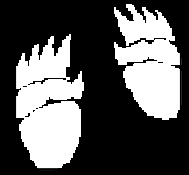




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Order of the Arrow
Nischa Achowalogen Lodge #486
Summer Ordeal Weekend
August 27-29, 2010
Camp Don Harrington

Date: July 2010
To: All Members of the Order of the Arrow
From: Lodge Chief
Subject: Beaver Day Weekend

Plan now to attend the 2010 Summer Ordeal Weekend, August 27-29, 2010, Camp Don Harrington

A separate letter will be mailed to all new candidates.

Fill out the attached registration form and mail to the council office by August 20 with a copy of your BSA Annual Health and Medical Record. All participants must have a current **BSA Annual Health and Medical Record** [http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34605_Letter.pdf] on file with the lodge. **If your Annual Health and Medical Record form is not on file with your registration you must bring it with you or you will be sent home, NO EXCEPTIONS.**

WHAT TO BRING: Old clothes (you will get dirty), Battery Operated drills (& bits), Trailer to help haul tree limbs, Chain Saws, bow saws, axe, Gloves, hat, old shoes, canteen to keep hydrated

Brotherhood candidates (you must have been an Ordeal member for at least 10 months) be ready to complete the five challenges for brotherhood membership that are listed in your O.A. handbook. Additionally, the OA booklet entitled "*Your Invitation for Brotherhood*" provides a more detailed description of how to answer the five challenges. It is available on the lodge website (<http://www.goldenspread.org/Programs/OA/OA.htm>), at the Scout Office, or upon your arrival at Beaver Day Weekend Friday night.

If you have any questions or would like to be an elangomat for this Ordeal please contact Lodge Chief Tyler Thorne (806-352-5976).

The weekend will include:

- Pre-Ordeal Ceremony
- Ordeal Ceremony
- Brotherhood Ceremony
- Camp Service Projects
- Evening Cracker Barrel
- Chapter meetings
- Vigil Call-Out
- Lodge meeting

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Schedule: Members (05/25/2010)

<p>Friday August 27, 2010</p> <p>7:00 pm ~ Check-in at the Administration Building</p> <p>8:00 pm ~ Elangomat Meeting , Dining Hall</p> <p>8:30 pm ~ Set up tents for the weekend</p> <p>9:00 pm ~ Vigil Call-Out, Meet at Parade Ground (flag poles)</p> <p>9:30 pm ~ Pre-Ordeal Ceremony, Meet at Parade Ground (flag poles)</p> <p>10:00 pm ~ Candidates Night Out</p> <p>10:10 pm ~ Cracker Barrel in the Dining Hall</p> <p>12:00 am ~ Lights Out</p>	<p>Saturday August 28, 2010</p> <p>7:00 am ~ Wake Up</p> <p>7:30 am ~ Breakfast in the Dining Hall</p> <p>8:30 am ~ Work Projects</p> <p>12:00 pm ~ Lunch in the Dining Hall</p> <p>12:45 pm ~ Finish Work Projects</p> <p>5:00 pm ~ Free Time</p> <p>6:00 pm ~ Supper in the Dining Hall</p> <p>7:00 pm ~ Planned Activity on the Parade Ground</p> <p>8:00 pm ~ Brotherhood Ceremony Meet on the Parade Ground</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*Schedule subject to change*</p>	<p>9:15 pm ~ Ordeal Ceremony meet on the Parade Ground</p> <p>10:00 pm ~ Cracker Barrel / Ceremony Class in the Dining Hall</p> <p>12:00 am ~ Lights Out</p> <p>Sunday August 29, 2010</p> <p>7:30 am ~ Wake Up / Take down tents</p> <p>8:30 am ~ Breakfast / Church Service in the Dining Hall</p> <p>9:00 am ~ Chapter Meetings in the Dining Hall</p> <p>10:30 am ~ Lodge Meeting in the Dining Hall</p> <p>12:00 pm ~ Depart</p>
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General Rules

1. **Every one must sleep outside in a tent on Friday and Saturday nights.** The member's campsite will posted at the event. No Sleeping will be allowed in any of the camp's buildings.
2. All vehicles (camp ranger vehicle exempted) must be parked in the parking lot. The only exception, and this must be approved by either the Lodge Chief or Lodge Adviser, are vehicles transporting needed equipment. And, even then, after the transport is completed the vehicle must again be returned to the parking lot. **The Camp Speed Limit is 15mph at all times.**
3. No one is allowed to ride in the back of any vehicle, truck or trailer, while in camp.
4. No pets allowed. (even on a leash)
5. No alcohol, firearms, or fireworks.
6. Curfew is 12am and it extends to 6am. Everyone must be in his tent and quiet between these times.
7. Fishing is permitted except within 100' of the boat docks.
8. Please protect your food and trash from the camp wildlife. Place all trash in the camp trash cans provided near the Dining Hall.
9. Do not harass the wildlife- RESPECT IT. Remember wild animals can bite.

