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SummitCorps—The New River Experience

What: The Order of the Arrow is doing what it knows best - trail improvements. The main focus of SummitCorps will be improving the Garden Grand Hike and Bike Trail. Other projects will include the removal of invasive species.

Reminiscent of ArrowCorps 5 at the George Washington and Jefferson National Forest in 2008, SummitCorps will allow Arrowmen to practice the art of balancing conservation and preservation of a great national landmark, the New River Gorge National River in West Virginia.

Where: The Summit: Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve in West Virginia (near Beckley, WV). The staging area will be the Glen Jean, WV National Guard Armory. Participants and staff members will be camping on the Armory grounds, and will need to provide their own tents and sleeping gear.

When: July 3-9, 10-16, 17-

23, and 24-30, 2011 (Note: Our Section is planning on attending the first week - Jul 3-9)

Cost: \$250 (participants and staff). The fee includes seven days of program, 18 meals, safety equipment, insurance coverage, recognition items, and a full day of recreation.

Age: Youth members must be 14 years of age by July 1, 2011.

Participants: Each council will be allowed to send 8 participants. After December 1, 2010, councils may apply for up to 15 more spaces, which will be placed on a first come, first served waiting list. Contingents and participants can sign up for 1 week only. A minimum of 2 adults per contingent is reguired. There are only 500 spaces per week available, including staff!

Staff: Arrowmen interested

in a staff assignment will need to send a staff application (available on-line) to the appropriate Incident Commander (there is a different one for each week). Staff members can possibly serve for more than one week. There is also an opportunity to serve as part of the Instructor Corps (I-Corps). This is a full time, paid position. I-Corps members must be at least 18 years of age by June 1, 2011.

Fall Svc Weekend

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Physical Requirements: All participants and staff must meet the Philmont height and weight guidelines. A completed / signed Annual BSA Health and Medical Record will be required.

Website: http://event.oabsa.org/events/ summitcorps2011/

Lodge Points of Contact: Ben Scarboro - Section and Lodge Coordinator, or Bill Johnson – Lodge Contingent Leader

Indian Summer 2011

Get ready to move your feet, catch your rhythm, and awake your principal at Indian Summer 2011. Check out the exciting opportunities for you and your Lodge! Indian Summer 2011 will be held at the Ridgecrest Conference Center, Asheville, N.C. the week of August 1 -6, 2011. As more information is released regarding this

event this site will be updated.

For information on dates, registration, accommodations and all other information regarding this awesome event refer to the web-

http://event.oa-bsa.org/events/ is2011/

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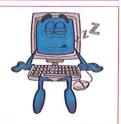
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Pamunkey Report

After the Summer Ordeal Pamunkey chapter did one out of five days of service that we need to do in order to call Grandview nature preserve our area. The day went really well. There was one adult adviser and three scouts, Gene Parsons, Grahm Parsons, Jesus Fabian, and my self Pablo Fabian. We worked from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. cleaning up all trash in our sights. We dug up 7 or so crab pots with at least Four small bags of trash. Our next service day will be after the Fall Fellow ship and Winter banquet. The dates for the beach cleanup are 12/28/10-12/30/10. If you need any more info please contact me. Pamunkey Chapter Chief P. Fabian

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No report at this time



Wicomico Report

The Summer Service Weekend

A bright, sunny weekend free from rain but full of great food and wonderful service. This is how many in the Wicomico Chapter described the recent Summer Ordeal. In addition to providing service for the scout camp, the chapter took a while to bond, as members talked over card games and sang songs together. With 7 new ordeal members and 5 new brotherhood members along with a substantial amount of service, the members of Wicomico definitely called the Summer Ordeal a success, and they can not wait until everyone can come together again.

In Brotherhood,

A Pierce, Wicomico Chapter Chief



Advisor's Minute

Adviser Minute—Fall Fellowship Duck Calls

Ernest Shackleton was an Anglo-Irish explorer and adventurer who was later recognized as an extraordinary leader. Although he failed to achieve his goal all three times, his leadership skills have been celebrated for surviving in the harshest environment on the planet, Antarctica, by making rational choices.

Shackleton failed to reach the South Pole in early 1903 when he was part of a three man team that turned around 460 miles from the Pole because of sickness. In 1909 he commanded an expedition that stopped just 112 miles from the Pole after determining that they would die of starvation if they continued. In 1914 - 1916, Shackleton lost his ship before even touching Antarctica and then led the crew of 27 on a two year trek across Antarctica without the loss of a single life.

Here are 13 lessons from Ernest Shackleton that have application to us in the Order of the Arrow today nearly a century later:

- Cultivate a sense of compassion and responsibility in others by taking responsibility for the success of those who work with (and for) you
- Look for ways to turn setbacks and failures to advantage
- Learn from past mistakes and experiences—and not just your own
- Never insist on reaching a goal at any cost
- Whenever possible, match a person to the responsibilities of the position
- Give feedback routinely Recognize and accept—even celebrate—individual differences
- Respond immediately—start developing potential responses, ask for and give support, and display absolute confidence in the group
- Consider doing nothing—things are never as bad (or good) as they seem and sometimes it's best to watch and wait while monitoring the situation

- Never lose sight of the ultimate objective and the unintended consequences of any course of action
- Make it as good as it can be—defuse tension by use of humor, music or whatever it takes to keep the group together
- Don't waste time or energy on past mistakes, assigning blame or fretting over what can't be changed—always focus on the way forward

Form teams for tough assignments

The keys are respect, responsibility and readiness. In our daily lives as well as in our troops, chapters and lodge, these lessons continue to provide a lesson in positive leadership.



