



THE GORGET

of the Akela Wahinapay Lodge 232, Order of the Arrow

Spring Arrowee Edition

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Spring Arrowee slated for June 3-4

The 2011 Spring Arrowee is scheduled for June 3-4 at Camp Pioneer in Hatfield, Arkansas. If you were called out for membership in the Order of the Arrow at Summer Camp in 2010, this event will be the last opportunity to complete your Ordeal. If you have been an Ordeal member of the Order of the Arrow for at least 10 months, you are eligible for Brotherhood membership in the Order. By becoming a Brotherhood member, you seal your membership in the Order of the Arrow and demonstrate to others your commitment to the ideals cheerfulness and service to others. The Spring Arrowee is an excellent time to solidify your membership in the Order by becoming a Brotherhood member. To learn more, ask a Lodge Officer or log on to the Lodge web site at www.lodge232.org!

How to Register: Online at www.lodge232.org.
In person, at the Scout Service Center or at the event.
By phone, (903) 793-2179 or Toll Free (800) 903-7467.

Cost:	Ordeal Candidates	\$60.00 (includes annual dues)
	Brotherhood Candidates	\$37.00
	Regular Members	\$25.00
	Late Registration Fee	\$15.00 (for registration on or after June 2)

Please note that you must be a current member in good standing of the Lodge and the Boy Scouts of America if you plan to attend a Lodge event. If you have not paid your Lodge dues, you will be asked to pay them at check-in.

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CHIEFLY SPEAKING



Greetings brothers! First of all, let me say that I am honored to serve as your Chief. I am looking forward to an exciting and productive year for our Lodge. The secret to success for our Lodge, is for everyone to get involved—after all, this is YOUR Lodge. There are opportunities in the Ceremonies Team and the Dance Team, so please consider participating.

I am pleased that a large contingent of Arrowmen from our Lodge will be attending the Conclave later this month in Abilene, Texas. In addition, Spring Arrowee will be coming up in June so plan to attend and enjoy the fellowship. For those who were called out last summer at Camp Pioneer and who have not yet completed the Ordeal, this is your final opportunity to do so. Spring Arrowee is also a great opportunity to seal your membership in the Order of the Arrow by completing Brotherhood.

With your help we can make our Lodge even stronger. I encourage you to attend all the upcoming Lodge functions. Let's make 2011 a great year!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Mark Northam

WINTER BANQUET REPORT

The annual Winter Banquet of the Akela Wahinapay Lodge 232 was held January 8 at Camp Preston Hunt. The event was well attended and awards were given for the many acts of cheerful service that were given to the Lodge during the previous year. After giving a recap of the events of 2010, Lodge Advisor Glen Crowder conducted an installation ceremony for the officers elected at Pow Wow: Mark Northam, Lodge Chief; Adam Northam, First Vice Chief; Taylor Potter, Second Vice Chief; Reggie Bennett, Secretary; Matt Bell, Quartermaster; and Logan Young, Dance Team Chairman. The awards presented during the event were:

Founders' Award (Adult): Tommy Potter

Founders' Award (Youth): Taylor Potter

Distinguished Service Award: Mark Northam

George C. Byrd Award: Preston Caver

Allogagan: Matt Bell, Reggie Bennett, Jacob Caver, Phillip Jordan, Adam Lyons, John Lyons, Gary Old, Greg Saulsbury, Matt Young

In addition, the Vigil Honor was presented to Vincent Flieder, Mark Northam, Jim Paulsen, and Tommy Potter. Thank you all for your continued service to the Akela Wahinapay Lodge 232 and the scouts and scouters of the Caddo Area Council!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr. 15-17	SR2-3 North Conclave, Abilene, TX
May 1	Vigil Nominations Due
May 7	Beaver Day, Camp Pioneer
June 3-4	Spring Arrowee
June 5-11	Staff Week, Camp Pioneer
June 12-18	Camp Pioneer Week 1
June 19-25	Camp Pioneer Week 2
June 26- July 2	Camp Pioneer Week 3
July 3-9	Camp Pioneer Week 4
July 10-16	Camp Pioneer Week 5
July 10-16	NYLT, Camp Pioneer
August 12-14	Pow Wow, Camp Pionner



CHAPTER ELECTIONS

Elections for 2011 chapter officers were held at the 2010 Fall Arrowee. The term of office for the newly elected chapter officers is one year. Chapter officers will be expected to attend monthly Lodge Executive Committee meetings. Holding a chapter office is a great way for new arrowmen to become active in the Lodge. If you are interested in running for a chapter office in the future, please contact Glen Crowder, Lodge Advisor.



LODGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Each troop should have a scout designated as its "OA Troop Representative," whose duties include attending the monthly Lodge Executive Committee Meetings and keeping his troop informed of upcoming lodge events. If you are the OA Troop Representative for your troop, please make every effort to attend these meetings. If your troop does not have an OA Troop Representative, discuss the possibility of filling this position with your scoutmaster. Being an OA Troop Representative satisfies the "position of leadership" requirement for rank advancement and is an excellent way to become active in the Lodge!

Lodge Executive Committee Meetings are held at the Scout Service Center, 24 Lynnwood Drive, Texarkana, TX, at 2:32 pm. All members of the Lodge are welcome to attend!



OA INDIAN SUMMER 2011

Indian Summer 2011 will offer an opportunity for Arrowmen across the country to participate in two focus areas including American Indian material culture and OA Inductions and Ceremonies. The American Indian material culture track will focus on learning about Indian dance clothes, dance styles, and song. In addition, Arrowmen will have hands-on craft experiences under the direction of the best craftsmen in the Scouting movement.

The OA Induction and Ceremonies track will include a range of topics from ceremonies to running an Ordeal to conducting unit elections. Highlights will include acting skills and techniques workshops taught by real-world theater professionals.

LOCATION AND DATES: Ridgcrest Conference Center near Asheville, North Carolina, August 1-6, 2011.

PROJECTED COST: \$325 with dormitory style housing (6-8 people per room) or \$425 with hotel style rooms (2 people per room). Both include housing, meals, training, recreational opportunities and much more.

For more information on attending Indian Summer 2011 contact Glen Crowder, Lodge Advisor, or visit www.event.oa-bsa.org.



DID YOU KNOW?

The Akela Wahinapay Lodge was chartered March 24, 1943?

The first chief of the Akela Wahinapay Lodge was William Harkness?

The first Vigil Honor awarded by the Akela Wahinapay Lodge was to Charles L. Gardner, Sr.?

The Fall Arrowee was originally called the "Thanksgiving Arrowee"?

The "Caddo Water Bottle" which serves as the totem of the Akela Wahinapay Lodge was discovered by M.C. McCowen in the mid to late 1940's along the banks of the Cosatot River?



WORDS OF THE FOUNDER

"Let it be remembered that the Order of the Arrow was created to help the unit--to help it present its membership a better ideal of the inner qualities of the good Scout camper. Qualities of character, like cheerfulness and service, are hard for a boy or a man to understand in the abstract. They come easier when seen in human life. Let us realize the significance of the Order in the unit--for the unit is our best hope in Scouting."

Dr. E. Urner Goodman

SR2-3 NORTH CONCLAVE

Join with Arrowmen from across Section SR2-3 North for fellowship at the upcoming Conclave hosted by the Penateka Lodge 561 of the Texas Trails Council in Abilene, TX . The Conclave is the premier event offered by our Section and will bring together Arrowmen from 10 Lodges from across northern Texas, north-west Louisiana, southwest Arkansas, and southeast Oklahoma.

As always, Conclave will provide the opportunity for Arrowmen to receive additional leadership training and learn about Native American culture and traditions. In addition, Arrowmen can participate in a variety of competitions, from ceremonial events to lodge publications to Native American dancing. At its conclusion, one Lodge will be selected "Best of Section."

This year's Conclave will be held April 15-17, 2011 at Camp Tonkawa near Abilene, TX. If you are interested in attending Conclave, please contact Tommy Potter, Ceremonies Advisor, at tapesq@aol.com or (870) 773-4457. For more information on the event visit the Section's website at www.sr2-3n.org.



DANCE TEAM NEWS

Are you interested in Native American dancing? Would you like to create your own Native American ceremonial or dance regalia? If so, the Lodge Dance Team is the place for you!

