

The Fox Den

The Official Lodge Monthly Newsletter

Mawat Woakus Lodge

Black Swamp Area Council

April 2016



Pre-Camp Ordeal

The Pre-Camp Ordeal will take place at April 8-10, 2016 at Camp Lakota! If you have been elected in 2015, then this is your last chance to be inducted into this great and honored order.

You've already been elected by your fellow troop members to become part of scouting's national honor society, the Order of the Arrow (OA). In order to gain membership in the OA you must complete an ordeal, or a series of tests, to prove your sincere dedication to Scouting and the Order. This is an overnight event in which you will demonstrate your sincerity and desire to join our honored Order. After the Ordeal, you will be welcomed into the Order of the Arrow in a formal, time-ripened ceremony.

Please consult the packing list on the next page.



Section Conclave

Conclave is the annual gathering of the five lodges within our section, Section C-6B. The lodges serve Arrowmen all across Western Ohio and Northern Kentucky. Conclave this year will be hosted by Ku-Ni-Eh Lodge at Camp Friedlander in Loveland, OH. It will take place May 13-15, 2016. Arrowmen will have the opportunity to tour the Indian Village, Founder's Fair, participate in all kinds of competitions and shows, and be trained by distinguished scouts and scouters alike!

The theme for Conclave 2016 is "The Spirit Awakens"!

The Galactic Republic needs your help to defend the galaxy! Join your fellow Arrowmen as you fight the dark side at the Section Conclave. This out-of-the-world experience is a weekend of fun and fellowship for all Arrowmen in Section C-6B. Find your inner Jedi with events such as lightsaber duels, and the Jedi Training Triathlon! The Jedi Academy will run in the morning with plenty of training for all Arrowmen, and we will conclude on Saturday with a fantastic closing show. This is not an event you want to miss!

www.OAConclave.org

University of Scouting



to all Scouts and

Scouters who attended this year's University of Scouting. Mawat Woakus Lodge Arrowmen taught more classes at this year's event than ever before! We take great pride in receiving all the positive feedback that we did. Please consider attending next year's event and perhaps join us in instructing a class or two. We look forward to growing with you again soon through the sharing of knowledge!

Dues

To be recognized as a member of the Mawat Woakus Lodge, you must pay your dues, only \$10 per year. Technically, this means that if you haven't paid your dues, you are not entitled to the privileges a Mawat Woakus Arrowmen retains; including proudly displaying your Lodge flap on your uniform. This also relates to Journey to Excellence as an imperative part of our performance is retaining members. So if we do not have as many brothers paying Lodge dues this year, they are not counted towards our total members. So, we urge you, for the sake of the Lodge, to pay your 2016 lodge dues. You can easily pay them at any Lodge event or online at this link:

<http://bsac449-bsa.doubleknot.com/event/oa-dues-2016/1849028>

OA Service Day

Service is a key area to the foundation of the Order of the Arrow. In fact, Witahemui, part of the original name of the Order of the Arrow, is translated to "service". So it is only right we give back through service. Every year, we attempt to specifically give back to our local scout camps, on a rotating basis. This year is no different. We encourage you to come to OA Service Day this Spring as Camp Berry prepares to host hundreds of scouts for their summer camp season.

WHO: ALL ARROWMEN

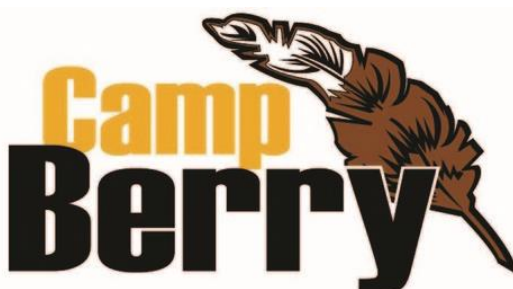
WHAT: OA Service Day

WHEN: June 4, 2016; 8 AM-4PM

WHERE: Camp Berry, Findlay, OH

WHY: To give back to our council's camps and help prepare and preserve them for years to come!

**Please plan to wear work clothes and boots, and bring a water bottle!



Elangomats Needed

We need your help at the Ordeal. Do you remember your Elangomat that helped you through your Ordeal? Well, now we are calling on you to be an Elangomat and help out the newest members of our Lodge! You have an opportunity to experience our brand new program and earn special recognition for a job well done! Sign up by registering online through our website, Don't forget the items listed! We hope you join us in inducting our new members!

Things to bring:

- Updated Boy Scout Physical (Parts A, B, and C)
- Class A Uniform
- Sleeping bag
- Ground cloth
- Rain gear
- Work clothes
- Water bottle
- Toiletries
- Flashlight
- TENT

Check-in:

Friday, 7 p.m.

Check-out:

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Contact Event Chief, Jared Metzger,
At vcprogram@mawatwoakus.org
for more information!

Mawat Woakus Welcomes New Staff Advisor

My name is Tom James and I am excited to serve Black Swamp Area Council as the Program Director! Before coming here, I worked for Crossroads of America Council in Indianapolis, IN for 4.5 years. While there, I served 2 different districts and held the positions of District Executive and Senior District Executive.

I was born and raised in Indianapolis and earned my Eagle Scout rank with Troop 73. I had the pleasure of working on staff at Camp Belzer for 5 years. During my time as a youth member of the Boy Scouts, I was very active in the Order Arrow, of which I am a Vigil Honor member.

I'm a proud graduate of Ball State University, which is in Muncie, IN. I have been married to my very loving and supportive wife, Meagan, for 5 years.



Important Dates

- April 8-10, Camp Lakota: **Pre-camp Ordeal**
- April 9, 5 PM, Camp Lakota: **Lodge Executive Committee Meeting**
- May 13-15, Camp Friedlander: **Section Conclave**
- June 4, Camp Berry: **Service Day**

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get involved.
join a committee.

Expand your service today by joining committees! There's something for everyone! E-mail us at vcadministration@mawatwoakus.org to learn more!



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