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Fall Service Weekend

submitted by
Thomas C.

On **September 23-25**, 2011 Ktemaque Lodge will hold its annual **Fall Ordeal, Brotherhood Quest, and Service Weekend** at **Durland Scout Reservation** in Putnam Valley, NY.

All members are invited. **New Ordeal members** and **new Brotherhood members** are especially encouraged to attend.

REGISTER in ADVANCE. NO WALK-INS. THREE forms are required to register; the Fall Service Weekend registration form, Part A and Part B of the BSA medical form. Signature is **REQUIRED** on Part B. These forms are on our lodge's web site at www.Ktemaque.org. Mail these three forms with the appropriate fee to the Council Service Center **postmarked by September 16**. Make sure **both pages** of the **medical form** are submitted with your registration form and payment. **No one will be allowed in camp without them.**

All brothers should bring work clothes and work gloves. Brothers with carpentry skills should bring their own personal tools. We shall be providing cheerful service on many service projects all around camp.

Scouts who were elected to the OA in 2011 and did not do their Ordeal in the spring need to register in advance for their Ordeal during the Fall Service Weekend. **This is the LAST opportunity this year to do an Ordeal.** Register in advance using the "2011 Candidate Information and Registration Form" that was mailed earlier this year to all the elected Scouts.

Any Scouter who was nominated and then selected in 2011 and did not attend the 2011 Spring Ordeal needs to register in advance for the Fall Ordeal. **This is the LAST opportunity this year to do an Ordeal.**

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Spring Service Weekend

Once again Ktemaque Lodge had a very successful **Spring Service Weekend** on **May 20-22**, 2011 at **Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation** in Brant Lake, NY. Many members from our lodge and new Ordeal Candidates helped with various service projects around camp, which will benefit everyone who goes to camp.

After working during the day on Saturday, we had a huge dinner with a lot of great food and welcomed our new members to the lodge and got a good night's sleep in the bunks. We woke up Sunday morning and packed up, ate breakfast, had an election for new lodge officers, and then departed for home.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Sean-Patrick S.-I.** for being elected as our Lodge Chief.

Thank you to **Austin A., Thomas C., Sean D., Jonathan O., Timmy O'C., Tommy R., Clayton W., and Tucker W.** who served on the Ceremonial Team.

Thank you to everyone who helped to prepare the delicious food for the weekend.

Thank you to everyone who served as an Elangomat and lead the Ordeal Candidates and guided them through their Ordeal. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Elangomats

David A.
Mike B.
Michael F.
Daniel G.
Nikhil J.
Gabriel R.
Alex R.
Jacob W.

Daniel B.
Timothy C.
Tommy G.
Jamie K.
Frank L.
Tylar R.
Robert V.
John W.



**ORDER OF
THE ARROW**

Chiefly Speaking

This past year our Lodge did a great job creating an Elangomat Training program to help the Ordeals run more smoothly. My goal as Lodge Chief is to make sure our lodge continues to operate successfully.

I would like to work on building the Ceremonies part of the Lodge and for that I'll need your help.

I've created a new position that will focus on the OA in Cub Scouting. The Chairman is **Tom R.** who was previously the Ceremonies Chairman.

Timmy O'C. is the newly appointed Ceremonies Chairman.

If you would like to take action, this would be a fun way to help the Lodge. No experience is needed, so please feel free to contact either of them or myself. I'm looking forward to hearing from anyone interested in helping out.

Let's have a great year!

Yours in brotherhood,
Sean-Patrick S.-I.
Lodge Chief

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Brotherhood Quest

**The next Brotherhood Quest is at the
Fall Service Weekend on Sept. 23-25.**

All Ktemaque Lodge members are encouraged to become a Brotherhood member in our lodge. Brotherhood membership is the second and final induction phase of membership in the Order of the Arrow. **Becoming a Brotherhood member marks the completion of your induction in the Order of the Arrow.**

The Brotherhood Quest is a way to reaffirm your dedication to the Order and its ideals. It is also an invitation to get more involved in the Lodge. If you have continued to faithfully serve your fellow Scouts and if you are committed to cheerful service to others, Brotherhood is the next step towards that goal.

The Fall Service Weekend is your next chance to do your Brotherhood Quest and seal your membership in the Order of the Arrow.

