



Summer 2007

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Conclave Report

On April 27-29, 2007, Blue Heron lodge hosted the Section SR-7A Conclave at Pipsico Scout Reservation, Camp Lions. The event was quite substantial with around eight hundred and seventy members in camp. The theme for the weekend was "Spirit of the Past—Vision of the Future." Saturday morning activities started with training. There, Arrowmen could choose from a plethora of sessions that covered everything from OA at summer camp to conflict management, and from Native American dance training to building the OA Troop Rep. program.

The Blue Heron Delegation participated in most of the afternoon sports activities and competitions. The sports included volleyball, ultimate, and tug-a-war, while the competitions were composed of a stretcher relay, a fire building contest, and a trivia quiz. Mike Clasing placed second for the Vigil ceremony.

The Saturday evening show was composed of pictures and video clips from the day that were all meshed together with music. Then, the show moved to actors emphasizing the four hundredth anniversary of Jamestown. They successfully united the important events of the four centuries before the Jamestown settlement with notable times in more recent history. Unfortunately, rain caused the rest of the show to be canceled, but people were able to stay and enjoy the feast in which each lodge contributed an item.

The food throughout the weekend was exquisite. For Saturday dinner, the cook crew prepared steak, potatoes, and shrimp salad for everyone. The breakfasts were just as well planned and delivered. The Tasty Critters Cook Crew fixed barbeque, cole slaw, and hush puppies for most of the participants' lunch on Saturday.

Thank you to the Blue Heron Arrowmen who made this a successful weekend. The overall event was positive with enthusiasm building to next year's Conclave, which will be hosted by Shenandoah lodge. Our lodge will not have the privilege of hosting a Conclave again until 2013.

Calvin Whealton
2007 Conclave Co-chairman

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The Drumbeat is now available at the Blue Heron Lodge Website @
<http://www.tidewaterbsa.com/blueheron>

The Chief Speaks

Brothers,

This year has been a good year so far. We hosted Conclave and put together an excellent event, from Check-in Friday night to Check-Out Sunday morning, the event ran smoothly with minimal confusion. The activities of the Lodge will die down over the summer since most of you will be at different camps and on vacation, but I urge you to continue to promote camping in your units, and to provide service to your community. If you are looking for an unique opportunity this summer I highly suggest you look for the blurb in this Drumbeat about a High Adventure Pilot program being offered at Pipsico this summer. Stay safe this summer my Brothers and I look forward to seeing you all at the August Ordeal where we will not only induct our more Ordeal members, have an opportunity for Brotherhood Conversions, induct our Vigils for this year, but also have an opportunity for Fellowship and Service.

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Jerry Kane

Blue Heron Lodge Chief

The Adviser's Minute

With summer approaching, our Lodge year is half over and half our major events are behind us. Freez-o-ree, the March ordeal, and the Conclave were big successes. Now, we can plan ahead to the August Ordeal, the Fall Fellowship, and the Holiday Banquet.

Most of our units have had elections, but we need to be sure that none have been overlooked. There will be a couple of elections at summer camp. Talk to brothers in your troops to be sure everyone has registered for 2007. Our push for the late dues-payers will stop with summer camp and the new members from the August Ordeal will give us our membership numbers for quality lodge. I look forward to a large participation at the Fall Fellowship. All the effort and energy spent on the Conclave can be focused on us, and there will be a lot more fun and not nearly as much work.

Check your calendar and computer and be sure to schedule your summer camp participation, the August Ordeal on Aug. 17-19, and the Fall Fellowship on Oct. 26-28. The Holiday Banquet will be on Dec. 8.

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George Coker

Announcements

Arrowmen wanted- ages 15 and up to participate in a pilot history based high adventure program. Low cost and an opportunity to be involved in the start of something new and exciting. For more information e-mail to wes sherman at willysherm@gmail.com or call him at 757-667-0712.

-Wes Sherman

Brotherhood Information- the next two brotherhood opportunities will be at the August Ordeal, which is the weekend of August 18th. The other opportunity will be at the Fall Fellowship, the weekend of October 27th. I am planning to be at both of these events. Note that there is a \$15.00 charge to cover the cost of your brotherhood sash. I certainly hope that you take this opportunity to commit yourself to the brotherhood of the Order of the Arrow. I hope to improve on the numbers so far this year. The number of our new brotherhood members in the Blue Heron Lodge is currently standing at 51.

-Karl Doherty

If you have an announcement to share with the lodge, please e-mail it to the drumbeat adviser at alinke@gmail.com or contact the drumbeat chairman.

Chapter Reports

Powhatan

I invite you to attend our Powhatan Chapter meetings, which are held at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church's Scout hall at 288 East Little Creek Road. The hall is located under the I-64 bypass. Powhatan Chapter has established the following themes for its upcoming meetings: June, backpacking; August, water games; September, athletics; October, nominations for chapter offices; November, chapter elections; and December, chapter banquet. All meetings are planned so that Arrowmen can bring an activity back to their Troop. Food, fellowship, and updates on lodge activities are included at each meeting.

The Powhatan Chapter will give out awards to Arrowmen who complete the following requirements: attend 6 meetings, be a team member at 2 unit elections, give 1 camping promotion, attend 1 chapter community service project, and attend 1 ordeal or workday at camp. The award is a large plaster cast of an Indian chief's head.

Powhatan Chapter would like to recognize the following members for earning their first Leadership in Service Award: Jeremiah Strother, Ken Strother, and Nathan Swystun, The following members earned their second award, a silver palm: Kevin Beggs, Ian Donat, John Donat, Derek Fimian, Joe Kippenhan, Kenny Kissell, John Matroni, Bill Stine, and Calvin Whealton.

