

Arrow Points

Pow-wow 2016

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The quest for the Black Bear is ON!



Mowogo Lodge 243



Chiefly Speaking



Brothers,

Let me start off by saying what an AMAZING year it has been! We, as a lodge, have achieved our goals for the year, plus extra. I cannot thank the Lodge leadership enough for their tremendous support of our vision for the lodge and for backing me every step of the way. I would like to thank my mentors and past lodge chiefs for the advice I was given on how to be the very best I could be, and to always stick to what I believe in. Most importantly, I'd like to thank the youth membership for believing in my plan and helping it to become reality. When I first was elected into office a year ago, I surely thought this job would be me being the driving force of the lodge but in reality it is the youth who is the driving force of our lodge. The youth are the voices needed to decide our vision of the future, I have been our voice this year. The youth have strived to keep the flame burning brightly this year and I have had the pleasure of leading the youth on this journey. Without the youth, there is NO Mowogo Lodge because we, the youth, drive the Lodge. My brothers, as I head into this weekend running for Lodge Chief again, I hope to continue to be the voice of the youth and create a future you wish to see as a reality. I can't do this without your vision and support.

Christopher Steele

2016 Lodge Chief





Chief Updates



Vice Chief of Membership

Brothers,

Over the summer, I had the opportunity to experience Summit Bechtel National Scout Reserve. Being a member of their staff, I was able to partake in OA Prism. The ceremony was held at the re-located Treasure Island. It provided me the opportunity to really appreciate the Order and reflect upon how I am able to assist our Lodge and its members to become stronger leaders and better servants. If you have the opportunity, I would like each and every one of you to approach me and inform me of how I can better serve you as a leader and how you can get involved in your Chapter or the Lodge as a whole. Together, we can make our Lodge stronger and develop our members into true servant leaders. I was able to work alongside our SR-9 Section Chief Patrick Mapp and Section Secretary Clayton Carte at Summit and have been given invaluable feedback on my leadership within the Order of the Arrow. Additionally, I have had the pleasure to work alongside Reed Powell, who is the Committee Chairperson for the Southern Region Communications Committee. I serve under him as the Region's Website Lead. Reed will be transferring to our Lodge shortly from SR-5. Reed is from Augusta, Georgia and is moving to Athens, GA to attend UGA. Reed was Section Chief for SR-5 during the 2015-2016 year. Reed expects to get involved with the Lodge and help advise myself and other Arrowmen during our functions. I am enthusiastic to come to Pow-Wow and run for Lodge Office once again. I want to thank those who served alongside me in Lodge Leadership as well as various committees beneath myself and other officers. As always, Manuel De Armas did an excellent job at managing our masterful Elangomat program. Avery Drake was essential in the planning and execution of our Service projects. There are too many others to name in this letter, but let it be known that your service is noticed and much appreciated. 2017 will be an exciting year for Mowogo and even though it is only September, I can't wait for it to begin! We're in the new Century of the Order of the Arrow, so let's look to the future. Thank You for your service. Mowogo Lodge, Welcome to the Future.

Yours in Service,

Henry "Hank" Brake

2016 Vice Chief of Membership





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Chief Updates



Vice Chief of Communications

Brothers,

At the end of Pre-camp this year I had an epiphany, that the newsletter needed to be “revamped”. The old newsletter is great and incredibly well done, but it is starting to get old. So I went back to the drawing board and put together this. This undertaking was overwhelming at first, but I found my inner spark. With much trial and error and a few disappointing drafts I finally had it perfect. It has the same word content with the new visual twist.

Over the summer I had the great opportunity to attend the Order of the Arrow’s program called Prism. There I learned the true value of our order, that to love one another and to serve for a greater cause is the purpose of the OA. At the Summit we got to visit the new National OA ring, an experience that I will never forget. I especially enjoyed seeing our contribution to the ring in the form of our brick we donated at NOAC. If anyone ever gets the chance to see it, don’t miss it.

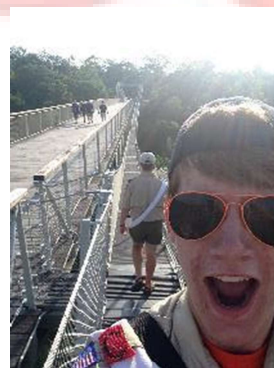
As some of you might know I will be running for Lodge Chief this weekend. As Lodge Chief I want to do to the lodge the same thing I did to this newsletter, take the old greatness and make it even better. I would hope to accomplish among other things; to modify the Lodge website, to create a more efficient and reliable system for event patch and t-shirt distribution, and to increase our Lodge’s new ordeal retention rate by 50%. I also hope to become a force to be reckoned with at the next conclave.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Cy Roth

2016 Vice Chief of Communications

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Chief Updates



Vice Chief of Indian Affairs

Brothers,

At the July Sweetwater Round Table, Lau-in-nih manned an OA table to raise awareness and interest in Indian Affairs. Present were two ceremonialists and a dancer, and we participated as Color Guard.

