



WITAUCHSOMAN LODGE #44

Spring Weekend & Dues

May 30 – June 1, 2008

ALL YOU ORDEAL MEMBERS – CHECK THIS OUT – SPECIAL DEAL – LIMITED TIME OFFER

If you are currently an Ordeal member (no matter when you got it) you are eligible for **Brotherhood starting this Spring Weekend**. It is not hard at all to take your Brotherhood. Just follow the steps in your OA handbook or visit: <http://www.witauchsoman.org> and click "Brotherhood Seal the Bond". We had several folk's say, "Wow that was easy – I have no idea why I waited so long to get my Brotherhood." **HERE IS THE SPECIAL DEAL – NO COST FOR BROTHERHOOD – YOU PAY THE MEMBERS FEE – THAT IS IT!!** For the member's fee of \$15 you get a new sash and complete your Brotherhood Ceremony. Do not wait this offer may end at anytime – This is a trial program approved by our Lodge Executive Committee.

MEMBERS- The Witauchsoman Lodge is dedicated to maintaining and improving our Camp facilities. Please join us to make our Spring Weekend a productive endeavor.

CHURCH – Since questions have been raised about scouts having to leave on Saturday night to make church on Sunday, we do have Catholic and Interfaith Services on Saturday evening. On Sunday we will be electing our new Lodge Chief, who will take over in September. Do not miss the Lodge meeting where you determine our officers for our future. If you want to run for Lodge Office you must speak with the Lodge Adviser before Sunday of the weekend.

OA ANNUAL DUES – All members need to pay dues once a year. The cost is only \$10. You must be dues paid to be a member of the OA (per National OA Policy). Once you are inactive there is a \$10 reactivation fee on top of the \$10 dues fee for a total of \$20. So it is in your best interests financially to pay the \$10 on time. Dues expire at the end of every year and National policy only allows us to accept payment for one year at a time. This is due to your annual BSA registration, which is required for OA membership. 2008 Dues were due by December 31, 2007.

VERY IMPORTANT - In order to be fair to our dues paying members, dues will be checked during registration for all lodge events. If you are not dues current you will not be able to register at the weekend until you pay your dues. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

AVOID THE \$5 LATE FEE AND SIGN UP BY RETURNING THIS FORM BY MAY 16, 2008

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PLEASE FILL OUT A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH PERSON SIGNING UP

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Check all appropriate lines:

- NO** Ordeal Candidates (not members) - see website for Candidate Form
- Ordeal Member (not taking Brotherhood – **WHY? IT IS FREE**) - \$15.00
- Brotherhood Candidate (Ordeal Member taking Brotherhood) - \$15.00
- Member (Brotherhood or Vigil Member) - \$15.00
- Late Fee if RECEIVED (NOT postmarked) at the Council office after May 16, 2008 - \$5.00**

Please pay at the Council Office or send payment to:
OA Weekend Registration
Minsi Trails Council, BSA
PO Box 20624
Lehigh Valley, PA 18002

**** See the included insert for the Weekend Schedule and what to bring to the OA Weekend.**

PAY BY CREDIT CARD? YES – Call the Council Office at 610-264-8551

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UPCOMING LODGE EVENTS

TRADE-O-REE	4/5/08	JORDAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
SPRING WEEKEND	5/30-6/1/08	CAMP TREXLER
NE-4A CONCLAVE	6/13-15/08	CAMP BASHORE
LODGE PICNIC	7/12/08	RIVERVIEW PARK PAVILION
FALL WEEKEND	9/5-7/08	CAMP MINSI
NOAC	8/1-6/09	INDIANA UNIVERSITY

WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE & WHAT TO BRING TO THE OA SPRING WEEKEND MAY 30 – JUNE 1, 2008 @ CAMP TREXLER TIMES FOR THE OA SPRING WEEKEND

Friday

- **Registration 6-8pm-We will not accept any Ordeal Candidates after 9pm–No Exceptions.**
- **Brotherhood Questioning from 6-8pm – Can make special arrangements for Saturday Morning – only the morning.**

