



Tecumseh Speaks

Tecumseh Lodge

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Last Ordeal at Camp Lazarus

September 9-11, 2016, Camp Lazarus Ordeal/Brotherhood

This is the last Ordeal of the 2016 season, and there will be a lot of candidates. We need the help of all Arrowmen who can possibly be there. We need Elangomats (candidate guides), kitchen staff, ritual assistance, all sorts of support people and people to prepare candidate packets. We guarantee there will be something to do.

Cost is \$20 for plenty of food, fellowship, work and fun. If you preregister, there is a \$5 discount, so get your reservation in quickly. You can register at the lodge website: WWW.tecumseh65.org.

Remember, many arrowmen came out to support you when you took your Ordeal. Be a member of the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service and support others as they begin their journey.

There are plenty of cabins available at Camp Lazarus, so a tent is not needed. Lots of food will be available in the dining hall. We would love to see you there. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Fall Fellowship at Camp Falling Rock

October 28-30, 2016 at Camp Falling Rock

Gather your crew, don your best pirate outfit, ready your ship, raise your flag, and prepare to set sail in search of adventure, fun, and most of all, treasure. We will be scouring Camp Falling Rock from one end to the other in search of gold, jewels, and other booty (such as chocolate) on the weekend of October 28-30. Ships of scurvy Arrowmen will need to fight their way past sharks, cannibals, and even each other as they hunt for clues to the missing treasure. Only one crew will come away with the ultimate prize, but there will be plenty of goodies for everyone.

The cost is a mere \$25 for an entire weekend of excitement, but register by October 23, and we'll even knock off a few bucks and only charge you \$20! If you'd rather run a station than compete, we can use the help. Contact Nick Hinkle at 3@tecumseh65.org and he'll find the perfect spot for you.

Be sure to watch the lodge Facebook page for more details:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Tecumseh65/>

ALTC

Area Leadership Training Conference
November 4-6, 2016 - Camp Lazarus

ALTC is a gathering of lodge leaders from across Eastern Ohio and all of West Virginia. The conference is a one of a kind learning experience led by some of the most skilled Arrowmen from Section C-4A and Section C-4B. This year's program will emphasize skills to better equip lodge leadership for success within the lodge and beyond. We highly recommend this training if you want to be a leader in the OA either at the Lodge or Chapter level.

Participants will be able to select a training track that best suits them. Each track provides multiple closely related sessions revolving around a particular role or aspect of the OA. The exact details of each track will be announced as we get closer to the event.

The cost to attend will be \$35.00 if paid in advance and \$40.00 for walk-in registrations. On-line registrations should be available around October 1st at <http://www.tecumseh65.org>.

Support Help Needed: Tecumseh Lodge will be providing the cooking and support staff for this event. Support staff only pay \$15, and we can still usually find time to get you into some of the training. If you can help us in the kitchen please contact Barb Wasmer at c5042advisor@yahoo.com

Chiefly Speaking

So far, we have had an interesting Ordeal season. It's mainly bitter-sweet. We are pleased to welcome in our new members, but there are so many more that have not yet completed their Ordeal, over 200 to be more precise. We can do better, so let's get at least 150 candidates to Lazarus. New members mean more opportunities to grow our chapters and the lodge. I'm sure that among these new members are Arrowmen who are ready and willing to contribute to our growth and service.



We are also looking forward to an exciting, pirate treasure-hunt themed, Fall Fellowship! (October 28-30 at Camp Falling Rock) We've got all kinds of exciting events planned, there will be a Brotherhood opportunity, and what promises to be an interesting set of elections. Speaking of elections, if you or someone in your chapter is interested in running for a Lodge Officer position, you can fill out the form on the website here (<http://www.tecumseh65.org/Tecumseh%20Lodge%20Leadership%20Agreement.pdf>) and get it to Aaron before the elections. There will also be plenty of options for committees to be involved with at Fall Fellowship.

If you've never been to ALTC, it is a fantastic opportunity to hone your leadership skills, and ideally win a game of Ultimate (Frisbee) against our northern neighbors in Section C-4A. Sign up online for a wonderful weekend of training and fellowship, November 4-6 at Camp Lazarus!

We've gone 8 months now, finish the year strong!

