



# Order of the Arrow News for May 2010



## **Spring Fellowship Excitement**

You could be the lucky winner of an overnight adventure in the teepee of your choice! A great weekend of “Old School thrills” is planned for the Lodge's annual Spring Fellowship Friday, May 14-16. Activities will kick off Friday night with registration and a special lottery selection of arrowmen interested in sleeping in a teepee in central camp. After Saturday breakfast, arrowmen will join together in cheerful service to help prepare camp for summer. After lunch, *let the good times of old begin*. Among the old school events planned are tomahawk toss, black powder rifle, and orienteering. Be the first arrowman on your block to experience OA BIG GAMES on the Camp Drake prairie. Brotherhood interviews will also be held in the afternoon. Among evening activities are a dinner program, award presentations, brotherhood ceremonies, and ordeal inductions. Illini Lodge hopes you join your fellow arrowmen for a weekend of brotherhood and cheerful service. PLUS, all participants get the first half of a great patch set commemorating the 2010 Centennial Scouting celebration (see “old school” uniform design)

For registration information look under the Boy Scout section of the council website <http://www.prairielandbsa.org/> and click on the Order of the Arrow button. **Please pay attention to the deadlines for the fees for the event- the discounted fee ends Friday, May 8.** The Spring Fellowship Fee Structure is as follows: Current members...\$20, if pd by 5/8/10 or \$25, if pd by 5/13/10...\$30 @ the door. Please add \$10.00 Rental Fee if using a cabin. For ceremony participants, the ceremony Fee Structure for New Candidates...\$30.00 for weekend and for Brotherhood Candidates there is an \$18.00 sash cost.

## **Fever for the Flap**

The new Illini Lodge embroidered emblem has a dizzying effect. If you stare into the cloth and thread long enough, you will have a higher vision of an antlered symbol of our local brotherhood. Join the celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America with a new emblem of your support. Illini Lodge will be commemorating the centennial celebration with a colorful lodge flap, designed by arrowman Willie Campbell of Troop 40 in St. Joseph. The emblems will be on sale at the spring fellowship, as well as any other special 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lodge Flap retail outlets in the area.



## **Election Administrative Details**

Please help improve the quality of Order of the Arrow operations by supporting your troop this spring during their election procedures. All election should be completed by the Spring Fellowship on May 15<sup>th</sup>. All paperwork for youth elections should be submitted to the chapter chief or the Raymond Lee Scout Service Center by the Spring Fellowship. All applications for adult membership should be presented to the Lodge Advisor for review by the Lodge Adult Selection Committee prior to approval by the Council Scout Executive. For final assistance in the first part of May, please contact your chapter for election support:

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Many Streams:	Tyler Hoagland, T 272 Veedersburg	<a href="mailto:seniorhoagyjr@gmail.com">seniorhoagyjr@gmail.com</a>
Okaw:	Ryan Rodgers, T 490, Monticello	<a href="mailto:rodgersrc@yahoo.com">rodgersrc@yahoo.com</a>

The most critical role in this duty of the Chapter Chief is to assist in the Unit Election procedures throughout the chapter. It is vital to the health of Illini Lodge that new members are elected each spring in a fashion that will inspire increased participation in Scouting as an arrowman. All troops are highly encouraged to be a part of this fantastic program.

### **Trail Tromp Acknowledgements**

Congratulations to all of the Tromping participants in the 2010 Trail Tromp at Camp Drake who explored the uncharted territories of the northwest wetlands. Despite the cold and wet conditions. 88 Scouts, leaders, and ducks hiked the perimeter path with a newt on their minds. Thanks to Trail Tromp Chairman Quintin McCabe and clan for his trail leadership efforts on the banks of the Salt Fork. Special appreciation goes to Trail Advisor Bob Bantz and Associate Lodge Advisor Matt Crawford for their dedication to opening the trail for 2010 in fine fashion.

### **Section C-6A Conclave Excitement**

Nineteen Arrowmen from Illini Lodge 55 attended the first ever Section C-6-A Conclave on April 16-18. The Conclave was held at Cary Camp just outside of Lafayette, Indiana. The new Section includes Lodges from four councils in Indiana and two councils in Illinois. There were many highlights for the Illini Lodge during the weekend but none more than the performance by our Ceremony Team of Derek Shreeves, Will Provin, Carson Lewis and Jared Clark. This team competed in the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony competition and fell only 3 points short of taking home the win. Great job guys! On Saturday afternoon the Conclave contingents were entertained by a Miami Indian Drum and Song Team. This was some really neat stuff.

Our own Carson Lewis and Robert Sloan served as Conclave Vice Chiefs (CVC) during the event. Carson served as the CVC for Shows while Robert served as CVC for the Section Trading Post. Both guys did a great job taking on weighty responsibilities while cheerfully serving their fellow Arrowmen. Section Conclaves are filled with training, fun, food, and fellowship. If you could not go this year you will want to mark your calendar for April 15-17, 2011 for next years Section C-6-A Conclave. The 2011 Conclave will be hosted by the Woapink Lodge at Rhodes France Scout Reservation near Pana, IL. You won't want to miss it!



