

The Courier

Section C-2A

Winter 2011



NEW Section C-2A Ceremony Awards

This year at Section Conclave there will be new ceremony competition awards. These awards are handmade by Arrowmen in the section. You can earn one of these awards by being one of the top ceremonial teams in the section for the Pre-Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil ceremonies. Lodges can have as many ceremonial teams as they would like and are encouraged to do so. Talk to your Lodge Ceremony Chairman and have them sign you up. Ceremonies are one of the most important and fun aspects of the Order of the Arrow, from wowing that new Ordeal member



during the Ordeal Ceremony, to having fun with your brothers. I also encourage Lodges to bring a team to the Section Ceremony Training (time and place to be determined). Judges will be there to critique you and give you advice to hone your skills for Section Conclave. But, if ceremonies are not your thing, there will be other subjects taught at the Section Ceremony Training, including regalia construction and the induction process. So start learning those lines, put on that regalia, and awake your principle.

By: Chuck Coutteau
Section C-2A Indian Events Chairman

Upcoming Events

Winter COC

When: January 23, 2011 (1:00 PM)

Where: Great Sauk Trail Council Office
1979 Huron Parkway
Ann Arbor, MI

Spring COC

When: March 13, 2011 (9:00 AM)

Where: 433 North Summit Street
Toledo, OH

What: DeCourcy and Dan Ling
Presentations

Section C-2A Conclave

When: April 29-May 1, 2011

Where: Silver Trails Scout Reservation
7140 Jeddo Road
Jeddo, MI

SummitCorps

When: Begins July 3rd, 2011

Where: New River Gorge, WV

Indian Summer

When: August 1-6, 2011

Where: Asheville, NC

Section Chief

The plans are well underway for an amazing Section Conclave at Silver Trails Scout Reservation this spring. Chickagami has been working hard for the past year on upgrading the facilities and making sure everything at camp is ready to go. After the section conclave, there are still many more opportunities for Brotherhood (and Cheerful Service).



For those of you who missed ArrowCorps5, SummitCorps will be another experience,

based on the same principles. In addition to the regular High Adventure programs, including the return of Ocean Adventure, Indian Summer will also be taking place for those of you who want to improve your ceremonies or dance teams. The most important thing you can do this summer is take the time to fill out an application for a campership and one of these opportunities. You will meet new people, make new friends, and you will remember the experience for the rest of your life. Campership forms can be found at www.sectionc2a.com. High adventure applications can be found at www.adventure.oa-bsa.org. SummitCorps and Indian Summer applications can be found at www.event.oa-bsa.org.

Alex Allen
Section C-2A Chief

Section Vice Chief

Brothers,

Today is the day to sign up and go.
To a Section event whose prices are low.
Conclave is truly the fun-est event:
We bond as a section just like we are meant.
We play lots of games and see the fun show.
When it all comes to an end, it is so hard to go.
So do not miss out, on this weekend of fun.
Sign up today, do it, get it done!

Well, if that did not convince you to come to section conclave, I do not know what will. Oh wait! Yes I do! First off, Section Conclave is the only time of year you can play Frisbee, go to fun trainings, lose your voice, see TWO amazing shows, meet section officers and compete against other lodges! This year Section Conclave is April 29th- May 1st at Silver Trails Scout Reservation. This year the theme is

Legends of the Hidden Temple "Find the Arrow". We are working to incorporate this in to every aspect of conclave. If you have never seen legends of the hidden temple then you should definitely watch it before conclave. The other great reason to come to Section Conclave is you get to take part in the election of new

section officers. Honestly the only way to realize how amazing conclave can be, is to come and see it for yourself! Registration will soon be online so check sectionc2a.com for registration details and do not miss Section Conclave!

Marty Opthoff
Section Vice Chief



Section Secretary

Brothers,

A few days before the Thanksgiving Holiday, the Section Leadership traveled to Kansas City, Missouri, to attend the Central Region Section Officer Seminar. Alex Allen, Marty Opthoff, and I, along with several of our advisers, spent the weekend with other section officers preparing for the upcoming year. We learned some great new strategies to improve our Section Conclave, Lodge visitations, and Quality Lodge success. Look forward to these ideas to be implemented over the next year- I am confident that you will be impressed.



With Conclave swiftly approaching, I would hope that you now have heard the theme: Legends of the Hidden Temple - Find the Arrow. The conclave is hosted by Chickagami Lodge at Silver Trails Scout



Reservation. This is going to be the best Conclave yet. Not only will it be one of the cheapest EVER, but it will have top-notch training and world-class fun. I promise it will be a time you will not forget.



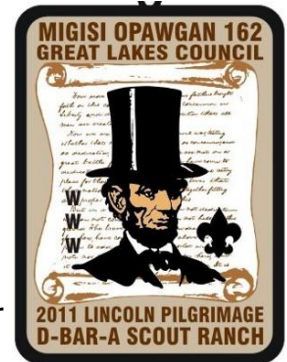
This event would be nothing without the Arrowmen that attend. This year we have made it very easy for any average Joe to promote this event. We have promotional videos, Facebook pages, and even a brand new website! If you have not experienced any of these fantastic promotional materials go to www.sectionc2a.com today! Remember do not just watch it, promote it! Let us all make this Conclave the biggest one yet!

Kelsey Van Aken
Section Secretary
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Courier Chair

Dear Brothers

For all those interested my home lodge Migisi Opawgan will be holding our annual Lincoln Pilgrimage on February 12th through the 14th. For more than 50 years, our Lodge has been hosting a day of fun and games for Scouts. The Lincoln Pilgrimage is a great activity for Boy Scout troops, Venture crews and Cub Scout packs. There will be a ceremony to dedicate the statue of one of the greatest American Presidents, Abraham Lincoln.



During the day we put on many activities for the scouts to take part in from human bowling to log branding the scouts always go home with a warm glow on their faces. And later if you dare you can try your luck in our second annual Migisi yacht race where you can race a card board structure of your design down a sledding hill. If you are interested log on to <http://www.migisi.org/> and sign up for this great event.

My sincere thanks go out to all those who helped to create this newsletter.



For those who plan to submit articles for our next courier, the deadline for article submission is **Tuesday March 4th 2011**. Remember that if you have any recent cool pictures of your lodge in action, please send these along as well. If you do not know what to write about, look at an Arrowman from your lodge who just received a cool award, completed a community service project, or some other cool accomplishment. Since these are the people that we should be recognizing.

Yours in Brotherhood and cheerful Service,

Jake Eccleston
C-2A Courier Chairman

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July 3-30, 2011	SummitCorps
August 1-6, 2011	Indian Summer

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