

The Eagle Pipe



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Proudly serving the Detroit Area Council

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John E. Reesor selected as new Scout Executive

The "New Michigan Council" selection committee select Mr. John E. Reesor to serve as the new Scout Executive of our Council. The formal announcement was made on August 17, at the first formal Board meeting. The new Board consists of 40 former Board members from the Detroit Area and Clinton Valley Councils. They will serve until the next Board is formed and elected at the annual meeting in January 2010..

Mr. Reesor comes to us from the BSA Western Region office where he is Deputy Region Director/Operations. He reported to Tom Fitzgibbon, Western Region Director, who started his career here in Detroit as a District Executive. Several DAC Council members have had the opportunity to work with John in his current assignment in the Western Region and think we will be excited with his enthusiasm for Scouting and his outgoing personality. It is a good indicator of his interest in camping that he visited three of our four camps even before the formal interviews started. He told the professionals at their announcement meeting Friday afternoon that he is committed to making this Council, now one of the ten largest in the country, the best council. We are prepared to help him do just that.

Letter from the Chief

Dear Migisi Arrowmen,

What a summer! From a really great Summer Conclave at D-bar-A to 2009 NOAC, we have been busy this summer. We had a great Ice Cream Social and Brotherhood Ceremony at Trail to Eagle at D-bar-A and I had the honor of cutting the ribbon to open our beautiful jewel of D-bar-A, the Frisbee golf course. Thank you for your continued dedication this summer representing Migisi at events like our Conclaves, Summer Camp, National Youth Leadership Training, Trail to Eagle, our National High Adventure Bases, and the National OA Conference.

I also had the privilege of traveling to Philmont Scout Ranch for a 3 week stay, to participate in National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE) and OA Trail Crew (OATC). I did amazing things, met lifelong friends, and had the time of my life. If you are a youth and have the opportunity to go to these amazing experiences: DO IT. YOU WON'T REGRET IT.

Our NOAC was out of this world this year! We sang and cheered our lungs out, attended classes, won Honor Website, have an Honor Pre-Ordeal team, and our Arrowmen participated in a ton of different events. I hope to see you at the 2012 NOAC at Michigan State University. It will be an event you won't want to miss.

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Chapter Reports

Upcoming Events

OA Service Project

Where: Michigan State
Fair Grounds

When: Sept 12, 2009

Time: 9AM-3PM

Who: All OA members

Come help take down the state fair. It's Migisi's way of giving back to Detroit.

Fall Conclave

Where: D-A Scout Ranch

When: Sept. 18-20

Who: All OA members and newly elected candidates.

Help get D-A ready for the winter camping season. We also conduct an Ordeal so we can induct new members into our Lodge. **Tent event.**

Fall Fellowship

Where: D-A Scout Ranch

When: Oct 23-25

Who: All OA members

We hold games and activities designed to have some fun so you get to know other members. Lodge officer elections are held at Saturday dinner.

Mahican

Submitted by Tim Leong, Chapter Chief

Summer is flying by with many of our Mahican members coming back from summer camp and off to a week at the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). NOAC was an AWESOME event as 43 members from the Lodge went to Indiana University for training, fellowship, and team building. The nightly show highlighted each day's event. Congratulations to Mr. Stephen Donohue and the Website team for capturing Honor Website for Migisi Opawgan! There were only 9 Lodges across the US that was given that honor! Our ceremonialists did a fine job as well as one of our Lodge's teams was recognized with Honor. We found out that NOAC 2012 will once again be held at Michigan State where we should have a great turnout. Great job by Mr. Bien and Jake Eccleston in leading the contingent as everyone had an outstanding time. The Power of One! Ask anyone who attended NOAC what that means.

The Summer Ordeal was a successful event at D bar A as over 69 candidates and 79 members attended that weekend. The Fall Ordeal is approaching fast, so make sure to get your registration in. \$20 if you get your money in on time and \$25 if your money is turned in after September 14th. This is another great chance for our Mahican members that need to seal their membership in the Order to complete their Brotherhood! So if you have been an Ordeal member at least 10 months, plan to show up to D bar A the weekend of September 18-20 to complete your brotherhood. A month later the Fall Fellowship approaches, an awesome event composed of games, brotherhood, and also the election of our 2010 Lodge Officers. Come and support your Mahican members running for Lodge positions.

Finally, if you have not had an OA election this year, please go to the website and request an election. Our great Unit Election teams will be happy to conduct an election for you at your troop meetings. Each troop is eligible to hold one election each calendar year. Help recognize those youths in your troop that deserve selection into the Boy Scout's National Honor Society

Our chapter meetings are the third Thursday of each month, generally the night after Lodge meeting, at First United Methodist Church in Dearborn.

