

Seven Feathers

...by Zach Anderson, Seven Feathers Chapter Chief

Hello fellow arrowmen

We have had a good start to our chapter year and are in the planning stages for the rest of the year. Among the things we have planned for 2006 are: Merit Badge University, Chapter crossover team, and two competition teams for Lodge ceremonies.

For the Merit Badge University we are looking for merit badge counselors. For a complete list of available merit badges please e-mail me at sevenfeatherschief@goldensunlodge.org

We are also looking for youth staff to help with the event.

We have enough people for the two competition teams, but we need some people (around 4) for the cross over team, it is not a very long ceremony and is not very hard to learn.

If you are interested in joining a ceremony team attend our next meeting or email me.

Our meeting place information can be found on the Lodge website:

<http://goldensunlodge.org/chapters>

Advisers Minute

...by Russ Votava, Lodge Adviser

On Being Active In The Order of the Arrow...

I recently read a few articles on the Internet in regards to what it means to be active in the Order of the Arrow. I thought I would relate a few thoughts for you to consider.

“Scout A” is a Brotherhood member of his lodge. He has attended every lodge event since he was inducted. He is one of the officers for his Chapter and attends Chapter meetings every month. He is very dedicated to helping his chapter plan activities and carry out their mission.

“Scout B” is also a Brotherhood member of his lodge. He is the Senior Patrol Leader of his troop. He helps plan campouts. He plans and runs troop meetings. He helps the younger

Scouts in his troop learn new skills. However, with all of his troop responsibilities he rarely has the time to attend OA functions.

So – Which Scout is the more active Arrowman? At first glance you might immediately say – “Well, it’s Scout A of course”. I ask you to read carefully again and while doing so, consider The Obligation of the Order. What is common to both of these Scouts? The answer is – Service!

Scout A has accepted the responsibility of leadership and service for his lodge and chapter. He provides service to others by planning and carrying out the lodge program through his chapter activities.

Scout B has accepted the responsibility of leadership for his troop. He provides just as great a service as Scout A because he is cheerfully helping his fellow troop members advance and have a great Scouting experience.

The mighty chief tells us... “Friends, the ones who chose you need you...”

If you consider the words in The Obligation of the Order, you will notice the idea that ties it all together is that of service. It is our common bond. It’s great if you choose to participate as a chapter or lodge officer or serve on a committee – but it’s also great if you choose to serve your fellow scouts in your troop. Either way you are living up to the true spirit of The Obligation and are being an active Arrowman.

We’re On The Web...

Did you know the Golden Sun Lodge has a website? You can find up-to-the-minute information about all lodge activities, committees, officers, history, traditions, and support information for the Lodge and OA program. You can register for events and even pay your dues online.

www.goldensunlodge.org