



The Standing Brave

Fourth Quarter - December, 2009

Chickagami Lodge 180

Upcoming Events

Bylaw Approval Meeting

Dec. 12, Maritime Center

Annual Banquet

January 9, 2010 6pm

Section Council of Chiefs

Jan. 10, Waterford Office

Scout Sunday

February 7th, 2010

Membership Meeting

February 13, STSR 9am

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Chiefly News

Alex Allen



The Centennial year of Boy Scouts of America is fast approaching, our first event will be the Annual Banquet on January 9th. This is a great event to have a nice dinner with your family, or you can bring your 'Special Lady'. Many awards will be given out and there will be a video presentation. Section Chief Brad Lichota will be present as our guest speaker for the evening. The event will cost \$12 per person and dues may be paid for the \$8 rate, after the banquet dues will be \$10. As you know, we have began working on the bylaw revisions. After working on these for several months and having them posted on www.Chickagami.org it was decided that they will be up for approval at the December 12th Special Meeting. This is a very important issue so you need to come and get involved with this process. If anyone has any questions/concerns regarding this issue please call or email me, and I will be happy to talk to you about it.

For those of you who weren't aware, the lodge has a new website: www.Chickagami.org, this gives us mass-emailing capabilities. All future editions of the Standing Brave will be emailed to your email address on file, if you are not sure if we have your current email let me know. Chickagami 180 is also present on Facebook, become a fan today and connect with fellow lodge members.

Finally, I would like to present a challenge to the lodge itself. After some unfortunate events that have been occurring recently, I am challenging the lodge to discontinue doing things 'the Chickagami way'. Brothers, there is no such thing as 'the Chickagami way'. The Lodge leadership has been working diligently for the past few years to try and lift the lodge to something better than it has been before, without the full support of every member this will not happen. I also ask that you attend the Annual Banquet, you will have a chance to talk to many people and see what their ideas for the lodge are. If you can't find a project, small or large, that interests you then you aren't talking to the right people. Every member can contribute, because Chickagami is your lodge.

Alex Allen

Lodge Chief Chickagami 180

Section C-2A Vice-Chief

Order of the Arrow High Adventure



Have you ever been to Philmont? What about Florida Sea Base or Northern Tier? If you haven't, why not? Order of the Arrow Trail Crew: a two-week adventure at Philmont for only \$200. You will have a chance to work with your squad of arrowmen from around the country to improve trails at Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico. The second week is spent hiking your squad planned adventure. Not only will you make new friends, you will get to experience Philmont in a way only few will have the opportunity to. Unfortunately, for 2010 Florida Sea Base's Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure has been cancelled, but there is still Wilderness Voyage and Canadian Odyssey at Northern Tier in Minnesota. You will be working on portage trails and various projects and spending the second week with your squad planned voyage through the Boundary Waters. Sound interesting? Wilderness voyage and Canadian Odyssey are \$150 and \$200 respectively. For Canadian Odyssey you must have a valid U.S. Passport as you will be venturing into Canadian waters. Head to adventure.oa-bsa.org to fill out an application. If possible, fill it out before December 1st, 2009 to guarantee your spot; applicants are notified of acceptance starting in March, and applications are taken until all spots are filled but don't miss out on this great opportunity and send in the form today! Travel is easier with a buddy so sign up with a friend. *There is also a great opportunity with Philbreak, which takes place in March as a spring break trip, this information is also available on adventure.oa-bsa.org.

2010 Annual Banquet

The 2010 Chickagami 180 Annual Banquet is being held at First United Methodist Church in Port Huron. The event will start at 6pm with about 30 minutes to meet and talk to the Lodge Chief and Vice Chiefs and Advisers. Dinner will be at 6:30, followed by awards presentations, a speech by Section Chief Brad Lichota, nominations for lodge offices, and a video presentation. If you are interested in running for a position, or want to help the lodge with a project of some type plan on arriving at 6pm to talk with the lodge officers. Bring your girlfriend or the family to this great event, sign up today for \$12. Reminder: Dues may be paid for \$8 at the banquet.

Matthew Allen

Vice Chief of Conclave

Facebook and Website



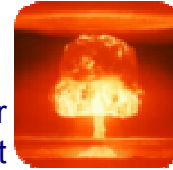
The new website is www.chickagami.org. We hope to use this as a tool to save money by having the forms, by-laws, and The Standing Brave available for download for your enjoyment. Chickagami 180 is also on Facebook as well as Section C-2A. Both are useful tools to find the dates and locations of events and to share ideas with other members. **NOTE: If your email address is in our database you will no longer receive a paper copy of this newsletter.



Elections Teams

We have started implementing our new elections process for 2010. All elections will be held from January through the end of March to eliminate the confusion. All elected candidates may attend either of the two conclaves in the calendar year before becoming ineligible. Scoutmasters have been mailed the forms, encourage your Scoutmaster and your Troop Representative to take action and plan yours today!

Ceremonies Team(s)



We are still looking for more youth to get involved in our lodge ceremonies. Ceremonies are a lot of fun and a great way to brush up on the purpose of the order (and to get out of other work). Some new equipment is being approved for purchase and some new pyrotechnic effects are being perfected for the Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies. (If you're not excited about that, you should be. You should be very excited...) You don't necessarily need to be one of the four principles (Allowat Sakima, Kitchkinet, Nutiket, and Meteu) we need people to help build the fires, light the smudge pots, and to help with other behind-the-scenes tasks. Contact Bruce to get involved, or



Troop Representative(s)

Another way to help out the lodge and your troop is to sign up and be the Troop Representative. This is a Troop position and counts for rank advancements, the main task is to assist the elections team with elections and to provide the troop with information. If your troop doesn't already have someone in this position, it's probably a good idea for you to talk to your Scoutmaster and Senior Patrol Leader. Make sure we get your contact information so we can send you updates.

Upcoming Projects

Calling all Arrowmen!

We need your assistance with a few lodge projects, some are small while others will be more time consuming. Chickagami 180 was founded in 1941, well it is already almost 2010. It has been 69 years, what happened during most of that time period? If you would like to work with a small group and search for our lodge's history and go through our records to restore them then we need you. If we don't start now, unfortunately many of our older members may be gone. Another project is to help with the Elections teams, we are looking for arrowmen who would like to be trained to conduct elections for other units. While you are visiting the troop you will have a chance to promote the Order of the Arrow, Chickagami 180, Section Conclave, High Adventure for reduced rates, and much, much more. This task will take a few teams of very dedicated arrowmen who must receive short training on how to conduct an election. We are also looking for Ceremonies team and dance team members. If you are interested in helping with either of these projects, or have an idea of your own email me at alexallen7@gmail.com and I will direct you to the person in charge.