Beaver Days

The first weekend of May the members and candidates of the Nischa Achowalogen OA lodge of the Golden Spread Council gather at either Camp MK Brown or Camp Don to prepare the camp for the summer. This years gathering was at Camp MK Brown. There were many work projects that needed to be completed. Electrical work, carpentry, painting, cleaning, and clearing were among the tasks our members cheerfully accomplished.

This was not just a work weekend. There were card games, dancing, demonstrations, music, ceremonies, fellowship, and plenty of good food!

Congregations to our thirteen new members who were inducted into our ranks;



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| L. Amos | R. Fletcher | C. Marr | R. Rigler | K. Weiss |
| C. Evans | N. Jines | L. Myers | H. Smith | |
| G. Fletcher | J. Jones | B. Rigler | T. Vernon | |

Congregations to our two members who have joined the Brotherhood;



- C. Evans
- T. Thompson

An informational meeting was held for the purpose of informing the new members how they can contribute to the lodge and to inform about past events and up-coming events and opportunities.

Who Shot Drowned the Phoenix?

The 2010 conclave, co-hosted by the Nischa Achowalogen lodge and Nakona was held at camp Post, Post Texas. Rain gear, rubber galoshes, 4-wheel drive vehicles capable of fording rivers and or personal flotation devices were a necessity. Since our lodge was co-hosting this year’s event many members arrived early to help get things set up. Those brave souls navigated a slippery muddy camp drive just to get into camp. Some had to be pulled in via tractor. Between 10 PM and midnight traffic into the camp was halted. Local churches and the community center of Post graciously opened there doors to weary arrowmen for the evening. By breakfast the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was on the scene. Up to this time the no one had seen the Phoenix. Per FEMA recommendation everyone who made it into camp was asked to leave in an orderly manner with the remaining persons to be out of camp by 2 PM.



Those who spent the night at Camp Post enjoyed a steady amount of rain, plenty of food, great hospitality, and fellowship. No amount of rain would have dampened the spirits of these brave scouts.

Where was the Phoenix? Maybe he went for a swim, maybe he was swept down river, and maybe he was drowned. We may never know what happened to the Phoenix on this soggy conclave weekend.



Help Needed!

Ask not what the lodge can do for you but what you can do the lodge. As an arrowmen you have pledged yourself to a life of cheerful service. There are many things you can do. You can promote scouting, outdoor experiences, camping, and service projects. You can be your troop's OA representative. Do you love camping and being out doors? Maybe you would like to work at summer camp. Maybe you are interested in Native American regalia? You could assist in maintaining the lodge ceremony regalia. May be you would like to make your own personal regalia? Do you like to perform? How about joining a ceremony team for call out ceremonies, pre-ordeal, ordeal, and/or brotherhood? Are you musically talented? Share your talents. Are you a writer? Write and submit articles for our newsletter. Enjoy taking pictures. Maybe you are looking for more opportunities to use your leadership skills. All of these and more are available should you choose to serve.

Choosing to serve takes commitment. Are you ready to make this commitment? Remember that a scout is thrifty, not only with his money but also with his time. Do you have the time to go to your chapter meetings, lodge executive committee meetings (LEC), special events such as fall fellowship, spring lock-in, and/or ordeal weekends? It is not a requirement of OA members to be at every event – in fact your troop's activities take president over OA events. However, certain positions require a commitment to attend events, trainings and meetings. Failure to fulfill your commitment hurts the lodge. Be careful with your time. Make only commitments you can honor. Step up and volunteer if an opportunity arises.

List people to contact if they are interested in any of the above

Have you paid your OA Dues for 2010 yet?
<http://www.goldenspread.org/Programs/OA/OA.htm>

**Nischa Achowalogen Lodge
 2010 Calendar**

<p>Summer Ordeal August 27-29, 2010 Camp Don Harrington</p>	<p>LEC Meeting October 2, 2010 Time: TBA ~ Place: TBA</p>	<p>One Day Of Service October 16, 2010 Or October 23, 2010 Time: TBA ~ Place: TBA</p>
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