Yours in Brotherhood,
David Prentice



Advice

My Brothers,

I'd like to begin by welcoming all of our new members. More than two hundred scouts and scouters have become members of the Tecumseh Lodge so far this year, with one more Ordeal weekend to go. The Camp Lazarus Ordeal is almost always our largest, and we expect more than a hundred new Arrowmen at that event alone. Please come out and help us welcome even more new members.

Unfortunately, many of the scouts who took their Ordeal this year will never attend another OA event. They see the OA simply as an honor they have earned, but it is so much more than that. The Order of the Arrow is filled with opportunities at every level from supporting your home troop to attending events with thousands of your fellow Arrowmen across the nation. One of the things I like best about the OA is the chance to meet with fellow scouts and scouters from other troops across the district, council, and beyond, and to exchange ideas and experiences that I can take back to improve my own troop.

Don't pass up the chance to get involved in the OA. Whether that means attending chapter meetings and events, helping out at Ordeal weekends, joining us for the Fall Fellowship, learning new leadership skills at the Area Leadership Training Conference, or simply promoting the OA within your troop. No matter what you choose to do, do something. Like so many things, the more you put into the OA, the more you will get out of it.

Aaron Wyckoff

2016 Lodge Adviser

Tecumseh Speaks

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Chatter

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Our Chapter meets the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM, at Northwest Christian Church. Northwest Christian Church is at 1340 Fishinger Rd., 43221 in Upper Arlington. At the September 1 meeting we will be planning our fall fellowship and a service project. Meetings have a game or craft and a snack. All OA members are encouraged to attend and Troop OA Representatives are expected. We start gathering for fellowship at the start of Roundtable at 7pm with our meeting starting at 7:30 PM.

We had our annual fun meeting in June. We went to Sports Ohio to go-kart but they were understaffed and so the karts were not running. Instead we enjoyed a round of mini-golf.

Shawnee Chapter (Tecumseh District)

Chapter Chief: OPEN
Chapter Adviser: Clay Beckham, clayton.beckham@outlook.com or call 937-217-3333
Chapter Meeting: Shawnee Chapter Meets at District Activities at Camp Oyo. Please see our Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/shawnee65> page for the most up to date information about chapter meetings and any change to location if a location is not available or if we will meet in a special event location, "like a pool party". All OA Members are encouraged and welcome to come to ALL events.

Visit the Lodge Website:
www.tecumseh65.org

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Does your troop have an OA Representative? Talk to your Scoutmaster about this vital link between the OA and the troops.

Kaniengehaga Chapter

(Licking District) <http://www.kaniengehaga.org>

Chapter Chief: Elijah Scott c5@tecumseh65.org
Chapter Adviser: Ed Fuentes c6@tecumseh65.org
Chapter Meeting: 7:00PM the first and third Thursday of each month at Christ United Methodist Church in Newark Ohio.

Congratulations to our new members who have completed their Ordeal since June. We gained four new members at the Camp Oyo Ordeal and six more at Chief Logan. If you still have Ordeal candidates in your troop, please remind them that the last chance to complete their Ordeal will be September 9 to 11 at Camp Lazarus. We are also looking to have several chapter members complete their Brotherhood that weekend.

Coming up Labor Day Weekend we will once again be running parking for the Flint Ridge Knap In. Please come join us if you can.

Our meetings are held 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7-8:30 pm at Christ United Methodist Church 10 N. Cedar St. (corner of East Main and Cedar Sts.) Newark, Ohio. We hope to see you there.

Publication Dates for 2016

| Deadline | Mail Date | |
|-----------------|------------------|----------|
| May Issue | April 15 | April 30 |
| July Email | June 5 | July 1 |
| Oct. Email | Sept. 11 | Sept. 25 |
| Year end | Oct. 28 | Nov. 4 |

2016 OA Calendar

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| Feb. 6 | Lodge Leadership Development, Camp Lazarus |
| April 1-3 | Spring Fellowship and Lodge Banquet / at Camp Lazarus - |
| May 13-15 | C-4A Conclave |
| June 3-5 | Ordeal/Brotherhood Weekend at Camp Falling Rock |
| July 22-24 | Ordeal/Brotherhood Weekend at Oyo |
| Aug 12-14 | Ordeal/Brotherhood Weekend at CLR |
| September 9-11 | Ordeal/Brotherhood Weekend at Camp Lazarus |
| October 26-28 | Fall Fellowship at Camp Falling Rock |
| Nov 4-6 | Area Leadership Training Conference at Camp Lazarus |

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Shoot-O-Ree

The Tecumseh Lodge is helping out in the Camp Lazarus kitchen at the council Shoot-O-Ree on September 24th and 25th. We need YOU to come and help out! We need help cooking for the staff cracker-barrel on Friday night, three meals Saturday, and two more on Sunday. We offer free tent camping and meals. If you can't make it out for the entire weekend, please come help when you can. Contact Barb Wasmer at c5042advisor@yahoo.com for more information and to let her know you are coming to help.