The prerequisites are simple:

- **Ten months service as an Ordeal member.**
- **Registered active membership in Scouting.**
- **Registered active membership in the OA.**
- **Memorization of the Obligation, the OA Song, and the Admonition** (see the [Order of the Arrow Handbook](#)).



Does Your Troop Have a New Scoutmaster?

The OA Election Team needs to communicate with Scoutmasters. If your troop has a new Scoutmaster or will soon and you know who is going to replace him, please email me at OperationsAdviser@Ktemaque.org.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Alex W., Operations Adviser

Correction

Alex W. served on the kitchen staff during the Fellowship Weekend. We regret the unintentional omission of his name in the last newsletter.



Brandon A.

**Re-Elected Section Chief
and Served as Youth Incident Commander**

Ktemaque Lodge's own **Brandon A.** was re-elected again to be the **Section Chief of Section NE-7B** during the Section NE-7B Conclave in June. **CONGRATULATIONS to Brandon** for being re-elected to this prestigious and challenging position! He is doing a terrific job!

Brandon is a Vigil Honor member in Ktemaque Lodge and an Eagle Scout in Troop 1 Chappaqua.

The Section Chief for Section NE-7B in Area 7, Northeast Region is a youth leadership position overseeing seven lodges. Some of a Section Chief's responsibilities include organizing and providing leadership to achieve a successful annual conclave, fulfilling section operation responsibilities, and presiding over meetings of the council of chiefs and conclave business meetings. Other responsibilities include delegating duties to other section officers and members of the council of chiefs, attending section officer seminars and appropriate national leadership seminars, representing the section at region and national functions and activities when invited, participating in an annual national planning meeting, promoting participation in region and national events, and appointing and overseeing a section assistance team that operates under the leadership of the Section Vice Chief.

Brandon also served as the **Youth Incident Commander**, which is the highest ranking youth position for the event, during Week 1 at the **OA SummitCorps**. He is the **NE Region Cub Scout Task Force Chairman**. In 2010 he served as the **Logistics Chairman** for the OA Service Corps at the **National Scout Jamboree**.

Brandon has served in several lodge leadership positions, including Lodge Chief of Ktemaque Lodge.

Brandon is a Sophomore at Binghamton University starting pre-medical studies and a minor in French. He is an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and volunteers at his home's and University's ambulance corps.

WE ARE VERY PROUD of Brandon and appreciate all the work he was done in the Order of the Arrow!

Section NE-7B Conclave

written by
Russell S.

On **June 10-12**, 2011 brothers from Long Island to the Catskills gathered for the final **Section NE-7B Conclave**. Months of preparation by Section NE-7B and the individual lodges had come together to make an awesome event that lived up to its motto "Band of Iron Men."

On Friday night Ktemaque Lodge members arrived at **Baiting Hollow Scout Camp** on Long Island for a weekend of fun and training. After checking in, clothespins were handed out in the Dining Hall with a descriptive word like "moustache" or "Vigil Honor." We had to find someone who possessed a moustache or had received the Vigil Honor. After breakfast, Saturday morning was filled with training covering topics from "Effectively Using Elangomats" to "Native American Dance." We both learned a lot and had fun! Unfortunately it rained during the afternoon, so the planned activities had to be canceled. But the silent patch auction and extra time to get to know our Section brothers more than made up for the weather. Religious services were held following the auction.

Dinner began after the services. As always, the food was excellent with several opportunities to get more, and, to top it off, there were ice cream sundaes for dessert. In keeping with the theme, a live band played music after dinner. Then came Ktemaque Lodge's own event, "Minute to Win It". Contestants formed teams of two and were given one minute each to complete a series of tasks, such as wrapping themselves in toilet paper and throwing sheets of paper into a garbage bag.

On Sunday morning, the last Section Officer Elections and Council of Chiefs meeting for NE-7B were held. Ktemaque's own **Brandon A.** was re-elected as Section Chief, and he will remain our Section Chief as Ktemaque Lodge joins the newly reorganized Section, which will be given a different number.

This was a really fun and memorable Section Conclave.

Section NE-7B Conclave Participants

- | | |
|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Brandon A. | Kevin B. |
| Robert C. | Bobby C. |
| Robert C. | Neal C. |
| Thomas C. | Robert F. |
| Gordon H. | Norm H. |
| Margaret L. | Matthew M. |
| Eric McC. | Peter M. |
| Ian O'C. | Tim O'C. |
| James R. | Tommy R. |
| Joel S. | Sean-Patrick S.-I. |
| 3 Russell S. | Alex W. |



Fall Service Weekend

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Register in advance using the "2011 Candidate Information and Registration Form" that was mailed earlier this year to those Scouters who were nominated and then selected by the Ktemaque Lodge Selection Committee.

