

The Stag

The Elogamgussit of Sipp-O Lodge #377

Community Service Day

On Saturday, April 18, 2009, Sipp-O Lodge is helping the Stark Park District in preparing for a fishing derby that they will be hosting later in the year. The lodge will be meeting at 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM, Saturday at Lock 4 Park in Canal Fulton. The Park is located 1 mile South of town on the right on Canal Street South of St Rt 93. The Lodge will be involved in overseeing various projects ranging from vegetation reduction, trail maintenance, and fence painting. The idea for this project developed from the 2008 ArrowCorps5 project that the National Order of the Arrow put on over the summer. This is in an effort to bring the idea of the youth of America and BSA's National Honor Society to make our organization more noticeable to the general public. No equipment is needed; however, you will need to arrange for your own lunch. Also there is no rain date, if it is raining we will not be working. Contact Jon Reisdorf (jreido2@kent.edu) or Steve Parker (scparker@dishmail.net).

Camp Service Day

Again on Saturday, May 9, 2009, Sipp-O Lodge will be constructing new platforms at Seven Ranges Scout Reservation. We will be meeting at the Maintenance Building at 4:00 PM. After the platforms are built we will be having a BBQ for those arrowmen in attendance. Contact Jon Reisdorf (jreido2@kent.edu) or Steve Parker (scparker@dishmail.net).

Ox-Roast

Contact Alex Weber at zander93@gmail.com, for various committee chairman vacancies and for any contribution that you would like to make to the 2009 Sipp-O Lodge Ox-Roast on August 22 at Seven Ranges Scout Reservation.

Summer Camp Ceremony Preparation Day

On June 10, arrowmen young and old are encouraged to come out to Seven Ranges at 7:30 AM and join the 2009 Camp Staff for a day of service and fellowship. We will also be practicing ceremonies that afternoon, beginning ceremony preparation at 3:00 PM. For additional information and to RSVP contact Clayton Smith (c.smith55@yahoo.com).



Elangomats Needed

Arrowmen mark your calendars for the Spring Ordeal at Seven Ranges Scout Reservation on May 29-31, 2009. To make this event a success and a worthwhile experience for the candidates, we will need all available arrowmen to help with the activities of the weekend. Contact Ben Miller if you are interested in being an elangomat (miller1091@gmail.com).





BI-LAW AMENDMENTS



At the LEC on April 16, 2009, at 7:00 PM at the Buckeye Council Service Center, the Executive Committee will be voting on the following amendments to the Sipp-O Lodge Bi-Laws. Please review these changes and feel free to express any concerns or questions that you may have about these changes at the April LEC, prior to the Executive Committee voting on them. Contact Jon Reisdorf at jreisdor2@kent.edu, with any questions or concerns in this matter.

Section II “Election To Membership”

Currently:

C. All unit elections will be held between January 1st and May 15th of the Lodge calendar year, effective January 1, 1983. Absolutely no elections will be permitted or allowed at Summer Camp. All elections must be held under supervision of an Order of the Arrow election team.

Changes:

C. All unit elections will be held between January 1st and May 15th of the Lodge calendar year, effective January 1, 2010. Elections shall only be performed at Summer Camp, after being approved by the Lodge Advisor, the Lodge Chief, and the Vice Chief of Districts. Any election approved should be performed by the Vice Chief of Districts, the Lodge Chief, and the respective District Chief. All elections must be held under supervision of an Order of the Arrow election team.

Section VI “Officers”

Currently:

G. If a Lodge Officer is elected to Section office, he shall resign his Lodge office and the Lodge Chief shall appoint his replacement to complete his term, in the event the Lodge Chief is elected to such office, he will automatically be replaced by the Vice-Chief of Administration.

Changes:

G. If a Lodge Officer is elected to Section office, he shall resign his Lodge office and the Lodge Chief shall appoint his replacement to complete his term. If the Lodge Chief is elected to Section office, he shall resign his Lodge office and the Business Committee shall fill the vacancy by a unanimous vote.