Alpha Phi Omega

College students looking for an organization founded on the principles of the Scouting movement may want to look into Alpha Phi Omega. APO is a national co-ed service fraternity organized to provide community service, leadership development, and social opportunities for college students. Under the motto of Leadership, Friendship and Service, the fraternity teaches men and women how to lead by organizing service projects and fellowship events.

Founded in 1925 by Frank Reed Horton, Alpha Phi Omega represents the values that Frank found in the Boy Scout Oath and the Boy Scout Law. There are chapters on over 360 college campuses across the country where students (many of them former Scouts) are making a difference in their communities, their university and their nation through service.

The purpose of the fraternity is "to assemble college students in a National Service Fraternity in the fellowship of principles derived from the Scout Oath and Scout Law of the Boy Scouts of America; to develop Leadership, to promote Friendship, and to provide Service to humanity; and to further the freedom that is our national, educational, and intellectual heritage." Unlike many other fraternities, APO's primary focus is to provide volunteer service within four areas: service to the community, service to the campus, service to the fraternity, and service to the nation.

Although Scouting membership is no longer required to join, we encourage students to do projects with the Boy Scouts as part of service to youth – and to celebrate the ties with the Boy Scouts of America.

Simon Kenton Council has three chapters and one interest group. Chapters at The Ohio State University, Capital University, Ohio University – Lancaster with students at Shawnee State University in Portsmouth attempting to start a chapter. .

For more information, please contact Arrowman Lee Peters at lee.peters.apo@gmail.com and check out the web page www.apo.org

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The Chapter sent a Crew to Florida Sea Base this June, which conquered Big Munson Island for use as a forward naval base of operations for the Liechtenstein Colonial Forces. The aircraft carrier USS Yorktown was also commandeered as the flagship of the Liechtenstein Colonial Navy. Indeed, the US flag was, for a time, replaced by the Liechtenstein standard. When needed, it only remains to dig it out of the 27 feet of mud it sets in.

The Crew experienced in addition to the Out Island Adventure additional life experiences, such as camping on a mountain in SC, caving in WV, Jekyll Island's Driftwood Beach and eating a formal meal in their Grand Dining Room, touring St. Augustine's old city and the coquina fortress, backpacking the Florida trail to Hidden Pond then swimming in a natural spring pool along with canoeing a clear water stream with sandy bottom (and alligators), experiencing the Everglades on a private air-boat trip, visiting Key West, and spending the night on our new flagship, the LRN Yorktown.

2018 the Chapter is organizing a month-long trip to Europe, which is detailed in a separate article.

Chapter Officer elections and organizing for the year will be the main thrust of our October meeting. The agenda, place, and time will be emailed to Brothers a few weeks ahead.

Weski Nimat Chapter

(Ohio Valley District)

Chapter Chief: Aaron Gue c21@tecumseh65.org
Chapter Adviser: Bill Coward c22@tecumseh65.org

Chapter Meeting: 7:00PM on the 1st Thursday each month at the First Presbyterian Church, 4227 Broadway, Grove City

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Maka Ina Chapter

(Chief Logan District)

Chapter Chief Justin Doss
Noah Barr vice chief of administration
Samuel Stenhoff vice chief of ceremonies
Barbara Wasmer adviser c10@tecumseh65.org

Congratulations to all of our new ordeal members, and to Lane and Jarad for completing their Brotherhood. We held call-outs at Chief Logan every week this summer with the staff's help, as well as serving root beer floats. Thank you to everyone who came out and helped.

