

Turtle Talk

Spring 2011

Tetonwana Lodge #105
Sioux Council #733 BSA



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Spring Conclave/Ordeal Weekend
May 20 –22
Lewis and Clark Scout Camp

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Spring Conclave/Ordeal Weekend - May 20-22

All Arrowmen: Conclave/Ordeal Weekends are open to all youth and adult O.A. members, and newly elected Ordeal Candidates. All Arrowmen are expected to be present and acting in accordance with our values in order to lead by example. Please give of your time to help our new brothers on their long journey; help us honor them by working along side them.

When & Where: Tetonwana Lodge's 2011 Spring Conclave/Ordeal Weekend will be Friday evening May 20th to Sunday morning, May 22nd at Lewis & Clark Scout Camp. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. Friday evening, concluding Sunday morning at approximately 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as cleanup and checkout are completed.

Registration: Please pre-register as soon as possible by either sending in your check and registration form to the Sioux Council at 800 N. West Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57104, or by e-mailing the Council at Sioux@bsaemail.org. Every member of Tetonwana Lodge is invited to join in this time of service and fellowship.

Check-in will be from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the camp's Administration Building. Ordeal candidates must arrive and check in no later than 8:30 p.m. in order to participate in the Pre-Ordeal ceremony. **PLEASE DO NOT BE LATE** as it delays the program and ceremonies.

Cost: The cost is \$35 for Ordeal candidates, \$25 for Brotherhood candidates, and \$15 for general members. Everyone is asked to pre-register as soon as possible.

Camping: After checking in on Friday, Ordeal candidates and members are to set up their tents in designated chapter areas.

Tailgate Party: Friday evening while we're waiting for everyone to arrive, the Lodge will hold it's traditional "Tailgate Party", which will feature food, beverage, fun, and fellowship. There is no charge, but a good-will donation is greatly appreciated.

Friendship Campfire: There will be an informal "Friendship Campfire" beginning at approximately 8:30 pm and going until about 11:00 pm Saturday evening. Everyone is welcome. This is a great opportunity to gather around a campfire where new and old members can get to know each other in an informal and fun atmosphere, or watch a movie.



Spring Conclave/Ordeal Weekend Information (continued)

The Friendship Campfire will feature another of the Bijou Theater's free movie-under-the-stars feature films. Bring a camp chair or lawn chair to make yourself more comfortable, or you may bring your sleeping bag or blanket to spread out on the grass to enjoy the movie. Refreshments will be served.

Tools Needed: Various tools will be needed to carry out the many camp improvement projects that are being planned. Check the Lodge web page for a list of projects and what special tools and equipment people will be asked to bring. The following tools are always needed: bow saws, pruners, brush clippers, wheel barrows, spades, shovels, rakes, paint brushes, socket sets & wrenches, chain saws & fuel (must be 18 to operate), and ladders. There will be marking instruments available so you can identify your property - if not already clearly marked with your name.

Many of the work projects this weekend involve painting. . . . especially Ordeal work projects. **Be sure to bring work clothes or something to wear on Saturday you don't mind getting dirt or paint on.** Check the Lodge website for a list of planned work projects.

Few things are as discouraging during these service times as having a great crew of enthusiastic volunteers and plenty of good jobs to be done, but too few tools to let everybody contribute their full effort. Please bring whatever tools you can.

Showers: Shower facilities will be made available during the weekend.

Elangomats and Nimats needed: Arrowmen are needed to give service to the lodge and their fellow Arrowmen by serving as an Elangomat or Nimat. Elangomats are those Arrowmen who unselfishly go through the Ordeal as a friend to new O.A. candidates. Nimats are those Brotherhood members who help Ordeal members obtain their Brotherhood. Both opportunities are an excellent way of fulfilling one of the requirements for advancement to the next level of membership in the Order. Those who serve as an Elangomat get a free Elangomat T-shirt. E-mail the Tetonwana Lodge if you wish to serve as an Elangomat or Nimat.

