



THE PORTAGE TIMES

Heart of Ohio Council #450 Portage Lodge #619
March 2010

Lodge Calendar

March 19 - 21, 2010	Fellowship	Firelands Scout Reservation
May 14 - 16, 2010	Ordeal	Firelands Scout Reservation
May 21 - 23, 2010	Section Conclave	Seven Ranges Scout Reservation
August 20-22, 2010	Ordeal	Location TBD
September 17-19, 2010	Ordeal	Firelands Scout Reservation

CHIEF'S WORDS

Hello! I hope everyone is enjoying this wonderful weather. I want to personally invite all arrowmen to the Lodge Fellowship and to the Section conclave. I look forward to seeing you at each event this year! Also, if you have not attained brotherhood you can earn it at the Fellowship, the Section Conclave or the May Ordeal.

Have you paid your 2010 dues yet? If not, your dues are now due. Please send them to the Council office as soon as possible. Complete the form on the last page of this newsletter to accompany your payment. Lodge Dues are \$10.00 per year.

“OLD SCHOOL” LODGE FELLOWSHIP

This year we are taking it back to a time of Yellow Submarines and Sgt. Peppers Lonely Heart Club. We are going back to the 1960's. Our Lodge officers have been planning a great weekend of “flower power” and fellowship. Some of the activities will be:

- vintage 60's games
- Beatles Rock Band
- costume contest – dig out your parents' old clothes!
- tie dyeing – bring a plain T-shirt to participate
- earn your Brotherhood
- great food
- lots more far out, groovy fun!!!

Come and join us at Firelands Scout Reservation on March 19-21, 2010 as we enjoy a time of fun and fellowship! The cost is \$12 for the weekend and is due March 15th. Cabin space is reserved, but you are welcome to bring a tent if you prefer. See the ad on the back of this newsletter. Register using the form on the last page.

SECTION CONCLAVE!

Section Conclave is just around the corner. It will be held at Seven Ranges Scout Reservation on May 21-23, 2010. The cost this year is \$35 before May 1st and will increase to \$45 after this date.

The Council of Chiefs has been making plans to make this annual event great! Portage Lodge's own secretary, Ben Roberts, has agreed to be the Conclave Vice Chief of Afternoon Activities. He is looking for ideas for some great activities as well as volunteers to help. If you have ideas or would like to help Ben, contact him at LodgeSecretary@Portage619.org.

NEED A PLACE TO CAMP?

The Lodge has recently posted a “Where to Camp” guide online at www.portage619.org. It features great locations in and out of council. If you have a favorite place to camp that is not on the list please let us know. Contact Greg Coghlan, LodgeAssocAdv@Portage619.org with the camp information.

2010 ORDEAL SEASON

Three ordeals are planned for 2010 – May 14-16, August 20-22, and September 17-19. The LEC has been discussing a change of location for the August Ordeal. A committee has been formed to look into holding the August Ordeal at a camp near Mansfield. Watch for more information in the next edition of the Portage Times.

Help is always needed at each Ordeal. Come to the Ordeals to welcome your new Brothers into our Brotherhood. Please contact any of the lodge officers to volunteer your help. Members should arrive at 6:00 p.m. if possible and candidates check-in at 8:00 p.m. Sunday we are usually done by 9-10 am. Cost is \$12.00 plus another \$14 for those going through brotherhood.

Don't forget your *Class 1 Medical Form* – everyone needs to bring one to camp.

A NEW FLAP FOR PORTAGE LODGE

Calling all Arrowmen - youth and adults! It's time for those Arrowmen with artistic skills to design and submit their rendering of a NEW PORTAGE LODGE FLAP! In addition to the design, the flap must include the following: Portage, 619 (optional), WWW, a fleur-de-lis, and the silhouette of an Indian. The deadline for your submission is May 14, 2010 (at the Ordeal held at Firelands Scout Reservation). It can be given to any of the Patch Committee Members - Greg Hutcheson, Chairman, Josh Lawlis, Kyle Lenox, Garrick Bryan, or Larry Foley- Adult Advisor.

