! Get Your News Online!

Have you been to the lodge's new website lately? If you haven't, you should join the other 116 hits that have built up since October 16 when we added our counter. Start using this quick and easy way of checking up on Lodge news!

Now you can *register* online for upcoming lodge events. Yes, you heard correctly: **DIGITAL REGISTRATION!** All that time spent filling out, tearing off, and licking the awful tasting envelope with the added cost of

postage... gone. Just click onto our web page, <http://www.sipp-o.aa-c4a.org>, and head to the "Online Registration Form" link. It's quick and easy!

Make sure to stop by the website often to keep current with all Lodge activities and events. Drop me an email with your opinions or ideas - your opinion matters! Stop by and see it today!

Spreading WWW on the www,
Benjamin White, Webmaster

Annual Event Pass

Sipp-Oians! Have you ever forgotten to send in your money in time for one of our lodge events? We now have a solution for you: the **ANNUAL EVENT PASS**. This pass guarantees admittance to both the Spring and Fall Ordeals, and the Spring and Fall Fellowship. The cost is \$50 dollars for youth (which saves you \$10) and \$60 dollars for adults (which saves you time).

Don't let financial circumstances prohibit you from attending Lodge events! There will also be an opportunity for adult Arrowmen to anonymously sponsor a youth's Event Pass. A special patch will be given to sponsors. The



application for this sponsorship is on Sipp-O's web page. The last day this Pass can be purchased is the Winter Banquet. Just a reminder, this Pass does NOT cover your dues. This pass is simply a way of making Lodge reservations easier. No more worrying about sending in your registration; simply purchase this and you are ready to be involved in our lodge for the entire year!

The Few, The Proud, The Indians

Any Sipp-O Scout wishing to participate in ceremonies at Ordeals or Call Outs at summer camp should contact Ben Miller at 330-493-4931 or millertony@earthlink.net as soon as possible. Being a ceremonial Indian is arguably the most fun you can have in the Lodge. You can also earn a special limited

edition Ceremony Team patch to display proudly on your breechcloth (or jacket, if you prefer).

The requirements to earn a Ceremony Team patch are posted on the Lodge website: <http://www.sipp-o.aa-c4a.org>



Fall Fellowship - A Great Success

On the weekend of September 29 through October 1, Sipp-O lodge held its annual Fall Fellowship at Seven Ranges Scout Reservation. What a weekend packed full of fun events! We began Friday evening with nominations for our 2007 Lodge officers. After nominations, we relaxed with the film *School of Rock* starring Jack Black. The Arrowmen thoroughly enjoyed this movie.

Saturday morning, Rick Weber led an excellent session explaining the history of silk-screening and demonstrated the screening process. Then with the guidance of Rick Weber, Arrowmen silk-screened an impressive historic Sipp-O design on over 200 T-shirts. These shirts will be for sale at all OA events. Following lunch a second round of nominations was held, with a longer explanation of the positions. In the afternoon we set up Buckeye Council's new Frisbee Golf course. This nine-hole course, which

extends from the Dining Hall to the Deaver Admin Building, proved too be a lot of fun. Later, Mr. Dale Lamm gave the members present an excellent explanation and demonstration of his HAM radio. Sipp-Oians were able to talk to other Scouting groups across the nation. Our final event featured the COPE course led by our own esteemed Tim Best, the 2006 COPE summer camp Course Coordinator. Tim led many different teamwork building initiative games, including the most inspiring -and frightening - Trust Fall.

We ended Saturday with elections of our 2007 Lodge Officers. Although many good candidates were presented, only seven officer positions were up for election. Your 2007 Lodge Officers are:

Lodge Chief ~ Wes Krigbaum
 Administrative Vice Chief ~ Michael DeComo
 Activities Vice Chief ~ Ben Miller
 Vice Chief of Districts ~ Heath Manbeck
 Membership Secretary ~ Brian Lescallett
 Recording Secretary ~ Clayton Smith
 Treasurer ~ Joey Jones



New Sipp-O Inductee Seneca District Executive Josh Todd says "OA is OK !!"