At Conclave, we chose a new Drum Chair, Mark White.

I have been asked to bring a drum and some dancers to a pack meeting at Sharon Elementary School in SE Forsyth County. This will help cub scouts earn rank requirements. The pack meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month, so November 3 would be the date. If you are interested in participating, please let me know.

At Pow Wow, we will be offering some very interesting Indian Affairs classes, such as Ceremonies, Drum, and Engineering. Please take advantage of these classes to get involved!

Yours in Service,

JJ Murnay

2016 Vice Chief of Indian Affairs

Vice Chief of Administration

Brothers,

I don't have much for you however I look forward to seeing all of you this weekend. Over the summer I attended the Prism at The Summit along with the rest of our lodge officer's minus Hank and we got to meet great new people and represented our lodge well. Our new Ordeal Members have their very first lodge event outside of their Ordeal so make sure they aren't a stranger. Really excited for new memories made this weekend.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Shaun "Goldfish" McManus

2016 Vice Chief of Administration





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Chapter Reports



Ani-Gatogwewi Chapter

Brothers,

AGG has had a successful past few months. We have had two chapter meetings since Pre-camp. One was a fun outing where we went to our local bowling alley and had a good time throwing gutter balls. The other was a planning meeting for Pow-Wow. Both meetings had about 10 youth members and 5 adult members show up for. Next year we are going to start up an election team for the chapter that will coordinate with troops in our district for running the troop level OA elections. We are also planning on having a weekend in march where we hold a district wide crossover for the troops in our area. We are looking forward to Christmas Banquet and the next year of involvement in the OA.

Yours in Service,

Ben Haas

Chapter Chief

Canantutlaga Chapter

Brothers,

Canantutlaga Chapter has had a great past six months. Our theme this semester is Jumpstart. Jumpstart encourages Arrowmen to jump into being active in OA and to jump into service both in and out of scouting.

At our May Chapter Meeting, we met another goal. We had more than fifty Arrowmen attend a cookout, ultimate Frisbee tournament, and a rededication ceremony. Our Chapter Leadership Team is also working together with our advisers and chapter members to successfully organize and staff our district's fall camporee which is coming up the second weekend of October at Camp Rainey Mountain. At our August Chapter Meeting, we had forty Arrowmen attend a back to school kickoff and ice cream fellowship. In September we are going to finish planning Fall Camporee for our district.

As troop election season begins, we are working to properly train all of our election team members to make sure all of our troop elections are successful. We are looking forward to what the upcoming season will bring!

Yours in Cheerfulness,

Adam Fox

Chapter Chief

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Chapter Reports



Japeechen Chapter

Brothers,

Japeechen Chapter had great attendance at our August meeting after coming back from Summer break, and we continue to have increasing participation at our meetings each month. We expect to have many Brothers attend Pow-Wow and look forward to seeing our fellow Brothers from the fellow Chapters in the Lodge. We have already been discussing getting ready for elections and electing our Youth Officers within the Chapter. We look forward to a fun and exciting Pow-Wow and The Quest for the Black Bear.

Yours in Service,

Manuel de Armas

Chapter Chief

Jutaculla Chapter

Brothers,

Jutaculla Chapter had a great summer with many Brothers working at summer camp and attending Camp Rainey Mountain for their summer camp. We had 7 Brothers on Camp Staff and also earned lots of Merit Badges and had a summer full of great experiences. We just had our first Chapter meeting since the summer break and we had good representation from 3 of our 5 counties. If you missed the meeting you missed out on great fellowship and LASER TAG in Clarkesville - this could become our new Chapter meeting place! We continue to look at T-Shirt ideas for this year, give us your ideas this weekend and maybe we will be wearing your design in the near future. We are very excited about Chapter Elections this weekend and look forward to another successful year of Troop Visits and Troop Elections. WE WILL DEFEND THE BLACK BEAR this weekend!!!

