

# The Aquehongan ARROWHEAD STATEN ISLAND COUNCIL #645

AQUEHONGIAN LODGE #112

WWW

March 2009 Edition

## Upcoming events

### Mar 2009

- Mar 1 Lodge Meeting (Berlin Lodge)  
2PM Vigil Callout
- Mar 7 Native American Workshop  
11A-1P
- Mar 31 LEC 7PM (Berlin Lodge)

### Apr 2009

- Apr 18 Mega Service Day (Pouch)
- Apr 24-26 Brotherhood Weekend (TMR)
- Apr 28 LEC 7PM (Berlin Lodge)

### May 2009

- May 26 LEC 7PM (Berlin Lodge)
- May 29-31 Conclave (Pouch)

### June 2009

- Jun 7 Lodge Meeting

### Sep 2009

- Sep 13 Annual Day (Berlin Lodge)
- Sep 25-27 Ordeal Weekend (Pouch)

### Oct 2009

- Oct 27 LEC 7PM (Berlin Lodge)

### Nov 2009

- Nov 20-22 Alpine Service Weekend
- Nov 24 LEC 7PM (Berlin Lodge)

*Note: Dates and locations subject to change.*

#### Lodge Chief

Andrew C

#### Communication Advisor

Ed Brown

#### Lodge Advisor

Brenda Gazinski



## THE CHIEF'S DRUM

Dear Brothers,

As we approach our next lodge meeting you should be thinking about what you have done for your lodge this past year and what more you can do in this coming one. If you are willing to take on a large amount of responsibility, you might consider running for an officer position. The officer positions are Chief; Vice Chief; Secretary and Treasurer, and you may run for more than 1 position. The tenure is Sept '09 thru Aug '10. The only restriction is that you cannot reach your 21 birthday while in office.

In order to be considered for election, you must send me an email expressing your wishes to run. Your email must indicate all the positions you are interested in, if applicable. No letters of consideration can be accepted after May 15, 2009 Elections will

be held at the lodge meeting on June 7, 2009. Please do not hesitate to contact any of the current officers or advisors if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Andrew C  
Lodge Chief '08- 09



<http://www.aquehongan112.org/>



## **Advisor's Alley**

The scouting year is almost half over. For AQ 112, we are heading into our busiest time. At your ordeal, you made a commitment to cheerful service to others. For those of you who sealed your membership in your Brotherhood ceremony, you made an even deeper commitment to service. This is the time of year to deliver that promise that you made. Unit selections and Troop visitation are here. April Mega service day at Pouch is Apr 18. Brotherhood in late April will be followed by the camporee and then the section conclave. No one person can plan or run these events. It takes a team effort from many brothers in AQ 112, both youth and adult. There are many opportunities to show our traditions and dedication to the values of Scouting and the OA. Look at the schedule. See where you may be able to help. Everyone has something valuable to contribute. I urge you to make the effort. We can promise you fun, a feeling of helping others and the fellowship that follows every lodge event. Take an active part in the AQ 112 tradition of service, especially since so many of the events are right here on Staten Island. Come to the LEC on Feb 24 and to the Lodge meeting on Mar 1 to get more information. Give a little of your time. You will get so much in return!

YIB  
Brenda G

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## **NOAC ALERT!!**

The National Order of the Arrow conference will be held at Indiana University in Aug 2009. We need to be gearing up right now if we are having a contingent going to this great event. We estimate the cost at around \$700 for the trip. You ***MUST*** see Andy Selowentchich at either the LEC in Feb or the Mar 1 Lodge meeting. Be prepared to bring a deposit of \$100. More details will be available at the lodge and LEC meetings

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## **Conclave**

Conclave will be here in a little over 3 months. The dates are May 29-31 at Pouch. This will be the first conclave for our new section 7A. There are 3 GNYC lodges and 3 from New Jersey in this section. Man-a-hattan Lodge is co-hosting this event with us. We need brothers (both adult and youth ) to be involved in all parts of the conclave, from registration to commissary to logistics planning to parking and everything in between. Come to the LEC on Feb 24 and the lodge meeting on Mar 1 to get the details and sign up for areas that you want to be involved with. It has been many years since a conclave has been held at Pouch. This is our chance to show off what a great place Pouch camp is, especially to our brothers in New Jersey. All our program areas will be open and the program directors are eager to show off all the activity areas that Pouch has to offer. Thomas G from Troop 222 is the chairman and Joe Schiavone is the lead advisor.

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## **Native American Workshop**

Once again, we will be hosting the Native American workshop for cubs on Mar 7. If you like crafts and helping younger scouts, come join the fun, from 11AM-1PM at Berlin Lodge



## **Commissary Corner**

Our brotherhood weekend will be here before we know it. Commissary can always use help. Suggestions for menu items are also welcomed. The conclave will need many kitchen helping hands also. Be the first in your troop to volunteer!