### **Marksmanship Award**

Illini Lodge is looking for marksmen to test the bow,...and the rifle at the Nogle shooting Sports Area at Camp Robert Drake. Under the leadership of Council Shooting Sports Chairman Tony Martin, the #55 Challenge award has been developed to recognize shooting sports talents. The award will be introduced at the Spring Fellowship, along with the Black Powder shooting and tomahawk throwing activities set up for the weekend of May 14-16, 2010. Plan to make your mark on the Illini Lodge 55 Challenge.

### **OA Summer Camp Programs**

Camp Robert Drake is the place where the Order of the Arrow will highlight the "7-Day OA" Program during the summer of 2010. Each day of the camp week, Illini Lodge will conduct an event that will inspire, entertain, or inform Scouts, leaders, and guests. If you are a member of the lodge, your leadership in conducting these activities will be greatly appreciated.

**SUNDAY:** Arrow of Light recognition ceremony at the opening campfire

**MONDAY:** BIG GAMES ON THE PRAIRIE OA Ice Cream Social—Spoon + Sash = Fun on Monday night at the Dining Hall! All OA members and Scoutmasters are invited to attend this cool fellowship opportunity.

**TUESDAY:** Brotherhood Pizza—OA Troop Representatives and new Ordeals are invited to this special lunch, where they'll get to know the OA.

**WEDNESDAY:** Call-out ceremony at Jack Jones Arena

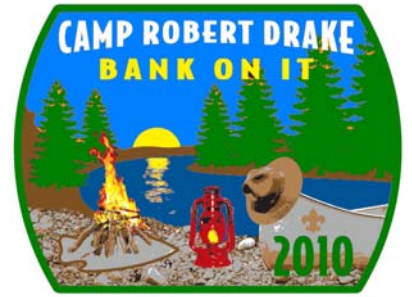
**THURSDAY:** Ordeal Inductions and Brotherhood Ceremonies at Friendship Circle in the afternoon.

**FRIDAY:** New Ordeal Orientation and Flag retirement ceremony at Closing Campfire

**SATURDAY:** Just a small amount of fun at the Morning Mini Games on the cross walk!

### **Emerald Honor Recipients beautify Camp Drake**

Congratulations to Sam Trusner and Terran Trusner of Troop 490 in Monticello for being the first Scouts to earn the Emerald Honor at Camp Drake. Their support in March helped provided a wonderful Trail Day experience. On Saturday, May 8th, all volunteers are encouraged to attend the Tool Time Work Day and begin the physical preparations for the BSA's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary season at Camp Drake. Lunch will be provided to all participants at 12:15 pm, with a closing recognition program at 3:00 pm.



### **Last Chance for 2009 Ordeal Candidates**

The **LAST** chance for 2009 Ordeal candidates is May 14-16, 2010 at Camp Robert Drake. If the candidate does not complete their Ordeal at this time, the individual must be re-elected by their troop. Each candidate is highly encouraged to take this step to becoming a member of the Order of the Arrow. The Pre-Ordeal ceremonies will be held Friday night. Please check in at the Dining Hall by 8:00 p.m. The Ordeal ceremony will be held Saturday night at around 8:15 p.m. The cost for the Ordeal ceremony is \$30.00, payable at the event. This cost includes your dues for 2010. We encourage Ordeal members to stay overnight on Saturday, and you are welcome to tent camp with your fellow chapter arrowmen in their campsite. If you stay overnight, breakfast will be provided at 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning followed by the Lodge meeting, which will conclude at approximately 9:30 a.m. If attending, be sure to bring a sleeping bag, ground cloth (something to put under your sleeping bag), water bottle, hat, class A uniform, work clothes and gloves, if possible. Weather depending, extra pair of socks, shoes, clothes. Plan to join the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service at the Spring Fellowship.

### **Get on the Illini Active List**

There are two quick steps to becoming an active member of Illini Lodge. By becoming an active member, the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service grows in its ability to support our local Scouting movement in many methods and builds youth leadership in improving communication links.

#### **NUMBER ONE:**

Pay your annual dues. Your \$10.00 dues payment shows your commitment to the OA and helps fund dozens of projects that build Scouting. Please make your dues payment no later than June 30, 2010.

#### **NUMBER TWO:**

Join the e-mail listing. Be sure to get your name into Lodge Clerk Susan Coller at [susan.coller@Scouting.org](mailto:susan.coller@Scouting.org) to get regular lodge updates on fast-breaking happenings of the arrow. Keep up-to-date with your links to the lodge under the Boy Scout tab on <http://www.prairielandbsa.org/>.