Ceremonies team looking for new members: The Tetonwana Lodge is looking for Arrowmen who would like to serve the lodge as a member of the ceremonies team [External Link](#). Serving as a member of the ceremonies team is another way of fulfilling one of the requirements for Brotherhood. Contact the Lodge if you would like to serve on the ceremonies team or need more information. (continued)

Spring Conclave/Ordeal Weekend Schedule*

Friday

6:00 pm - Registration/Tailgate Party (Candidates receive booklet #2)
7:45 pm - Guard Meeting
8:30 pm - Elangomat Meeting
9:00 pm - Pre-Ordeal Ceremony
10:00 pm - Pre-Ordeal Ceremony #2
11:00 pm - Cracker Barrel

Saturday

6:00 am - Guards meet at dining hall
7:00 am - Breakfast (Candidates receive booklet #3)
8:00 am - Projects
10:00 am - Break
10:15 am - Resume Projects
12:00 Noon - Lunch (Candidates receive booklet #4)
1:00 pm - Projects Resume
2:00 pm - Brotherhood Hike

3:00 pm - End projects, Brotherhood Ceremony
4:00 pm - Ordeal Ceremony #1
5:00 pm - Ordeal Ceremony #2
6:00 pm - Dinner
6:30 pm - Lodge Meeting
7:00 pm - Chapter Meetings
7:30 pm - OA Midway
8:30 pm - Friendship Campfire/Movie/Trading Post Open
10:00 - Vigil Honor Meeting
11:00 - Lights Out!

Sunday

7:30 am - Breakfast
8:30 am - Chapel
9:00 am - LEC, Cleanup (general members)
After cleanup is done, have a safe trip home!

** (Any schedule changes will be announced and posted)*



Spring Conclave/Ordeal Weekend (continued)

Ordeal Candidates: This is the first of only two weekends scheduled during 2011 that those Scouts and Scouters who were elected by their units to become members of the Order of the Arrow can go through their Ordeals. The other opportunity is at the Fall Conclave/Ordeal Weekend the weekend of August 19 - 21 at Camp Shetek. Those who don't attend one of these two weekends will need to be re-elected next year by their units.

Ordeal members: Seal your membership in the Order of the Arrow Get your Brotherhood!

The Spring Conclave is one of only two opportunities this year for those Ordeal members, who after 10 months of service and fulfilling certain requirements, may take part in the Brotherhood ceremony, which places further emphasis on the ideals of Scouting and the Order. Completion of this ceremony signifies full membership in the OA. Check the Lodge webpage for more Brotherhood information.

Check the Spring Conclave/Ordeal Weekend web page at [www. www.siouxbsa.org/tetonwanaLodge/News/sprconclave2011](http://www.siouxbsa.org/tetonwanaLodge/News/sprconclave2011) for more the latest updates about the Spring Conclave.

Chapter Midway Added to Conclave Schedule

Many Scouts and Scouters arrive at their first OA function as total strangers, and often leave the same way with many of them choosing never to return. This phenomenon (referred to as "Sash and Dash" or "Flap and Flee") often stems from chapters not having an opportunity to formally welcome and congratulate their new Arrowmen, and for new and old members to get to know each other.

The schedule for the Spring Conclave/Ordeal weekend has been modified to help address this. 7:00 to 8:30 pm, Saturday evening at Spring Conclave has been set aside as a time for each chapter to hold a chapter meeting with their new Arrowmen followed by an OA Midway that will allow Chapters and Lodge Committees to showcase all the exciting activities the OA has to offer. The Midway will provide Arrowmen new and old the opportunity to learn how different chapters operate, learn new activities to be involved in and meet each other in a relaxed and fun setting.

Chapters should use this time to bring together new and old Arrowmen; to let new Arrowmen know that the OA isn't just weekends of scant food, arduous labor, silence, and nights alone; and to let them know of other opportunities in the OA. A picnic table will be available for each chapter, around which chapter members can meet and then use for their Midway displays.

Chapters are encouraged make the new Arrowmen's experience one that is informative; one that will be remembered; and a positive experience that will want to come back again. This might include covering your chapter table or area with a canopy, dining fly, or tarp; covering the table with an Indian blanket; identifying your chapter area with a chapter banner, signage, Indian regalia; scrapbooks, photo albums, slideshows or videos of chapter or lodge events and activities; have refreshments, songs, a fun activity, etc. **Keep in mind that new Arrowmen tend to return regularly if made felt welcome; are well-informed; and have fun.**

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Chapter Meetings (continued)

At the Chapter meetings, **chapters are to provide the following minimum items for their chapter meeting:** a banner or sign with the chapter's name and which district it serves; chapter business cards with a contact name, phone number or e-mail address; chapter meeting information, and the web address for both the Tetonwana Lodge website at www.siouxbsa.org/Tetonwanalodge, and "Jumpstart for New Arrowmen" at www.jumpstart.oe-bsa.org/. Mention should be made at the chapter meetings that a new Arrowman's best resource is his OA Handbook.



