



Northern Lights District Fall Conclave 2007

Welcome back all OA Members. Here is some specific information about our conclave that was not included in the letter the lodge is sending to all members.

As you all know, the Order of the Arrow is the Brotherhood of **Cheerful Service** and the conclave weekend is our main time in the year to provide that service.

In the past, our conclave has focused on the service aspect, and the cheerfulness has been lagging behind. We want to change that, starting this year. While we will continue to improve Rum River Scout Camp to the best of our ability, we are also planning on some down time for fellowship, relaxation and to get to know our fellow OA members.

To that end, we are restructuring our weekend and moving some ceremony times, election times and dinner times. Don't worry, you will still get that delicious dinner served up by Dave Bredeson and crew. Saturday evening will be devoted to fellowship and includes: a campfire OA presentation by our own lodge chief, Joe Henry, Elections, outdoor activities, cribbage tournaments / instruction, movies and other events. If you have a cribbage board, please bring it along for the weekend.

On Sunday morning we have an activity to create a Native American choker from beads, hair pipe and leather (see picture below). This is an **optional cost and optional activity**. Material costs will be collected at registration time. Please do not include the cost in the registration fee you send in for the conclave. **This activity will cost an additional \$5 for materials** for each choker you would like to make. **Please indicate on your registration if you would like to make this and how many. Example: write "CHOKER – 2" anywhere on the registration form.**



To make this a success, we are asking all Conclave Participants to stay the complete weekend, and to camp as a unit if possible.

We are looking for youth to be Elangomats during the weekend. The Elangomat, from the Lenape word meaning friend or family member, heads a crew of candidates during the Ordeal, and follows up with his *clan* in the ten months following to encourage his clan's participation in the Lodge and prepare them for Brotherhood conversion. This is a great opportunity for OA members seeking Brotherhood to become an active member of the chapter. Elangomat training will be held at 7:15 on Friday night, for the first portion of the weekend, and at 10:15 the same night for the latter portion of the weekend. Please contact Paul Cutts or his adviser Dave Purdham at (952)937-6236 if you or any youth you know of are interested. dmpurd@hotmail.com

At the same time, we are also looking for some youth to server as Niemats to serve as the heads of Brotherhood clans. Again, training will be offered at the conclave. Please call Bryan Northup at (763)424-5699 if interested. bnorthrop@comcast.net

As usual, we also need to donation of tools for the weekend. Wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes are always appreciated. As are tree trimming equipment, gloves, etc. We don't know what Ranger Bob has in store for us, so bring whatever you have that can be of general use in improving the camp.

This year, we are also planning to sew some basic regalia for youth participating in the OA ceremonies. These youth need not be members of the ceremonial team, and do not need to learn speaking parts. We just need some members to fill out the ceremonies by leading candidates, holding sash poles, or generally looking the part. If you can sew and have a machine you can bring, we will setup a sewing room and your service project will be to help outfit these youth. Please call Doug Farmer at 763-424-6424 so we can make sure we have enough material and patterns available. Each costume is simple to make and should be done in 3 hours or so.

If you are a youth and would like to be in ceremonial costume for one or more of the ceremonies, please let us know during check in.

Our Chapter is in need of adult Arrowmen to lead work projects, if you are interested please contact Jason Zeman at 763-559-9063 jzman11@msn.com .

Your Conclave Chairman is Chad Reverman and his adviser is Ken Skoglund at 763-493-2614 klskog@comcast.net.

Please feel free to call them with any questions about the weekend. Or, you can call the Chapter Advisor, Doug Farmer, at 763-424-6424.

We anticipate a GREAT weekend filled with fun, fellowship, and service for all Arrowmen.

Carl Sitler
Chapter Chief

Doug Farmer
Chapter Advisor