



Northern Lights District Fall Conclave 2009

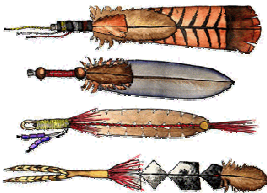
Welcome to all new OA Candidates. Here is some specific information about our conclave that was not included in the letter the lodge is sending to all members.

I hope you have heard by now that 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. Your weekend is special and we want to make it one you will remember. Not only can you help us in our dedication to serve scouting, but you can be inducted into one of the best organizations associated with Scouting. Only a handful of Scouts are elected or nominated to this organization each year. Feel proud that your fellow scouts in your unit thought enough of you to award you this honor.

You may have heard from others that in the past, our conclave has focused on the service aspect. This year, we will continue to improve Rum River Scout Camp to the best of our ability, but we are also planning on some down time for fellowship, relaxation and to get to know your fellow OA members.

Saturday evening will be devoted to fellowship and includes: an introduction to the OA presentation by our own chief, Carl Sitler, Elections, outdoor activities, cribbage tournaments / instruction, movies and other events.

On Sunday morning we have an activity to create ceremonial wrapped feathers, a Native American pouch from deerskin or a choker from beads, hair pipe and leather. **This activity will cost an additional \$5 for materials** for each pouch or choker you would like to make. **Please indicate on your registration if you would like to make this and how many. Example: write "2 CHOKERS2" or "1 POUCH" or "1 Feathers" anywhere on the registration form. This is an optional cost and an optional activity.** Material costs will be collected at the time of the event on Sunday morning. Do not send in the it cost with your conclave registration.



We are asking all conclave participants stay the complete weekend, and to camp as a unit if possible.

All food is provided for the entire weekend.

Members of a troop should come together if possible. You will spend Friday night apart from your troop, but will need a tent for Saturday night. If you are not coming up with a troop, please be sure to bring your own sleeping arrangements for Saturday night.

We cannot stress enough that you must bring both work clothes and your Class A uniform to the conclave. Work clothes include boots and gloves. Don't forget your mess kit, cup, sleeping bag and ground cloth either. Backpacks are preferred for carrying your gear.

This year, we are also offering clothing with our OA Chapter logo on it. We have tee shirts, sweatshirts, ball caps, winter skull caps, back patches available. The Chapter Logo represents the chapter throughout the Northern Star Council. Items are available for purchase at the conclave. If you want to pre order a jacket or sweatshirt, please call Doug Farmer at 763-424-6424.

A pre order form and description of the items can be found at:
<http://northernlights.nsbsa.org/OrderArrow/Order.htm>

Pre orders received by August 25th should be available at the conclave.

Your Conclave Chairman is Shane Baesler from Troop 531 and his adviser is Ken Skoglund: 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