Chiefly Speaking

Dear Arrowmen,

Welcome to a new year in Tetonwana Lodge, and I look forward to serving everyone as Lodge Chief this upcoming year. To start off, many things are coming up in the lodge now that it finally resembles spring outside. The closest event is our major event of the year: the spring conclave at Lewis and Clark. I invite everyone to come for some fellowship and service as we are revamping some portions of the event for everyone's benefit. Once this is completed, there is a great section event coming up as well: the Section Conclave in Blue Earth, MN. I invite you to look into coming to this event as well. I have personally visited the site and it will be a great event. It is a time for great training and fellowship that is about as close as it can get without our lodge hosting it again. We want to have a strong showing again at the section level.

This year, there are many new people in leadership within the lodge, and we are planning on using this to our advantage. Our goal this year within the lodge is to improve our leadership training and allow for more leadership experience. Thank you all for remaining part of this great brotherhood and for the hard work that each one of you will do. I thank you for allowing me to serve the lodge as your Chief for the coming year and I hope to see all of you at these upcoming events.

WWW,

Jonathan Oliver

OA Ceremonies Resources Now Available on the Lodge Website

OA Ceremonies resources for anyone on or interested in serving on a Lodge or Chapter OA ceremonies team is now available on a new "OA Ceremonies Resources" page of the Lodge website at www.siouxbsa.org/TetonwanaLodge/News/oaceremoniesresources.

The new web page includes links to a great OA Ceremonies Training Guide, Ordeal and Pre-Ordeal Ceremony Scripts (password required), OA Call-out Ceremony scripts, the official OA Guide to Inductions, and links to several websites that feature Indian crafts and regalia supplies.

Arrowmen involved in, or thinking about being on a ceremonies team can also find out how to obtain a free CD on how to make Indian regalia. Check out the new webpage for more information.



Upcoming Events

2011

- May 20-22 - Spring Conclave/Ordeal Weekend - Lewis & Clark Scout Camp
- Jun. 21-26 - ArrowPower 2011 - Service on the Superior
- Aug. 19-21 - Fall Conclave/Ordeal Weekend - Camp Shetek
- Sep. 9-11 - Section C-1A Conclave - Blue Earth, Minnesota
- Oct. 14-15 - Vigil Honor Retreat - Newton Hills Scout Camp

2012

- Jan. 7 - Lodge Annual Banquet & Elections
- March 3 - Lodge LLD & LEC
- May 18-20 - Spring Conclave/Ordeal Weekend - Lewis & Clark Scout Camp
- Jul. 30 - Aug. 4 - National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)
- Aug. 17-19 - Fall Conclave/Ordeal Weekend - Camp Iyataka
- Sep. 7-9 - Section C-1A Conclave
- Oct. 20-21 - Vigil Retreat - Newton Hills Scout Camp

Tetonwana Lodge Officers and Advisers for 2011

- Chief: Jonathan Oliver
- Vice Chief of Service: Matthew Oliver
- Vice Chief of Activities: Andrew Sauer
- Vice Chief of Inductions: Joe Baustian
- Secretary: David DeVore
- Treasurer: Jonathan Shaeffer
- Adviser: Mike Doss
- Staff Adviser: John Geyer

Are your dues current?

When you took the oath of our Order at the conclusion of your Ordeal, you promised on your honor as a Scout to “faithfully observe and preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow”. Participation is one of these traditions, and the very basic way of participating is by paying your yearly dues.

Tetonwana Lodge assesses annual dues of \$10.00 for youth and adult members. Annual lodge dues help cover the cost of the day to day operation of the lodge and it’s activities. It also covers the annual Regional and National fees assessed to the lodge for each registered member of the lodge. We also make a monetary contribution to the Council for needed items and for Camperships so everyone can experience camping. So we hope you can see how important the paying of yearly dues really is.

You can pay your dues at any lodge function, or send them to the Council office anytime. The year that your dues have been paid for is listed next to your name on the mailing label. If it isn’t 2011 please consider using the form below to bring your OA membership up to date.

Bring your Dues current!
 Return to the Center for Scouting
 800 N West Ave Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Name _____

____ Bring my dues current for 2011 \$10



OA Summer High Adventure Opportunities

Do you need an escape from that 9-to-5 job, summer classes or the monotony of staring out of your bedroom window longing for something new? If your answer is yes, the Order of the Arrow has the answer for you.

Each summer, the Order of the Arrow offers a myriad of different **High Adventure** opportunities to meet your summer needs, including going for a plunge in the Atlantic Ocean with the Ocean Adventure at the **Florida Sea Base**.

Maybe hiking is your passion, what better place to go than the **Philmont Scout Ranch** where you can hike the same trails as your Scoutmaster or Scouting ancestors as a part of your Trail Crew experience.

Have you ever given thought about what the Native Americans and early explorers did to be avid traders, maybe the **OA Voyage** is your calling.