Yours in Service,

Christopher Fairholt

Chapter Chief





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Machque Chapter

Brothers,

Machque chapter has had a great summer and we are looking forward to the fall. In June Machque Chapter helped Troop 460 with a trash pickup at Swinging Bridge. Also in June many Machque Chapter members went to Philmont and had an amazing time. Some future events planned are, going canoeing on Lake Nottley with Troop 101 and also holding a Brotherhood ceremony in January. This event will be held at Woodruff and will be hosted by Machque Chapter. The game we will be hosting at Pow-Wow is Witchchickson.

Yours in Service,

Luke Royston

Chapter Vice Chief

Yona-Hi Chapter

Brothers,

Yours in Service,

Jake Fenbrache

Chapter Chief

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Chapter Reports

Lau-in-nih Chapter

Brothers,

We, Lau-In-Nih have had a great year so far! In our July meeting we aided in helping set up tables for Sweetwater District's Program Preview of which we also set up 2 tables promoting the Order of the Arrow and the Camping Program. We answered lots of questions particularly on how to request elections and who was eligible for election. In August we participated in Gwinnett Parks and Recreation's Campout. Here we helped first time campers set up their tents and organized a campfire; they were especially glad to have us there during the storm. Our next meeting will be October 13th 2016 at Snellville UMC starting promptly at 7:00pm!

Yours in Service,

Samuel McClure

Chapter Chief



Gwinnett Parks and Recreation Family Campout



Sweetwater Program Preview.





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Prism 2016



This last summer, National OA held a special event at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia called Prism. Lodges from around the nation sent brothers to a 4-day, 3-night experience to rededicate the new Summit Circle. As part of the Centennial Campaign, the objective was to relocate the original OA circle from Treasure Island and construct new national ceremonial grounds called the Summit Circle at SBR. After you take a left, right, and cross two bridges, the grounds start with the Legacy Lodge Plaza that contains a

collection of legacy rocks from extinct lodges. The grounds continue with the National Reflection

Trail that winds its way pass fifteen columns and blazes. Each column is constructed with legacy rocks from active lodges from around the world. At the top of the sixth column is our Mowogo legacy rock.

An iconic gateway welcomes you into the hallowed Summit Circle and presents several unique points of



interest. First, the new Summit Circle is constructed from the fire rings, ashes, perimeter rocks, and 50th anniversary lectern/plaque from the original Treasure Island ceremonial grounds. Second, the triangular, iron Centennial Fire Ring,



presented at the 2015 NOAC, is located at the heart of the Summit Circle with the word "Brotherhood" welcoming you in, which is brightly lit when a fire is within.

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Prism 2016



Finally, three columns rise both inside and outside the ring commemorating the original three Ordeal tasks. The first task illustrated brotherhood by encircling a large tree by a candidate and an officer of the council fire, which neither could do by themselves. The second task represented service by the scaling of a steep bank by the candidate only being successful with the aid of an officer of the council fire. The final task exemplified cheerfulness when the candidate added a bundle of dry sticks to the council fire that caught immediately and blazed brightly.



This was a remarkable experience that I shared with Chris Steele, Cy Roth, JJ Murray, Shaun McManus, and Ed Lacey. The take home message from Prism that I received was that we, as dedicated scouts and brothers, need to absorb the messages of scouting and the OA and amplify and broadcast them in all aspects of our daily lives. It is our duty to be prisms in this dark world and convert simple light into a beautiful

mosaic of all the colors of the rainbow. Even though we happened to be in West Virginia during the historic rain and flooding, which put a damper on us experiencing the Summit's numerous activities, this OA event was ironically illuminating and enlightening.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Jason Roth



AGG Chapter Adviser

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Lodge Adviser's Minute



"Fifteen blazes led you to us, but the trail that you have followed becomes rougher, steeper, fainter. You will need a brighter fire."

In years past, I have encouraged you to think about the "Fifteen blazes". I find that it is easy for us to remain focused solely upon the meaning of the blazes. Today, I want us to focus on the "brighter fire".

"At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us." -
Albert Schweitzer

It has been 35 years since my Ordeal. Even today, there are countless times when the words of our ceremonies come back to my consciousness to help guide me through circumstances.

I must admit that it is sometimes a real struggle to keep the flame kindled within me. This year, in particular, it seems that I have struggled to keep my spark from dimming. As many of you know, my Father lost his battle to cancer last November. Immediately, the outpouring of love and support from my scouting community was like a balm to my soul. As time passed, however, grief set in and things became more difficult. I would like to share two things that happened this summer that helped fan my flame and kept it from going out.