Recipe time: Double Cheese French Onion Soup  
4 large onions, thinly sliced and separated into rings  
1/2 cup melted butter or margarine  
1 tbsp all purpose flour  
1 can chicken broth (undiluted)  
1 McCormick Au Jus mix packet  
2 cups water  
1/4 cup dry white wine  
1/4 tsp pepper  
8 3/4 inch slices French bread (toasted)  
8 slices Mozzarella cheese  
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Mix McCormick au jus packet in 2 cups of water and set aside; Saute onion and butter in Dutch oven or deep frying pan until tender. Blend in flour, stirring until smooth. Gradually add chicken broth, au jus mixture and wine. Bring to a boil; reduce heat and simmer for 30 minutes; add pepper.

Place 8 ovenproof serving bowls on a baking sheet. Place 1 slice of bread in each bowl. Ladle soup over bread. Top with 1 slice of cheese in each bowl. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Broil 6 inches from heat until cheese melts. Yield: 8 cups. Enjoy!

YIB Bob Gazinski

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## **Brotherhood Reminder**

Those of you who are eligible to seal your brotherhood in AQ112 this year should have received a packet from me. The application, a letter explaining brotherhood and a booklet were sent to you a few weeks ago. Brotherhood will be held April 24-26 at Ten Mile River. If you did not receive a mailing, please make sure you see me at the March lodge meeting or the LEC in Feb. Brotherhood weekend is fun, fellowship, good food and a chance to help TMR begin the job of getting ready for summer camp. For those of you who are already brotherhood, an application for staff is located in this newsletter. We can always use help in ceremonies, commissary, logistics and the trail to Indian Cliffs. Come to the LEC in Feb or the lodge meeting in March if you have questions.

YIB  
Pete M  
Brotherhood Chairman



## **The Beauty of Camping**

Out in the woods, listening to nature, how awesome is that?

To really enjoy camping you have to one, be with a group you like, and secondly be prepared. With those two things covered, I bet you will have a great time.

During the summer, a site, a small backpack, plenty of fresh water, and food, along with bug spray, (or tea tree oil), sunscreen and a bathing suit. After a nice afternoon of swimming in the lake, you take your sweetheart, over and watch the sun go down. You sit quietly with the one you love, and watch the sun glimmer through the branches of the forest all around you, the sound of nature come alive; the birds, or small animals scurrying through the under brush; as if to say goodnight.

Camping in the fall is awesome; the forest comes alive with color. The leaves of bright red, sweet potato orange, sunshine yellow, and winter browns, come together to paint a breathing taking view. Tent camping during this time of the years is great, the days are mild and the nights are cold, perfect weather for a campfire. You sit around the campfire talking about the good old day, or how the kids don't find the joy of the outdoors. As the night wears on, quietness surrounds you, and out of the corner of your eye, you may see, sparkling eyes looking at you, as you slowly turn your head, shhh, as you notice a deer or two. The beauty of nature, the animals, the sounds, all that make each and every day a blessing to remember.

Winter camping is tricky but if you're prepared anything is possible. During the winter, as warm as the day may be, you can be sure the night will be just as cold; and just as if a turn of a switch the weather can get frigid cold and snow will find its way to you. You can spend the day tracking animals, skiing, or just hiking the countryside, or maybe ice fishing for the tonight dinner. No fish, no dinner! At night the air comes alive with a campfire, roasting marshmallows, fun and laughter. As the campfire dies down, the crackling of the wood, you look up toward the sky, and the stars seem to jump out at you. On a clear winter night, with a full moon, you can leave the flashlights off, and let nature be your guide.

Springtime camping is when the woods come alive, everything that's been hibernating seem to wake up at once. The animals crawl out, as if to say hello, spring is here; let's play. The trees are budding, and leaves are growing; and the wild flowers are all around. You smell the sweet pungent scents of nature all around. This is the time to remember the bug spray, and sunscreen, and lets not forget the extra layer of clothing or two. The days may be getting warmers, but the nights can catch you by surprise.

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## **OA elections/ Troop Visitation**

Yes, it is that time again. We will be contacting your scoutmasters to set up an election date and time. See Andrew Callahan or Steve Schiavone if you can help with elections in your troop or neighboring troops. Elections will be held from Feb thru mid April. Adult and youth help is needed. No elections will be done at the camporee.

Dear Brotherhood Candidate:

This year's Brotherhood Journey will be taking place at Ten Mile River (Hearst Cabins in Headquarter's Camp). Starting on Friday April 24,2009 and ending on Sunday, April 26,2009. If you plan on attending, please send all of the requested items and fees.

