

**Migisi Opawgan Lodge 162**  
**Section Conclave 2003 – May 2-4**  
**Host Lodge**

In the year 2003, Lodge 162 hosted Section Conclave at D-bar-A Scout Ranch. We had the whole Ranch. 137 members of Migisi Opawgan were present. Ethan A. Rein was the Lodge Chief; George T. Blackmore, the Conclave Chairman; Joel E. Clement, the Lodge Adviser. This is the record of what we did.

**Event Locations:**

**F5** – The F5 was held outside Wyckoff Lodge. We used the hills and the level areas for playing games. The games had to be impromptu; the lodge that was supposed to run the F5 did not show up. If power is needed to show a movie, the Lodge itself could be used, as long as it does not hurt the set up for crack barrel. This was not an issue, because no movies were shown. The camp "Light Truck" provided light.

**Friday/Saturday Night Show** – These were held in Trout Lake Firebowl. The electrical equipment needs replacing as of 5/7/2. Also, more light would have been helpful. This is really up to how much light the show lodges need.

**Flags** – We used the large flagpole on the hill outside Wyckoff Lodge.

**Dining** – All the food was served from tables in the hall by servers from the Lodge. We ate outside, where many dining flies had been erected both on the Spring Conclave and days before the event. We used the camp's summer camp flies and called on volunteers to bring up the flies of their troops. For Saturday cracker barrel, we let the patch traders go inside and left some tables open for them.

**Training** – Training was held in the same flies as eating. It was a good set up, because people could just stay there after breakfast and stay until lunch.

**Indian Events** – They were in the Pines. It was a good place to have them. Many secluded locations.

**Meet the Man** – This was held in the Jack Lord Firebowl. The whole afternoon took place in Jack Lord.

**Idea Arcade** – There was no Idea Arcade, but Ethan hopes it comes back strong. There are many good places that it could have been. The Jack Lord Craft Pavilion, Jack Lord Nature Center, or the James D. Hay Pavilion would have worked. The Trout Lake and Beaver Creek Skills Buildings would have also worked, but the whole afternoon was in Jack Lord.

**Afternoon Activities** – They were put in Jack Lord field. It is a nice field. There is a big field for any type of game and the James D. Hay Pavilion for

any thing that needed power or coverage. We offered to open the Tower and the Ranges or the horses, but there was not enough interest from other lodges.

**Scout's Own** – A nondenominational service was held in the Trout Lake Firebowl. Three Jewish services were held in the Friendship Center.

**Saturday Evening Carnival** – This was at Trout Lake Field. It was a good place to go between dinner and the Saturday Night Show.

**Business Meeting** – It was at Trout Lake Firebowl.

**Other Matters:**

**Getting around Camp** – As can be seen, we really used all of camp. In order to get people around, three hay wagons pulled by tractors were driven around camp all Conclave long. The adults were trained at the Spring Conclave.

**Sleeping** – Almost every cabin was used. Based on the projected numbers from the October Council of Chiefs, George and Ethan allotted Cabins to each Lodge. There were no complaints. Lodge Officers and Advisers stayed in Trout Lake. The officers got the little rooms. Women and Council of Chiefs type people were in Jack Lord.

**Publications** – The section likes to put out a Currier at each meal at least. We let them use their computers in Trout Lake and they used the Martin Administration Building for copies. There was also the matter of publishing the passport and nametags. The passport was done way too late and turned out poorly. The key thing is to get the Schedule from the Section Chief as soon as possible (January Council of Chiefs) and have it made long before the Conclave. The Nametags were made for Lodge Chiefs and Advisers, Section Officers and Advisers, and National Guests. (The Region Chief and a member of the National OA committee were present.)

**Security** – All the gates except the front gate were locked and roving patrols went around camp to make sure every thing was all right. Only people who had paid were allowed in camp.

**Health and Safety** – Adult Arrowmen drove around camp all day with first aid kits in marked first aid cars. There were also first aid kits on the hay wagons and in Wyckoff Lodge.

**Feeding** – Adults volunteered to be in the Kitchen and kids volunteered to serve and do dishes at each meal. 10-15 kids were needed. We had three serving lines for each meal and two for cracker barrels.

**Getting Work Done** – We initially asked people to sign up for a specific job (registration, dining, transportation (hay wagons), health and safety, area

set up and tear down, scout's own, security). We could not get people to volunteer for all of them, so the chapters were assigned. The jobs done by volunteers were done better.

**Getting Camp Ready** – Volunteers came up as early as Thursday to set up flies and get other things ready.

**Preparing the Lodge** – At Spring Conclave 2002, George and Ethan picked out the locations and Committees. They spent that year finding people and fine-tuning things that needed to be done.

**Goody Bags** – We fell into some luck. The cub camp “Easter Eggstravaganza” was a few weeks before Section. IT happened to be the worst ice storm in fifteen years at the Ranch. The goody bags that were left over were used as the Section Goody Bags. They were also put in Can Do bags along with various items. (D-bar-A pins, army stuff). Council Pens were never used; they probably could have been donated if Council had been asked earlier.

**Host Lodge Flaps** – Ethan designed a great Lodge Flap for everyone who came up to Section from the lodge. Also, everyone who came up got the activity pin. Not everyone who came up earned it, because they were off taking care of important business. The addition of the flap and the pin added an extra five dollars to Section or the Lodge.

**Registration** – Lodges registered at the Martin Building. To do so, the Chief and Adviser came in and registered all of their people and then proceeded on to their cabins. We left individual registration up to them. On our end, Lodge 162 members registered in Trout Lake like usual with their Chapter Treasures.