Any Scout who was elected or Scouter who was nominated in 2011 and did not attend the Spring or the Fall Ordeal needs to be re-elected or re-nominated in 2012 unless he requests, in writing, a waiver due to a medical/family emergency, sent to our Vice Chief of Operations, **Kyle C.** at OperationsViceChief@Ktemaque.org.

The Fall Service Weekend is also an opportunity to complete the second and final induction phase of membership by becoming a **Brotherhood member**.

All brothers who want to help the Ordeal Candidates by being an **Elangomat**, please contact our Elangomat Chairman, **Matt B.** at ElangomatChairman@Ktemaque.org.

If you have dietary allergies or restrictions, please write it on your medical form.

More information about this weekend is on our lodge web site at www.Ktemaque.org.

ORDER OF THE ARROW IN CYBERSPACE

Don't know the dates of the next event? Need a copy of the Lodge Unit Election Guidebook to do your unit's election? Need a registration form for a future event? Don't have it? **DOWNLOAD IT** from the Ktemaque Lodge web site.

www.Ktemaque.org

Ktemaque's web site has the following information:

- Upcoming Events
- Forms
- Election Guide
- Links
- Contact Us (Lodge Officers and Advisers)
- Honored Brothers
- Lodge History
- National Order of the Arrow Conference
- List of All Past Lodge Chiefs and Adviser
- Lodge Patch Memorabilia

Elangomats Are Needed

contributed by
Joe McG., Elangomat Adviser

We need volunteers to serve as Elangomats during the Fall Service Weekend on September 23-25, 2011 and the Spring Service Weekend on May 18-20, 2012. Training is available. **If it is not you, then ask yourself, WHO?**

Remember in the ceremonies, you pledged yourselves to lead your life in cheerful service. **"He who serves his fellows is, of all his fellows, greatest."** Please come and help out our lodge. It's fun! Join the circle of Brotherhood and serve your lodge with cheerful service as an Elangomat.

Contact our Elangomat Chairman **Matt B.** at ElangomatChairman@Ktemaque.org or **Joe McG.** at ElangomatAdviser@Ktemaque.org as soon as possible to sign up in advance and find out more about the next **Elangomat Training on September 10, 2011** at Durland Scout Reservation in Putnam Valley, NY and future Elangomat Training dates.



Thunderbird Games

Remember how much fun you had at the Thunderbird Games when you were a Cub Scout? Help make this year's **Thunderbird Games** a fun and memorable event for the Cub Scouts! This year's theme is **"Rock and Roll"**.

Many volunteers are needed to help our OA Service Corps at the Thunderbird Games on **October 15, 2011** at **Croton Point Park** in Croton-On-Hudson. We shall run two games on Saturday from **12 noon to 4 p.m.** and shall be available to help in other ways on Saturday. Volunteers are also needed to do skits during the evening program on Saturday beginning at 7 p.m.

All OA volunteers must sign in with our Lodge Chief **Sean-Patrick S.-I.** so he will know who participated. All volunteers will receive a **Thunderbird Games patch**.

Remember to wear your official uniform with your OA sash and bring a water bottle.

Contact our Service Vice Chief **Sean H.** at ServiceViceChief@Ktemaque.org if you have questions and to sign up in advance.

Westchester-Putnam Council, BSA

Ktemaque Lodge #15 WWW

Fall Service Weekend

September 23-25, 2011

Durland Scout Reservation, Putnam Valley, NY

Check in: Friday 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Campmaster Cabin.

Saturday ONLY participants check in at the Jones Cabin.

More information is on the Ktemaque Lodge web site at www.Ktemaque.org.

If you have questions, call Lodge Adviser Rob Carlson at (914) 528-9331.



ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. NO WALK-INS!

THREE FORMS are required to register for the Fall Service Weekend and/or Brotherhood Quest.

1. **This registration form**
2. **Part A** of BSA medical form
3. **Part B** of BSA medical form

Signature is REQUIRED on Part B of BSA medical form.

All these forms are available in fillable format at www.Ktemaque.org/forms.html.

Do NOT use this form to register for the Ordeal.

