

The rrowhead

Spring 2015

Ceremony Site Ready for Callouts



Come check out the new ceremony site at Little Sioux Scout Ranch. The site is now functional and features torch holders, sash holders, seating, and much much more. The site incorporates historical parts of the traditions of the Kit-Ke-Ha-O-Kut Lodge while providing a new face to campers of the 21st century.

Phase 2 of this ceremony site is to build and create two new totem poles. If you know someone skilled in woodcarving please email Scott Brown at swfbrown@gmail.com for more details.

The site's first ceremony was held April 11, 2015 at the Traiblazer Chapter Callout.

Lodge Adviser's Corner



Time flies. Here it is the 4th month of 2015, OA elections are in the bag and we have a very busy year to look forward to. I hope to see you at some or all of our events as we need your attendance to make these events a success; 3 OA Ordeal weekends, summer camp, NOAC, lodge officer elections, Section Conclave, Vigil Weekend, and to close out the year the Centennial Celebration at the Winter Banquet.

The themes throughout this year for all these events are 100 years of the Order of the Arrow, 50 years of Kit-Ke-Hak-O-Kut Lodge, and 75 years of Camp Cedars. That's

a lot of history to celebrate. Celebrations of our past are important - however looking forward and planning for the future is just as important. The LEC has initiated a look at what we'll use for our lodge totem(s) for the future. Let's take this as our chance to look at what we've been, what we are today, and what we want to be in the future. Offer your honest opinions when asked by your chapter or lodge officers. We want everyone to have input. If a decision is made to change the symbol of our lodge let's all embrace that decision in the spirit of the Order of the Arrow.

-Curt White, Lodge Adviser

Trailblazer Chapter invites you to a night at the movies! Activities will be based off Star Wars, Percy Jackson, Harry Potter, and much more. Become a Jedi and protect Camp Cedars from the sith. Online registration is now open here.

May 1-3, 2015
Camp Cedars
Spring OA Weekend

Kit-Ke-Hak-O-Kut an

Arrow Tour Comes to Camp Cedars

The Mid-America Council has been chosen for an opportunity to partner with the OA in ArrowTour: Our National Centennial Experience. Our stop is scheduled for the 19th of June at Camp Cedars. ArrowTour is a year - long celebration of the OA centennial anniversary. In the summer of 2015, four delegations of youth Arrowmen will travel to council camps and Scouting events to bring out national centennial experience to Scouts, Arrowmen, and communities throughout the country.

Please join the Camp Cedars Staff, and the Kit-Ke-Hak-O-Kut in welcoming the ArrowTour Event. It is an event you won't want to miss. Stay tuned into the Lodge to learn more about the ArrowTour.

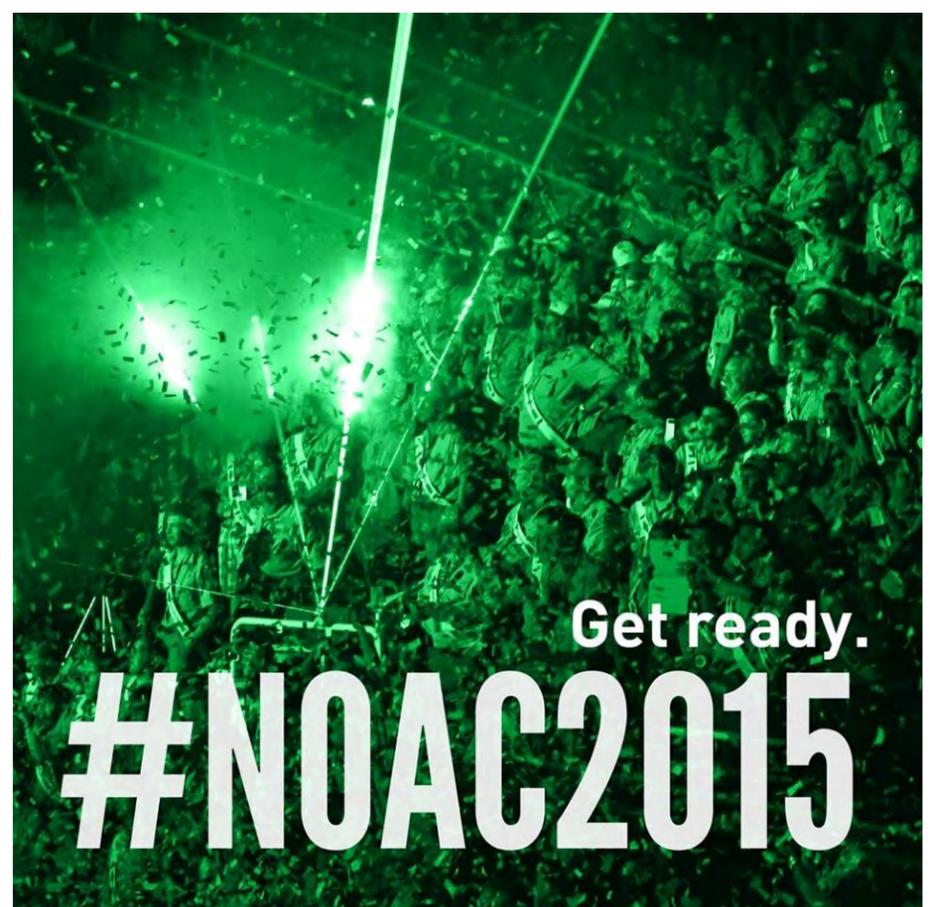


Lodge Sends Largest NOAC Contingent Yet

NOAC is Scouting's second - largest national event. More than 10,000 Arrowmen from across the nation gather for an unforgettable experience full of fellowship, training, adventure, and fun!

