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## Special points of interest:

- You can buy lodge flaps at all lodge events
- Tote washes are scheduled to help raise funds for our trip to NOAC in 2012. Mark your calendars with these dates and please join us at McKesson Drug in West Seneca 8a - 3p. Sept. 10th, Oct. 29th and Dec. 10th. More info is on the Lodge website.

## *A Word From The Lodge Advisor*

Hello to all my brothers in Lodge 159,

As I sit down to write this message, summer is almost half way over and our fall activities are rapidly approaching. Now is the time for all of us to think about our plans for the remainder of the year and to remember to include the order of the Arrow in those plans. Because of you the lodge is doing well, we are close to positive growth and our 30% target for brotherhood conversions. If you know of anyone who has not paid their dues yet or is brotherhood eligible, encourage them to get active and participate in the fun part of the lodge. Information on all of our activities can be found on-line at oalodge159.org which is the lodge's website.

Now for the rest of the news. We have had 8 of our

members travel to the New River Gorge in West Virginia in July to participate in the Summit Corps experience at the site of the 2013 National Jamboree. Check out their article in this edition of the longhouse messenger.

The youth members of the lodge's Nominations Committee met in June and selected 4 of our members to be inducted as Vigil Honor members during the summer fellowship at SSR in August. Congratulations to Jon Shunk, Chris Swagler, Tim West and Scott Swagler for receiving this honor.

The Falling Waters Lean-To project at Camp Stonehaven has been approved and fundraising is underway. If you wish to help with the project, please contact Eric Militello the Falling Waters chapter advisor to

volunteer. If you would like to help financially, you can do so through the council camping office or Doubleknot, there is a link to this site through the lodge's website. Any individual, group of individuals or Unit who donates \$100 or more will get their name inscribed on a plaque to be displayed on the project.

We are currently accepting deposits for NOAC 2012. \$100 will put your name on the list of people who will be registered with national when their website opens up early this fall.

Don't miss out on this great event, reserve your spot now!

Don't forget to enjoy the rest of your summer and Stay Safe.

Jerry

## *A Word From The Advisor of Onondaga*

Hello friends, I just want to drop a few quick words of thanks to the group of arrowmen who accompanied me on our adventure to Summit Corp. As a veteran of ArrowCorp in 2008 I knew what to expect but I do believe those that went came away with a new found meaning to what our brotherhood means and can do when we all get together for some work and of course a whole bunch of fun. The recap and a few pictures follow in this issue. Have a great summer.

Larry Jones

## *A Word From The Lodge Chief*

Dear Brothers,

I hope you had a fun, relaxing and safe Summer. And I would like to thank each and every one of you for all that you do to make the Lodge successful. For those of you who attended Summer Camp I hope you enjoyed our Tuesday evening program. Please provide me with any feedback that you have or suggestions that you would like to see incorporated into our future program. While I am on the subject of future planning. In order for our events to be successful not only do members need to participate at the event but we need members to man the committees that run the events. If you are interested in being on a committee, please let me know. Not every committee requires an extensive amount of time to be expended. Currently there are openings on all committees. Don't be afraid to try something new, you may find out you have hidden talents. I am looking forward to member input and participation in the upcoming year. I attend various events/meetings/QLE's to make myself available to members. Please, let me know if you have any concerns, questions, ideas or you just want to say hi. Remember by working together we can achieve another Quality Lodge designation and we have the opportunity to wrap this years up soon.

Fred (Skippy) Briggs

## Summit Corps in review

This past July between the 17<sup>th</sup> and the 23<sup>rd</sup> our lodge sent a contingent to the Summit Bechtel Family Scout Reserve in the New River Gorge National Park in West Virginia. We camped with lodges from every corner of the United States at the Glen Jean National Guard Armory. Members got up at 5:30 am every day to build mountain bike trails in the New River Gorge National Park for 4 days. We were divided into crews, with an I-corps member for a leader. Together, we fixed trails and built our own trails using a variety of tools such as a Meloud, Cut O matic, and Rogue hoes just to name a few. Everyone was working in hot conditions. It was 90+ every day! But it was not all just work. At night time there were various activities to participate in such as a rock con-

cert and a patch auction. There were even great guest speakers.

After four days of hard work, we got one day of recreation. Many people went white water rafting on some of the best rapids in the states. Others went on a tree top tour using zip lines that were 150 ft high and 750 ft long! After all that, we went to Ace Lake and swam on giant blow up toys much like the "blob" at Schoellkopf. One evening, we had a pig roast for dinner, which was much better than all the Philmont food we ate all week.

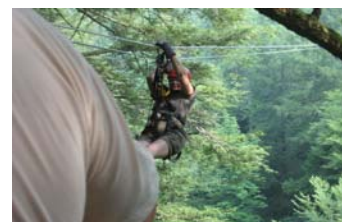
All the members of our contingent (Larry Jones, Scott Conway, Ginny Conway, C.J. Long, Mike Hynes, Darlene Kihlberg, Mike Christie, and David Krull) had fun on the trails, as well as, sitting in the

mud, trimming roots, taking a dirty crew picture, finishing a trail, busting rock with that hand sledge, or finding a hole in the trail that fit a scout in it. We also had fun giving nicknames to all of the crew, and hanging out with I-Corps leaders. White water rafting was a favorite thing to do. Someone's favorite thing was getting chicken wings in the middle of the day!