UNIT ELECTIONS

Unit Election packets have been distributed. Unit Elections are a key part of retaining the growth of our Lodge. Every Brother in our Lodge needs to do their part to insure that an Election is done in their Unit. In addition, it is our responsibility to promote all types of camping, summer camp, and especially our Council's great camp and programs. Our Brotherhood is made up of “honored campers”; we need to share this knowledge and love of the outdoors with all Scouts. When you are asked to help with Unit Elections and Camp Promotion, please say yes. Stop and think, how much different would your scouting career would be if you were not a member of the OA and did not have the opportunity to go to camp. It is our duty to give all Scouts the opportunity to be a member of our Brotherhood and have as many camping experiences as they can.

OA YOUTH STAFF NEEDED AT JAMBOREE

Are you interested in staffing the Mysterium Compass or the OA Service Corps at the 2010 National Scout Jamboree? Mysterium Compass staff member roles include game managers, ushers, audio-video and lighting crew members, stage managers, and special effects staff. The OA Service Corps will provide assistance to many of the Jamboree programs and activities. This is a great way to attend Jamboree and at a reduced price. Visit www.event.oa-bsa.org for more information.

2010 VIGIL HONOR SELECTION

Do you know a member of our Lodge that has been Brotherhood for 2 years or more, who gives outstanding service to the Lodge, their Chapter, the OA, Scouting, and/or our Scout Camps? Every year, there are some fine Scouts and Scouters who would have made great candidates for Vigil, but go unrecognized because no one nominated them. Don't let this happen – *nominate them!*

A Vigil Nomination Form is included in this issue of the Portage Times. Some important dates to remember:

- **Nominations due** by May 1, 2010
- **Vigil Selection** will take place at the May Ordeal – May 14-16, 2010
- **Vigil Induction Ceremony** will be at the September Ordeal – Sept. 17-19, 2010

Send or e-mail completed Vigil Nomination forms to the Lodge Vigil Advisor, Greg Coghlan, at 7744 Mapleway Dr., Olmstead Falls, Ohio 44138 or e-mail at Vigil@Portage619.org. Send it early, so he receives it in time. An electronic copy of the nomination form is on the lodge website at <http://www.portage619.org/files/BlankVigilNom2008.pdf>.

OA HIGH ADVENTURE

Do you need an escape from that 9-5 job, summer classes or the monotony of staring out of your bedroom window longing for something new? If your answer is yes, the Order of the Arrow has the answer for you. Each summer, the Order of the Arrow offers a myriad of different High Adventure opportunities to meet your summer needs whether its wetting your appetite by going for a plunge in the Atlantic Ocean with the Ocean Adventure at the Florida Sea Base; maybe hiking is your passion, what better place to go than the Philmont Scout Ranch where you can hike the same trails as your Scoutmaster or Scouting ancestors as a part of your Trail Crew experience. Have you ever given thought about what the Native Americans and early explorers did to be avid traders, maybe the OA Voyage is for calling? Whatever your summer aspirations may be, these National High Adventure bases have put together a multitude of options for you.

Along with your one week trek completely designed by you, each Arrowman will be afforded the opportunity to leave their mark in history by helping to shore 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.

These programs help to insure that the future of scouting has a place to live, work and interact. This summer, try something new or do something you thoroughly enjoy, but do something with the Order of the Arrow High adventure opportunities. For more information about these High Adventure programs, please visit Adventure.oa-bsa.org or talk to your lodge chief. Your destiny awaits you...

NOAC 2012

It's never too early to plan for NOAC 2012! COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE NEEDED. You must be a Youth Arrowman under age 21 by August 2012. Contact either Greg Hutcheson, Chairman at macgeek9753@aol.com or Larry Foley, Adult Advisor at allrisk@ameritech.net to volunteer. Planning is needed for Founders' Day activities and the flap and patch design.

Vigil Nomination Form

Name _____

Address _____

Troop/Post _____

Phone _____

Dues Paid? _____

Dues must be paid to be considered for Vigil Honor.

Date of: Ordeal _____

Brotherhood _____

Reason for
nomination:

Order of the Arrow
Record:

Scouting Record:

Other
Achievements
(school, church,
clubs, etc.)::

Recommended Vigil Name: _____

Translation: _____

Nominated by: _____

Phone _____

Chapter Information

AMANGI BISCHUWI >>> GREAT FRONTIER DISTRICT

Chapter Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of each month September through May at Sandy Ridge Reservation Metropark in North Ridgeville at 7:00pm. *Note: this is a new location and week for 2010.* All Chapter members are welcome and encouraged to come.

