



# The Marmot's Whistle

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## Conclave 2007

Be There or Be Nisqually  
By Allen Sher



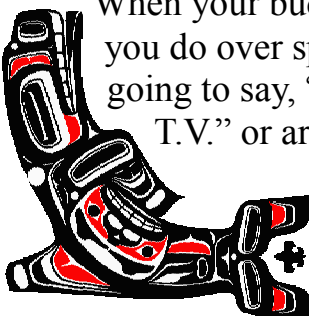
Conclave 2007 is the event of the year!!! All the lodges in Section W-1B will be coming together for an awesome weekend. This time it is happening in Anchorage, Alaska. The whole lodge is going to go in a contingent rock so loud we'll wake the polar bears and collapse the igloos. It is happening April 27-29 and sign up is now.

To join the contingent as a youth or adult e-mail the contingent leader Joel Delacruz at [animalcrib@earthlink.net](mailto:animalcrib@earthlink.net)

We are also selling Conclave fundraiser patches for \$5 to help sponsor the event. If you are interested in purchasing any patches please e-mail Joel (address above).

The cost is estimated around \$500 for the event, but largely depends on fundraising. The price includes the plane ticket (round trip), one night's stay at a hotel in Anchorage, and admission for the event.

When your buddies ask you "what did you do over spring break?" are you going to say, "I slept in and watched T.V." or are you going to say, "I got jiggy with a polar bear in Alaska?"



## 2007 Trade-O-Ree

Interested in Scouting's history? Wonder what the elusive T'Kope first flap looks like? Like to swap stories and trade patches? If you answer yes to any of these questions, then be at the 2007 Western Washington Trade-O-Ree, February 17, 2007, 9:00 AM at Mercer Island Presbyterian Church.

There will be display competitions for the avid collectors. Live and silent auctions will be held to support the 2007 Conclave contingent.

## Are You Ready for Brotherhood!

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## Staff Winter Camp

By Brian Sher

Camp Sheppard is located in the snow-capped shadow of Crystal Mountain and is the scenic location of Winter Camp. Continue your obligation of cheerful service by having fun in the snow and helping staff your chapter's weekend (see page 4).

If you have any questions contact me at [crazykoolkid@hotmail.com](mailto:crazykoolkid@hotmail.com).

## 2006 LLD and Banquet

By Mark Gettmann

Aloha!

On October 7th, T'kope Kwiskwis held its Lodge banquet at Mercer Island Presbyterian Church. This banquet was special because it was the first time that the Lodge Leadership Development Conference (LLDC) was held at the same location. "The idea to have the LLDC and the banquet on the same day and same location was a brilliant idea and a huge success," says fellow arrowman Allen Sher. We celebrated Larry Garrett's six years of service as Lodge Adviser. The banquet was a catalyst for raising \$2,200 for the Longhouse fund, \$350 for Conclave through a silent auction, and \$130 for lodge operations through a raffle. This year's banquet also had a righteous Hawaiian theme which everyone seemed to enjoy.

Special thanks to Tom Pearson for coordinating the facilities for these events for the past several years, and hopefully for years to come.

See you at next year's LLD and Banquet!

## Ordeal Staff

By James Jensen

Do you remember your Ordeal when you first saw the faces of the Order of the Arrow. It is now your turn to be that face, to guide the new generation of arrowmen into the future. The next Ordeal will be held at Camp Pigott on March 30 to April 1.

Staff training will be at Ceremonies Weekend on November 17 to 19.

To sign-up for a staffing position, or for more information on the Ordeal contact me at [jensenentnw@yahoo.com](mailto:jensenentnw@yahoo.com), or by phone at (360) 895-3145.

### Want to see Philmont, Florida Sea Base, or Northern Tier?

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### Ready for Brotherhood?

Can you answer these questions?

- What is the admonition?
- What is the hailing sign of the Ordeal?
- What are those three W's?
- Who were the four people you met during the ceremonies?
- What is the Obligation of the Order?
- Have you been an Ordeal member for at least 10 months?

Some of these answers are on Page 5. Most of the rest are at [jumpstart.aa-bsa.org](http://jumpstart.aa-bsa.org).