Those attending 2015 NOAC will get a once in a lifetime souvenir, a special edition red sash. These sashes differ from those currently worn in that the colors will be reversed, with a white arrow emblazoned on a red sash. Only those present at NOAC 2015 will receive these rarities and any extras produced will not be sold.

Projected costs for our contingent to attend NOAC will cost \$800.00 per Arrowman, which includes \$475.00 for the Conference fee, transportation to NOAC, a side trip to an amazing attraction on the way to East Lansing, contingent clothing, and Lodge NOAC patches.



d Centuries of Service

Trading Post to Have Future Changes

The Lodge #97 Trading Post is getting ready for the Order's 100th Anniversary. We'll be opening an online version of the trading post where you'll be able to find some great looking gear that will show everyone you're proud to be an arrowman as we celebrate a century of service. You'll find a link at the Lodge97.org website when it's ready. You'll also find some Kit-Ke-Hak-O-Kut-specific gear, including our sash T-Shirt, which is great to wear for OA service projects. We are also introducing a new T-shirt and sweatshirt design honoring the our Lodge's Totems and the six lodge's that make up an important part of our lodge's history. (Pay close attention at your chapter's call-out ceremony, and you'll hear them named.) All these items can be ordered online, and either shipped to your home, or you'll have the op-

tion of shipping them to the next OA Weekend, where you can pick them up when you check-in. We'll have the trading post open at Spring, Summer and Fall OA Weekend, and at Winter Banquet. If there are items you'd like to see the Trading Post carry, and have available at Spring, Summer and Fall OA weekends, please send your suggestions to Lodge97TradingPost@gmail.com. Your Trading Post wants to provide cheerful service to you.

If you'd like to provide some cheerful service to your Trading Post, consider joining the Trading Post committee. You'll get to help select the merchandise we sell, and can help us staff the trading post on OA Weekends. If you're interested email Lodge97TradingPost@gmail.com, for more information.

-Ralph Morocco, Trading Post Adviser

Winter Banquet Commences

This will be a unique Banquet this year. Different than any banquet we have done before.

It is time to start putting your nominations for the hard working people in our Lodge. Get your nominations in for the James E. West Fellowship, Spirit of the Ordeal, Higher Vision, and the Founders Award.

LLD training will have 6 classes each period. So that means there will be at least 24 classes to choose from. Classes will be listed in the near future.

There will be a rain gutter regatta in the afternoon. Those who want to apply for College Scholarships need to get their applicants in as well.

All nominations forms can be taken from the Kit-Ke-Hak-O-Kut Lodge

-Awards Committee



Chapter 1

Please send your chapter news, story ideas and photos to
lodge97.arrowhead@gmail.com to be featured in the next issue.

Reflections

and pictures to the Arrowhead Committee at
featured in the next issue of the Arrowhead

Upcoming Lodge Events

May 1-3, 2015: Spring OA Weekend @ Camp Cedars

May 2: Chapter Adviser's Meeting 8:30am

Lodge Executive Committee Meeting 10am

June 19, 2015: ArrowTour @ Camp Cedars

August 3-8, 2015: NOAC @ Michigan State University

August 14-16, 2015: Summer OA Weekend @ Little
Sioux

August 15: Lodge Executive Committee Meeting 10am

Lodge Officer Elections 1pm

Lodge Chief's Reflection

Vigil Committee Seeks Nominations

The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position of office to one or more of the following: their lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, or their Scout Camp. Under no circumstances should tenure in Scouting or the Order of the Arrow be considered as reason enough for a Vigil Honor recommendation.

Any member of the Order of the Arrow registered in Scouting and in good standing in a regularly chartered lodge is

eligible for recommendation to the national Order of the Arrow Committee for elevation to the Vigil Honor provided that, at the time of the recommendation, the individual has been a Brotherhood member for a minimum of two years. Nominations for Lodge 97 are made using the nomination form found on the KIT-KE-HAK-O-KUT lodge website here. (Third link down). The nominations must be postmarked before the 1st of May 2015. Nominations will be forwarded to the OA Lodge 97 Vigil Awards Committee. Vigil Honor recipients will be announced at the Summer OA Weekend evening banquet.

Arrowman Service Award

On the 99th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow, Scouts and Scouters began work on the three categories of the Arrowman Service Award and they continue to work on those requirements today.

The first category is personal growth. This will challenge youth and adults to advance their leadership skills by participating in or staffing a BSA training course.