The Lodge is also putting together ceremonial teams for the Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies. Participation in these ceremonies is yet another way for you to actively participate in your Lodge. For more information on joining the Dance Team or participating in ceremonies contact:

Dr. Jon Northam, Dance Team Advisor, at jnortham@cableone.net or (903) 792-8184 , or Tommy Potter, Ceremonies Advisor, at tapesq@aol.com or (870) 773-4457.



HOKAHE, HOKSHILAPILA,
WITAYA UNWACHIPI KTE!

CRAFT CORNER



The Learning Circle

By Loren Woerpel, Noc Bay Publishing, Inc.

MEN'S APRONS

Two piece aprons, front and back, are used here in the Lake States without exceptions. They are common in many other tribal designs throughout North America as well. Swimming trunks or shorts are worn under the aprons. Sometimes leather is used but the expense of leather makes cloth a more commonly used item for the dancers. Many options are available for outline patterns and decorations. The designs and methods shown here are the most common and work well. Generally use standard sewing methods.

Materials needed:

- 1/2 yard of cloth, either 60 inches or 45 inches long
- 1/2 yard of backing cloth, commonly cotton, plain color or calico patterns.
- 15 pieces of 5 foot lengths of craft yarn for belt.
- Needle and thread, color to match the cloth and any ribbon colors needed to be sewn.
- Assortment of decorative items in your design, such as fringe, seed beads, conchos, shell discs, and ribbon.

Steps:

1. Make a pattern of the apron panel and try it on your waist to get a fit. For example if your waist is 30 to 34 inches, your panels should be 16 inches wide. If your waist is 34 to 38 inches your panel should be 18 inches wide. The length should be about knee length from the waist. Adjust from there to your liking. Always add 2 inches to the length for the belt hem.
2. Plan to first sew all of the decorative items on the face of the front and back panels. Note that dancers wearing bustles do not often use decorative items on the back panel, but they do match the edging trim to the front panel.
3. If fringe is to be used, sew it into place on the back side of the panels after sewing a hem on that edge.
4. After all of the panel decorations are sewn on, cut a lining panel to the same dimension as your front and back panels. The lining is usually of light cotton material, either solid color or a calico pattern. Stitch this lining on the back side of your cloth panels.
5. The sewn edges can be covered by a ribbon sewn all around the apron panels. Instead of ribbon, these edges can also be turned as a hem and sewn with a whip stitch on the back side of the panel. If you are sewing up an edge that has fringe added, you need to hem the lining separately before sewing the edge down to cover the fringe on the back side.
6. Use the craft yarn pieces to braid the belt. Tie one end of the yarn pieces in an overhand knot. Sort the 15 strands of yarn into three groups of five strands. Braid one long belt.
7. Place the belt on the top inside edge of both panels. Turn over the top edge making a large hem. Sew in place.

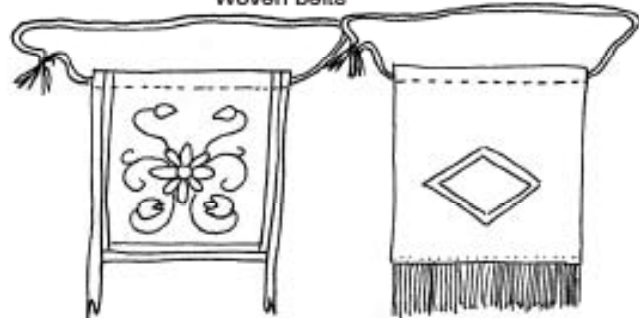


Beading on wool cloth



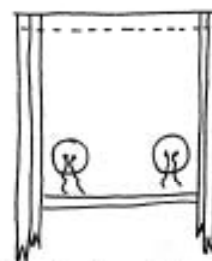
Ribbon work with leather fringe

Woven belts

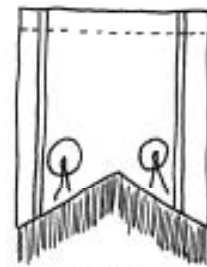


Beaded design with ribbon fringe

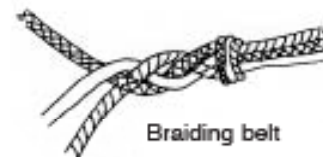
Ribbon design with Chainette fringe



Combination of design with conchos, shell discs or beaded rosettes



Finished braid



Braiding belt

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Vigil Nomination Form

The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that a Lodge can bestow upon a member. It dates back to 1915 when our Founder, Dr. E. Urner Goodman became the first Vigil Honor Member. It is a mark of high distinction and is reserved for those arrowmen who have given exceptional service and who help others above and beyond the call of duty. The Vigil Honor requires unselfish dedication to one or more of the following: the Lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, or the Scout Camp. The Vigil Honor is a recognition of one's commitment to altruistic leadership and proper example of Brotherhood in Cheerful Service. Alertness to the needs of others is the mark of the Vigil Honor.

