

The Drum Beat

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Arrowmen Arrive at Ridgecrest

By John Rehm

Registration was in full swing yesterday as Arrowmen from all across the country descended upon the Ridgecrest Conference Center. As scouts arrived, National Chief Jonathan Hillis and National Vice Chief Dan Dick entertained the crowd by throwing Frisbees™ and small footballs from the balcony above the registration building. "It was great seeing the excitement and enthusiasm from the arriving Arrowmen," said Dan.

Along with the excitement outside, Arrowmen inside were busy checking in. Zach Kirk, a member of Kiondaga Lodge, Buffalo Trace Council, was patiently waiting in line after an eight hour drive. "We stopped at my grandparents' house along the way for some



Arriving Arrowmen unpack a trailer at Ridgecrest Conference Center.

homemade food. Her noodles were amazing," said Kirk

cheerfully.

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Nations Forming Bonds of Brotherhood

By Aaron Shepherd

Last night the four Nations met for the first time to discuss the events and activities Arrowmen will participate in this week. During the week guests will meet with their tribes each night. Each tribe will then break up into their clans for reflection, to receive important schedule changes, provide information about upcoming events, and also answer any questions.

On Wednesday guests will assemble for the *Gathering of Nations*. Participants will report to their designated Nation meeting place and then be led to the festival. There will be games, refreshments, activities and fellowship.

At the end of the week Arrowmen will gather in their clans to reflect on their week. The reflection will revolve around the concept of servant-leadership and

what it means to them. A few of the clans will be lucky enough to share their ideas at the closing gathering on Friday night.

The Nation's program is a key element of Indian Summer designed to enhance every Arrowman's experience this week. Guests will meet new people from across the country and establish friendships that will last a lifetime.

Today's Weather

Tuesday



Sunny
Hi 88°F

Night



Mostly
Clear
Lo 66°F

Source: Weather.gov

Don't Miss the Opening Gathering

By Josh Peloquin

Tonight, guests and staff will gather in Spilman Auditorium to celebrate the beginning of Indian Summer with the Opening Gathering. The Gathering will emphasize the rich American Indian heritage on which our Order is based. We will recreate a Lenape legend, install our National Officers, hear from National Vice Chief Dan Dick, and be enthralled by the many varieties of American Indian dance to be featured at Indian Summer. That's just some of what's in store. Doors to Spilman Auditorium open at 7:30 pm. Come to the Opening Gathering and get ready to *move your feet, catch your rhythm, and awake your principal!*

Fun, Games, and the Brave Cave



James H. of Tsali Lodge, Daniel Boone Council plays ping pong in the Brave Cave

By T. Alex Hill

If you're looking for fun, the Activities and Recreation Committee (ARC) has a plan for you. Each guest at Indian Summer 2011 will be a part of a nation, tribe, and clan. Your clan will meet each day and have a daily program addressing

upcoming events, schedule changes and answering any questions you may have. Wednesday night there will be a Gathering of Nations. You'll represent your nation at a massive festival with competitions, ice cream, music, and fellowship. Everyone is invited!

In the Lambdin Conference Area you'll find the "Brave Cave," an air-conditioned hang out for patch trading, playing ping pong, playing Xbox games, and listening to music. These activities will be available after lunch during the week. Each day there will also be general recreation activities including volleyball, dodgeball, basketball, and even an open gym.

On Tuesday and Thursday there will be a conservation project to work on the 1.4 mile, rugged Rhododendron trail here at Ridgecrest. All Arrowmen who want to take part in the project need to gather at the front of Pritchell Hall ready and prepared to work at 1pm.

The conservation project will last until 5pm.

Meet Northeast Region Chief Travis Cunningham

By Travis Cunningham

My name is Travis A. Cunningham, I am 19 years old, and was born and raised in Warren, PA. I started the Scouting program as a Tiger Cub in the fall of 1998. I earned my Arrow of Light and crossed over into Boy Scout Troop 22 where I received my Tenderfoot and Second Class ranks before transferring to Troop 8, my current troop. I earned my Eagle Scout rank in 2008.

In the spring of 2005, I was inducted into the Gyantwachia Lodge of the Chief Cornplanter Council. One year later I



Northeast Region Chief
Travis Cunningham

sealed my membership by becoming a Brotherhood member. Since that time I have served on the ceremonies and dance team, activities committee, as high adventure chairman, lodge

vice chief and two terms as lodge chief. In the fall of 2008 I received the Vigil Honor; my Indian name translates as Gray Fox Running. I was elected Section Chief in the spring 2009 where I served two terms until I was elected Northeast Region Chief in December of 2010. I have attended *ArrowCorps*⁵, NCLS, SOS, OA Trail Crew, OA Canadian Odyssey, and OA Ocean Adventure. I have also served on numerous NLS staffs and was a member of the Indian Village staff at the 2010 National Jamboree.

Outside of Scouting I

love to backpack, rock-climb, and kayak. I am currently attending the Pennsylvania State University where I am majoring in Wildlife and Fisheries Science. At Penn State I am a brother of Tau Phi Delta, which is a fraternity for those who love hunting and fishing or just being in the outdoors. I am also a member of the Penn State Woodsmen's Team where I compete in lumberjack competitions.

I am truly excited about Indian Summer, and I look forward to meeting all of you! If you want to know more about me just come and find me, I'll be around.

Be Sure to Visit the Trading Post

By Aaron Shepherd

If you haven't stopped by the Trading Post you need to soon. The most popular items such as t-shirts, patches, and hats will sell out quickly. There are even special items (such as some paintings) available for only \$1 whose proceeds will benefit the Maury Clancy Indian Campership Fund. Who knew? The Trading Post has a dollar menu!

