Fellow Arrowmen,

Thanks to everyone who showed up for the One Day of Service project. Good job guys! Also, congratulations to two Quelqueshoe Lodge members, Brett Chapman, on becoming SR-1A Section Chief and Daniel Wygoda, on becoming SR-1A Section Secretary. We’re so proud of you!

The Winter Ordeal on December 12-14 is a time of food, fun, and fellowship for all lodge members. This is not just for the candidates going through their Ordeal. We welcome and invite all lodge members to come out and have fun with us on this weekend. Please remember this is our last chance to induct a handful of Brotherhood members required for earning National Quality Lodge. Every member eligible for Brotherhood membership is strongly encouraged to attend and to help us achieve this honor.

Another event of great importance at the Ordeal, is the Annual Lodge Business Meeting where we will elect the 2009 lodge officers. All active lodge members are eligible to run for lodge executive positions. Please contact me for more information.

Lastly, all Scouts and families are invited to our annual Lodge Banquet on January 10, held at Camp Edgewood. Please invite everyone you know.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Yours in Brotherhood,
Scott Hendricks
Quelqueshoe Lodge Chief
ANNUAL LODGE BANQUET

It’s almost here! The biggest event of the year is the annual Lodge Banquet, and this year it will be held on Saturday, January 10. With special guests coming from all over the Section and your closest friends in attendance as well, this event is a “can’t miss.” This year the annual Lodge Banquet will be held in its traditional location, Camp Edgewood, with the brand new renovated Mess Hall kitchen. We will begin at 6:00 P.M. In 2009, as last year, a special emphasis will be placed on pre-registering for the event. Those who pre-register will be served a delicious meal prepared by our resident chef, Mr. Donn E. Dees, and his hard-working crew. Those who do not preregister will be served hot dogs, chips, dessert, and tea. The kitchen crew will also prepare this meal, but I wouldn’t expect as high of a quality. Because of this, IT IS CRITICAL THAT YOU PRE-REGISTER AND PRE-PAY. The cost is $15 for both situations. Registration is available at Quelqueshoe Online on the ‘Event Registration’ page or at the Calcasieu Area Council Scout Office through January 5. You may pre-pay during the same time period. Come share in fellowship with your brothers as awards are presented, the 2009 Lodge Officers are installed, and the State of the Lodge Address is given. We hope to see all of you and your families at the Annual Lodge Banquet. Remember...pre-register. Your meal depends on it!

Annual Lodge Banquet
January 10, 2009

Camp Edgewood
6:00 P.M.
$15.00
Fellow Arrowmen,

In the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony, Nutiket urges us to “Seek the fire at the center! Kindle cheerfulness within you! Gather round your hearts the tender, lay the oak and pine together, kindle all that is within you with a warm and cheerful spirit.”

This should be a goal of all Arrowmen, not only when we are the fellowship of our fellow members, but in our daily lives as well. When we are faced with stress, disappointments, hard work, or people we do not care for, we must strive to lead by example. We must lead by the work we do and the attitude we take with us everywhere. These are lofty goals, but we must never lose sight of them. They will make everything else easier.

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Donn E. Dees
Lodge Adviser

Lodge Business Meeting

As you all know, the Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) is responsible for the overall direction of the lodge each year. The election of the next year’s lodge officers is conducted at the annual Lodge Business Meeting. The importance of the Lodge Business Meeting cannot be stressed enough. It was mentioned in Chiefly Speaking but needs further emphasis. This is the most important lodge meeting of the year. The meeting will be Saturday, December 13th, at 7:00 P.M. at Camp Edgewood.

Any youth Arrowmen who is current on dues and under the age of 21 may run for lodge office. In the past, Quelqueshoe Lodge has had a Lodge Chief and five Vice-Chiefs over various program areas. Starting in 2009, the LEC has voted to reorganize the lodge officers as a Lodge Chief, a Lodge Vice-Chief, and a Lodge Secretary. If you are interested in one of these positions, contact Scott Hendricks using the information on page 1. Do not let inexperience be a deterrent. Even the greatest leaders were inexperienced at one point, and you will have many capable adults and past lodge officers willing to help you along the way. If these leadership positions are not for you, perhaps you would be a better fit as a committee chairman or committee member. Quelqueshoe lodge has a variety of committees, ranging from ceremonies and dance to camping promotions and website. Surely we have something that fits your interest.