### \*Due By April 1, 2009

- 1) Complete Emergency Contact/ Permission Forms
- 2) The Tear Off (Lower Portion of This Form)

Bring these two items to a Lodge Meeting, LEC  
OR

#### The Following Items Will Be Necessary For Your Journey:

- 1) Full Dress Uniform, Including OA Sash (For meals and ceremonies).
- 2) Work Clothes/ Boots/ Work Gloves
- 3) Proper Clothing for Weather (At TMR, The end of April is still on the cold side).
- 4) Sleeping Bag, Toiletries, etc.

**Make Checks Out To:**

Greater NY Councils-BSA  
**Memo: Aquehongian Lodge 112 -  
Brotherhood**

**Mail Checks and Forms To:**

Elizabeth P. Figueroa  
357 Jefferson Avenue  
Staten Island NY 10306

**\*\* IF you do not have driving arrangements made by April 1, 2009  
please call Brotherhood Advisor, Elizabeth Figueroa (718)987-7727 \*\***

If there are any special dietary (food) needs, please indicate on the tear off and on the emergency contact form which can be found at the Lodge website ([www.aquehongian112.org](http://www.aquehongian112.org)) under "Forms".

*Yours in Brotherhood*

Peter Messina, Brotherhood Chairman, 2009

[chickenboypete@aol.com](mailto:chickenboypete@aol.com)

(718)987-4745

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Troop \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

I will be attending as:       Brotherhood Candidate      \$45.00  
    Staff Member                              \$30.00

- I have a ride to TMR, my Driver is \_\_\_\_\_  
 I have used all of my options, and still do not have a ride

**If you intend to drive, please list brothers you are taking and number of seats remaining in your vehicle.**

I need special Meals     Yes     No

**Send back this tear off, emergency contact form, and registration fees no later than 4/1/09.**

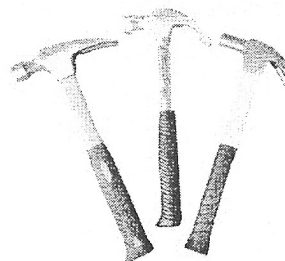
# FIX - N - MIX

William H. Pouch Scout Camp—April 18, 2009



Fix-N-Mix is an important event as we get ready for Summer Camp.

Your Help is needed as the Camps are prepared for opening after a long winter



## What To Bring:

Work clothes and gloves  
Shovels, picks, rakes, wheelbarrows  
Electrical cords, power tool Saws, drills, etc

## Specific skilled volunteers are needed for some projects.

Please let us know if you know-how to fix plumbing, electrical or have carpentry skills, so we can match you up with the appropriate project.

Come up on Friday night or Saturday morning (projects start at 9 AM)  
Bring your own tent and sleeping gear. Meals will be provided.

Please fill out and return this form in the enclosed envelope by March 11, 2009.

*APRIL 18, 2008*

You can count on us to attend! Please plan the following meals for us:

(Please circle) Saturday: Breakfast (8 AM) Lunch (12 PM) Dinner (5 PM)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Council: GNYC - S.I. Unit: ADWENGLAN  
LODGE 112

Special Skills \_\_\_\_\_

There will be a total of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ on our party.  
(Over age 15) (Age 10 - 14)

We plan to arrive on:  Friday night  Saturday morning



## Membership Requirements

In order to become Brotherhood, sit on a Lodge Executive Committee, or hold an office in the Order of the Arrow; your dues must be paid to date. Dues are \$12.00 annually and may be paid 2 years in advance. Additionally, you must be a registered member of a boy scout unit in the Staten Island Council.

### **You can pay your dues in different ways;**

Come to the lodge meetings and pay your dues to the membership committee folks.

Send your payment with your name, current address, and telephone number and E-mail on a sheet of paper, or complete the membership form that was mailed to you, and address this correspondence to:

### **Make payable to:**

Greater New York Council BSA

**Memo:** Aquehongian Lodge 112

Youth's name, Troop number

### **Send check or money order with your**

**name and address to:**

Staten Island Council, BSA

PO Box 131472

Staten Island, N.Y. 10313

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## Submissions

*Dear Arrowmen,*

Hey, **Netami Lekiket (lodge secretary)** here! Just a reminder that all articles for submission for the next edition of the Aquehongian Arrowhead are due on May 1, 2009.

**Write ANYTHING**

**Write a joke**

**Write an advertisement for your committee**

**Put in a Recipe (the one in the last issue was delicious)**

**Start a Non-Profit Youth run organization for the boy scout honor society**

**Not sure what to do? Contact me at**

**Secretary@aquehongian112.org**

<http://www.aquehongian112.org/>

*I'll Point you in the right direction and get you started on fulfilling your obligation to our honor society.*

**Yours in brotherhood**

**Steve S**

<p><b>DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ARROWHEAD IS: MAY 1 FOR THE DECEMBER EDITION! GET YOUR ARTICLES IN EARLY!</b></p>
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