Name _____ Home telephone number (_____) _____

Email address _____ Cellular phone number (_____) _____

Address _____ Under 21 Over 21

Town _____ State _____ Zip+4 _____

Member (not a new candidate) **\$20.00** (\$15.00 if paid before September 16 deadline)

Member (Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. ONLY) **\$15.00** (\$10.00 if paid before September 16 deadline)

Brotherhood Quest (See requirements) **\$45.00** (\$40.00 if paid before September 16 deadline)

Brotherhood Quest, Saturday only **\$40.00** (\$35.00 if paid before September 16 deadline)

Dietary allergies or restrictions – state allergy or restriction and attach note _____

I have a ride. I can supply rides for ____ number of brothers.

Yes, I want to be an **Elangomat** this weekend. Elangomat Training is available.

Yes, I want to be on the **Ceremonial Team** this weekend. Ceremonial Training and regalia are available.

Yes, I want to be a **Photographer** this weekend.

Payment method (check one)

VISA

MasterCard

Check

Credit card number _____ Expiration Date _____

Cardholder name (PRINT) _____ Total Amount: \$ _____

Your signature is REQUIRED below to authorize the Westchester-Putnam Council, BSA to charge your credit card.

Cardholder signature _____

If paying by check: Make your check payable to “Westchester-Putnam Council, BSA”

Write “OA Account 1-2371-000-00” on your check.

Mail this form, Part A and Part B of the BSA “Annual Health and Medical Record”, and your payment (credit card information or check) postmarked no later than **September 16, 2011** to: Ktemaque Lodge #15, WWW

Westchester-Putnam Council, BSA

41 Saw Mill River Road

Hawthorne, NY 10532-1519

In the compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, Ktemaque Lodge #15 WWW, Order of the Arrow will make all the reasonable efforts to accommodate persons with disabilities at their activities. Please call the Westchester-Putnam Council Service Center (914) 773-1135 with your request.

Office Use: Date Rec'd _____ Receipt # _____ Amount paid \$ _____



Meet the Chiefs

Ktemaque Lodge held its **annual Lodge Officers Elections** during our Spring Service Weekend. The following Arrowmen were elected to lead our lodge in 2011-2012.

Lodge Chief

submitted by
Sean-Patrick S.-I.

Hello my name is Sean-Patrick S.-I.. I am an Eagle Scout and an Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 11 White Plains.

I was inducted into Ktemaque Lodge in the spring of 2008 and I am a Brotherhood member.

I have attended Philmont Scout Ranch with Troop 8 Edgemont in 2008 and OA high adventure Trail Crew in 2010. I went to the OA's Florida Sea Base in 2011 to take part in the new OA high adventure "OA Ocean Adventure" program.

My first big Scouting event was the National Order of the Arrow Conference in 2009 at Indiana University.

I was the Vice Chief of Communications in 2009 and am looking forward to a great year as Lodge Chief.

Vice Chief of Program

Joel S. is a member of Troop 24 Dobbs Ferry. He is a Vigil Honor member of Ktemaque Lodge.

Vice Chief of Service

Sean H. is a member of Troop 1 Hawthorne. He is a Brotherhood member of Ktemaque Lodge.

Vice Chief of Operations

written by
Kyle C.

Hello Brothers! I am Kyle C., your new Vice Chief of Operations for 2011-2012 year. I was inducted into Ktemaque Lodge in 2010 and received my Brotherhood last May.

I was the Four Rivers District Elections Chairman last year. I am a Life Scout in Troop 47 Yonkers and I am entering the Sophomore year of high school. I play the guitar and play football, Gaelic football, soccer, and basketball.

As Vice Chief of Operations I shall make sure that all troops are able to hold a proper Order of the Arrow Election.

If anyone is interested in assisting me, please contact me at OperationsViceChief@Ktemaque.org. I look forward to working with everyone in Ktemaque Lodge this year.

Vice Chief of Communications

by
Thomas C.

My name is Thomas C. and I am the newly re-elected Vice Chief of Communications. It is my responsibility to put together the Beaver Tracks newsletter and send them out to each and every member of Ktemaque Lodge. If anyone would like to become involved with the newsletter, you can reach me at CommunicationsViceChief@Ktemaque.org.

I achieved the rank of Life Scout while in Troop 28 in Croton and am a member of Venture Crew 28 in Croton. I have served as the Vice President of Programs for Crew 28.