Our September meeting will be held at the Chillicothe office for an office clean-up. The October meeting will be at the North Chillicothe Library the first Tuesday (Oct. 4) at 6:30. We have several people requesting that we change the day that our chapter meetings are held. Please let us know which day you would commit to attend. We have been working to reach Quality Chapter this year and have already met some requirements, but we need as many people as possible to come out and complete their Ordeal or Brotherhood this year. We also need to increase youth attendance at chapter meetings, and we're looking for a great turn-out for the lodge's Fall Fellowship. Come find the treasures (including a steak dinner). We hope to see all new and old members there.

Mwk'alaakwa Chapter

(Darby Creek District)

Chapter Chief: Philip Seidenstricker c13@tecumseh65.org
Chapter Adviser Kevin Wildman c14@tecumseh65.org
Chapter Meeting: First Thursday of each month at the Plain City Presbyterian Church.

Our regular meetings are the first Thursday of every month at the Presbyterian Church. They're from 7 to 8:30 PM. We hope to see you there. Contact our Chapter Chief or Adviser to sing up for the chapter newsletter.

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Newa Hanna Chapter

(Delaware District)

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Vice Chief of Administration: Grant Henry

Vice Chief of Service & Activities: Josh Deffenbaugh

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OA Meetings: 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM,

Location of OA Meetings: LDS Church in Powell, 450 N Liberty, Powell, OH

Our meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in the same location of the Delaware District Roundtable, unless the 1st Thursday is on a holiday. Then it would be the 2nd Thursday of that month at 7:00 pm. The location is at the LDS Church in Powell, 450 N Liberty, Powell, OH. All Newa Hanna Chapter (Delaware District) Arrowmen are invited to attend our monthly meetings and we need active members to start attending meetings if the chapter is going to be successful.

The next three future Newa Hanna Chapter OA Meetings are Sept. 1, Oct. 6 and Nov. 3. We invite all to come and enjoy activities with your fellow OA Brothers.

So far this year, individual OA members within the Newa Hanna Chapter have completed over 300+ service hours, we have plans for some future Service Projects to complete for 2016.

October 15th and 16th – Newa Hanna Chapter will be doing a Service Project at Camp Lazarus and staying overnight for a night of fun and activities. Come out to the next two OA meetings to find out more details.

The Tecumseh Lodge 65 has had three Ordeal/Brotherhood weekends this year so far. Here are the results: June 4th, new Ordeal members 6; July 23rd, new Ordeal members 2 and 1 new Brotherhood member and August 13th, new Ordeal members 5. Total of 13 new Ordeal members and 1 new Brotherhood member. The Lodge has one more weekend left for Ordeal candidates it on September 9th, 10th and 11th at Camp Lazarus. Also, if you have not got your Brotherhood yet and you are over 10 months of services, since becoming an Ordeal members come out that weekend an earn your Brotherhood membership. It's not hard and you will have a good time earning it.

Tecumseh Lodge Upcoming Events are on the Newa Hanna Chapter Facebook site for your convenience to look at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/388076491335890/> Newa Hanna Chapter-Tecumseh Lodge 65 OA

We also would like to see as many Ordeal members get their Brotherhood in 2016 that have completed 10 months of service within OA. So, please get out and achieve this, when you have past your 10 months of service.

Also, if you have not paid your membership dues for 2016, please do so. If you have not paid your dues, you should not be wearing the sash or pocket patch indicating that you are an OA member, until the dues are paid. You can pay your dues online at <http://www.tecumseh65.org/>.

OA High Adventure

The Order of the Arrow, in its focus on service, has five high adventure programs at the national level that focus on conservation. These programs occur at the five national high adventure bases that the Boy Scouts own. They are open to youth aged 14 to 20, with specific ages and health requirements varying by program, and are available at a substantially lower price than other programs at the base. They each include a period of service and a trek period during which the participants get to plan their own routes and experience the best of the bases. For further information visit the National OA High Adventure website at <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/> or contact your Lodge Chief and/or Lodge Adviser.

Attention OA Troop Representatives

Are you an OA Troop Representative? Do you want to help your troop and our lodge succeed? And, most importantly, do you want to earn a cool patch? Then you should be working on the OA Unit of Excellence Award! This is a special award introduced in 2013 to encourage troops and the OA to support each other's programs. There are several requirements, but what it comes down to is this: making sure the troop calendar and lodge calendar don't conflict; encouraging candidates to take their Ordeal; encouraging Ordeal members to take their Brotherhood; and encouraging all members to be active. As a Troop Rep, you should already be doing all of this anyway! You and your troop can earn this award every six months. The troop gets a ribbon for your flag, and you get a special patch that almost no one in our council has.