One of the newest items that can be bought at the Trading Post is the DVD from SummitCorps which has video from all four weeks of SummitCorps service. If you pre-order your Commemorative SummitCorps DVD, it will be shipped to you upon post production scheduled for December, 2011.

Arrowman Ross Clouser



Indian Summer patches for sale in the OA Trading Post.

of Hunnikick Lodge shared his thoughts on the Trading Post. He stated, "It was awesome there. There was a lot to choose from and I loved the figurines and merchandise from all of the most recent events."

If for whatever reason you left your most basic Scouting essentials such as scout socks, OA Sash, or even your belt the OA Trading Post has you covered. Don't go without for the rest of the week!

Man on the Street

Question: Which of the four principles would you be and why?



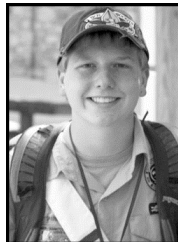
"Kitchinet because I portray him in the ceremony right now and he is already like my personality."

- Brian E., age 16 of Catawba Lodge, Mecklenburg County Council Charlotte, NC.



"Kitchinet because he leads and guides new members."

- Michael D., Wewanoma Lodge, Rio Grand Council, age 14, Edinburg, TX.



"Meteu because I always feel there is a sense of mystery with him."

- Ryan B., Wachtsuhu Mawachpo Lodge, West Ark Area Council, age 15, Harrison, AR.

Where is it?



Can you find this at Ridgecrest? The first youth Arrowman who presents the correct location to the Communications staff in Spilman Room 4, will have his name printed in the next edition of the *Drum Beat*.

Yesterday's Where is it?:

Matthew Z., Marshal S. and Ryan T. Lowaneu Allanque Lodge. It was located in Pritchell Hall, 2nd floor by the "Early Days" exhibit.

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Kirk recently received his Brotherhood Membership and serves as a backup Meteu for the Pre-Ordeal and Ordeal ceremonies. He is looking forward to making regalia, especially a Cherokee headdress. Accompanying Kirk are Mike Denton and his wife Carolyn Denton, also from Kiondaga Lodge. "We brought ten scouts to the last Indian Summer, but this time we just brought one," said the Denton's.

Tristan Lewis of Ta Tsu Hwa Lodge, Indian Nations Council and David Castoe of Washita Lodge, Cherokee Area

Council, both from Oklahoma, had a sixteen hour journey. "We stopped at a hotel in Tennessee where we swam and slept for the night," said Lewis. David is looking forward to seeing the different types of American Indian crafts, and Tristan is excited about learning grass dancing techniques. "We're really excited to be here. It's a lot cooler here than back at home, which is really nice," said Castoe.

Today is the first day for training, Arrowmen will take advantage of the resources and knowledge that will be available this week, and enjoy themselves!

Tuesday, August 2, 2011

Time	Event	Location
*6:45 AM-8:15 AM	Breakfast	Rhododendron Hall
9:00 AM-10:30 AM	Independent Study Orientation	*ARC Building
9:00 AM-12:00 PM	Trading Post Open	Pritchell Hall
9:00 AM-12:00 PM	Indian Trading Post Open	Rhododendron Rooms 4, 5, & 6
9:00 AM-12:00 PM	AIA Craft Room Open	Pre-School Building
9:30 AM-10:30 AM	ICE and AIA Training Session 1	Johnson Springs
10:30 AM-12:00 PM	ICE and AIA Training Session 2	Johnson Springs
11:30 AM-1:30 PM	Lunch	Rhododendron Hall
1:00 PM-5:00 PM	Conservation Project	Meet at Pritchell Hall
1:30 PM-5:00 PM	Recreational Activities	Various
1:30 PM-5:00 PM	Trading Post Open	Pritchell Hall
1:30 PM-5:00 PM	Indian Trading Post Open	Rhododendron Rooms 4, 5, & 6
1:30 PM-3:00 PM	ICE and AIA Training Session 3	Johnson Springs
1:30 PM-5:00 PM	AIA Craft Room Open	Pre-School Building
1:30 PM-5:00 PM	Brave Cave Open	Lambdin Auditorium
3:00 PM-4:30 PM	ICE and AIA Training Session 4	Johnson Springs
*5:00 PM-6:45 PM	Dinner	Rhododendron Hall
8:00 PM-9:00 PM	Opening Gathering (Doors Open at 7:30 PM)	Spilman Auditorium
9:30 PM-10:30 PM	Clan Gatherings	Various
10:00 PM	Individual Clan Reflections	Various
11:30 PM	Quiet Time	

***Bold** indicates a schedule change.

Security Briefs

Reporting Emergencies:

Ridgecrest emergency operations can be reached directly by dialing 5600 from a campus phone (off campus or cell at 828-669-8022 x5600).

Emergency Procedures:

In event of weather or other emergency, OA Indian Summer Security will send out text messages to all participants giving

guidance in how to proceed. An all clear or further directions will follow with additional messages.

Contacting Security:

OA Indian Summer Security is located in Rhododendron in Room 2311 and can be called day or night on campus at telephone extension 2311 (off campus or cell phone 828-699-8022 x2311).

Parking:

Parking at activity areas is extremely limited! Plan on keeping your vehicle parked in one location during the conference. Please plan on sufficient walking time between venues.

Room Security:

Keep rooms locked and secure all valuables. **YOU** are responsible for **YOUR** valuables!

Conference Badges:

Conference ID **MUST** be worn at all times.

Smoking Policy:

There is a no smoking rule that applies for anywhere on campus. **NO SMOKING ON CAMPUS!**

Skates & Skateboards:

Please respect the various Ridgecrest policies, including the restriction on use of skateboards and inline skates.



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