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The Elogamgussit of Sipp-O Lodge #377
Spring 2014

Conclave 2014: The 2014 Section C-4A Conclave will be held May 16-18 at Firelands Scout Reservation. To register for this event, go to <http://conclave.aa-c4a.org>. Come out for the fun and to support the Sipp-O Ceremonial Team as they compete in the Brotherhood Ceremony competition. If you are eligible, you might also consider doing your Brotherhood Ceremony at Conclave, especially when we win the competition. Besides the competitions, fun, patch trading, etc, you will get to put your voice and vote into the election of Section officers for next year. To arrange for car-pooling, etc contact the Lodge chief (bquick@aa-c4a.org). [submitted by Nick Donze]



If you (or a friend) were Called Out at summer camp last year and did not go through your Ordeal last August, you **must** do your Ordeal this Spring. This is your last opportunity without having to be re-elected next spring (and miss a year of Fellowship). Register for the Ordeal weekend on the Council Website. [Nick Donze]

The Sipp-O Lodge Spring Ordeal will be held at Seven Ranges May 30-June 1. Lots of help will be needed to help induct our newest members and prepare the camp for Summer. We will need Elangomats, Ceremonialists, kitchen workers and just general Sipp-O members wanting to have a good time and support the Lodge. Remember to register on-line. Questions? Contact the Chief.



The Sipp-O Lodge Ordeal Ceremony

On-line Registration: Remember that now you can register for all Lodge events via on-line registration from the Council website. When registering for an event online, make sure that you 'checkout' and receive an email confirmation. If you don't get a confirmation, then your registration did not succeed. Remember that even if you have an all-event pass and owe no fee, that you still need to register so that we can have the proper count for food, etc. [Nick Donze]

Cub Scout Service:

The Hawk Ceremony: As many of you may know, Camp Akela offers its own camp honors program. Our lodge is in charge of running the HAWK program for the summer and is always in need of help. This is a good way to start getting involved in ceremonies and practice up for official OA ceremonies. Even if you are unsure about doing ceremonies it is also a good way to get a taste of what it's like. The HAWK ceremony is not an official OA ceremony and all are welcome to join, arrowmen or not. We encourage participation from anyone who wishes to help. It is held at Camp Akela on Wednesday and Friday nights during Webelos Resident Camp. Contact Colin Appleby (cjapples12@gmail.com) for more information. [Colin Appleby]

The Tomahawk Ceremony: The District Day camps need OA members to conduct the final day 'Tomahawk' ceremony. This very simple ceremony begins the concept of camp honors which develops into the Hawk and later 7R camp Honors programs. To volunteer or for more information, contact your district Chief.



Sipp-O Service 2014: Many thanks to the youth and adults that spent Saturday morning, May 3 constructing the new retaining wall at the 7R Dining Hall. Great job; stop by and see when you get to camp. A special thanks to "Doc" Vincent for bringing the masonry saw and to Andy Lescalette who "just happened" to have the sledge, chisel and chipping hammer in his van. This job only took two hours, but should last many years. Thanks to our Service chairman (Chase Carrick), his brother and father for leadership in this project. [Tim Aurand]

Changes to Brotherhood Program: The opportunity to earn Brotherhood will no longer be offered Wednesday nights at Summer Camp this year. We hope to expand the program to offer a more in-depth and rewarding experience for the candidates. There will be opportunities to earn your Brotherhood at the Spring and Fall Ordeals and the Spring and Fall Fellowships. Candidates can give their information to the OA Liaison or Brotherhood Chairman who will make an announcement at Wednesday night dinner at Summer Camp. This will get you started on the program and set you up to participate at the next opportunity when Brotherhood is offered. [Colin Appleby]

For breaking news and reminders, be sure to join our text group by texting 'sipp' to 267-915-0074.

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15 Blazes led you to us.... Killbuck Chapter conducts a Calling Out ceremony as a highlight of the Killbuck Spring Camporee.

Chiefly Speaking... We are winding down our School Year and heading towards the Summer Season. I encourage everyone to get involved in every activity you can whether it be the upcoming Ordeal, Summer Camp, Cub Camps, or even running for an office next Fall. Remember that the OA is a Service Organization and we have a lot of activities to help out with over the summer. We are only successful if our members are involved! I promise that once you start attending our events and getting involved, you will be hooked and will hopefully realize what you have been missing. Hope to see you all this summer!



Yours In Brotherhood,
Nicholas Donze
Hetuck Chapter Chief