To learn more about the award and see the exact requirements, visit the national OA website forms page here:

<http://www.oa-bsa.org/pages/content/printable-forms#unitexcellenceaward>

Mallsannuk Chapter

(Arrowhead District)

Chapter Chief: Matthew Crum c11@tecumseh65.org

Chapter Adviser: Chris Wollam wollamchris@hotmail.com

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Quality Chapter:

We are very excited to announce the implementation of the new Quality Chapter program for 2016. We hope that the new program will help the chapters, and by extension the lodge, improve in many of the quality lodge requirements. These requirements are very difficult, so chapters who complete the requirements will be permitted to purchase an exclusive patch. Here are the criteria. In order to earn the award, a chapter must successfully complete at least 7 of the criteria.

1: Membership Impact: Experience positive growth in membership over the previous year.

Increase total chapter membership by 5% over the previous year.

2: Membership Retention: Experience positive growth in membership.

Have at least 70% of chapter members who took their Ordeal the previous year pay their current dues.

3: Unit Elections: Conduct unit elections in all troops within the district.

Complete unit elections in at least 90% of Troops and Teams, and turn in all results by March 15.

4: Ordeal Completion: Induct Ordeal candidates.

Have at least 75% of Ordeal candidates complete their Ordeal.

5: Brotherhood Completion: Convert eligible Ordeal candidates to Brotherhood.

Have at least 40% of eligible members complete their Brotherhood.

6: Service Projects: Complete service projects on scout property and in the community.

Hold at least one chapter service project (minimum of 50 total service hours) and turn in service hour tracking sheets to the lodge; or staff a district event with at least 10 chapter members and turn in service hour tracking sheets to the lodge.

7: Chapter Meetings: Conduct regular chapter meetings.

Hold at least 6 chapter meetings with no fewer than 5 youth members at each.

8: LEC Attendance and Reports: Have chapter represented at LEC meetings.

Have a youth representative present at all LEC meetings (one miss allowed). In addition, present an oral report and submit a written report at every LEC.

9: T-speaks Articles: Inform OA members about your chapter.

Have an article in all issues of Tecumseh Speaks (one miss allowed).

10: Lodge Participation: Maintain a presence in the Lodge.

Have at least 15% of chapter members, including a minimum of 5 youth, attend either the Spring Fellowship or Fall Fellowship (attendance required is based on 15% of the total membership at the end of the previous year).

Operation Arrow: 2017 National Jamboree Staff

The Order of the Arrow is looking for Arrowmen interested in serving on staff for the next National Jamboree in 2017. You need to meet four basic requirements: You must be a member of the OA, be between 16 and 20 years old in July of 2017, meet the national high adventure physical requirements, and you must love Scouting! There are hundreds of positions available, but they will go fast, so you need to apply as soon as possible. For more information, visit www.oa-bsa.org/jamboree.

Centuries of Service Patches

Congratulations to the nearly 100 members of our lodge who completed the OA's 100th anniversary Centuries of Service Award. For those who have not received their patches, they will be available at the first Ordeal weekend. Any not picked up by that point will be mailed, so save us some postage, come out for some great training, and get your patch that much faster! Everyone who completed the requirements will receive one free patch, and may purchase a second patch for \$5 while supplies last.

Take Your Brotherhood

If you took your Ordeal in 2015 or before, you are eligible to take your Brotherhood. The requirements are not difficult to fulfill, and the experience is more than worth the cost of the event. It costs \$20 to take your Brotherhood, added to the cost of the event. You receive a new sash with the Brotherhood bars added to the red arrow, a Brotherhood totem, a great ceremony and you learn all about the further story of the Order. An information sheet will be provided at registration, which outlines all the tasks needed.

You need to:

1. Learn the Obligation of the Order
2. Learn the words to the OA song
3. Know the Admonition
4. Know the handclasp of the Order
5. Know the sign of the Ordeal
6. Explain, in your own words, the legend of the OA.
7. Write a short letter, explaining your goals and understanding of the O.A.

All of the details will be provided at registration. Come and take the next step in the Order of the Arrow.