I am a Brotherhood member in Ktemaque Lodge, and served as the Lodge Leadership Development Chairman in 2010.

This fall I shall be a Sophomore at Westchester Community College with a major in Nutrition.

I enjoy hiking, camping, treks, and reading a wide variety of books. I have done a Lake Champlain Kayak trek and a Philmont Scout Ranch backpacking trek.

I look forward to serving again this year as the Vice Chief of Communications.

What I've Learned in the Order of the Arrow

One of the most important lessons I've learned in the Order of the Arrow is to **avail yourself of the opportunities presented to you at all times.**

There is no other organization I have seen that creates as much potential for youth as does the Order of the Arrow. Regardless of your current position or role in the OA, I urge you to **volunteer for new things**; if you are passionate and work hard you will be rewarded for your efforts.

Scouting gives you the fundamentals of leadership and the **OA hones those skills and makes you into a true leader.**

Yours in Brotherhood,
Brandon A.
Section NE-7B Chief
former Ktemaque Lodge Chief
several other OA leader positions

Brandon was once a young and inexperienced lodge member, just like you.

Volunteer! Try something new! Expand your horizons! Do what **YOU** can do!

"He who follows a path of unwaivering cheerful service, will be seen by many others, and by inspiration, will lead them."

Volunteers Are Needed

There are **multiple vacant committee positions** in our lodge for youths and adults. Go to the **Contact Us** web page on our lodge web site at www.Ktemaque.org and then call our Lodge Chief or Lodge Adviser and talk about a way you can help our lodge and which position is best suited to your interests and available time. Training is available and each position has an adult adviser. Join the circle of Brotherhood and serve your lodge with cheerful service.

Come to the Fall Service Weekend and hear more about the positions and how you can help our lodge.

Remember to include your lodge leadership positions and committee positions on your **college applications.**

OFFICERS

Officers

- Lodge Chief**
Sean-Patrick S.-I Restricted
- Lodge Vice-Chief : Program**
Joel S. Restricted
- Lodge Vice-Chief : Operations**
Kyle C. Restricted
- Lodge Vice-Chief : Communications**
Thomas C. Restricted
- Lodge Vice-Chief : Service**
Sean H. Restricted

Committees

- Program** -- Elangomats, Ceremonies, Fellowship, Lodge Banquet, Lodge Leadership Development, Brotherhood, Ordeal Master
- Operations** -- Chairmen for each District, Summer Camp Promotions
- Communications** -- Writers, Editor, Publications, Photographers, Webmaster, Recording Secretary
- Service** -- Thunderbird Games, Lodge Service Project, Council Popcorn Distribution

Advisers

- Lodge Adviser**
Robert C. Restricted
- Lodge Staff Adviser**
Steve H. Restricted
- Operations Adviser**
Alex W. Restricted
- Program Adviser**
Matthew M. Restricted
- Communications Adviser**
Margaret L. Restricted
- Service Adviser**
Norm H. Restricted
- Ceremonial Team Adviser**
Kevin W. Restricted
- Awards & Recognition Adviser**
Bob F. Restricted
- Trading Post**
Jess H. Restricted
- Membership**
Bob F. Restricted

OA SummitCorps at the Bechtel Family Summit Adventure Base

written by

Michael R., Ordeal member

Anthony W.g., Ordeal member

Joseph McG. contributed to this article

Greetings fellow Arrowmen! Having recently arrived back from the Order of the Arrow's **SummitCorps** in West Virginia, we would like to say it was a blast! Day to day life in our base camp (The National Guard Armory stationed near The Summit) consisted of fun, fellowship, and much needed showers after spending most of the day working on trails. To get a more in depth understanding for what all our fellow Arrowmen and women did on the trails, this article contains information on what we ate, what we did, and how it was all organized.

We left our air conditioned homes and drove from New York through the mountains to West Virginia. When we arrived, it was sunny (only for a moment!), registration and camp set up had begun. We set up camp, had a safety and tool orientation, were assigned our work crews and got our hardhats and gloves. We ended the day with an opening ceremony that would sum up the work week for us, "The Here and the Now", and servant leadership.