If you are over the age of 21 and would like to volunteer to be an adviser, we will be more than happy to accommodate you in the area of your interest.

The future of Quelqueshoe Lodge is in your hands. I am confident that among you are the next group of great leaders. I look forward to being proven right in the months to come.
**Arrowmen in Action**

(Above) Quelqueshoe Lodge Staff Adviser Brandon Hart at Haunted Weekend on October 24-26.


(Above) Arrowman Joel Dees getting ready to scare some Cub Scouts in the haunted house at Haunted Weekend.

(Above) Warren A. Hood Scout Reservation is the site of the 2009 SR-1A Conclave. Camp Hood is an amazing Scout camp that will make for a great Conclave on the weekend of April 24-26, 2009.

(Above) Quelqueshoe Lodge Staff Adviser Brandon Hart at Haunted Weekend on October 24-26.

(Left) Arrowmen on staff of the first National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) at Camp Edgewood. Left to right: Matt Ritter, Roy Billodeau, Brett Chapman, and Daniel Wygoda. Not pictured: Flash Williams, Donn E. Dees, Pam Dartez, Joel Dees, and Jonathan Vogel.
**2009 SR-1A Conclave Preview**

At the end of the summer, the Southern Region was reorganized. As a result, Quelqueshoe Lodge is now in SR-1A, which includes the lodges based in Monroe, Lafayette, Baton Rouge, New Orleans, and Jackson, MS, in addition to Quelqueshoe Lodge. In 2009, the inaugural SR-1A Conclave will be held at Warren A. Hood Scout Reservation in Hazlehurst, MS. Camp Hood is the Andrew Jackson Area Council’s Scout camping facility. It has a land area of 1,300 acres complete with a 115-acre lake, 11 large campsites, Cub World, handicap camping area, Adirondack cabins, family cabins, C.O.P.E. course, 40-foot repelling tower, rifle range, skeet shooting range, archery range, activity fields, primitive camping areas, and much more. This camp will allow for an amazing first Conclave with our new Section. The date of the 2009 SR-1A Conclave is April 24-26, 2009, and the weekend fee is only $30. Online registration will be available soon. More details will come in the near months, but you should not wait until then to plan to attend this great event.

**NOAC 2009**

Imagine for a moment, you and 8,000 of your brothers descending upon a major college campus for six days of fellowship, training, recreation, competition, arena shows, parades, and friendship. This is the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC), and it’s happening next summer. If you ask anyone who has been to one, they will likely tell you that it is among the greatest Scouting experiences they have ever had. In 2009, the OA will host its 50th NOAC, and for the tenth time, it will be held at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, the site of the first NOAC in 1948. In 2006, our lodge sent 18 Arrowmen to NOAC at Michigan State University. This time around we hope to increase that number, and it all starts with your help! The scheduled dates are August 1-6, 2009. Stay tuned to www.event.oa-bsa.org for the latest news.

I’m there. Are you?

**2009 Lodge Dues**

It’s that time of year again. The time when we ask for a small contribution to ensure that the Order of the Arrow functions in Southwest Louisiana. As always the annual lodge dues are only $5, payable at the Calcasieu Area Council Scout Office (304 S. Ryan St., Lake Charles, LA 70601) or at the Lodge Banquet on January 10th at Camp Edgewood. So where does your money go? We send $3 per lodge member to the National OA Office for registration, and the remaining $2 is put toward operating costs of lodge functions and publications for the coming year. It pays for Ordeals, Fellowships, and even the printing and shipping of the Screaming Eagle. To provide a reference point, lodge dues across the nation are on average nearly $10 per year. You will find a Dues Invoice accompanying this issue of the Screaming Eagle. Remember, along with current dues, comes the right to wear the lodge flap and OA sash that we display so proudly, so please be prompt on this issue.

“Infinity, dear brothers, extends not only outward...but also inward to the heart of each human being.”

