



Ag-Im Lodge #156 January 2009 Winter Fun Newsletter

Winter Fun Feb. 27 – Mar. 1

Winter Fun will be held Feb. 27 to March 1 at Camp Hiawatha. Arrowmen will stay in Snowshoe Village. The cost is \$5. Each person or group is responsible for their own food. The gas stoves will be available but there is no running water. Any water needed has to be carried in. Camp is not plowed so be prepared to carry gear in on snowshoes or skis. Bring sleds for sledding at the rifle range. Plus, snowshoeing, fishing and anything else you want to do. LEC meeting will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28 at Snowshoe Lodge. Any questions, contact Lodge Chief, Jiffy Lies at gingervirus@live.com or 906-774-0540.

COC plans Section Conclave at Camp Hiawatha



Greg Williams gives a report about the facilities at Camp Hiawatha at the January COC meeting in Wausau, Wis.

Ag-Im Lodge will host the C-1B Section Conclave at Camp Hiawatha this year, Sept 18-20. Planning is already underway. The Council of Chiefs from the five OA Lodges in the Section met in Wausau, Wis., Jan. 17-18 to begin plans. The theme chosen was "C-1B in the U.P., eh? Are We There Yet?" A patch design was also chosen that has a design of the U.P. Greg Williams, 09 Section Conclave Chair talked about the facilities available at camp and presented menu options. Lodge Chief, David Lies, gave a report on Ag-Im's activities during the last year. Also attending were Vice Chiefs Conor Parker and Shane Poisson. The next COC is April 17-18 at Camp Hiawatha.

Section Conclave Planning Meeting Feb. 15

To start our Lodge planning for the Section Conclave a planning meeting will be held Sunday, Feb. 15, from 1 to 4 p.m. in Manistique. It will be held at the Zion Lutheran Church at 435 Oak. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Section Conclave chairs and advisors are requested to attend. They are: Food Service — David Flint; Patty Woerpel, advisor. Registration — Carl Mason; Tim Jenkins, Steve Fader, advisors. Housing — Josh Sampson; James Schlak, advisor. Facilities — Nick Winkler; Joe Erickson, advisor. Health/Safety — Tom Richards, Tyler Rice; Bill Davis, advisor. Trading Post — James Pepin; Barb Dupras, advisor. People are needed for committees. Pick one and go online to upscouting.org/agim to volunteer. Contact Greg Williams at gbwilliams@uplogon.com.

Sign Up Now For NOAC

National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) will be held on Aug 1-6. Registration is \$100. You can register at upscouting.org/agim. The total for NOAC is \$395 plus transportation. 2009 NOAC is going to be held at Indiana University. Here 7,000 Arrowmen will attend from all over the country. At NOAC Arrowmen will be sharing their ideas and knowledge about leadership, activities, and ceremonies. During NOAC you will be able to get involved in some

competitions such as sports, ceremonies, and a multitude of other things. A typical day includes breakfast, morning training sessions, lunch, afternoon training sessions, dinner, evening show, and evening activities. The evening activities include bowling, patch trading, and more. This will give you new ideas and better your leadership skills. –James Davis, Communications Chair



Bruce Olson talks at the January COC in Wausau, Wis., where he serves as Section Vice Chief. He went to Section training in Indiana in December.

other topics. Along with training there was a night of bowling, a favorite among OA events. Overall the weekend was a great time and I look forward to our own Section Conclave at Camp Hiawatha this fall. –Bruce Olson, C-1B Section Vice Chief

Olson Attends SOS

In early December I had the pleasure of attending the Section Officer's Seminar or SOS in Rochester, Indiana for the second time with the other Section Officers. Leadership from all the sections in the Central Region were represented at the seminar including the Region Chief, Region Chairmen, and National Officers.