For the work days, each day consisted of waking up at approximately five o'clock in the morning to prepare for the long drive on buses to the actual trail sites. Breakfast was provided in the form of a Philmont Trail Meal, which consisted of juice, some fruit, and granola bars (eek!). Lunch was mainly the same trail food, except for a few days that only squeeze-cheese and crackers were provided (double eek!!). Each of us concentrated on cheerful service while dreaming of the amazing dinner staff was cooking all day for us, a huge feast that varied from day to day. We had chicken fried steak, chicken wrapped in bacon, spaghetti with meatballs, and they all came with variously delectable desserts. There were always plenty of seconds as well.

Everyone on the bus was cheering even with being so tired. We had to carry gear with us including water jugs, pick axes, shovels, and wheel barrels. After arriving on the site, the first day consisted of a rough cut of the trail, which meant to clear out all the vegetation and prickly shrubs that were in the general area of the trail way. The next day was a continuation of the first, but now rocks had to be removed from each site where the trails needed to be flattened out. On day three, the trail workers did "rock armoring", or simply smashing the rocks that could not be moved and put dirt over them to give the trail a smoother ride for bikers. The next day was touching up day, as in removing loose rocks or clearing

out left over vegetation. But the fifth and last day was all play and no work! Arrowmen got to go whitewater rafting, zip-lining, rock climbing, or mountain biking and had a huge pig roast for dinner to appease the hungry workers. Our contingent went whitewater rafting on the New River over some of the best rapids ever - Class 3, 4 and 5! After impressing our raft guide with our teamwork, we were rewarded with more exciting approaches to rapids and "rapid surfing!" We were also rewarded with a series of opportunities to float in the water between rapids. This was followed with a trip to a lake for more water fun. Every night there was entertainment, games, and patch trading, which were awesome!

Other crews worked at the New River Gorge Nation Park Visitor's Center, Depot, and Thurmond Railway Station. They cleared a firebreak along the trail down into the Gorge, built a 300 foot fence, landscaped, painted buildings, and cleared hundreds of feet of poison ivy, invasive wild rose, and kudzu. Others were part of staff, either in logistics or emergency services. Each person did his best, even in the oppressive heat and humidity.

To wrap up the entire week, the whole camp came to the "arena", and celebrated with a marvelous campfire with skits, ice cream, songs, and root beer floats. At the closing ceremony, Park Superintendent Don Striker announced that in honor of the joint effort of the Order of the Arrow and the National Park Service, the new trail has been named the "Arrowhead Hike and Bike Trail." In praising the OA's work, Striker called the project "transformative," noting that the massive effort had attracted the attention of superiors in Washington who were moved by the Arrowmen's cheerful service.

Each Arrowmen was given a special patch making us Scout Rangers for our efforts. Over 1400 Arrowmen made history by working in the largest youth volunteer project in the National Park Service's history. In 4 weeks over \$25,000 of food was donated to local food pantries. Over \$16,000 was raised in patch auctions and bake sales for local charities. More than 12 miles of mountain bike trail was completed for visitors to the New River Gorge to enjoy. So, the adventure had finished, but the friends and fellowship that were made there will last a lifetime. Meeting other people from across the country really gave us the sense that Arrowmen from across the nation want to serve the communities surrounding the Bechtel Family Summit Base. In a sense, that is what the OA is about: fellowship and service.

We'll be at the next SummitCorps and hope you will, too!

Editor: The Summit is the new permanent home of the National Scout Jamboree and the newest Boy Scouts of America high adventure base. For more information about The Summit, go to www.summit.scouting.org.



SummitCorps Participants

Top row:

Brandon A., Bob C., Donna R., Kevin McG., Joseph McG.

Bottom row:

Anthony W., Kevin B., Ian O'C., Michael R., Tim O'C. Tom R.

Not in photograph:

Robert F.

SummitCorps Video

There is a **GREAT video about SummitCorps 2011**. Go to the Ktemaque Lodge web site and click on the SummitCorps video link on the home page. Ktemaque Lodge's own **Brandon A.** is the first speaker in the video. Brandon was the Week One Youth Incident Commander at SummitCorps.

Tammy W. said that her son said that SummitCorps was "the hardest work that he has ever done, but he had a blast! Now he wants to go back!"

OA Troop Representative and OA Troop Adviser

Every troop should have an OA Troop Representative (youth position) and an OA Troop Adviser (adult position).

The **deadline is September 30** for units to submit the registration forms for the OA Troop Representative and OA Troop Representative Adviser. These forms and more information about these positions are on the Ktemaque Lodge web site.

Scouts may use the OA Troop Representative position to meet the leadership position requirements for the Star, Life, and Eagle ranks.