– E. Umer Goodman, Founder of the Order of the Arrow
Brotherhood Eligible Members

As the year 2008 comes to a close, Quelqueshoe Lodge would like to challenge all of our Ordeal members who have completed their 10-month requirement to seal their membership in the Order of the Arrow by becoming Brotherhood members. In addition to the 10-month requirement, you must have completed the Challenges of Brotherhood Membership. These can be found on page 55 of your Order of the Arrow Handbook or at jumpstart.oa-bsa.org.

The last Brotherhood Ceremony of 2008 will be held at the Winter Ordeal. The ceremony will begin promptly at 5:15. Any interested Arrowmen should arrive at least one hour early in full Scout uniform with a Brotherhood Plaque. This is similar to the arrow required for the Ordeal but with the Brotherhood bars. The cost of the ceremony is $15, which includes the Brotherhood sash and lodge flap. If you attend the Winter Ordeal, the fee is $25 to cover food costs. Please let us know of your intention so proper arrangements can be made for those who will attend.

All eligible members are listed below:

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One Day of Service Report

The One Day of Service Program was created in 1996 as a way to expand upon the cheerful service upon which our Order was founded. Since its inception, the program has grown each year, and now provides thousands of service hours to local communities each year.

Our community service project was the cleanup of Camp Edgewood Road. We have all seen the trash, big and small, littering the road to our Scout camp. Our Arrowmen spent the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. removing everything from McDonald’s cups to home appliances, all the while making the scenery leading to Camp Edgewood as beautiful and trash-free as it should be.

Overall, One Day of Service was a huge success, but it can be even bigger and better next year. In 2009, One Day of Service will be Saturday, October 17th. It’s never too early to plan ahead, so mark your calendars now. You won’t want to miss this amazing opportunity to provide meaningful service while spreading Scouting’s values.

OA High Adventure

Each summer, the OA offers a wide range of amazing High Adventure opportunities for reduced prices. The three programs are OA Trail Crew at Philmont Scout Ranch, OA Wilderness Voyage at Northern Tier Canoe Base, and OA Ocean Adventure at Florida Sea Base.

Along with your one week trek completely designed by you, each Arrowmen will be afforded the opportunity to leave their mark in history by helping to sure up portage trails, backpacking trails or coral reefs. Aside from providing a good deed to each of these high adventure bases, every participant will have the opportunity to work closely with Arrowmen from across the country, who have a similar interest in the future of both the program and the adventure base.

You may be thinking that this is a daunting task but it is an experience unlike any other afforded to you in scouting in that it takes you out of your world and places with people, who want to do something different. It’s not everyday that you can tell your friends that you climbed into Cypher’s Mine, watched the Northern Lights from a canoe or went scuba diving in the Florida Keys.

For more information about these High Adventure programs, please visit adventure.oa-bsa.org. Your destiny awaits you…
Scouting Beyond Our Borders

Since the founding of the People’s Republic of China (PRC) by the Communist Party in 1949, Scouting has been officially banned. The PRC is listed as one of only six countries without Scouting by the World Organization of the Scout- ing Movement (WOSM). Scouting existed in mainland China before 1949 under the Republic of China (ROC). In 1941, there were 570,000 registered Scouts, but all Scouting activities were interrupted when the Chinese communists took over mainland China. Scouting could not survive under communist leadership due to the twelfth point of the Scout Law: Reverent. Scouting’s acknowledgment of a Higher Power conflicts with communistic principles, where nothing, religion included, has priority over the State.

In the Summer of 2009, five representatives of the Boy Scouts, including Quelqueshoe Lodge’s own Daniel Wygoda, will be making strides toward the goal of establishing Scouting in China. Working with a Chinese-based youth leadership camp called “Capable Teens,” this team will be teaching nearly 500 participants leadership skills, such as evaluating, communicating, knowing and using resources, and other first leadership. These important values that we learn through Scouting have not been taught in China until now. The Chinese Youth National Leadership Training (CYNLT) course has received national publicity on Chinese television and promises to be a monumental event in the history of World Scouting.

This amazing opportunity, however, has created a financial need. We ask that anyone who would like to assist Daniel in raising the funds to make this once-in-a-lifetime trip a reality to please contact him using the information provided on page 1. Any donation, large or small, will undoubtedly change lives, both in the United States and abroad. We wish Daniel nothing but the best.