The day before Father's Day I received a call from Harrison Smith, a 25-year-old Eagle Scout from my troop and Brotherhood member of this Lodge. Because he moved to Florida, it had been quite a while since I had heard from him. He told me he was passing through town and wanted to know if we could meet up. I explained that I had plans for the day, but invited him to come to my Sunday School class in the morning. Surprisingly, he came! We had a great time catching up with stories about the troop, of Philmont, and the Jamboree. I asked him why he did this and he said, "I just had you on my mind and thought we could catch up". I was so uplifted by his visit.





Lodge Adviser's Minute



Continued

Later this summer I was sitting at home when I received a telephone call from Jon Tom Stevens, Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of our Lodge. I knew he was away working at Northern Tier, so the call was unexpected; I thought he might need help with something. At first the conversation was light and chatty. I finally asked him, "So, Jon Tom, why did you call?" It was then that he shared his "deep gratitude" to me for being a friend and mentor. It seems I listened to him for fifteen minutes straight as he gave uplifting and reassuring words. It brought tears to my eyes.

Neither of these young men knew what I was going through, and it never even came up. In my mind they both probably think that I am a stalwart of scouting strength who never stumbles or strays (because that is what all us old windbags want you to think). Neither knew just how needed their words of encouragement would be. These young men are but two examples of Arrowmen who are daily living out the Admonition. Their friendship quickly reminded me how to seek the fire at the center, and the importance of kindling cheerfulness within me. They laid oak and pine around my heart so that a warm and cheerful spirit could be sustained. They showed me the bigger picture.

It was then that the obvious hit me. The brighter fire we need to help get us through the rougher, steeper, and fainter trail is "not about me" – it's about others. Yes, Cheerfulness in our own hearts somewhat helps sustain us through rough times; but we are not just the Cheerful. We are the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. Bound together with the Admonition, I would argue that it is not our own "brighter fire" that sustains us through hard times, but it is the presence of our brothers who share their brighter fire that is truly sustaining.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Edward Lacey

Mowogo Lodge Adviser





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Mowogo Communication



Out of touch? Get plugged in!

Question: How do I stay up to date with what is happening in the lodge?

Answer: Register your email address with lodge administration team so you will get email updates from lodgemaster.

Question: What if I don't have time to read emails?

Answer: Check out the website at <http://www.mowogo.org>

Question: How can I get updates if don't want to go to the website?

Answer: Like MOWOGO243 on facebook to get the latest updates for upcoming events.

Question: Facebook is so old school, any other ways?

Answer: Follow Mowogo Lodge on Twitter @Mowogo243

Question: I really do not get the whole tweet thing; can you just text me info?

Answer: Glad you ask! Yes, yes we can. SMS/Text @MowogoLodge243 to 23559

You will be asked for a password, reply: BlackBear

The next message: To join @MowogoLodge243 reply with your Celly username (6-20 chars no spaces)

Reply with back with a username to finish the setup.

Lodge Communication Team



<http://mowogo.org>



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General Member Login

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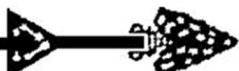
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2016 MOWOGO LODGE Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location	Note
September 16-18	-	Pow Wow	Camp Rainey Mountain	Register online at Mowogo.org
September 18	TBD	LEC Meeting	Camp Rainey Mountain	
October 21-23		Lodge Leadership Development	Camp Rainey Mountain	Register online at Mowogo.org
October 23	9:30am	LEC Meeting	Camp Rainey Mountain	
December 3	6pm	Christmas Banquet	Gainesville Ga	Register online at Mowogo.org

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Pow-wow Information



Friday

Time/Event	Location
6:15- Pre-event meeting	Admin Building
6:30- Lodge Check- in	Admin Building
9:30- Opening Campfire/Rededication	Amphitheater
To follow camp fire- Cracker Barrel	Dining Hall
10:30 – Vigil Meeting	Admin Building
11:00- Lights out	Campsites

Saturday

Time/Event	Location
7:50- Pie Eating Contest	Dining Hall
8:00- Breakfast/ Vigil Recognition	Dining Hall
9:00- 11:50 Training Cells	See Schedule
12:00- Lunch	Dining Hall
12:30- Meet the Man	Dining Hall
1:15- 5:30 Quest for the Black Bear	(Meet on dining hall front porch)
6:30- Dinner	Dining Hall
7:30- Election	Dining Hall
After Election- Chapter Meeting	See Chapter Chief
After Chapter Meeting- Auction	Dining Hall
9:00- Cracker Barrel	Dining Hall
11:00- Lights out	Campsites

Sunday

Time/Event	Location
8:00- Breakfast	Dining Hall
8:45 Religious Service	Dining Hall
9:30- LEC	Dining Hall
After LEC- Awards Committee Meeting	Dining Hall