The weekend is devoted to training to better the section in planning for Section Conclave, Lodge Assistance Program meetings, helping lodges achieve goals, supporting the Cub Scouting program and many

Ag-Im Unit Elections Underway

Fellow Arrowmen, First, I would like to thank all the people involved in unit elections for doing their job and getting elections underway. Secondly, I would like to say that now that elections are underway, I encourage election teams to get elections scheduled with Scoutmasters ASAP in order to keep everything running smoothly. My predecessor left me with some good building blocks to work with and I plan to make this year's induction process the best I possibly can. So again, thank you all for being such a great help. Yours in Brotherhood, –Conor Parker, Vice Chief of Inductions

Contact your Chapter Chief for more information or Unit Elections Chair Josh Sampson at 906-632-2617 or nhsampson@hotmail.com. The advisor is Steve Carroll, 906-346-9153, 1scarroll@charter.net.

Arrowmen Plan Coming Year at LLD



Lodge Chief, David Lies, and Training Chair, Corky Wilson, present Ben DuBois a certificate at Ag-Im's LLD in October.

Arrowmen from around Ag-Im Lodge came together October 25-26 at Holy Name in Escanaba to have a Lodge Leadership Development Conference (LLD). A LLD is where Lodge officers and committee chairs learn how to run the Lodge and plan for the upcoming year. The day started out by having breakfast and saying hello to everyone. After breakfast we started with the training sessions such as Using Resources and Camp Promotions. During a training session the person who put it together would present what he wanted to teach with PowerPoint and handouts. After each session we would grab a football and throw it to someone. Whoever threw the ball

would ask the person who they threw it to a question about the session they just had. After the sessions were over they had a Lodge Executive Committee meeting (LEC) where the Lodge officers and committee chairs planned what to do for the year of 2009.

–James Davis, Communications Chair

Ag-Im 2009 Schedule

February 15 — Section Conclave Planning Meeting at Zion Lutheran in Manistique

February 20-22 — National Leadership Seminar (NLS) in Indiana

February 27- March 1 — Winter Fun at Camp Hiawatha

April 17-18 — COC at Camp Hiawatha

May — LEC (Date and Location to be Determined)

June 12-14 — Spring Conclave at Camp Hiawatha

August 1-6 — National OA Conference (NOAC) in Indiana

August 14-16 — Fall Conclave at Camp Hiawatha

September 18-20 — Section C1B Conclave at Camp Hiawatha

October 24-25 — Lodge Leadership Development (LLC) Conference

December 4-6 — Winter Conference in Escanaba



Left, Tom Patmythes, Potawatomie Chapter Advisor, presents the Founders Award at the Winter Conference Banquet in December. Right, Conor Parker participates in Chippewa Chapter's ceremony.

Awards Presented at Winter Conference

Ag-Im's Winter Conference was held in December in Caspian. It was a great wintry weekend. Training sessions were held Saturday morning including Elangomat training, LeaderThink and Unit Elections. In the afternoon we went swimming and held a ceremonies contest. Congratulations to Chippewa and Langama Chapters for a great job!

A banquet was held Saturday night. Tim Nerenz, Executive Director of Oldenburg Group was the guest speaker. They have offices in Iron River and Norway. He talked about the importance of leadership and making choices for your future. Presented with Ag-Im Lodge Distinguished Service Awards (DSAs) were: David "Jiffy" Lies, Langama Chapter; Charles "Corky" Wilson, Potawatomie Chapter; Bruce Olson, Wyandotte Chapter; Tyler Rice, Chippewa Chapter; Conor Parker, Chippewa Chapter; Shane Poisson, Potawatomie Chapter; and Nick Winkler, Wyandotte Chapter. Presented with the Founders Award were Bruce Olson, Wyandotte Chapter, for his work on the chapter and section level and Steve Lindahl, Potawatomie Chapter, for his work at Camp Hiawatha.

Called out for the Vigil Honor were Conor Parker, Chippewa Chapter; Greg Williams, Potawatomie Chapter; Mike Williams, Potawatomie Chapter; and Nelson Winkler, Wyandotte Chapter.