



KISKAKON LODGE

ANTHONY WAYNE AREA COUNCIL 157

CCLT SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM 2006 FINAL REPORT

Brotherhood Conversions

A total of 35 Arrowmen achieved Brotherhood Membership. Added to the 10 from the Miami Brotherhood in January and the 10 from Spring Fellowship, we have had a total of 55 new Brotherhood members so far this year. With the Fall Fellowship still to come, we should have no problem achieving the 30% needed for Quality Lodge.

The Brotherhood Ceremonies were well performed and the Spirit of the Arrow Booklets 6-8 were used to help provide a more meaningful experience for the candidates. Those who achieved Brotherhood Membership were the final group to receive the blue-bordered "Brotherhood" Flap.

On three of the weeks, due to circumstances beyond our control, the ceremony could not be held on Wednesday night. It was then moved to Thursday afternoon in the free time following lunch.

Troop Visits

All AWAC troops attending camp and several Out-of-Council Troops as well were visited over the course of the summer. Documents distributed included the 2006-2007 Lodge Fact Sheet, info about the OA Troop Representative Program, and dates for upcoming Lodge events.

Overall the OA has a positive image in the eyes of these Troops. Those with members are looking at becoming more active, and those without members are looking forward to Elections this next spring.

The main concern that was found among many of the Troops was once again communication. Many have expressed interest in coming to events but are not receiving information or registration forms. Our main focus, however must be on the Unit Elections. Several Troops reported that they had not been contacted by their Chapter this past spring. It should be our goal that every Troop at least be contacted this year. With more of a presence and good impressions at these Elections, we will see an increase in our active membership.

Many Out-of-Council Troops commented that our Summer Camp Program was the best they had seen at any camps they had previously attended.





Movie Night

The Monday Movie Night went over fairly well with anywhere from 10-30 Arrowmen attending each week.

The only issue that arose in connection with Movie Night was the availability of the projector. Of the five Movie Nights that were held over the course of the summer (there was no Movie Night for LDS Week due to Opening Campfire) three of the weeks a Television was used, one week the scenes were acted out due to unavailability of a TV, and only one week the projector was used. Because we advertise that our Movie Night will feature a “big-screen” projector, some felt let down. This needs to be fixed by next summer.

OA Day

Monday was designated as “OA Day.” Those who wore their sashes received early entry to Breakfast and Lunch. This went over very well and we should look to expand our program for the day as well. (visibility)

Camp Tours

Before Troops completed Med Checks they were welcomed by myself and briefed on the various opportunities for their OA members during their week at camp.

Opening Campfire

The Opening Campfire began each week with an impressive fire lighting and inspirational welcome to all the Campers and Leaders. New torches were constructed to make the fire lighting possible.

During LDS week there was also a Callout Ceremony conducted at the Opening Campfire. It went over very well and will be included as a permanent part of our Summer Camp Program beginning in 2007.

OA Teepee

The presence of the Teepee proved to be very helpful in establishing a strong OA presence at Camp. It was used for the Indian Lore Merit Badge daily and the Brotherhood Class on Wednesday. I was also stationed in the Teepee during fifth session for anyone who needed questions answered or wanted to learn more about OA. I suggest that for next year, this session be turned into an actual class (OA 101) and be featured in the Camp Leader Guide. This will result in much greater attendance during this session and further expand our presence at Camp.

Blue Heron Service Projects

The Service Project requirement for the Blue Heron Camper Award was handled through myself using sign-up sheets and contact with individual SPL's and SM's. A number of projects were provided from the Camp Director each week, some from myself, and some





original ideas from the units themselves. This was a very good way for the Lodge to be seen as the service organization that we are.

Rededication

A new addition to our Summer Camp Program this year was the Rededication Ceremony that was offered following the Closing Campfire. We used the site at the Chapel that had previously been used for the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony. The script that was used was assembled by myself using parts from the 90th Anniversary Rededication as well as lines from the Pre-Ordeal and Ordeal. We had anywhere from 15-50 Arrowmen present each week. The ceremony was well performed and many compliments were received. Patches for our Summer Camp Program were handed out following the Ceremony. Those from other Lodges who attended were very impressed and are looking at bringing the idea back to their home Lodges. This success is definitely something we should build upon and offer again next summer.

Conclusion

I am very pleased with the success of our Summer Camp Program for 2006. My only complaint was the three weeks in which I was required to give up one of my OA sessions (which the Lodge pays for) in order to teach an additional Merit Badge class.

Our increased presence at Camp Chief Little Turtle can only help the overall program of our Lodge and of the Camp. I anticipate an increase in the attendance at Lodge events and meetings in the coming year, as well as a larger group of active members.

For next year we must continue to expand and develop our Summer Camp Program at CCLT. In doing this we will improve not only our Lodge program, but also that of the Council and of the Camp.

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