



Nacha Nimat Newsletter



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2007/2008 Calendar

September 14-16
September 28-30

Ordeal Weekend at Nooteeming
NYLAT training at Alpine Scout
Camp, NJ

October 26-28

Service Weekend: Haunted Harvest at
Camp Bullowa

January 5

Lodge Banquet

If you would like to have an article included in the upcoming newsletter, please send your submission to Chris Dolan via email with the subject "OA Newsletter Submission" to:

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Sign up for one of the OA High Adventure Programs today!

- Sea Base:** Located on the ocean in the Florida Keys, participants spend the first week getting Scuba Certified and then do service for the camp and clean coral reefs. Cost: \$450
- Philmont:** Located in New Mexico, Arrowmen spend one week building and fixing trails. The second week each group plans and hikes a trek. Cost: \$150
- Northern Tier:** Located in the boundary waters of Minnesota, participants spend one week building and maintaining trails while canoeing in the second week. Cost: \$175
- Arrow Corps 5:** In 2008 five national parks will host one week each with 1,000 Arrowmen. Each week will include two days of travel, four days of work, and one day of fun. Work projects range from destroying invasive plants to removing fencing and the fun activities include horseback riding and rafting. Cost: \$200-300

More Information: www.adventure.oa-bsa.org



7th Annual
 Shu-Shu-Gah Lodge
 Indian Seminar & Pow-Wow



Head Man:

Darrell Donahue;
 Old Town, ME

Head Lady:

Kristine Bosworth;
 East Northport, NY

Head Veteran:

“Duke” Simmons;
 Sandy Hook, NJ

Head Singer:

Eloy Solis;
 Houston, TX

MC:

Pat Freidman;
 Northport, NY

Arena Director:

David Coleman;
 Brooklyn, NY

November 16-18th, 2007
 Camp Alpine (Alpine, New Jersey)

Sessions on Indian Clothing,
 Dance & Music!
 Friday Night Social &
 Saturday Night Pow-Wow!
 Auction on Friday Night!
 Craft Show and Competition
 On Saturday Afternoon!

Cost for the weekend is as follows:

Full weekend in cabin: \$38

Full weekend in tent: \$28

Full weekend in Tee-Pee: \$20

Saturday Only: \$15

Prices include meals and materials;

Participants must bring own tents and/or Tee-Pee
 Cabins fill up quickly so make your reservation early!

For more information including a registration packet please contact:

Ken Hood (718) 541-1108 or khoo@siuh.edu

HOST DRUM:

Texas Connection
 Houston, TX

Invited Drums:

The Teaching
 Drum

Fairfield, ME

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Estell Manor, NJ

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 Vermillion Singers

Connecticut

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 Morning star

Singers

Connecticut

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_ Muddy Creek

Singers

Pittsburgh, PA

Don't Forget the Shu-Shu-Gah Trade-O-Ree is the same weekend in Camp Alpine. For
 More Info please contact Bill Mulrenin at billmul@mindspring.com

Indian Seminar Schedule

Friday:

5:00-11:00pm- Check-in
- Sunrise Trading Post Open
7:30-10pm- Social
10:00pm- Cracker-barrel
11:00pm- Artifact Auction

Saturday:

7:30am- 8:30am- Breakfast
9:00am- Trading Post Open
9:00am- Session 1*
10:00am- Session 2*
11:00am- Session 3*
12:00pm- Lunch To Go
12:45pm- Patch Auction
2:00pm-5:00pm- Craft Show & Competition
5:00pm- Dinner
7:00-10:00pm- Pow-Wow
10:15 pm- Cracker-barrel & Movie

Sunday:

8:00 am- Breakfast & Depart
*Classes and locations will be listed on the
Training Schedule

Dear Brothers,

This is the beginning of a new Scouting year. Many of our Leadership are going off to college. To them I send well wishes and good thoughts. Life is about change so this is a good thing. It also means there will be leadership positions open in the lodge which will need to be filled. Think of it as your opportunity to shine. If you are planning to run please review the job description to make sure you can do what is expected of you. You will not stand alone there will be an adult to work with you.