The second category is Scout service. It advocates arrowmen to go above and beyond the call to service and

serve in a variety of positions at the unit, council, lodge, and national levels.

The third category is centennial events. This category correlates with the national order of the arrow committee's objective to redouble service and programmatic offerings for the 100th anniversary. Requirements include attendance at the section's 100th anniversary conclave, the lodge's sponsored 100th anniversary event, an ArrowTour event, and 2015 NOAC.

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2015 LODGE OFFICER NOMINATION FORM

I understand that election as a Lodge Officer is a commitment to serve the membership of the Order of the Arrow to the best of my ability. This commitment *includes*, but *is not limited to*, attendance of Lodge meetings, and all activities within the Lodge that I am responsible for. It is also understood that my commitment to my unit is important within the obligation of the Order of the Arrow, but I will make sure that *my* commitment to the Lodge is also fulfilled.

Nominees Name: _____
Last, First, Middle (PRINT) Signature

Birthdate: _____ Must be under 21 the entire term
MM/DD/YYYY

Posttion: Check the boxes below for the offices you wish to be considered:

- Lodge Chief
- Vice Chief, Administration (Secretary)
- Vice Chief, Program
- Vice Chief, Service
- Vice Chief, Finance (Treasurer)

Why do you want to be a Lodge Officer?

Responsibilities

A. Lodge Chief

- Plan and chair all meetings of the lodge, including the LEC.
- Attend the National Leadership Seminar of his choosing.
- Preside at all lodge functions and meetings.
- Be trained at the annual Lodge Officers Lodge Leadership Development conference (September).
- Appoints Ad-Hoc officers and chairs of Lodge Committees (with the advice and consent of the Key3).
- Ensure the successful carrying out of all lodge functions and meetings.
- Advise the lodge officers in the proper carrying out of their functions, and assisting them as needed.
- Enforces Lodge and National Policies at all times.
- Cannot hold any other OA office.

B. Vice Chief, Administration

- Serves as vice Chair of the LEC and preside in the absence of the Lodge Chief.
- Attend all meetings of the lodge, including LEC.
- Should attend the National Leadership Seminar of his choosing.
- Be trained at the annual Lodge Officers Lodge Leadership Development conference (September).
- Oversee the proper administrative functions of the Lodge.
- Takes accurate minutes and distribute them to all LEC members within 7 days.
- Provide timely notice of upcoming Lodge meetings.
- Oversee the Lodge Annual recharter process.
- Oversee and provide regular progress reports to the LEC for the ongoing Lodge Journey to Excellence (JTE).
- Advise and assist assigned committees as defined in the Lodge 97 Committee Guide Book.
- Responsible for Lodge activities at council and section events.
- Responsible to the Lodge Chief and takes on additional duties as assigned.

C. Vice Chief, Program

- Attend all meetings of the lodge, including LEC.
- Should attend the National Leadership Seminar of his choosing.
- Be trained at the annual Lodge Officers Lodge Leadership Development conference (September).
- Responsible for the successful planning and carrying out of all lodge activities.
- Advise and assist assigned committees as defined in the Lodge 97 Committee Guide Book.
- Responsible to the Lodge Chief and takes on additional duties as assigned.

D. Vice Chief, Service

- Attend all meetings of the lodge, including LEC.
- Should attend the National Leadership Seminar of his choosing.
- Be trained at the annual Lodge Officers Lodge Leadership Development conference (September).
- Be responsible for the planning of lodge service during all Induction/Ordeal events
- Establish a Service Corps to broaden the service range of the Camp Trails committee.
- Apply for the National Service Grant as needed/allowed.
- Work with the chapters to encourage, plan, and implement service in thier areas.
- Advise and assist assigned committees as defined in the Lodge 97 Committee Guide Book.
- Responsible to the Lodge Chief and takes on additional duties as assigned.

E. Vice Chief, Finance (Treasurer)

- Attend all meetings of the lodge, including LEC.
- Should attend the National Leadership Seminar of his choosing.
- Be trained at the annual Lodge Officers Lodge Leadership Development conference (September).
- Responsible for the planning of the annual lodge budget, and income and expense reports for the meetings of the LEC
- Provides advice for the budgets and financial planning of lodge events.
- Advise and assist assigned committees as defined in the Lodge 97 Committee Guide Book.
- Responsible to the Lodge Chief and takes on additional duties as assigned .

Unit Leader Authorization: *(This Lodge Officer candidate is a member in good standing in my unit.)*

Unit Leader _____
Last, First, MI (PRINT) Signature

Unit Type / Number _____ Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____
Last, First, MI (PRINT) Signature

Chapter Adviser: _____
Last, First, MI (PRINT) Signature

Youth Officer: (You need two signatures)

Your Chapter Chief: _____
Last, First, MI (PRINT) Signature

2nd Chapter Chief or Lodge Officer: _____
Last, First, MI (PRINT) Signature

Lodge Review
Lodge Chief _____
Lodge Adviser _____
Lodge Staff Adviser _____