Campsites

Ani-Gatogewi
Powel

Canantutlaga
McRae

Japeechen
Monroe

Jutuculla
Jutuculla

Lau-in-nih
Bridges

Machque
Winchester

Yona-hi
Cornelia





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Pow-wow Information

Training Schedule

<u>Time/Where</u>	<u>Waterfront</u>	<u>Russell</u>	<u>Mowogo Ring</u>	<u>Dining Hall Porch</u>	<u>Bear Shelter</u>	<u>Dining Hall</u>	<u>TNT</u>
<u>9:00-9:50</u>	Basic Drumming	Basic Dance	Engineering 101	Trail Building	Conversion	Adult Advisor Meeting (All Adults)	Pre-Ordeal Ceremony
<u>10:00-10:50</u>	Drumming	Basic Dance	Patch Design (admin)	Trail Building	Elangomat 101	Chapter Election / Unit visitation	Brotherhood Ceremony
<u>11:00- 11:50</u>	Pow Wow 101			Trail Building	Iron Bear Training course. (Only the two Arrowmen competing)	Camp Master Training	Individual Ceremony Principal

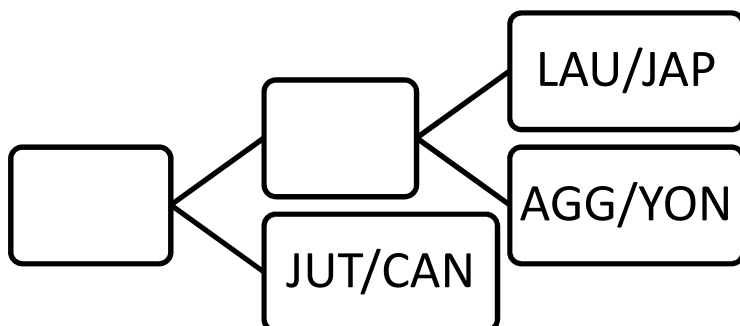
Quest Events

Canantutlaga- Iron Bear

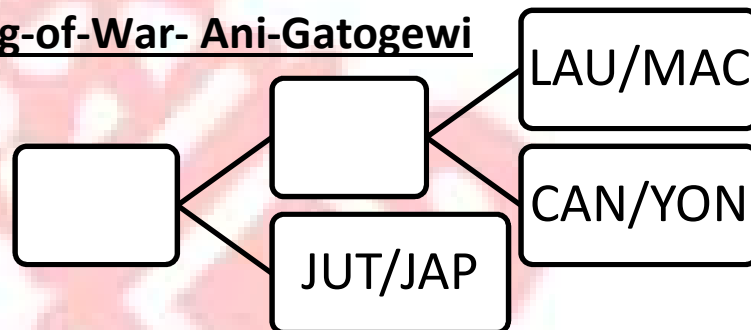
Japeechen- Pie Eating

Lau-in-nih- Dodgeball

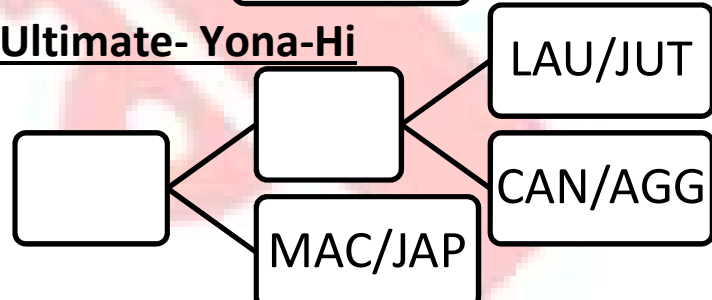
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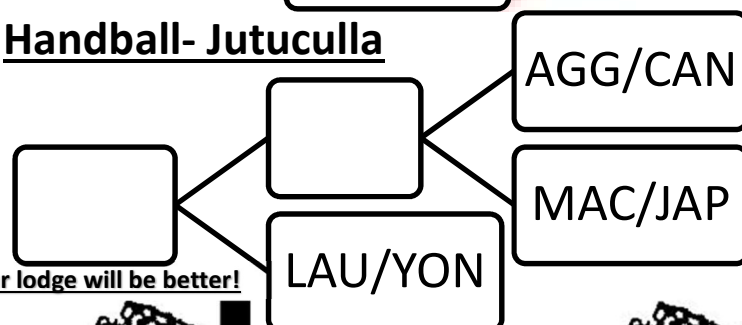
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Ultimate- Yona-Hi



Handball- Jutuculla



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