This summer your chief, staff adviser and I went to the OA Summit in Indiana. There were some leadership training classes but the main reason for this was to launch Arrow Corps 5. This will be the biggest service project ever attempted by the OA and is to take place the summer of 2008. Not only will it be a great experience for the youth to take part in but it will also be positive PR for Scouting.

By the way, Mr. McIlvaine has taken the position of Section Staff Adviser. I'm hoping that he will continue in his position as Lodge Staff Adviser. Don't forget to congratulate him when you see him.

I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer. Chapter meetings and Ordeal weekends are upon us. Hope to see you all there.

In WWW, Chris Mason

2007 Program Launch a Great Success!

This past Saturday the biggest event of the Hudson Valley Council Scouting Program took off in a spectacular fashion. The annual Program Launch began in earnest as our guests began arriving nearly a full half-hour early! Inside they were greeted by our Order of the Arrow Brothers and were given their prize tickets, nametags and a special gift for 1st time attendees - nearly 100 of them in all!

In all there were 50 tables of food, crafts, information and great opportunities to benefit their units Scouting Program. District tables were stacked to overflow with the packets put together by their District DE's and staff. Friday, your DE's loaded these boxes and piles of popcorn into the convoy of cars down to Stewart Airport. After unloading all that, it was time to set up the 50 tables and 200 chairs!

In keeping with the theme of next year's camping program "Knights of the Roundtable", attendees were greeted by knights in semi-shining armor, lords and ladies in various "regal" attire, and tables adorned in a way that would make King Arthur proud.

Inside the hangers vast space there was still more to see and do. In one corner the Scout Shop did a brisk business, Trails End Popcorn in the other, off to the side a Scout Chopper stood for all to see. Along the walls there were slide shows from the various districts showing all the great events of their past year. At many tables' laptops hummed with pictures of events like PowWow - Wood Badge, Camping, Haunted Harvest and more. Along the side, the centerpiece, "Castle NYLT" stood

ready to receive all who entered. All around the hanger, Young Scouts and siblings, engaged in combat with the swords (foam) that they were given as a special welcome gift. Even at the breakfast table, a dragon cake was waiting to be "slain".

Prizes ranging from backpacks to eagle statues were given away about every 10 minutes. Plus Target store gift certificate, family skate nights, gift baskets and so much more, all donated by our districts, council and various committees.

When it was time to begin the "opening" - our Order of the Arrow Brothers stood proudly at the open hanger doors to answer the call of "Color Guard- Advance!" Hundreds stood in attentive silence as the Color Guard came forward and then led us in the Pledge.

We presented the Distinguished Service Award to Bill Roberts; awarded the beads, woggle and neckerchiefs to NINE members of our council who have completed the latest Wood Badge Training. Heard the Wood Badge song, which was sung in its proper fashion, with great spirit, but varying degrees of harmony.

Our Council Commissioner, Dan Pitiger and our Council President, Jason Barlow both spoke of what lies ahead for this Council. In short, the future looks good, very good. It will be a series of small steps, but together we can all make it happen for the benefit of those we serve, our Scouts.

The attendees had an opportunity to meet our new Scout Executive, Steve Gray. Steve was on hand the whole event, walking through the crowd and enjoying the day and the great fellowship. His speech spoke about the rolling out of the strategic plan for Hudson Valley Council this fall featuring Five Key Points of a "Living Star": The five key points (Youth Membership, Marketing & Communications, Program, Properties and Fund Development) are all connected by the "Heart of the Star": Volunteers. The new Strategic Plan will be dedicated to the 4000 plus volunteers that serve Scouting in Hudson Valley Council. Steve also stated he looks forward to working with the volunteer leadership of HVC and pledged a staff that is Trustworthy, Dynamic, Helpful, Positive and Professional in all of its actions.

The (final) surprise of the day came when Jerry Airola, the President of Silver State Helicopters came forward to award our Grand Prize, a free helicopter ride for 3. Mr. Airola upped the ante and increased the prize to a ride for 5, in the brand new "Orange County Choppers" custom helicopter, which just happened to descend dramatically outside the giant doors of the hanger as he spoke. When the event closed, all were invited outside to take photos and see the copter up close.

It was a morning not to be missed. See you next year.

