



Tecumseh Lodge

Simon Kenton Council
Boy Scouts of America



Here is the latest news from Tecumseh Lodge 65, Order of the Arrow

Looking for a way to become active in the lodge?

Are you interested in serving as a lodge committee chairman or adviser for 2015?

We are in need of a number of willing and able Arrowmen to fill these positions.

Committees include: Brotherhood, Ritual, Chaplain, Health and Safety, Elangomat, Service, Food Service, Fellowships, Trading Post, Quartermaster,

Communications, Registration, History, Camping Promotion, and Training. Youth

interested in being a committee chairman should e-mail Johnny Miller at

1@tecumseh65.org. Adults interested in serving as an adviser should e-mail Aaron

Wyckoff at 7@tecumseh65.org.

Unit Elections

Unit elections are well under way in every chapter, but there are still many more to be done! If you can spare an evening or two sometime this month to help run a unit

election for a troop near you, please contact your chapter chief today (see the

lodge website's Chapters page for contact info). Remember: if no one cared

enough to run a unit election for your troop, you wouldn't be an Arrowman today.

Don't make someone else miss out. Volunteer today!

Chapter Chiefs and Advisers: Chapter elections results need to be submitted as soon after March 1 as possible on the Excel spreadsheet sent to Chapter Advisers. Questions can be directed to the Vice-Chief of Chapters, David Prentice (4@tecumseh65.org) or Adviser to the V. C. of Chapters, Paul Post (10@tecumseh65.org).

Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) – February 7 at Camp Lazarus

The annual LLD is **this Saturday** at Camp Lazarus in the Welcome Center. The LLD is training for all lodge and chapter officers, committee chairmen, their advisers, anyone who thinks they might want to fill one of these roles (see above), or anyone else in the Lodge who wants to attend. Some of the topics that will be presented include OA Troop/Team Representatives, this year's expanded Elangomat program, requirements for Quality Chapters, the lodge's Spring Fellowship, promoting camping, increasing Brotherhood conversion, and special events and awards for the OA's 100th Anniversary this year. **Every chapter needs to have a youth representative present.**

Check-in begins at 8:00, and we will kick off the program at 8:30. The day will wrap up around 3:15. The cost for the day is only \$5.00, which includes lunch. You can preregister online at the lodge website (preferred) or at the door. If you have a long distance to travel and want to come up Friday night, we do have limited cabin space available, but please be sure to e-mail Aaron Wyckoff at 7@tecumseh65.org so we know you are coming.

Vigil Selection Meeting – February 7 at Camp Lazarus

All Vigil Honor members of the lodge are invited to attend the meeting to select this year's Vigil Honor candidates. We need as much input on the nominees as possible to ensure we make the best choices. The meeting will begin at 4:00 in the

Welcome Center at Camp Lazarus. Naturally, you must be a Vigil member to attend. All youth who wish to participate in the final selection process must also have their 2015 dues paid (Richard will be happy to help you with that on Saturday).

Lodge Spring Fellowship – March 27-29 at Camp Lazarus

The Spring Fellowship is always a fun event, with games and activities, and plenty of time to relax and socialize. This year's theme is "**Blast from the Past,**" and while plans are not finalized yet, studying your 1915 Boy Scout Handbook, especially the rank requirements, might help you a lot!

There will also be a Brotherhood Ceremony competition at the Spring Fellowship. We want to see which chapter can present the new ceremony the best! Does your chapter have what it takes? (Because the other chapters said you don't. Rumor has it Kaniengehaga thinks they are going to win easily, Tendeuchen is already claiming victory, and Shawnee says they're "gonna whip all y'all.") The new ceremony is available from the national OA website under publications (<http://www.oa-bsa.org/pages/content/publications>). Talk to your Chapter Chief today to join your chapter's team. Then come out in March and see who emerges victorious!

The Awards Banquet will be Saturday night, March 28, and will include recognition of last year's Vigil Honor inductees, a variety of awards, and a slide show which the Washington Post calls "unbelievable" (and we're pretty sure they meant it in a good way). Some of this year's Vigil Honor candidates will also be tapped out, which is always fun to watch. There are heated cabins for sleeping, and the kitchen crew will provide great meals throughout the weekend. Check the Lodge website and Facebook page for more details as they become available. Cost is \$20 for the weekend, or \$15 if you attend just the banquet (so for just \$5 more, you might as

well come for the whole thing).

Ordeal/Brotherhood Weekends

Ordeal season will be here before you know it. We have four Ordeal/Brotherhood weekends this year: May 29-31 at Chief Logan, June 26-28 at Camp Oyo, August 21-23 at Camp Falling Rock, and September 11-13 at Camp Lazarus. We need help! It takes many members to put on an Ordeal weekend. We need people in the kitchen, as service crew leaders and Elangomats, on the ritual team, and more. If you haven't been to an Ordeal since you were inducted, you are really missing out. The experience is very different for members: you eat great food all weekend, choose your own service, and get to meet (and talk all day to) scouts from troops around our council. If you have not taken your Brotherhood, you can do that at any Ordeal weekends, too. Cost is only \$15 for members, or \$35 if you are taking your Brotherhood. Register at the lodge website.

Full-Year Registration Special

Planning at being at all of the lodge events this year? (Because you should be!) Pre-Pay for the Spring Fellowship, all 4 Ordeals and the Fall Fellowship NOW and receive a \$15.00 discount! But you must sign up by March 22. See the lodge website for full details and to register.

Have you paid your 2015 dues yet? If not, visit the lodge website to download a form, or you can pay online. You can also register and pay online for any upcoming lodge events.

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