All members can earn the Leadership in Service award this year. The requirements are simple: complete eight hours of service to camp in a lodge approved project (i.e., an Ordeal, Freeze-oree, or Beaver Day) and six hours of service to community in a chapter-approved project. Chapter service projects are announced at chapter meetings.

The 2007 Powhatan Chapter officers are: Jon Sciance, Vice Chief of Administration; Kevin Beggs, Vice Chief of Program; Joe Kippenhan, Vice Chief of Inductions; and Devon Phenuief, Secretary.

Calvin Whealton
Powhatan Chapter Chief

Cape Henry

April was a GREAT month for the Order of the Arrow and Cape Henry OA Chapter. If you did not attend the Conclave then you missed a lot of FUN - Friday started out a little wet but Saturday was on-going activities. We could have used a couple more OA brothers for the Tug-of-war, volleyball and Ultimate - but, we still placed 3rd in volleyball and ultimate.

Sean McGill may be small in size but he is big in heart when it comes to sports competition. I want to THANK all of our new Chapter OA members for coming out to join us at the Conclave. If you have not had your Troop OA elections - make sure you contact me or Tyler Austria. Don't forget that the next OA Ordeal is 17-19 August 2007. I think that our Chapter communications is beginning to get better - KEEP SPREADING THE WORD. Our monthly Chapter meetings have improved but I would like to see more arrowmen at our meetings. I want to THANK Mr. Detterman (Our guest speaker for April) and Mr. Kilmer (our guest speaker for May) for giving your time to join us for our monthly Chapter meeting. Our guest speaker for our September Chapter meeting is Mr. Bob Wilder, head coach for football at ODU - PLUS, we will be serving grilled hot dogs at our June meeting. Don't miss a chapter meeting - we are going to keep them interesting. I invite you to attend our Cape Henry Chapter meetings - meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Church of the Holy Family at the intersection of First Colonial Road and Great Neck Rd.

THANKS to Arrowmen Sam Keltner, Bradley Dyson and Sean Warren for performing the Arrow of Light ceremony for Pack 391. If you are interested in helping with Chapter AOL ceremonies and camping promotions please contact Sean Warren.

Our 2007 Chapter Officers are: Tyler Austria, VC for Admin; "Welcome" Sean Warren, VC for Program; Matt Remie, VC for Inductions; Bradley Dyson, Memorabilia; and Sean McGill, Secretary.

Ian Gibson
Cape Henry Chapter Chief

→All chapters are encouraged to submit a letter or report for publication in each issue of the Drumbeat ←

Lodge Calendar

The Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) meets each month on the 4th Wednesday of the month at the Council Service Center and begins at 7:30 PM.

August

17-19th August Ordeal

October

26-28th Fall Fellowship

December

8 Holiday Banquet

Special Weekends at Pipsico

Catholic Retreatoree – September 7-9, 2007

Chairman – Thomas Paul (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Venture Scouts)

Cardboard Boat Float - October 12-14, 2007

Chairman: Kent Glover (Cub Scouts/ Boy Scouts/ Venture Scouts)

Tiger Day – October 20, 2007

Chairman – Marie Kane (Tiger Cub Scouts)

Pumpkin Chunkin' – November 16-18, 2007

Chairman – Ron Kilmer (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Scouters)

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Jokes

Knock Knock
Who's there?
Little old lady
Little old lady who?
Wow I didn't know you could yodel

Dear Dad

\$chool i\$ great. I'm making lot\$ of friend\$ and \$tudyng hard. I \$imply can't think of anything I need \$o ju\$t \$end me a card a\$ I would love to hear from you.

Love,
Your \$on

Dear Son

I kNOw astroNOmy, ecoNOmics, and oceaNography are eNOugh to keep even an hoNOOr student busy. Do NOt forget that the pursuit of kNOwledge is a NOble task and you can never study eNOugh.

Love,
Dad

→ All jokes this issue submitted by Crandall Miller ←

Have something funny to say? Send it in to us and we will give you credit for your joke.
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The Jamestown Experience



The Jamestown Experience is an adventure program that takes the participants into an interactive, open ended scenario approximating the circumstances of the settlers of Jamestown in the first few months. Participants will be placed into a scenario where their decisions will directly change the outcome of the events around them. Everything from making money for the Virginia Company, to finding sources of food and water, to relations with the native population will be left in the hands of the participants.

This is a one week pilot program, therefore the input of the participants will greatly influence the development of the program. It is also very affordable, at the cost of only \$125 for youth and \$65 for any accompanying adults, in an attempt to gain interest in it on relatively short notice. That is about half the cost of an normal week at summer camp and about a third the cost of any High Adventure Program. This Program will occur from Sunday July 29 to Friday August 3 2007. Deadline For applications is Monday July 23 2007. So act fast.

Requirements for participation
must be at least 14 years of age
a registered Boy Scout or Venturer
Interest in adventure!!

Needed equipment
1 pair boots, 1 pair camp shoes, 1 pair pants, 1 pair shorts (optional), swim suit, toiletries (personal), under clothes for a week, socks for a week, pocket knife, small pack or bag (to hold personal gear), bug repellent, Sunblock, work gloves, bed roll and pad (style of your choosing)

Name _____ Unit _____

Current Rank(if any) _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Number: _____ E-Mail Address _____

Medical needs _____

Unit leaders Signature _____ Parental Signature _____

Please Fax to 757-294-3116 (or call directly if you have any questions)

Or mail to (one week Earlier)

57 Pipsico Rd
Spring Grove, Va 23881