If you have questions, contact **Mr. Rob C.**, Lodge Adviser, at (restricted).



OA Ocean Adventure 2011

written by **Sean-Patrick S.-I.**

For months I counted down the days until I went to the **Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure** at the OA Sea Base in Florida. I got on the plane and went to Miami, Florida where I immediately started to make friends with the other boys going on the same trip. All seven of us bonded over the next two weeks working on big Munson Island and hanging out on a 47 foot sail boat fishing and snorkeling. I loved the day we got to spend in Key West and see the little white house where President Harry Truman would go on vacation.

The people who created this program did a wonderful job mixing cheerful service and brotherhood into a two-week program. **I highly recommend all members of Ktemaque Lodge sign up for the OA High Adventure Programs.**

OA High Adventure Programs

OA Ocean Adventure, OA Trail Crew, OA Wilderness Voyage, and OA Canadian Odyssey are very popular low-cost high-adventure programs.

We encourage you to apply for OA Trail Crew, OA Wilderness Voyage, or OA Canadian Odyssey as preference for OA Ocean Adventure will be given to those who have attended OA Trail Crew, OA Wilderness Voyage, or OA Canadian Odyssey.

Information and applications for 2012 for OA Ocean Adventure and the other OA high adventure programs (OA Wilderness Voyage in Minnesota, OA Trail Crew at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, and OA Canadian Odyssey in the US/Canadian Boundary Waters) are at <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/>. **Spaces are very limited** for these **low-cost** adventures, so **sign up now for 2012.**

Lodge Banquet Date Changed

The date has been CHANGED for our Ktemaque Lodge Annual Banquet to Wednesday, January 11, 2012.

Please note that the Westchester-Putnam Council's "2011-2012 Program Resource Guide" has the former date on its calendar. The Lodge Banquet dates on the Ktemaque Lodge web site and the Westchester-Putnam Council web site have been updated and are correct.

More Lodge Banquet information as it becomes available will be put on the Ktemaque Lodge web site.

Lodge Leadership Development

Frederick C. contributed to this article

ALL members (youths and adults) are invited to attend our **Lodge Leadership Development (LLD)**, which will be held in conjunction with the Westchester-Putnam Council's University of Scouting on **November 5, 2011**. **New members** are especially encouraged to attend.

More information will be added to the homepage on our lodge web site as it becomes available, so check it regularly. Several different classes will be offered at LLD, so you may choose what you are interested in or would like to learn more about. **Register in advance.**

If you have questions about LLD, contact our LLD Adviser **Fred C.** at LLDAdviser@Ktemaque.org.

Thank You Troop 173 Yorktown

THANK YOU VERY MUCH to those in **Troop 173 Yorktown Heights** who helped get 380 copies of the last issue of the newsletter ready for mailing by putting on postage stamps, mailing labels, and sealing stickers. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Kenny B.	Freddie C.
Tim C.	John D.
Jeffery K.	Luke N.
Matt O.	Scott R.
Sean R.	Jake S.
Jack S.	Paul T.
John W.	

Ktemaque Lodge Calendar

The Ktemaque Lodge 2011-2012 calendar in its entirety is on the Ktemaque Lodge web site.

July

- varies **OA High Adventure programs** in NM, MN, Canada, and FL
- 24-30 **OA SummitCorps - New River Experience** New River Gorge National River in WV
- 27-August 7 **World Scout Jamboree** Rinkaby, Sweden

August

- varies **OA High Adventure programs** in NM, MN, Canada, and FL
- 1-6 **OA Indian Summer** Ridgecrest, NC
- 23 **Lodge Executive Committee meeting** 7:30PM Council Service Center, Hawthorne

September

- 16-18 **OA National Leadership Seminar (NLS)** Alpine Scout Camp 441 US Hwy 9 W, Alpine, NJ
- 23-25 **Lodge Fall Service Weekend, Ordeal, and Brotherhood Quest** Durland Scout Reservation 1 Clear Lake, Putnam Valley, NY
- 27 **Lodge Executive Committee meeting** 7:30 PM Council Service Center, Hawthorne
- 30 **Deadline for units to submit the registration forms** for their OA Troop Representative and OA Troop Representative Adviser

October

- 15 **Thunderbird Games** Croton Point Park Croton-On-Hudson, NY
- 25 **Lodge Executive Committee meeting** 7:30PM Council Service Center, Hawthorne

November

- 5 **Lodge Leadership Development** at Council's University of Scouting Time and location to be decided
- 22 **Lodge Executive Committee meeting,** 7:30PM Council Service Center, Hawthorne

December

- 3 **OA Service Corps** 7:30 AM to about 1:00 PM Locations to be decided
- 20 **Lodge Executive Committee meeting,** 7:30PM Council Service Center, Hawthorne



OA Indian Summer 2011

Bob C. contributed to this article

Six members of Ktemaque Lodge attended the **OA Indian Summer** on **August 1-6, 2011** in North Carolina.