Wsigau

Chapter meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month from 7:30pm to 9:30pm, at:

Xpedex

28401 Schoolcraft Rd. (Just east of Middlebelt Rd.)

Livonia, MI 48150



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Wsigau

Submitted by Kyle Rosiek, Chapter Chief

Brothers-

I would like to invite all Wsigau members to come to our monthly chapter meeting located at XPEDEX, 28401 Schoolcraft Rd. in Livonia (at Round Table). Chapter meetings are every second Thursday of the month at 7:15pm. Also if you are eligible for Brotherhood there is another chance to "Seal Your Membership" at the Fall Ordeal at D-A on Saturday September 19, 2009. I hope to see you there.

Achowalogen

No article submitted.

The Achowalogen chapter meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00, after the Motor City District Roundtable, at the council building in Downtown Detroit.

Lowanue Kuwe

Submitted by Andrew Larkin, Chapter Treasurer

The Power of One, the notion that one person has the power to make a tremendous difference, was the theme of this year's National Order of the Arrow Conference. The Power of One was expressed in many different ways through out the week in shows, classes, and the people we met at NOAC.

Many of the classes were filled with the power of one, especially this year's signature class "The Power of One". This class taught us that in order to change the world we must first imagine a better world, then we must believe that the world we imagined can become true and that we have the power to change it, and finally we must lead, through service, to change it and make a difference.

The Power of One was also in the shows where the constant message was that one person with a desire to change the world can make an impact. The shows also focused on a quote: "If not you, who? If not now, when?" This quote made one think about how he or she have changed the world and how they can continue to help better the world.

The week was also about meeting new people; we did this in many ways. The main way was by exchanging power tags, little cards with numbers on them. The purposes of these tags were to meet new people, learn, and to talk about the power. Then after talking to the new person you would exchange each other's tags. Later when everybody got back home, he or she have the chance to enter the codes of other people into the computer on the NOAC website, then he or she would be given the contact information of the other people he or she met so they could keep in touch with each other.

During NOAC I learned that although the power of one means one person can make a difference, it can also mean a group of people can unite and work to better their surroundings and make a change in their community.

Membership

Submitted by the Membership Committee

One of the many training programs offered at NOAC was on the new LodgeMaster program. This new program for membership record keeping has expanded the capability of keeping track of all of our events right down to the chapter level. It has increased the amount of data that can be recorded on each member awards and participation in each event. It has the ability of recording when each members call out date, if it is available. The membership advisor has the ability to authorize various accesses to data in the program and make it possible for Chapter advisors to review the various eligibility requirements for chapter members and to determine if dues have been paid. The membership chair will have access to request various reports and give our LEC our membership standings. Since we are just learning all of the new areas in this program it will take some time to put everything in place.



Letter From the Chief

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Our Council and Lodge are about to start on the path of change as we merge with the Clinton Valley Council. This is a chance for Arrowmen in Southeastern Michigan to join up and make a difference in Scout's lives everywhere. I encourage you to welcome and embrace this new adventure and participate in making everything work out for the best. The theme of NOAC this year was, "The Power of One," You have the power within you to make a difference and I encourage you to call on the power to help us make the OA and Scouting in southeastern Michigan the best in can be!

See you at Fall Conclave September 18-20 at D-Bar-A Scout Ranch! Register early and get all elected candidates to this Ordeal to be inducted it's the last chance of 2009!

Yours in Brotherhood, Andrew Curtiss, Lodge Chief

Adviser's Five

Submitted by Joe Retzbach, Lodge Adviser

Both Clinton Valley and Detroit Area Councils have voted to consolidate. The effective date will be sometime between mid-September and very early October according to Steve Harris, DAC Council Commissioner. There will be much chatter about our future as Migisi Opawgan Lodge. I am requesting you understand there is a huge amount of work ahead of multiple teams to execute the council consolidation.

Until such time as otherwise notified by our new Scout Executive, John Reesor, it is business as usual for our lodge. Our positions, responsibilities, and tasks at hand remain the same tomorrow and for the foreseeable future. WE have much to do in the coming months with our existing program; including achieving 2009 Quality Lodge.

Migisi Opawgan Lodge distinguishes itself as a first class operation with great leadership, spirit, and a legacy that will last forever. Your mission in the coming months is to stay the course and BE POSITIVE. If you hear comments that concern you, recommend the person talk to a council professional for a clearer understanding.

I believe there is a great future for us. Always remember we are here to serve the Scouts and their troops/teams -- NO MATTER WHAT OUR LODGE NAME IS; ITS NUMBER; OR ITS TOTEM. We are arrowmen of the Order of the Arrow. Be proud of your membership and let's be part of an exciting future in our new council. If you have questions, please feel free to ask me.

Migisi Opawgan — Lodge Calendar

Date	Lodge Events
Sept 18-20, 2009	Fall Conclave (Ordeal), D-bar-A
Oct 23-25, 2009	Fall Fellowship Weekend, D-bar-A
Oct 24, 2009	Vigil Honor Member Breakfast, D-bar-A
Dec 2, 2009	Annual Dinner Meeting, Park Place, Dearborn

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