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Greetings Scouts and Scouters:

As many of you may already know, the youth leadership of Chippewa Lodge and Migisi Opawgan Lodge has been meeting since June to bring our lodges together by January 1, 2012. The purpose of this message is to provide you with an update on the agreements reached as of today.

- The new lodge will be officially chartered with the OA on January 1, 2012.
- An Executive Board of officers for the new lodge will be elected at a joint meeting of both lodges in May or June, 2011 – but after the Section C2A Conclave elections.
- Migisi Opawgan Lodge officers, Committee Chairmen, and Chapter officers will continue their 2010 term until the new lodge elections in May or June, 2011.
- The May or June lodge officer election aligns with the academic school year to help ensure leadership continuity through the full year.
- The duties of current Chippewa and Migisi Opawgan Lodge officers will end with the inauguration of the new lodge's executive officers.
- Chapter officer elections will be held after the lodge executive board election and the term will also align with the academic school year.
- Representatives from each lodge will continue to meet with growing frequency. November, December and January meetings have already been set.
- The immediate focus of the forthcoming meetings is to: 1) Develop a new set of By-Laws/Rules and procedures; 2) Review and adjust the 2011/2012 calendars to best fit the new lodge and Council program needs; and, 3) Discuss the election process for the new lodge officers.
- Regarding the new District alignments, Chippewa and Migisi Opawgan Lodges will continue to serve the troops, teams, and packs in the areas that have traditionally been theirs until the new lodge is "official."

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us, our fellow officers, or our lodge advisers, and we'll try to answer your questions the best we can. Thank you for your support as we move to a new lodge in the coming year.

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