Lastly, everyone liked seeing how the week started off with trees and forest, and finished with beautifully groomed bike trails. Over all Summit Corps 2011 was a great learning experience, and leadership building adventure. We all hope that everyone will get to ride on our awesome trails at the 2013 Jamboree. Great job Ho-Dee-No-Sau-Nee!



Summit crew after a hard day's work



Recreation day activities

## A Word From The Falling Waters Advisor

Hello Falling Waters OA Brothers,

I hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful weather we are having on the Niagara Frontier. I just wanted to give everyone an update to some of our summer activities, and what your chapter is doing at Camp Stonehaven with the Lean-To Project.

First, I want to start off by congratulating Chris Swagler, Falling Waters Chapter Chief, and Mr. Scott Swagler, Lodge Program Advisor, for their selection as Vigil Candidates. Congratulations and thank you for all of your hard work and continued support of the chapter and lodge.

Next, we currently have the permission of the Council Properties Committee to move forward on the project with an approved location at Stonehaven. At this point we are soliciting donations from all of our members who are willing and able to help. Our Lodge Website as well as the Council's OA page has information on the project with artist's renderings of the Lean-To's and Shelter plus a link to contribute online (<http://www.oalodge159.org>). We are asking for everyone's help in the Chapter as well as the Lodge in this endeavor. We would like to begin as soon as possible so anything you can do to help will be greatly appreciated. Our goal at this point is to be able to pour the

concrete slabs early September and lay the block foundations either before or during our work weekend. We are also shooting for a completion date of this project by the end of spring 2012. If you are interested in helping or would like further information please contact Chris Swagler or myself.

Upcoming Lodge events are as follows; Section Conclave Aug 19 – 21 at Camp Gorton, and Summer Fellowship Aug 26 – 28 at Camp Schoellkopf.

Our next monthly Chapter Meeting will be September 13<sup>th</sup> at Gander Mountain on Youngs Rd in Tonawanda. Start time is 7:00 PM.

Talk with your fellow brothers and come out to one of our

meetings or a fun event and I can promise you, you won't be disappointed. Feel free to discuss with me your thoughts or ideas for the chapter anytime. If you have any questions about any of the events, open chapter positions or the Chapter in general, please feel free to contact me at [emilitello@roadrunner.com](mailto:emilitello@roadrunner.com) or by phone (716) 625-4216 or our Chapter Chief Chris Swagler at [cwags@verizon.net](mailto:cwags@verizon.net).

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Eric Militello (Tuney)  
Falling Waters Chapter Advisor

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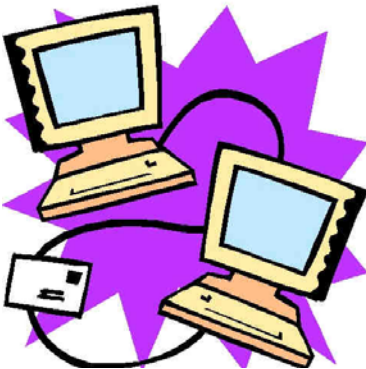
## Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1)	2)	3)	4)	5)	6)
7)	8)	9)	10)	11)	12)	13)
14)	15)	16)	17)	18)	19) Section NE-3A Conclave	20)
21)	22)	23)	24)	25)	26) Lodge Summer Fellowship	27)
28)	29)	30)				

- August 19 - 21: Section NE - 3A @ Camp Gorton
- August 26 - 28: Lodge Summer Fellowship and Vigil induction weekend at Schoellkopf Scout Reservation
- LEC's start September 12th and then the first Monday of the month
- September 16 - 18: Falling Waters service weekend at Stonehaven
- September 23 - 25: Seneca service weekend at Scouthaven and Onondaga service weekend at SSR
- October 7 - 10: Legacy 11 at various sites throughout the council

SSR - Schoellkopf Scout Reservation, STH - Camp Stonehaven, SCH - Camp Scouthaven, CSC - Council Service Center, LEC - Lodge Executive Committee, FW - Falling Waters Chapter, ON - Onondaga Chapter, SN - Seneca Chapter

## A Word From The Communications Chairman



Fellow arrowmen,

For those who do not know, I am Sean Jones, the communications chairman for the lodge. As the communications chairman, I am responsible for putting out this fine publication for the lodge. However, this newsletter is only great if people write articles for it. As you can see, there are a few articles here, but there could always be more. The average newsletter has at least two more pages full of articles, so you should be considering what you would like to write for the next newsletter.

I can understand if you feel that writing an article is a very difficult task, but you can write one in just a few minutes if you have an idea on what you want to talk about. Sure, you can sit around for a few hours trying to come up with something that people would want to read, but you can write about almost anything. As long as your article is informative, it's fine with me.

Usually, I only receive articles from some of the lodge officers. Everyone in the lodge is encouraged to submit articles for this newsletter.

If you have any articles that

you would like to submit or if you have any questions for me, you may go ahead and send them to me at [sij5183@gmail.com](mailto:sij5183@gmail.com).

Yours in brotherhood,  
Sean Jones  
Communications Chairman

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