Saturday

- **No member is allowed to leave camp without signing out at the dining hall – must inform Lodge Adviser prior to signing out due to camp policy.**
- *Ordeal Candidates are not allowed to leave camp-No Exceptions.*

Sunday

- **Weekend ends at 12 noon. This is at the conclusion of our lodge meeting and camp-wide cleanup. Please tell those who are picking you up to be there at 12 noon.**

WHAT TO BRING TO THE OA SPRING WEEKEND

Ordeal Candidate – MUST SIGN UP ON A DIFFERENT FORM:

- Sleeping Bag, Ground Cloth, Poncho, Pocket Knife (required for Friday Night).
- Medication (you must notify your group leader that you have medication).
- Boy Scout Class “A” uniform (for Saturday night and Sunday only).
- Work Clothes/Gloves.
- Tent (you are welcome to tent with other people – this will be for Saturday night).
- General personal stuff that you would normally take camping.

Brotherhood Candidate:

- Brotherhood Letter that you wrote per the requirements in the book.
- Boy Scout Class “A” uniform and OA sash.
- Tent (you are welcome to tent with other people).
- General personal stuff that you would normally take camping.
- SMILE & HELPFUL ATTITUDE

Member:

- Boy Scout Class “A” uniform and OA sash.
- Tent (you are welcome to tent with other people).
- General personal stuff that you would normally take camping.
- SMILE & HELPFUL ATTITUDE

For more information, visit: <http://www.witauchsoman.org/events/springweekend>

ALLENTOWN TRADE-O-REE

Hosted by: Witauchsoman Lodge #44 & Minsi Trails Heritage Collection Committee

Saturday – April 5, 2008 Open 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Location: Jordan Lutheran Church, 5103 Snowdrift Rd., Orefield, PA 18069

- Scouting Memorabilia – Buy / Sell / Trade / Browse.
- Patch trading area will be available for youth.
- Witauchsoman Lodge #44 will be selling their patches and OA merchandise.
- View a display by the Heritage Collection Committee of Minsi Trails Council.

Admission: \$2.00 per person. Youth Scouts in uniform free.

For more information, visit: <http://www.witauchsoman.org/events/tradeoree>

NE-4A Conclave

June 13-15, 2008 – Bashore Scout Reservation (160 Moonshine Rd, Jonestown, PA)

Conclave is a gathering of the seven Lodges in our Section – NE-4A.

2008 Conclave is hosted by Wunita Gokhos Lodge and the theme is:

Indiana Jones – The Adventure Continues.

Cost is \$30.00. Sign up at the Minsi Trails Council Office... SPOTS ARE LIMITED!

For more information, visit: <http://www.witauchsoman.org/events/conclave>

Summer Picnic

July 12, 2008 1:00 - 6:00 PM at the Riverview Park Pavilion in Palmer Township

Cost is \$5.00 per person – refunded at the event

All OA members and families are invited.

Always great food and always a great time.

Sign up at the Minsi Trails Council Office.

For more information, visit: <http://www.witauchsoman.org/events/picnic>

NOAC 2009

August 1-6, 2009 at Indiana University

NOAC is the National Order of the Arrow Conference where over 8,000 Arrowmen from all over the country get together on a University Campus for a week of training, fellowship, and fun activities.

Sign ups for NOAC will begin in May at the Minsi Trails Council Office (\$100 deposit).

For more information, visit: <http://www.witauchsoman.org/events/noac>

DUES

Annual DUES are \$10.00 and are payable at the Minsi Trails Scout Office.

Dues for the 2008 year were due by December 31, 2007.

You must be dues current to participate in a Lodge Event, receive any other mailings, or be able to wear your Lodge Flap and/or OA Sash.

If Dues were not paid the previous year a \$10.00 reinstatement fee will be charged.

For more information, visit: <http://www.witauchsoman.org/committees/membership>