

# The Eagle Pipe



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## Winter Fellowship / Lincoln Pilgrimage 2008

The weekend of February 8-10 is a time for lodge arrowmen to gather for a fun weekend at D-bar-A Scout Ranch and support the annual Lincoln Pilgrimage on Saturday. In 2007, over 100 arrowmen spent the weekend at camp and entertained more than 250 guests at the Pilgrimage.

This year's event is hosted by Wsigau Chapter. If you are planning to spend the weekend at camp, please get your registration form turned in soon as bunk space is limited to Draper, Williams, and Hunters Creek cabins. Ladies can stay at the bunk house or Baden Powell cabins. Those who register early get first preference. The Fellowship cost for arrowmen is \$15 if paid on time; \$20 if after the deadline. In addition to the traditional Lincoln Pilgrimage patch, a special limited edition version with a unique border and fleur-de-lei will be available on Sunday morning for purchase at the lodge meeting after



breakfast. Only 50 copies are available and they are priced at \$5 each so our youth members can purchase them.



*Mr. Lincoln at 2007 Pilgrimage with supporters*

## Winter Camp XXXI

*Steve Donohue, Event Associate Adviser*

Mahican Chapter held its 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Winter Camp December 27-31 at D-bar-A Scout Ranch. The event was a rousing success with nearly 30 arrowmen attending during the course of the weekend.

The overall theme of the event was Romans, so there were a lot of Roman and Italian themed events and meals. Highlights of the schedule included chariot racing, dinner and a movie, casino night, and gladiator chess. There were a score of activities and nearly as many meals during the event. The meals included old favorites like Bollmano's Pizza and Jackpot Grits along with new meals like the Pope's Lunch (based on Pope

Benedict's favorite foods) and the Vesuvius meal; which featured a marinara volcano. We also performed a day of service for the camp.

Shaun Range and his leadership team put together a fine event and Robert Fountain will try to better it with next year's military-themed event: Operation Winter Camp. During the event William Gagnon distinguished himself as a scholar of Winter Camp history and received a special red-bordered version of the Winter Camp patch. Shaun Range was the only youth to earn the gold-bordered participation award this year and it was presented by event adviser Steve Donohue using tongs. The participation award is not available to adults and they aren't even allowed to touch it (hence the tongs).

## December Service Day

*By the Lodge Service Committee*

Members of the Mahican Chapter were joined by a couple of members of Wsigau chapter for a day of service at D-bar-A on December 28. This continued a tradition of service that began in 1979.

Members were split into three groups and worked on several different projects through the course of the day. The biggest project was at Schneider cabin where the team did some work on the new bathrooms and cleaned the cabin for an upcoming weekend. Another group set posts on the handicapped trail and the third group did some work in the shop. By far the most exciting project was getting to raze and then burn two latrines which were no longer in service.

## ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup>—Sign up now!

*By the Lodge Service Committee*

Six lodge arrowmen have signed up for the “ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup>” (pronounced arrow corps five) event. Known as “AC5”, it’s the largest service project ever undertaken by the Boy Scouts of America—and, it’s coming this summer to five national parks across the country. Yes, that’s five sites; five weeks; and, five thousand participants. You can participate at one or all five locations if you wish. Our lodge has been asked to send at least 35 arrowmen (youth and adult) to one or more of the national parks. Lodge AC5 advisers are Mr. Don Ray ([djay@comcast.net](mailto:djay@comcast.net)) and Mr. Rick Stoner ([rick.stoner@intier.com](mailto:rick.stoner@intier.com)). You can also email our Lodge Adviser at [adviser@migisi.org](mailto:adviser@migisi.org) for details. Where do you want to go for ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup>—Virginia; Arkansas; California; Utah; Wyoming; or California?



## NLS next month

*By Daniel Ghastin, Training Committee Chairman*

Don’t forget the Central Region will soon be hosting a National Leadership Seminar (NLS). NLS is a weekend training offered at the region level and these seminars explore the “skills and attributes of leadership”.

The weekend format is designed to complement the longer, more detailed Wood Badge and National Youth Leadership Training Programs. Near the end of the seminar, participants make a contract with themselves to

apply the skills studied in the seminar on projects in their lodge, council, and community. Be sure to take part in the upcoming NLS. The next NLS offered in the Central Region will be February 22-24, 2008 at the Geneva Center in Rochester, IN. We already have youth and adults attending, so there is transportation available. Youth arrowman interested in attending NLS have the opportunity to apply for scholarships through the lodge and section.

If you have any questions feel free to contact the training committee at [training@migisi.org](mailto:training@migisi.org)

## Website update

*By Webmaster, Steve Donohue*

Migisi.Org has recently been updated with event dates, forms, Lodge goals, and Lodge and Chapter officers for 2008. If you notice any errors or have additional information about one of the events posted, please email [webmaster@migisi.org](mailto:webmaster@migisi.org) to get them corrected.

The website goals for 2008 aren’t set in stone yet but we should have our new goals and the results of our 2007 goals posted by the time you read this article. We are still looking for volunteer editors for the “Where to Go Camping Guide.” eMail the webmaster if you’re interested in helping with the updates.

As always, if you have any suggestions for the website, email the webmaster; we’re always looking for new projects.

## Vigil nominations—it’s time

*By Mike Bien, Vigil Honor Adviser*

Attention Arrowmen! The time is now to nominate those worthy arrowmen for the Vigil Honor, the highest honor in the Order of the Arrow.