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## 2006 - 2007 Lodge Calendar

### January

LEB	3	SSC
LEC	17	SSC

### February

LEB	7	SSC
Trade-O-Ree	17	Mercer Island Presbyterian Church
LEC	21	SSC

### March

LEB	7	SSC
LEC	21	SSC
Ordeal	30-1	Camp Pigott

### April

LEB	4	SSC
LEC	18	SSC
Conclave	27-29	Anchorage, Alaska

### May

LEB	2	SSC
LEC	16	SSC
Ordeal	18-20	Camp Brinkley

### June

Ordeal	1-3	Camp Parsons
LEB	6	SSC
Fellowship	16	Lincoln Park, Seattle

## 2007 Winter Camp Staff Schedule Camp Sheppard

### January

5-7	Ashuk T'salil
12-14	Hyiu Chuk
19-21	Talapus Tillicum
26-28	Wau Wau Talapus

### February

2-4	Siam Chetwoot
9-11	Lamonti Tupso Illahee
16-18	Hyas Eena
23-25	Mox Kar-Po

### March

2-4	Yakala
9-11	Sunyakwa
16-18	Sahaptin Mox Khan'-nice
23-25	Tenas Chakchak



Check out the lodge website beginning January 1!  
<http://www.tkopekwiskwis.org>





## Chiefly Thoughts

By Case Barden

At the start of this year our Lodge implemented its first strategic plan in a long time. Our vision of the T'Kope Kwiskwis Lodge is to expand our core of active youth

members and to be a positive force in the community. This is our vision because those who are really active want to share the experiences they've had. Personally, I learned public speaking from doing Unit Elections. Later on when I took Speech in High School it came easily because of what I had done in the OA.

To accomplish our vision your Chapter Chiefs approved the following areas of focus: communication, training and service. These things are not just what the Lodge or Chapter should do but what every Arrow man who is part of T'Kope can do. For example let OA members in your Troop know about when Fellowship is, attend Ceremonies Weekend, and even just pick up garbage off the street. Helping everyone out in this task is easy.

The plan dictates that we have two years to reach our vision. This year is critical. We need you and every other Arrow men to put in some effort. We can do this together just keep acting in that spirit of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness and Service.

Do you have an article for an upcoming Marmot's Whistle? If so, contact Allen Sher at [dasher506@hotmail.com](mailto:dasher506@hotmail.com).

## Brotherhood Q&A

Q: What are those 3 W's?

A: Wimachtendienk (Brotherhood), Wingolauchsik (Cheerfulness), Witahemui (Service)

Q: Who were the four people you met during the ceremonies?

A: Kichkinet (Guide), Nutiket (Guard), Meteu (Medicine Man), Allowat Sakima (Mighty Chief)

Q: What is the Obligation of the Order?

A: I do hereby promise, on my honor as a Scout, that I will always and faithfully observe and preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow, Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui.

I will always regard the ties of brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow as lasting, and will seek to preserve a cheerful spirit, even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities, and will endeavor, so far as in my power lies, to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others.

Q: Have you been an Ordeal member for at least 10 months?

A: If so, you need to attend a Brotherhood ceremony. Ceremonies happen at all Ordeals and Ceremonies Weekends.



Don't forget to use your Order of the Arrow handbook and [jumpstart.aa-bsa.org](http://jumpstart.aa-bsa.org) for more information!



## National High Adventure Programs

### Wilderness Voyage

The Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage program is an experience like no other. For two weeks, you will join together with Arrowmen from around the country and experience all that the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in northern Minnesota has to offer.

The first week of the program is spent giving back to the Boundary Waters through portage trail restoration work. Participants have the opportunity to leave their mark on the Boundary Waters that will enable millions of visitors each year to better enjoy their experience. Trail work involves restoring and protecting trails that have existed for centuries and are in dire need or repair.

The second part of the program is a trek planned by the crew. From the 8-1/2 mile "Grand Portage" leading to Lake Superior, to the Height of Land, even the pictographs on Fishdance Lake, crews have done and seen all in the Boundary Waters.



### Philmont Trail Crew

The Order of the Arrow Trail Crew program is one of the best ways to experience Scouting's premier high adventure base, Philmont Scout Ranch. For two weeks, participants see and experience all that Philmont has to offer and much more.



For the first week, participants have the chance to make a significant difference to Philmont by participating in trail building in the backcountry. Work will include clearing terrain for trail and constructing switchbacks, retention bars, and several other erosion controls. The impact of this service will be felt by scouts for decades. The second week of the program is spent experiencing Philmont in its finest. Unlike regular treks, Trail Crews make their own itinerary, instead of selecting from pre-planned routes. You can do and see just about anything, from the Tooth of Time to Baldy Mountain, your crew decides!

### Ocean Adventure at Florida Sea Base

The Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure is a unique opportunity to experience the programs at the Florida Sea Base, while providing a new type of service to the Atlantic Ocean. In a two-week period, participants will complete PADI SCUBA certification, as well as interact with undersea wildlife like no other Scouts do.

For one week, participants will undergo intensive SCUBA certification in preparation. Arrowmen will also provide meaningful service to the staff of the Florida Sea Base, and enjoy fun in the Florida sun while brushing up on their volleyball skills.

The second week of OAOA is spent using the SCUBA certification to its fullest extent. Participants will spend their time taking wildlife samples in the Florida Keys, performing island restoration and other meaningful projects to the surrounding area.



For more information on any of these programs, visit [www.oa-bsa.org](http://www.oa-bsa.org).