

Lodge Participates In "One Day Of Service"

...by Ed Sexton, Lodge Adviser

Eleven members of the Golden Sun Lodge were the first members of our Lodge to participate in the Central Region-Order of the Arrow's ONE DAY Service Program at Wagon Train Lake on May 8, 2004. Using the theme of "Servant Leaders in Action" this program was put into place in 2000 intending to directly tackle one of the goals of our Order by getting back to one of our Scouting roots of providing service to our communities, not just to Scouting.

Since this was our Lodge's first participation in the ONE DAY Service program, the decision was made to find a project that would be of benefit to our "larger community". Tommy Osienger, our Service Committee Chairman, and Lonnie Davis, the Lodge's Adviser for National Projects, in conjunction with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, decided that a trash clean-up project would be a "good fit" for what we wanted to accomplish.

Lodge members were somewhat surprised by how well kept the campgrounds, ditches, shoreline and the dam actually were, but everyone still managed to fill several trash bags with cardboard boxes, bottles, cans, fishing line, and loose paper. The camaraderie and conversations after the clean up was completed made it evident that although work was involved, everyone had fun and felt a sense of accomplishment.

While Tommy, Brian and Robby learned that standing on the face of the dam and judging the distance to the West Recreation area of the lake is a little different than walking it (they claim there are four coves between the dam and the Recreation



Area.), Seven Feathers Chapter Adviser Roger Smith was somewhat disappointed that he couldn't find enough fishing lures to refill his tackle box.

New Leaders To Be Trained at LLDC

You're considering running for a Lodge or Chapter office. You might be interested in being the chairman of one of the lodge committees. You're asking yourself, "Self, how will I know what to do? Will somebody explain to me what my job involves and how will I get it accomplished?" Well, we have the answer for you.

With lodge elections just around the corner its time to put the Lodge Leadership Development Conference (LLDC) on your calendar. The annual LLDC will be held on October 2 at the Cornhusker Council Outdoor Education Center in Lincoln.

The LLDC is arguably the most important event our lodge holds. While any member of the lodge is invited to attend, newly elected officers and committee chairmen should not miss this event. If you are running for lodge or chapter office or are interested in being a committee chairman you need to attend.

What happens at LLDC? As the name implies, this event is where you learn how to do your job. The National OA Committee is releasing a new LLDC training syllabus this summer at NOAC and we will be using that to help train you in your new position.

The other major activity that happens at LLDC is the lodge, chapters and every committee will be planning their calendars for the year. Most of the major decisions on how the lodge will implement its program will be made at this event.

Look to the lodge website later this summer for all the details including how to register.



New Vigil Honor Members Called-Out At Camp



The Golden Sun Lodge is proud to announce the 2004 Vigil Honor candidates who were called out this summer at Friday night call-out ceremonies

at camp. Congratulations go to the following Arrowmen: Seth Bingham, Brett VonRiesen, Andy Robinson, Karl Hammond, Eric Griffin, Dustin Giddings, Dianne Wolterman, Jason Anderson and Tim Nelsen.