Whatever your summer aspirations may be, these National High Adventure bases have put together a multitude of options for you.

Other Summer OA Opportunities

Indian Summer

Do you like fun? Do you like learning? Do you like Indian lore? Do you like OA Inductions and Ceremonies? Well, if you do, the Order of the Arrow has the perfect event for you! It is the National Order of the Arrow Indian Summer. August 1-6, 2011

ArrowPower2011 Service on Superior

ArrowPower2011 Service on the Superior is a Service Project that is going to be along Lake Superior. This will be a great event with Section C-1A and C-1B coming together to help do some major trail reconstruction and help clear some new mountain bike trails and creating some campsites and portage trails in the area. June 21-26, 2011

SummitCorps - The New River Experience

SummitCorps will take place over four weeks during July 2011: July 3-9, July 10-16, July 17-23, and July 24-30. Each week will be a separate session of SummitCorps, providing exciting opportunities for service, adventure, and recreation. SummitCorps will be held at the New River Gorge National River in West Virginia.

For more information about any of the above Summer 2011 OA opportunities, check the Lodge website at www.siouxbsa.org/tetonwanalodge



2011 Vigil Honor Nominations



The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, because of exceptional service, personal effort and unselfish interest have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities with the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, or their Scout Camp. Tenure should not be considered a reason for nomination. Please take the time to nominate those worthy Arrowmen using the form that is included with the Turtle Talk. Feel free to make copies and make multiple nominations. Nominations can be submitted at registration at the Spring Conclave, or mail your registration to the Center for Scouting. No nominations will be accepted after noon Saturday at the Spring Conclave.

The Vigil Selections Committee will meet Saturday evening to discuss the elections of new Vigil Honor candidates. The selection committee is made up of youth members who are asked to serve by the Vigil Chairman, Vigil Adviser, and Key-3. At least two members will be recruited from each chapter, with preference given to current Vigil Honor members and non-eligible youth. Arrowmen who are nominated for the Vigil Honor will not be asked to serve on the Vigil Honor Committee. In order to recruit the committee in a timely manner, NO nominations will be accepted after NOON Saturday at the Spring Conclave.

Youth Candidates

Christopher Bah	James Dietz	Eric Scott	Aaron Olson	Matthey Bay
Danny Norby	Schuyler Boyd	Michael Grajczyk	Andrew Chenoweth	Joseph Bucholtz
Casey Fletcher	Adam Hentges	Tyler Hunt	Eric Olson	Andrew Sauer
Dylan Steffen	Thomas Cook	Justis Ostrem	Nathan Rausch	Nicholas Kent
Jonathan Shaeffer	Christopher Tutt	Donald Brady	Jordon Heim	John Iverson
Adam Spenser	Michael Shlanta	Cyan Robers		

Adult Candidates

Travis Ailts	Michael Bah	James Baustian	Erick Bierstedt	Steven Blau
Debora Brady	Kurt Chenoweth	Kathleen Chida	Loretta Crapser	Eldon Crapser
Nathan Derenge	Kyle Fonder	Harold Franey	Michael Garcia	Chris Garcia
Matthew Grajczyk	Gregory Grajczyk	David Haen	James Harris	Stuart Hayen
Nicholas Hayen	Rodney Huisman	Scott Hunt	Donald Jensen	Michael Jerome Jr
William Jockheck	William Johnson	Gene Johnson	Merlyn Karjala	James Kent
Mar Kenyon	John Kindseth	Jeff Krieger	Kent Lethcoe	Paris Lortscher
LeRoy Lout	Sandra McFarland	Matthew Menely	Anthony Nelson	Mark Ochocki
Steven Olson	Kristine Olson	William Peterson	Ronald Prorok	Martin Saffel
Todd Sage	Carla Scott	Stacy Taylor	Tracy Vander Pol	Mark Wientjes
Jeffery Wilkes	Aleen Williams	Don Wilmert		

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**2011 Spring Conclave Pre-registration
Lewis & Clark Scout Camp May 20 - 22**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail _____

Cost: Ordeal Candidate \$35; Brotherhood Candidate \$25; General Members \$15

- I will attend the Spring Conclave
- I will pay my registration fee at the conclave.
- Enclosed is my registration fee.
- I will pay my registration fee at the conclave.

**Please mail to:
Sioux Council, BSA
Tetonwana Lodge #105
800 N. West Ave.
Sioux Falls, SD 57107**



Start planning now to attend NOAC

Scouting's second-largest national program event.

Those who have attended a NOAC, want to go back again.

Just ask someone who's been there.

Check out the Lodge 's NOAC webpage at

www.siouxbsa.org/TetonwanaLodge/News/2012noac

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