Troop OA Representative

The Troop OA Representative holds the MOST important position in the Lodge because he is the link of communication between the Lodge and the troop. Every troop needs one! The OA Rep attends District meetings so you can report back to your troop what is going on in the Lodge. Each month you will receive information from the Lodge Executive Committee, District updates, fliers and other updates that need to be passed on to your troop. Is that a role you are up for? Ask your Scoutmaster and Senior Patrol Leader about the position, or contact your District Chief about when and where your District meets.

Chiefly Speaking



My brothers,

I am pleased to report that Sipp-O Lodge is in very good condition. This is a year of opportunity for our Lodge.

As Lodge Chief, I have set several important goals for this coming year. First and foremost in importance is to provide our membership with an outstanding program while earning the 2007 Quality Lodge recognition. The National Council has specific requirements our Lodge must fulfill to earn this designation. Sipp-O Lodge's next requirement is to perform "One Day of Service" for the community. Details of that event are enclosed on the first page of this Stag. I hope that many of you will participate as we cheerfully tackle this service project. We have this prestigious recognition within our grasp!

The second goal is to increase member activity within the Lodge. Amazingly, in the 1970's there were more than 1,300 Arrowmen maintaining full membership in Sipp-O Lodge! That number is astounding. Can you imagine what a Lodge that size would be able to accomplish? A large, active membership base is essential for effective Ordeals, fun Fellowships and memorable Lodge events.

Buckeye Council Ox Roast

For 30 years one of the major events on the Buckeye Council calendar was the annual Fall Ox Roast held at Camp Buckeye. It was a wonderful time for Scout families, the communities our council serves and supporters of Scouting to meet old friends, have a hearty meal, be entertained and share a hay ride around the camp. The Ox Roast

Sipp-O's Executive Committee is committed to building our Lodge spirit and membership. Join us in that effort! **There is always a place in the lodge for an enthusiastic youth or adult**, so please, if you would like to get more involved with Lodge activities (or just have questions or comments) contact me at BSA127OA7R@aol.com

My last goal is to ensure that Sipp-O Lodge maintains a responsible budget. We need to pay our own way and do our part to help Buckeye Council provide a quality camping program to thousands of Scouts. Sipp-O Lodge can - and will - contribute to Buckeye Council's success.

I am extremely excited to be Chief and will work hard with you to achieve these goals. We are prepped for success! The Lodge Executive Committee is a great group of enthusiastic brothers who are highly motivated to expanding our membership and service. Not only do we have many new ideas but there are plans to bring back some wonderful past activities and events. Help us make great things happen in the months to come!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Wes Krigbaum
Sipp-O Lodge Chief

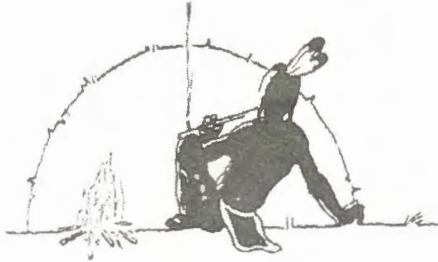


was a major fund raiser for the Lodge and an all-day, must-do event.

We are excited to announce that the Sipp-O Lodge Executive committee is exploring ways to bring back this memorable tradition. If you would like to help us in this endeavor, please contact Jim Cassler @ jim-kb@neo.rr.com or 330-484-9850.

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Please mail this completed form, along with your check to:
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2301 13th Street NW
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Troop Number: _____

District: _____

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Winter Banquet (\$17.50 each, due Dec. 27) _____ (Acct# 1-2371-971-00)

Dues for 2007 (\$10 each, due Dec. 1) : _____ (Acct# 1-2371-000-00)

Total Enclosed: \$ _____



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