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A Summer of Service, Fellowship, and Legacies

Robert Mason, OA National Bulletin

August 2, 2008, marked the physical end of the greatest service project undertaken by the Boy Scouts of America since World War II. Nearly 5,000 Arrowmen and Forest Service volunteers participated in this summer’s ArrowCorps5 events. Tag-lined as “truly a mountaintop experience,” Scouts witnessed nothing short of that in each of the weeklong conservation projects.

From the rolling Ozark Mountains to the majestic Grand Tetons, our public lands received much-needed care throughout the summer. For many brothers, this was their first time traveling to such remote and serene locations. Lodges scheduled extra days to visit nearby attractions to take in these once-in-a-lifetime experiences. The opportunity to spend time in nature and with fellow Scouts presented itself daily. Breathtaking sunrises and sunsets graced camps and provided time for participants to reflect.

The conservation work that we accomplished as an organization surpassed all expectations and projections by the USDA Forest Service for each site visited. In most cases, the majority of work had been completed by midweek, and the Forest Service had to find more projects to keep the Arrowmen busy. The work ethic our Arrowmen exhibited in the field was legendary and historic.

A synopsis of the summer revealed that nearly 150 miles of trail was constructed or refurbished by the Order of the Arrow and dozens of new trail identification signs were constructed to alert hikers. Trail building was not the only project carried out—not 135 acres of invasive red cedars were removed at the Mark Twain National Forest site, and 28 miles of the invasive tamarisk plant was removed and treated across the Manti-La Sal project sites. Attendees included Arrowmen from all states and four foreign countries. The age of the conservation enthusiasts ranged from the mid-teens to mid-80s.

One of the highlights was President Bush’s visit to commend the public service at the Shasta-Trinity project site. Three Arrowmen, National Chief Jake Wellman, Western Region Chief Mark Hendricks, and Youth Incident Coordinator Alex Braden were recognized with the President’s Call to Service Voluntarism Award.

These young men were instrumental in planning and execution of the 2008 ArrowCorps5 Shasta-Trinity project. At the Bridger-Teton National Forest project, White House officials presented more of these awards to key leadership that had been working on this project for nearly five years.

The glue that held the project together was a group known as the Instructor Corps. Made up of 42 individuals from across America, these brothers provided continuity of program, logistical support, and a model of the best conservation practices. Arrowmen and Forest Service Volunteer Liaison Tim Beaty commented at the George Washington/Jefferson site that, “Each of the staff [11-Corps] members brought a wealth of conservation experience and the enthusiasm to make this the most successful volunteer project that the United States Forest Service has ever received.”

Forest Service Chief Abigail Kimbell commented on several occasions that “this is a project that you will be leaving your children and grandchildren back to...You have made a difference on the land that is very lasting and the American people thank you for that.” She also stated that “one of the greatest outcomes of the projects is the strengthening of relationships and the formation of new bonds.”

In Chief Scout Executive Robert Mazzuca’s address at the program this summer, he praised the initiative undertaken by the Order. The opportunity that we have before us is tremendous, and you are indeed, as Dr. Goodman stated, “the pace-setters in Cheerful Service.”

One of the main program topics developed throughout each week was the importance of legacy. This summer, Scouts learned the value of legacies and how the efforts of one person can be significant. The positive impression that the Boy Scouts of America left in these forestland communities will surely be long lasting and reignite the importance of our organization in the minds of countless Americans.
Upcoming Events

**November**
- **16**
  - LEC Meeting
  - Camp Edgewood
  - 1:00 P.M.
- **22-26**
  - Winter Camp
  - Camp Edgewood
- **December**
  - **13**
    - Lodge Business Meeting
  - **16**
    - LEC Meeting

**January**
- **10**
  - Annual Lodge Banquet
  - Camp Edgewood
  - 6:00 P.M.
  - $15 Fee

**April**
- **24-26**
  - 2009 SR-1A Conclave
  - Hood Scout Reservation
  - Hazlehurst, MS
  - $30 Weekend Fee

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