



The Canotka Spirit

Thoughts From The Chief



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Brothers,

I am glad that you guys voted me into the Chapter Chief position, I am very excited to have this opportunity. I hope you have already started to see a difference in our chapter. I would like for everyone to notice that our attendance at our chapter meetings hasn't been as good as it should be. We are looking for ways to improve not only our program but the activities that we do outside of the meetings. Any ideas or suggestions, please send me an email or give me a call. I am very excited about our ceremony teams. Right now we have two teams up and going and are excited about adding more in the future. One of the

big things you will notice is that starting this month, our meetings will consist of about twenty minutes of business and the remainder will be fun and new things. I would like all youth members to come out to our next meeting, I am sure there is something in the OA for you, whether it is our game nights, ceremony team, camping, dancing, or even just being there to have a great time with other members. I hope to see everyone one the first Thursday night of the month!

Kristopher Cassell
Canotka Chapter Chief



Totem by Cody Currin
Troop 780

Special points of interest:

- Canotka has submitted 20 representatives to Conclave. Lets make sure we reach this number of brothers
- The ceremonies team is ramping up for two competitions!
- Elangomat 's needed for spring induction.

Website News

Recently the Canotka Website was completely re-written to follow stricter XHTML guidelines.

Soon the Ceremonies section will have all ceremony documentation online, password protected and encrypted.

A new photo gallery was produced, we will be taking many more pictures at each event and they will be posted at the new website.

The calendar was upgraded and now will allow you to send yourself reminders and it will

also allow you to input Canotka events into MS Outlook and many other calendars.

A newer more efficient mailing list was created. Join the mailing list at:

<http://www.canotka.org/contact/maillist.html>

Cardinal Conclave 2009

Conclave is a gathering of roughly a thousand Arrowmen that occurs once a year in April at a Boy Scout Camp in our Section.

Conclave is a lot of Fun!! Conclave is a full weekend of a lot of fun events like the OA Xperience which is like a fair full of exhibits and things for you to try, Individual and Group Dance Competitions, a Singing Competition, Ceremony Competitions, Patch

Trading, Shows, the Quest for the Golden Arrow, and the Spirit Award Competition. On top of all this, you'll get to hang out with your friends and enjoy some great food.

The next Conclave is April 17 -19 at Tuscarora Scout Reservation.

- Fee: \$35
- You must pre-register to attend!
- Fill out the Conclave Delegate Registration

Form and the Conclave Delegate Medical Form

- Mail in both forms along with a check for \$35 to the address listed on the form. You may also turn in your registration at Spring Pow-Wow.



The Ceremony Team

Canotka Chapter will compete in pre-ordeal and the new AOL ceremony during the next year of events.

We hold classes and instruction on making regalia.

Dance team members, all styles are currently being sought.

Adults with extensive dancing or ceremony experience would

certainly be welcomed.

Brothers with musical ability are being sought for drum and flute participation.

Elangomat s are need for Spring Induction Ceremonies.

9 Different Troops have Candidates, please support your potential brothers!

If you send your scouts to OA inductions, please have an registered adult OA member there to support them.

Ceremony Team Practices

Feb 1, 2009 2-4pm

Feb 15, 2009 2-4pm

Mar. 1, 2009 2-4pm

Mar. 8, 2009 2-4pm

Mar. 15, 2009 2-4pm

Compete At PowWow

Apr 5, 2009 2-4pm

Apr 16, 2009 6-8pm

Compete at Conclave

Check www.canotka.org

For Locations

Chapter Participation

Well we hate writing this section but we're going to anyway. Canotka Chapter is for every troop in Harnett County. Just about every troop has OA members.

Where are you ?

Oh I know, we hear it all the time. **"Our Chapter doesn't do anything"**

How would you know, you're not there?

They never do anything I'm interested in.

The Chapter direction is set by the youth. If your not there, you have no input. The youth that are there set the direction.

It's not what is used to be. I remember...

It's what you make it.

We'd love for you to be an active member, Remember it's not a choice, it's an obligation

Lenape Hach Ki?

OA Elections

Monday January 26	Troop 780
Monday February 9	Troop 711
Tuesday February 10	Troop 125
Thursday February 12	Troop 61
Monday February 16	Troop 797
Tuesday February 17	Troop 779
Monday February 23	Troop 2
Monday March 2	Troop 757
Monday March 9	Troop 157
Wednesday March 18	Troop 717
TBD	Troop 750



Check the Website for Updates

www.canotka.org

New Patch Available at Spring Pow-Wow

America's Direction



You are the last, great, best, hope for America. You are! You believe in HONOR, in a world where honor has lost much of its meaning. You believe in doing your duty to God and your Country, in a country where school prayer has been outlawed and many Americans don't even bother to vote. You believe in a scout law, with 12 very demanding and very specific points, and you commit to ALL of them....when your non-scout friends commit to NOTHING. You believe in helping other people and at all times...and you do this in a world where liability is so

feared that when someone cries out for help many people literally run away. You believe in keeping yourself physically strong, and you do this in a world where teenage obesity is common and video games are confused with exercise. You believe in staying mentally awake, in a country where drug use is not uncommon and binge drinking by teenagers is considered by some to be a thrill. And, you believe in keeping yourselves morally straight, and you do this in a country where some of our own leaders don't even know the meaning of the term.

Yes, You ARE, the last great, best, hope, for America.....

you are the Future of the World...

the world of Today...

and of the World to Come.

America:

Returning to Values
Scouting Never Left