Chief	Ryan Caithaml	ABChChief@Portage619.org
Vice Chief	Josh Lawlis	ABChViceChief@Portage619.org
Secretary	Andrew Minnich	ABChSecretary@Portage619.org
Chapter Adviser	Jay Cleland	ABChAdviser@Portage619.org
Associate Adviser	Steve Warnock	ABChAssocAdv@Portage619.org

CHIEF TARHE >>> HARDING AREA DISTRICT

Hey! Chief Tarhe Chapter Members! Come to the Chapter Meetings. We meet the 1st Thursday of each month, 7:00 pm at Epworth United Methodist Church in Marion.

Chief	This could be YOU!	CTChChief@Portage619.org
Vice Chief	Contact Chuck Buck	CTChViceChief@Portage619.org
Secretary	if you are interested.	CTChSecretary@Portage619.org
Chapter Adviser	Chuck Buck, interim	CTChAdviser@Portage619.org

LOU OTT >>> JOHNNY APPLESEED TRAIL DISTRICT

The Lou-Ott Chapter meetings are held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 2 PM. It is at Richland Engineering on the north side of the square in downtown Mansfield. Plan to attend and become active in your Chapter and Lodge. Together we can accomplish much.

Chief	Matt Bernotas	LOChChief@Portage619.org
Vice Chief	Garrick Bryan	LOChViceChief@Portage619.org
Secretary	Matt Arnett	LOChSecretary@Portage619.org
Chapter Adviser	Bob Sliney	LOChAdviser@Portage619.org

MAWAT >>> THE FIRELANDS DISTRICT

The Chapter meetings are held during the Firelands District Roundtable (the 2nd Thursday of the month) at EHOVE Building "A" beginning at 7:00 PM, October through May.

Chief	Trent Vartorella	MChChief@Portage619.org
Vice Chief	Paul Schultz	MChViceChief@Portage619.org
Secretary		
Chapter Adviser	Tim Schultz	MChAdviser@Portage619.org

LODGE OFFICERS AND ADVISORS:

Lodge Chief	Cory Gibson		LodgeChief@Portage619.org
Vice Chief of Administration	John Cyphert		LodgeVCAdmin@Portage619.org
Vice Chief of Program	Greg Hutcheson		LodgeVCProg@Portage619.org
Secretary	Ben Roberts		LodgeSecretary@Portage619.org
Treasurer	Jacob Robinson		LodgeTreasurer@Portage619.org
Lodge Adviser	Mary Wirth	(440) 365-7027	LodgeAdviser@Portage619.org
Lodge Associate Adviser	Greg Coghlan	(440) 427-0007	LodgeAssocAdv@Portage619.org
Lodge Factual Adviser	Greg Schultz		LodgeFactAdv@Portage619.org
Professional Adviser	Jay Lockard	(800) 334-5910	LodgeProAdviser@Portage619.org



PORTAGE LODGE REGISTRATION/PAYMENT FORM

This form should accompany all money sent to the Heart of Ohio Service Center

Name: _____ Circle One: YOUTH ADULT

Address: _____ Unit # _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Your Chapter (circle one): Amangi Bischuwi Chief Tarhe Lou-Ott Mawat

2010 Lodge Dues – DUE ASAP \$10.00 \$ _____

2010 Lodge Fellowship – DUE 3/15 \$12.00 \$ _____
March 19-21, 2010 at Firelands Scout Reservation

2010 Ordeals - \$35.00 for Candidates; \$12.00 for Members; Additional \$14.00 for Brotherhood Candidates;
\$6.00 for Members attending Saturday Dinner only
May 14-16 August 20-22 September 17-19 \$ _____

2010 Section Conclave – \$35.00 if paid by May 1st, \$45 after \$ _____
May 21-23, 2010 at Seven Ranges Scout Reservation

Make all checks payable to "Portage Lodge 619"

Mail this form and payment to: Heart of Ohio Service Center – PO Box 368 – Ashland, OH 44805-0368

For Office Use Only: 1-2371-001-00



The 60's are back!!!



**Portage Lodge Fellowship:
March 19th - 21st**

@ Camp Firelands (Cub Scout Side)



*Registration is Due By
March 15th*