Chief Report

Brothers:

We had a fantastic weekend up in the National Forest. Along with the 6 representatives from our Lodge, there were over 20 members from Shenandoah, the hosting Lodge and together, we managed to cut, detail, clean up, and even add onto existing trail pieces to make them both safer and more aesthetically pleasing. One advisor and several young brothers even took the entire morning shift and part of the afternoon work shift to build up a rock wall around a rather steep switchback to add some beauty and safety to an already fantastic piece of trail.

This event was truly inspiring. For us, the visitors to their territory, the brothers of Shenandoah were welcoming and inviting. Not once did I feel different because I wore 333 on my chest instead of 258, and not once did they ever reserve demeaning tasks or conversations for our contingent. In return, as relative newcomers to the world of trailbuilding (or at least for Pablo, Mr Parsons and I) we took in every bit of advice, training, knowledge, and experience the clearly more-experience and knowledgeable Shenandoah members were willing to give, and boy did they give.

While these kind of events may seem reserved for only the biggest, strongest, best Arrowmen there was clearly the ability for

even neophytes of the Order to effectively help with the cheerful service. By the end of the second work day (the second work day!) blazing the trail felt like the easiest thing in the world. In less than a weekend I went from knowing literally nothing about trails to being able to identify the carious tools used (mattocks, both pick and cutter; polaski; mccloud; spoons and camp rakes) along with being able to identify each and every part of a properly-built trail.

Perhaps the biggest piece of encouragement for going on was knowing that, even months (or years) from now, those trails will still be sitting there, still in use by hikers, Scouts, even deer (there were fresh deer tracks the second day) for their various activities. The knowledge that I was doing something to impact hundreds, even thousands of people long after I may have put this event in the back of my mind was enough to keep me going through the aches, the pains, the soreness, and the long hot day.

In the end, when you combine the great food (courtesy of the fantastic advisers and adults of Shenandoah Lodge), the experience, the willingness to help, and the sheer amount of camaraderie exhibited by all present, I wholeheartedly endorse our Lodge attending the Nawakwa-hosted trail crew event in April and hope that someday, we too can be the Lodge that calls out to our Section brothers to lend their hands to our cause. If you even remotely think this might be something you would like to do, please let me know, let your Advisor know, let the entire Lodge know and it can happen for us, too.

YIS/WWW Daniel Bonnizzio Wahunsenakah Lodge Chief

VICE CHIEF NOTES



All Admin Committees are currently running, and are performing to lodge expectations. Communications has recently created two new issues of Duck Calls, as well as, an update to the lodge website. Engraving has recently designed a new nametag for each lodge in our section, and Insignia Design has completed the Fire and Ice logo. Kitchen is coordinating with ceremonies, and our lodge Trading Post is doing excellent (as always). If you wish to be in on this action, or serve as a chairman for Elections or Outreach, please contact A. Booth at moon.phoniex@gmail.com.

Yours in Service,

A.Booth

Conclave 2011 Note

Wahunsenakah is responsible for Arrowman Education at the 2011 Conclave. It is a major focal point of the conclave, we want to provide an experience that Arrowmen take home with them and benefit from long after the conclave is over. The Conclave Arrowman Education Committee would like to get your involvement in this year's training! Training this year will consist of everything from Lodge Spirit to Communications, and we want your input! If you have any ideas, suggestions or would like to help with the training, please contact Alan Booth at moon.phoniex@gmail.com.

See you at Conclave!

MARK THE DATES



For information on the lodge and upcoming events

You can follow

Lodge Website: www.cvcboyscouts.org/OA Come find us on FACEBOOK and TWITTER

For Information on the Section: www.sr7a.org For Information on the National OA: www.oa-bsa.org

The Lodge AIA Dance Team and Ceremonies
Team both have meetings and rehearsals the
2nd and 4th Sunday of the month

Denbigh Christian Academy

Newport News 2-4 PM

You can now

Pay your OA Dues for 2011 at the Scout Shop

Forms are available on the

Lodge Website

Or in the shop

Fees are \$10

And are due by November 30th

29 April- 1 May 2011 SR7A Conclave (Brady Saunders) Richmond VA



JOIN A COMMITTEE TODAY GET INVOLVED

Into the Future

20 November 2010 Beaver Day

4 December 2010 Holiday Banquet

15 January 2011 Beaver Day

5 February 2011 SR7A Council of Chiefs

12 February 2011 Beaver Day

25-27 February 2011 Winter Service Weekend

19 March 2011 Beaver Day

15-16 March 2011 LLDC

29 April- 1 May 2011 SR7A Conclave (Brady Saunders)

Upcoming LEC Meetings

At 5:00 pm At the Scout Office 11721 Jefferson Ave Newport News, VA