



Many Waters Chapter

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Welcome and Introduction

Welcome! This is the new newsletter for the new Many Waters Chapter. Previously called "Bear Facts" This "Arrowhead" Newsletter is a quarterly letter to give you an insight to what has and what will happen in the future in the Order of the Arrow. Article suggestions may be directed to Newsletter Staff.



New Chiefs!

A new year means new Chiefs and because this year is the year that we had our merger, we have chiefs for the north and south districts of the Chapter. Please welcome Cody Pals and Dylan Wogensen, our new Chiefs. Scott St. Amant and Jack Thibodeau as our new Vice Chiefs, Alex Westad and Scott Chester as our new Communication Chiefs, and Matthew Freeman and Christain Schmidt as our new Membership and Secretary Chiefs. We thank these Arrowmen for their commitment they have made, and for our outgoing officers and the wonderful job that they have done.

Fall Camporee was a Blast!!

This year's fall Camporee was based on our merger. titled "The Many Waters Experience". The fun started on Friday night at the Amelund Thrashing Grounds in Amelund, MN. Live Music was heard as the 1919 root beer was constantly flowing. In the morning, a delicious breakfast was served by the Amelund Fire Department. After breakfast, everyone went to Taylors Falls for fun on a tour boat, scavenger hunt in both Minnesota and Wisconsin. The scavenger hunt led us to the fish hatchery, the old school house, the electric dam. After that, we returned to Amelund for a campfire. Yes, this year's Camporee was just chalked full of fun. The OA also ran the dunk tank, which helped cool off some volunteers and raised money for a OA Trailer.

*"I really liked the river boat ride because we got to learn a lot of history from a really good guide,"
- Jared Dalluhn, from Troop 733.*



Northern Conclave was a success!

This year, we had an excellent turn out to the North Conclave at Camp Ajawah, near Wyoming, MN and we were able to get a lot of work done. Thirty-Eight Ordeals, Twenty Brotherhood, and a total of Ninety-Three others provided 400 Hours of service. Good job guys, the camp looks great! Along with that, special thanks to the new ceremony teams and the introduction of the elangomats that came to help out the new ordeal members one their journey. We would also like to thank the Southern Division Brotherhood Ceremony Team for coming out and officially, rocking out. We had many new brotherhood members that were able to expand their learning of the way of the arrow. Congratulations to everyone that came and got their respective ranks and to the adults that also came to help out.



Special Thanks to Jerry Jasinski

Thank you to the family of Jerry Jasinski, life-long scouter. The outfit was made in the 1950's and worn during summer camp. Jerry's family decided to donate it to the Many Waters Order of the Arrow Chapter for use by our ceremonies teams. If anyone is interested in being a member of the ceremony teams please contact Steve Kuehn for more information. We would really appreciate the help.



Many Waters South Conclave Review

A fun time was had by all at the Many Waters South conclave on September 25-27, at Kiwanis Scout Camp in Marine on St. Croix. Despite the mysterious road closings, near 100 Arrowmen of all levels attended the conclave, for some time. On Friday, the Ordeal Candidates were sent out into the woods, while the "old-timers" enjoyed a great film as voted on by those in attendance. On Saturday morning the larger part of Arrowmen arrived to provide many hours of cheerful service to Kiwanis Scout Camp. In the Afternoon, Ordeal and Brotherhood Ceremonies were performed, and a delicious feast of loin roast was devoured by the many Ordeal members who were present. In total, 40 new members received the rank of Ordeal, and 22 received the Brotherhood rank. Over 600 hours of service were given to Kiwanis Scout Camp. Next year's conclave will held at Kiwanis on a date which is to be determined at publication time.



Fall Fellowship Recap

The Totanhan Nakaha Annual Fall Fellowship was held on November 13 and 14 at the Maplewood Community Center in Maplewood, Minnesota. Our district had a small, but active, representation; a fun time was had by all.

Ice Fishing Event

Be sure to put this event in your calendars. The Many Waters Ice Fishing Contest will be held on February 6th, on White Bear Lake. Events will include Ice Fishing, Ultimate Frisbee, and many other events that will evoke tears from even the most experienced Arrowmen. The OA will be assisting at this event. Donations are accepted. If you have any questions, please direct all questions to OA Chapter Advisor Steve Kuehn: contact information available at the OA Website



Chapter Merger Plan

Did you know that our Chapter is not officially merged? Unfortunately, our Chapter is still two separate areas in lodge records. At the September Lodge Executive meeting, former Chapter Chief Alex Westad outlined a year-long plan to transition into one, united chapter. The points Westad made are as follows:

- All Chapter Officers will have a corresponding position in the other end of the Chapter.
- Separate Conclaves will be held in August and September. This is the last year that this will occur. In September 2010, there will be one Many Waters Conclave held at Kiwanis Scout Camp on an undetermined date.
- The Chapter will act as one at all district events.

Questions about the merger may be directed to any of the chapter officers, and answers will be given back with due speed.

OA Troop Representatives Needed!!!!

Every month the Order of the Arrow holds a meeting at Maranatha Church in Forest Lake, MN. An OA rep. is the best way for your troop to be involved, and know what is going on in the brotherhood of cheerful service. To become an OA rep. contact your scoutmaster to apply for the position, and meet whatever requirements they might have for you.

OA Chapter Website

A question that many Arrowmen have is simple

"What is the chapter website, where I can find all sorts of information about my favorite organization?"

-Rudolfo Kristiansen

The answer to this question is simple: the website you would be looking for is...

<http://manywaters.nsbsa.org/OrderoftheArrow.aspx>

This site has all the information we share at the Order of the Arrow meetings.



New Vigil Members

Many Waters chapter is proud to announce that we have received eight new Vigil members, the most in the lodge, into our chapter. The new Vigil members were reported as extremely happy after receiving the honor of Vigil.



Advisor's Comments

"Spirit of Scouting", remember to live it every-day and the rewards will be returned to you when you least expect it! Thank you to all our outgoing Chapter Officers from Sunrise and Manitou, great job!

~ Steve Kuehn:

Many Waters Chapter Advisor