

THE THUNDERHEAD

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2008 Lodge Goals

Roadmap to success

Will McCranie

Lodge Chief

Brothers,

This year we have several goals to achieve in order to better our lodge. If we can meet them by the time I leave office I believe our lodge will be in an infinitely better place than it is now. First, we must improve our induction program. We need elangomats to volunteer beforehand and be trained and we need a pre-planned Jumpstart program. One of our biggest problems is member retention, and our disorganization at Ordeals contributes to this. Next, we need to increase our Brotherhood conversions. As brothers achieve Brotherhood they feel a stronger bond to the lodge and are much more likely to continue to attend and to serve. Communication has always been our weakest point. By the end of this year we must have a comprehensive, current e-mail list so that all of the lodge members can receive updates about activities and communicate with the rest of the lodge easily and consistently. Planning is another weakness which we must overcome. As we prepare for the year, I promise you that I and the lodge officers will do a better job of planning ahead for events so that you can have the most fun possible. However, we also cannot forget the purpose of our Order: cheerful service. I would like to have at least two lodge service projects take place outside of ordeals. Our last major goal is to establish

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ceremony teams. We currently have only one or maybe two standing Ordeal ceremony teams. I would like to see at least one in every chapter. A quality ceremony will go a long way towards bringing a new arrowman back to the program. If we can do all this we can achieve Quality Lodge status and greatly improve our lodge program. But I need your help. I can't do it alone. In order for our lodge to meet these goals we MUST have people attending events, helping with planning, coming to service projects, and everything else there is to do. I promise to provide you with something to do every second of the time you are at an event, and I hope to all of you there this year.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Will McCranie
Lodge Chief
Ini-to Lodge 324

If a friend is in trouble, don't annoy him by asking if there is anything you can do. Think up something appropriate and do it.

- Edgar Watson Howe

Spring Fellowship

Fun, Fellowship, and Service

Feb 29 – March 2 Lawhorn Scout Base

Put the first weekend of March on your calendar. Meet us at the Scout Base (Canoe Base).

You asked for it you got it. This weekend's format will include lots of variety of activities.

How about Fun: plan and practice the Quest games for Conclave.

How about training: An elangomat training session with introduction of the NIMAT extended elangomat

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Lodge Adviser's Corner:

There's a Bear in the room! Danny McCranie taught us a lesson at Lodge Leadership Development, and its worth sharing. Danny brought with him a stuffed bear, and as we went through our planning and training, Danny kept asking us if the Bear was still there. Yes we would always answer, but no one ever asked why he brought the Bear.

The Bear was there for a reason. The bear represented a problem, one that we became very good at ignoring. Our lodge has a problem, and like the bear in the room, we have gotten good at ignoring it.

What is our Bear? Lack of participation. Arrowmen simply don't attend events. We want great events and complain if the don't work out that way, but we can't have great events unless people attend. We have created a vicious circle.

"I don't go because". You fill in the blank. You've just ignored the Bear. Quit ignoring the Bear and get yourself and a friend to A Chapter Meeting or a Lodge event. You'll make it great because you're here. I haven't missed a lodge event in over 6 years, and I've seen a lot of fun, fellowship, and service come and go. **SO COME AND BE A PART OF IT, AND LETS GET RID OF THE BEAR.**



2008 SR-6S Conclave Participant Registration Form

April 18 – 20, 2008 Camp Lumpkin Chattahoochee Lodge – Host

☒ Due Dates:

MARCH 15 - Pre-registration fee (\$25) due to lodge.

APRIL 1 – Late fee (\$35) due to lodge. A \$50 Walk-on fee will apply.

Name: _____ Age _____ Youth Adult
Circle one

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Please list any Medically Necessary Dietary or Medical/Disability Needs that we need to know about:

<i>Participant Fee</i> ⇨	
TOTAL ENCLOSED =	

- Please enclose a photocopy (non-returnable) of your current (up to date) BSA physical form
- Enclose payment (payable to BSA), and submit by **MARCH 15 2008** to:

⇨ (Make Checks Payable to BSA)
Lawhorn Scouting Base
Attn: OA Conclave
1166 Dripping Rock Road
Molena, GA 30258

INI-TO LODGE EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

NAME(S): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone/Email: _____

Not for use by Candidates or as a transfer form. See <http://ini-to324.org> for the proper forms.

Check All that apply: _____

Ordeal \$15.00 _____

Brotherhood \$10.00 _____

Fall Fellowship \$20.00 _____

Vigil Breakfast \$10.00 _____

Vigil members only _____

Annual Dues \$10.00 _____

Recognition Banquet \$15.00 _____

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