

The Stag

The Elogamgussit of Sipp-O Lodge #377

NOAC 2006

On July 29th-August 3rd, 2006, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, will host the National Order of the Arrow Conference. This biennial event is the largest regular assemblage of scouts outside the National Jamboree. Approximately 8,000 Arrowmen will invade and take over the campus for nearly a week of training, games, learning, fellowship, and fun. NOAC's are the highlight of life as an Arrowman and are events not to be missed.

Sipp-O has been allocated 23 positions and we would like to take a full contingent. The registration fee is \$345 including all materials, lodging, food, etc. Plan on an extra \$50 for contingent expenses (t-shirts, hats, travel) and spending money for snacks, souvenirs, etc at the event. We hope to have some fundraisers to help with scholarships to lessen the cost for youth attendees.

Since slots are limited and time is short, get your \$100 reservation in right away using the form on page 3. The full fee is due by May 1. If you want more information, check the national OA website (www.oa-bsa.org) or contact the lodge advisor, Jim Holman (330-345-8154, Holman.2@osu.edu).



NOAC Scholarships available

An anonymous Sipp-O benefactor is making 2 NOAC scholarships available to Arrowmen under 17; one for an Ordeal member, and one for a Brotherhood member. Write an essay on what the Order of the Arrow means to you and send it to Paul Cice, 5734 Birchdale, Canton, OH, 44710 by February 15.





Section C4A Conclave 2006 will be this May 19th – 21st at Camp Mountaineer just south of Morgantown West Virginia. This is a full weekend of training, fellowship, competition and fun with the all the other lodges in our section. We'd like to take a large contingent of Sippites and show the section a thing or two about Lodge Spirit. The fee is \$30 (\$40 after May 10) which includes all program materials, food, patch, etc. Registration is on-your-own and on-line. Go to <http://OA-C4A.org> for information and registration.

And, when we get there: Are you an experienced ceremonialist who doesn't know what to do next? Have you performed many ceremonies, bringing in new brothers and helping others tie their bonds of brotherhood? Then the Conclave Ceremony Competition is for you. If you are interested in being on a team, please email Brian Bailey [brblax8706@neo.rr.com] as soon as possible so we can start rehearsing so that Sipp-O will return itself to the top of our Section with some outstanding ceremonies. Don't let the competition part scare you, you will be more than prepared. Remember we are Sipp-O!



Looking for a few good (Arrow)men



Are you new to the lodge and looking to get involved, but just do not know how? Indian Activities is for you. The IA committee is in charge of making sure everything from Tap-Out to Brotherhood ceremonies come off without a problem. Right now I am in the midst of putting together a committee to make sure all Indian Activities are carried out. There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes, from stacking fire wood to cleaning ceremony sites. If you are interested in getting involved, but just are not sure what's right for you, give Indian Activities a try. We are the biggest (and coolest) committee, so you're sure to make new friends who can help you learn about other aspects of the lodge. If you are even slightly interested, please please please email me so that we can get a good group of brothers together and make sure this years Indian Activities are second to none. In the Ceremony for the Ordeal, Allowat Sakima, the Mighty Chief says, "membership in our Order is given, not only for what you have done, but for what is expected of you in the future." So why not help out the lodge in this area? You're sure to have fun!

In service,

Brian Bailey, Indian Activities Chairman (brblax8706@neo.rr.com)

Spring Fellowship

Plan on attending our 2006 Spring Fellowship at Seven Ranges Akela Pavilion this March 24-26. In addition to normal fellowship fun and games, we'll be planning our summer ceremonies, evaluating sites for a better calling out ceremony, and going over regalia, props and supplies. This is the perfect opportunity to get involved with the Lodge, especially for new members — you've just been through our ceremonies, so your fresh memory can help us make things even better.



Fur and Feathers?

Our IA chairman says: Have you ever thought about how much fun it would be to dress up like an Indian? Does the fact that Halloween only comes once a year upset you because you like to dress in costumes? Do you have any drama experience? Would you like some? Do you just want to have fun? If you answered yes to any of these questions, than you are in luck. We are looking for any enthusiastic Arrowman interested in performing ceremonies for this year. We will need many teams for the ordeals, as well as many people to play characters over the summer. If you would like to give this a try, please email me. Even if you are "just" an ordeal member, you are as needed as a vigil honor member. Come out and give it a try. What have you got to lose?

Attention Ordeal Members:

Your first opportunity to seal your membership in the Order and earn your Brotherhood will be at the Spring Ordeal, June 2-4. If you have been an Ordeal member for 10 months by this date, and have remained active, you are eligible for Brotherhood. Study up on the requirements (starting on page 50 of your handbook) and we hope to see you there. Other opportunities will be each Wednesday night at summer camp. If you have any questions, contact our Brotherhood Chairman, Michael DeComo (330-479-1973 or TexasBoy72590@gmail.com).



Vigil Nominations

The first meeting of the Vigil Nominating committee will be at the Spring Fellowship at 1:30pm on Saturday, March 25 at the Administration building at Seven Ranges. All Vigils in good standing are welcome to attend. Others wishing to make nominations may do so in writing to the Vigil Chairman, Logan Mark, or the Lodge Chief, Travis Gulling or their advisors. In order to be eligible for selection, the nominees must have shown that they live the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives, have provided exemplary service to Scouting, the Lodge, and the Community, be in good standing with the Lodge and have earned their Brotherhood at the Spring Ordeal of 2004 or earlier. Final selection will be made from the nominees at a later date. All information regarding Vigil nomination and selection is to remain confidential.



Sipp-O Reservation form



Please mail completed form, along with your check to:
Buckeye Council, BSA , 2301 13th Street, NW, Canton, Ohio 44708

Name: _____ Email: _____ Unit: _____ District: _____

Address: _____ City: _____, OH, Zip: _____

NOAC reservation (\$100): _____

Spring Fellowship (\$15): _____

2006 Dues (\$10): _____

Killbuck announces District Banquet

Killbuck district will be holding it's 3rd annual OA district banquet on March 30th at the Amish Door in Wooster. Cost for the event is \$15. For reservations or more information, contact Killbuck District Chief, Isaac Maupin or advisor Chuck Schupp.



Calendar of Events

May 19: Section Conclave

May 30: Spring Ordeal Reservations due

June 2-4: Spring Ordeal

June 21: Wednesday Callouts at 7R begin

July 29: NOAC

Aug 14: Fall Ordeal Reservations due

Aug 18-20: Fall Ordeal

Sept 9: Vigil Induction and Reunion



Chiefly Speaking

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