Indian Summer is a unique event, unlike any other in the Order of the Arrow. It was designed to give participants tools to improve the lodge's programs and ceremonies to better convey the ceremonies' message and to help use American Indian culture in ceremonies to provide a more rich and inspirational Order of the Arrow experience.

The week was full of interesting and exciting programs and activities for everyone, regardless of his interests or experience level. There were three really cool Powwows with live drum groups along with some of the best dancers in Scouting from across the country. All of our Ktemaque Lodge youths danced in the Powwows. Training in the different dance styles was provided. There were also classes on American Indian crafts, outfits, cultural classes, and much more from the knowledgeable staff. Some of the crafts that our participants did were creating what looks like an Eagle's feather from a white turkey feather, and American Indian silverwork and beadwork.

The American Indian Activities (AIA) committee was also involved with the OA Induction and Ceremonies staff to evaluate regalia and ceremony costumes. There were individual ceremonial coaching sessions from experts. There were classes where each ceremonial character could be studied in depth for an hour, too.

There were lots of fun activities, including basketball, football, laser tag, rock climbing, patch trading, a show every night, and much more. Participants also did a service project.

Our contingent traveled with some other lodges, which was great.

The food was GREAT! One participant said it was "Unbelievable!"

It was such a nice place and a great event! Everyone who went had fun and they would all do it again! All the participants want to go to the National Order of the Arrow Conference next year, too!

At the next lodge event talk with any of the participants and hear more about OA Indian Summer. You'll wish you had been there!

The next Order of the Arrow Indian Summer will probably be held in 2016. See ya there!

There is a great OA Indian Summer video at <http://event.oa-bsa.org/events/is2011/>.

OA Indian Summer Participants

Bob C.	Bobby C.
Jeremiah G.	Padric G.
Tommy O'C.	Tom R.

Ktemaque Lodge Annual Community Service Project

Bob C. contributed to this article

Our Ktemaque Lodge **Annual Service Project** was held on **Saturday, May 7, 2011** at the **Montrose State Forest** in Montrose, NY. NY State Forester Barbara Lucas-Wilson was great to work with. She helped us a lot and gave us directions during our work day.

We spent the day removing invasive plant species, widening the trails, removing eight large trees that had fallen down, and building and installing a new bench on a picturesque Hudson River overlook in the forest.

We had good weather and enjoyed working together to help this local state forest.

Thanks to **John M.** who provided breakfast, lunch, snacks, and beverages.

Community Service Project Volunteers

Kimberly C.	Rachel C.
Rob C.	Sandra C.
Bobby C.	Robert C.
Neal C.	Thomas C.
Bob F.	Denise G.
Norm H.	Kent J.
Margaret L.	Joseph McG.
John M.	Joel S.
Sean-Patrick S.-I.	Russell S.
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You Are Invited

All Ktemaque Lodge members are invited to attend the following events. **New members** are especially encouraged to attend.

Contact Rob C. for more information.

National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)

July 30 - August 4, 2012
Michigan State University

National Scout Jamboree

July 15 - July 24, 2013
The Summit Bechtel Scouting Reserve, West Virginia

OA GardenCorps

2014 in West Virginia

National Order of the Arrow Conference(NOAC)

2015 Celebrating the OA's 100th anniversary

OA Indian Summer 2016

World Scout Jamboree 2019

Summit Bechtel Scouting Reserve in West Virginia



Where To Go Camping

A Where To Go Camping directory is on the Ktemaque Lodge web site. This directory lists council camps and outdoor facilities in the northeast region. A link to this directory is on the bottom of the Ktemaque Lodge web site's homepage at www.Ktemaque.org.

The directory was prepared and is maintained by the Northeast Region Order of the Arrow to assist Scouting leaders with their planning of a varied, interesting, and educational year-round program of camping and outdoor activities.