Nominations may be submitted to the Lodge Vigil Honor Committee any time before the D-A Spring Conclave. A nominated arrowman must have his or her dues paid for 2008 and he or she must be a Brotherhood member for a minimum of two years. Furthermore, the nominee must have gone above and beyond the call of duty in at least one of the following areas: council, home unit, lodge, or council camps.

Nomination forms can be found at [www.migisi.org](http://www.migisi.org) and turned in to Chris Szybisty, Lodge Vigil Chairman or Mike Bien, Lodge Vigil Adviser.



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the official Migisi Opawgan  
website.

## Chapter Reports

### Achowalogen

No update for this issue. The Chapter meets the second Monday of each month, 7 pm, at the Dauch Scout Center, Detroit; the same night as the Motor City Roundtable.

*~James Lloyd  
Chapter Chief*

### Lowanue Kuwe

No update for this issue. The Chapter meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at St. John's United Methodist Church in Royal Oak at 7:30pm.

*~John Suarez  
Chapter Chief*

### Mahican

We would like to send out a welcome to everyone for the New Year and would like to wish you a year filled with happiness and success. We will try to work together this year to strive and stay on top and to meet the goals that we have set forth. The ONLY way we can accomplish our goals is through the attendance of Arrowmen to our monthly meetings that are held at First United Methodist Church in Dearborn. For more information stay visit our website at [www.migisi.org](http://www.migisi.org). Also we would like to remind everyone that is in need of holding unit elections to contact me, Adel Makki, at [makki.adel@gmail.com](mailto:makki.adel@gmail.com). Also we will be hosting this Spring's Conclave'08" and we want to get as many Scouts as we can out there to become Arrowmen and continue to strive in the Scouting program. We have the Winter Fellowship & Lincoln Pilgrimage coming up and that will be on Feb. 8-10 and we would like you to join us and have some fun. Just a reminder, Mahican meets on the third Thursday of the month, which is generally the night after Lodge, at First United Methodist Church in Dearborn.

*~Adel Makki  
Chapter Chief*

### Wapanue

No update for this issue. The Chapter meets on the second Wednesday of the month, 7 pm, at Kelly Middle School, Eastpointe, MI.

*~Jacob Eccleston  
Chapter Chief*

### Wsigau

Wsigau has been busy the last three months. We have been doing the final planning for Lincoln Pilgrimage as the host chapter. The patches have been ordered and there will be a special one for sale on Sunday morning. Also, we will have a chili cook off at the Lincoln Pilgrimage, so bring your special recipe and supplies. In December, we had our Christmas Party at Glo-Golf where we played golf and ate pizza. We will start unit elections soon.

*~Paul Jouney  
Chapter Chief*

## Service Committee says Thanks

The service committee would like to wish everyone a happy New Year and thank them for all the service that they provided in 2007. We applaud your efforts in the past year and challenge you do even better in 2008. The service committee would also like to ask the Chapter Chiefs to start thinking about which month they want for their Chapter one day of service Saturday. This will allow it to be planned at a time that will maximize turnout and be convenient for everyone involved.

## OA Chapter Advisers

These adults are your resource for details on the OA.

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### Hanson Lee – Lowanue Kuwe Chapter

Serving North Trails and Northridge Districts  
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### Jeff Lang – Mahican Chapter

Serving Three Rivers and Huron Districts  
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### Mark Elias – Wapanue Chapter

Serving Michigami and Lakeshore Districts  
(586) 776-8364

### Chuck Cheek – Wsigau Chapter

Serving Sunset District  
(734) 981-2455

## Lodge Adviser 5...

2008 is shaping up to be another exciting year for our lodge. It kicks off with the Lincoln Pilgrimage as part of our Winter Fellowship weekend in February and later that month training at NLS and NLATS at the Geneva Convention Center in Rochester, IN. We have our Spring Ordeal in April followed the next weekend with Section Conclave at Camp Agawam near Lake Orion. The Council 2008 Rendezvous event is in mid-May and at the end of the month we go to Cole Canoe Base for our Summer Ordeal weekend. Seven arrowmen have already signed up for high adventure treks at Philmont and Florida Sea Base and four more for ArrowCorps5; and, that's just half of 2008. We will also be announcing plans for our contingent going to the 2009 National Order of the Arrow Conference at Indiana University. This premier event is just over 18 months away and we want all arrowman, especially youth, to have enough time to plan and budget for their participation in this event. Thanks for a great 2007 and thanks for what you will do for the lodge, our Council units, and their youth in 2008.

*~Joe Retzbach  
Lodge Adviser*

# *Migisi Opawgan — Lodge Calendar*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
February 8-10, 2008	Lodge Winter Fellowship	D-bar-A Scout Ranch, Metamora, MI
February 9, 2008	Lincoln Pilgrimage 9 am registration; ends 3 pm	D-bar-A Scout Ranch, Metamora, MI
April 5, 2008	Lodge Community Service Project (Tentative)	Michigan State Fair Grounds Woodward Ave, Detroit
April 25-27, 2008	Spring Ordeal	D-bar-A Scout Ranch, Metamora, MI
May 2-4, 2008	Section C2A Conclave	Camp Agawam, Clinton Valley Council
May 16-18, 2008	2008 Rendezvous Council Camporee	Willow Metro Park, Huron Twp, MI
May 30-June 1, 2008	Summer Ordeal	Cole Canoe Base, Alger, MI
July 2, 2008	Trail to Eagle Ice Cream Social	D-bar-A Scout Ranch, Metamora, MI
September 19-21, 2008	Fall Ordeal	D-bar-A Scout Ranch, Metamora, MI



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