Nominations for the Vigil Honor ought to be taken seriously. Please provide as much information about the nominee as possible. In this way the Vigil Honor Selection Committee can make a fair assessment of the contributions of the nominee to Scouting and the Lodge.

To be eligible for the Vigil Honor an arrowman must:

1. Be a Brotherhood member for at least two years prior to Pow Wow of the nominating year.
2. Be registered in the Caddo Area Council, B.S.A.
3. Be a member in good standing of Akela Wahinapay Lodge 232.

In order for a nomination to be accepted it must:

1. Be submitted on an official and current Vigil Honor Nomination form. Any additional information can be attached to the nomination form.
2. **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: Completed form must be received no later than noon Sunday of Spring Arrowee.**

Completed nomination forms may be turned in or mailed to the Caddo Area Council Scout Service Center:
Caddo Area Council, B.S.A. Fax 903.793.9320
P.O. Box 5807
Texarkana, TX 75505

Vigil Nominee Information

Full Name * _____ Chapter * _____ Unit * _____

Address * _____ Date of Birth * _____

City * _____ State * _____ Zip * _____ Phone * _____

Degree Date & Location: Ordeal _____ Brotherhood _____

List Scouting Awards Received: _____

4/18/2007

* - Required Information

(Vigil Nomination Form, Page 2)

Contribution to our Lodge: * _____

Contribution to the Order of the Arrow: * _____

Contribution to Scouting * _____

Contribution to the Scout Camps of the Caddo Area Council * _____

*** - Required Information**

For Office Use Only

BSA Registration Verified____ OA Membership Verified____ Brotherhood Verified____

Scout Executive _____ Date_____

Camping Committee _____ Date_____

O. A. EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

(Please circle the event you are attending)

Spring Arrowee

Pow Wow

Fall Arrowee

The Lodge has changed its fiscal year to coincide with the calendar year. This means your Lodge dues of \$10 for the current calendar year are now due and payable. Your membership will expire each year on December 31. Your OA membership must be current before you are permitted to attend any Lodge activity or event. Please send your dues to the Scout Service Center today!

Please note that you must be a current member in good standing of both Akela Wahinapay Lodge and the BSA to attend Lodge functions. Your Lodge dues must be current to attend this event. You must bring a fully signed Code of Conduct to the event with you. Failure to provide the Code of Conduct, and/or failure to have current BSA registration will result in your being sent home from the event. In addition, please bring a copy of your most recent BSA physical form to the event. NOTE: You cannot complete BSA registration at the event.

Please check in upon your arrival at Camp so you can receive your meal card, and so we have a record that you are in Camp. Check in is from 8:00 PM to 9:30 PM on Friday. Please plan to arrive prior to the close of check-in, as the first ceremony will begin promptly at 9:30 PM.

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Birth Date _____

Troop Number _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

REGISTRATION OPTIONS

_____ Ordeal Candidate @ \$60.00 _____
(fee for Ordeal Candidate includes annual dues)

_____ Brotherhood Candidate @ \$37.00 _____

_____ Ordeal Member @ \$25.00 _____

_____ Brotherhood Member @ \$25.00 _____

_____ Vigil Member @ \$25.00 _____

_____ Late Registration Fee @ \$15.00 _____

A \$15 Late Fee will be applied to all registration on or after the Thursday before the event. To avoid a late fee, register online at lodge232.org, or call the Caddo Area Council Scout Office and let us know you plan to attend (you are then obligated to pay the event fee).

_____ Lodge Annual Dues @ \$10.00 _____

TOTAL AMOUNT _____

Please return this form so that it arrives at the following address by the Thursday before the event. You may mail it to the address below, bring it to the Scout office in person, register online at www.lodge232.org, or call the Scout office to let us know you are coming in order to avoid a late registration fee being applied. Scout office registration will close on the Thursday before the event. You may also register at the event, provided you are registered with the BSA (subject to applicable fees).