Section VII “Executive Committee”

Currently:

C. A quorum of one-third (1/3) of the voting members is required to be present for business to be transacted.

Changes:

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Section VIII “Voting”

Amendment:

B. Only youth Executive Committee members have voting rights during Lodge Executive Committee meetings.

Section IX “Dues and Other Funds”

Currently:

E. A budget must be approved by December 31st of the prior budget by the Executive Committee.

Changes:

E. A budget must be approved by December 31st, by the Executive Committee, of the prior budget year.

Section C4A Conclave 2009 will be this May 15th – 17st at Camp Stigwandish in Madison, OH. The theme this year is “Joining The Brotherhood,” which will conclude with a TOGA party on Saturday night. This is a full weekend of training, fellowship, competition and fun with all the other lodges in our section. We’d like to take a large contingent of Sipp-o-onians and show the section a thing or two about Lodge Spirit. The fee is \$36 (\$45 after May 1) which includes all program materials, food, patch, etc. Registration is on-your-own and on-line. Go to <http://conclave09.aa-c4a.org> for information and registration.

The goal for each district this year is to have at least 10 youth arrowmen from each district. And, when we get there: Are you an experienced ceremonialist who doesn't know what to do next? Have you performed many ceremonies, bringing in new brothers and helping others tie their bonds of brotherhood? Then the Conclave Ceremony Competition is for you. If you are interested in being on a team, please email Zach Chaffin (zdogg724@yahoo.com) as soon as possible so we can start rehearsing so that Sipp-O will return itself to the top of our Section with some outstanding ceremonies. Don't let the competition part scare you, you will be more than prepared. Remember we are Sipp-O!

Spring Fellowship

March 27-29, Sipp-O Lodge had a fun-filled weekend at Seven Ranges. The weekend was filled with ceremony training - the youth who attended learned everything there is to know about Call-Out, Pre-Ordeal, and Ordeal ceremonies, the adults learned about judging ceremonies and practiced their skills of patch-trading.



Fur and Feathers?

Our IA chairman asks: Have you ever thought about how much fun it would be to dress up like an Indian? Does the fact that Halloween only comes once a year upset you because you like to dress in costumes? Do you have any drama experience? Would you like some? Do you just want to have fun? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you are in luck. We are looking for any enthusiastic Arrowman interested in performing ceremonies for this year. We will need many teams for the Ordeals, as well as many people to play characters over the summer. If you would like to give this a try, please email me, Zach Chaffin at zdogg724@yahoo.com. Even if you are “just” an Ordeal member, you are as needed as a Vigil honor member. Come out and give it a try. What have you got to lose?

Attention Ordeal Members:

Your first opportunity to seal your membership in the Order and earn your Brotherhood will be at the Spring Ordeal, May 29-31. If you have been an Ordeal member for 10 months by this date, and have remained active, you are eligible for Brotherhood. Soon you will be receiving a letter in the mail detailing the requirements and the information you will need to know. Other opportunities will be each Wednesday night at summer camp. If you have any questions, contact our Brotherhood Chairman, John Fielding (johnmyscout127377@gmail.com).

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Calendar of Events

April 18: Lock 4 Work Day
May 9: 7Ranges Work Day
May 15-17: Section C-4A Conclave
May 25: Spring Ordeal Reservations due
May 29-31: Spring Ordeal
June 10: Summer Camp Preparation
June 17: Wednesday Callouts at 7R begin
Aug 1-6: NOAC
Aug 10: Fall Ordeal Reservations due
Aug 14-16: Fall Ordeal
Aug 22: Ox-Roast
Sept 12: Vigil Induction and Reunion
Sept 18-20: Fall Fellowship



Chiefly Speaking



My Brothers:

While you are holding your Stag in one hand and reading it, the other hand should be on your computer registering yourself for Conclave (<http://conclave09.oac4a.org>). But really, Conclave...60 youth. Invite your OA friends from your Troop and your District. There is a party on Saturday night, a TOGA party, that will be filled with all kinds of fun activities that you won't want to miss.

Your assistance is needed at our next two work days. If you have any questions or concerns, email me at jreisdorf2@kent.edu. Remember, he alone is worthy to wear the arrow who will continue to serve faithfully his fellow man. The ones who chose you need you.

In Wimachtendienk:
Jon Reisdorf