Boy Scout Service Center, P.O. Box 5807, Texarkana, Texas 75505
Voice 903-793-2179 Fax 903-792-9320 Toll Free 1-800-903-7467

Code of Conduct

REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION AT AKELA WAHINAPAY LODGE 232 SPONSORED EVENTS

1. I will abide by the Scout Oath and Law while at Lodge Functions, and will set a positive example for other Scouts and Scouters through my actions.
2. The Scouting program in America has always included uniforms for its members and volunteers to identify members and show they are part of the Boy Scouts of America. I acknowledge that the various OA ceremonies undertaken at Lodge Functions are important steps for members in their Scouting lives. Accordingly, I agree to be in Class A Uniform at evening meals and ceremonies, including the Ordeal Ceremony, Brotherhood Ceremony, and Vigil Call-Out ceremony, unless I am performing a role in the ceremony requiring Native American attire.
3. I will stay on the Camp Property during the event and will designate for emergency purposes the location where I will sleep. This is standard Camp policy in the event of an emergency.
4. I will be a registered, dues-paid member of the Akela Wahinapay Lodge, Order of the Arrow and with the Caddo Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.
5. I will abide by the substance abuse and tobacco use policies of the Boy Scouts of America and the Caddo Area Council. I understand that if I am under suspicion of using alcohol or drugs, I give permission to Akela Wahinapay Lodge and Caddo Area Council, acting by and through its duly authorized agents, to perform drug and/or alcohol tests.
6. Hazing has no place in Scouting, nor do running the gauntlet, belt lines, or similar actions involving physical punishments or abuse. I will prevent, to the best of my abilities, any participant from being "initiated" into the OA.
7. Violation of this code may result in expulsion from the event and from future events. All decisions regarding violation of the Code of Conduct will be at the discretion of a review committee established by the Council and Scout Executive. All decisions will be final.

I agree to follow this "Code of Conduct".

Participant's Signature

Parent's Signature
(If Participant is under 18 years of age)

Participant's Printed Name: _____ Housing Location: _____

Event Name: _____ Event Year: _____

Policy: August 2006

QUESTIONS? E-mail support@lodge232.org

2011 SPRING ARROWEE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2010

- 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm Check-In (Camp Office)
- 9:30 pm - 10:15 pm Pre-Ordeal Ceremony
- 10:30 pm - 11:00 pm Cracker Barrel (Dining Hall)
- 11:00 pm Lights Out

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2010

- 7:30 am Reveille
- 8:00 am - 8:45 am Breakfast (Dining Hall)
- 8:45 am - 11:45 pm Morning Work Crews
- 12:00 pm - 12:45 pm Lunch (Dining Hall)
- 1:00 pm - 1:30 pm Brotherhood Testing (Dining Hall)
Vigil Elections (Old Timers' Chapel)
- 1:45 pm - 3:45 pm Afternoon Work Crews
- 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Ceremony/Dance Teams Meeting (Dining Hall)
- 4:30 pm Brotherhood Call-Out (Dining Hall)
- 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm Dinner (Dining Hall; Class A Required)
- 6:30 pm - 6:45 pm Ordeal Ceremony
- 7:15 pm Brotherhood Hike (Candidates meet at Dining Hall)
- 7:30 pm - 8:15 pm Brotherhood Ceremony
- 8:30 pm Chapter Elections (Dining Hall)
- 9:00 pm Check-Out/Depart for Home

WHAT TO BRING

EVERYONE

- Signed Code of Conduct Form
- Class A Uniform
- Canteen/Water Bottle
- Work Clothes & Gloves
- Sturdy Shoes or Boots
- Note Pad & Pencil or Pen
- Flashlight
- Sleeping Bag & Pillow
- Any Necessary Medications
- OA Sash (current members)
- Warm Clothing
- Rain Suit or Poncho
- A CHEERFUL SPIRIT

ORDEAL CANDIDATES

- Sleeping Bag, Pillow & Ground Cloth
- Gorget

BROTHERHOOD CANDIDATES

- Letter to Lodge Secretary
- 6-inch Carved Cedar Arrow
- Brotherhood Study Pack (Go To www.lodge232.org to Obtain A Copy)