

Section NE-3B

Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee-Ga

"People of the Longhouse Territory"



Conclave 2006 Report
August 18th – 20th
Camp Rotary



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Conclave Details

Section: NE-3B
Service Lodge: Tahgajute
Service Council: Cayuga County Council 366
Dates: August 18th – 20th, 2006
Site: Camp Rotary – Niles, NY

Leadership

Conclave Coordinator:Tim Monnin
Conclave Adviser:Mike Damazyn
Conclave Vice Chiefs:
CVC of American Indian Affairs:Max Meadows (Onteroraus Lodge)
CVC of Friday Night Show:Joe Calidonna (Ga-Hon-Ga Lodge)
CVC of Friday Night Special Events:Mark Perez (Half Moon Lodge)
CVC of Publications:Andy Foley (Otahnagon Lodge)
CVC of Recreation:Mike Kent (Kittan - Haudenosaunee Lodge)
CVC of Saturday Night Show:Erik Nelson (Kayanernh-Kowa Lodge)
CVC of Saturday Night Special Events: ..Alex Garneau (Kittan – Loon Lodge)
CVC of Training:Matt Slimowicz (Section Vice Chief)
Worship Services Conducted:Scout's Own – Tyson Turner (Tahgajute Lodge)

Awards

Most Outstanding Lodge Award:Otahnagon Lodge
Most Outstanding Arrowman Award:Tim Monnin (Tahgajute Lodge)
Most Cheerful Arrowman Award:Greg Churchill (Otahnagon Lodge)



Attendance

	Youth	Adult	Total
Ga-Hon-Ga.....	13	11	24
Half Moon.....	13	6	19
Kayanernh-Kowa.....	10	12	22
Kittan (Haudenosaunee).....	2	10	12
Kittan (Loon).....	8	8	16
Onteroraus.....	11	8	19
Otahnagon.....	39	15	54
Tahgajute.....	20	20	40
Guests.....	11	3	14
Total.....	127	93	220

Youth Fee: \$32

Adult Fee: \$32



Guests

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Position:</u>
Sean Murray	National Chief
Chris Schildnecht.....	National Vice Chief
Jon Fuller.....	Northeast Region Chief
Aaron Stockwell	Northeast Region Venturing President / Section NE-1B Vice Chief
Paul Froman	Section NE-1A Chief
Andy Collins	Past Section NE-1B Chief
Dave Lloyd	Section NE-3A Chief
Kevin Wright.....	Section NE-3A Secretary
Wes Hall	Past Section NE-3A Chief
Dave Schaub	Section NE-4A Chief
Adam Heaps	Past Section NE-4A Chief
Bob Chaballa	Section NE-4A Adviser
Casey Jakubowski.....	Past Otahnagon Lodge Associate Adviser

Recreation and Special Event Awards

<u>Competition</u>	<u>Winner</u>
Ultimate Frisbee - Youth	Otahnagon Lodge
Volleyball - Youth.....	Half Moon Lodge
Horse Biathlon - Youth	Zach (Otahnagon Lodge)
Wheelchair Biathlon - Youth	Kevin (Ga-Hon-Ga Lodge)
Cane Toss - Adult.....	Bruce (Onteroraus Lodge)
Walker Marathon - Adult	Adam (Tahgajute Lodge)
Wheelchair Jousting - Adult	Bruce (Onteroraus Lodge)
Overall Lodge.....	Tahgajute Lodge
Lodge Newsletter.....	Half Moon Lodge
Lodge Website	Half Moon Lodge
Lodge Mascot	Otahnagon Lodge
Chief Pie Eating Contest.....	Rob Lyon (Kittan-Loon Lodge)



Evaluations

Each conclave participant was asked to complete an evaluation ranking eleven different areas of the conclave on a scale of 1 “unsatisfactory” to 5 “great”. A total of 35 were returned out of 220 participants in attendance.

Friday Night Show	2.53
Friday Special Events	3.71
Training	4.11
Recreation	4.21
American Indian Affairs	3.64
Saturday Night Show	3.60
Saturday Special Events	4.37
Publications	4.54
Food	4.03
Facilities	3.86

Overall Conclave Rating 4.27

Evaluation Comments

Randomly chosen comments made on evaluations.

“The Patch Auction was great!” (Favorite part – Noted several times)

“Better Shows Planning.” (Least favorite part – Noted several times)

“The spans of free time with nothing to do.”

“Dutch oven cooking session was the best! We got Cobbler!”

“Weather was bad.” (Least favorite part - Noted several times)

“Bring back ceremonies to Conclave.”

“More team recreation competitions.”

“The Conclave was lots of fun, good organization and good activities.”



Conclave Training Sessions

This year at conclave, we continued our Allohakasin University training system for the fourth year. It was created in 2003 by our Council of Chiefs to add a new twist to the traditional conclave training. We created five colleges to major in; by attending two of three sessions from a chosen college and one session from any college, you could earn a degree. A General Studies degree could also be obtained by attending any three training sessions, no matter what college they were from. On Sunday morning, participants' lodge chiefs were presented with the diplomas and patches if their lodge members met the requirements to distribute.

University Degrees

This program was again highly successful this year. Many participants returned to earn their Bachelor, Master, and for the first time, Doctorate Degrees. A total of 111 degrees were awarded this year. 78 Associate degrees were earned, 10 Bachelor degrees were earned, 11 Master degrees were earned, and 12 Doctorate degrees were earned. This was the first year that Doctorate Degrees were presented.

28 trainers – professors – received a special edition of the university patch with a silver mylar border and their own diploma. They received this distinction during the Business Meeting.

Special Workshops

This year during the afternoon hours on Saturday, we offered special training workshops. They were, in chronological order, a Native American “Quirt” construction session, a Vigil member session about the honor, and an informational session about Venturing taught by our NER Venturing President, Aaron Stockwell. These were received fairly well; better promotion for workshops and locations near afternoon activities next year will yield a better turn out.




Table Legend for the next two pages

College Acronyms

NAS – New Arrowmen Studies

GS – General Studies

ICE – Inductions and Ceremonial Events

LCM – Lodge and Chapter Management

ES – Extreme Scouting

**Each has its own color so you can identify each better

Color Highlights

Green – Highest Rating or Highest Attendance

Pink – Lowest Rating or Lowest Attendance

Session Attendance

Reference the table on Page 8 for the college acronym explanation and color explanation.

This Table is ranked from most attended session to least attended sessions. It also shows what college the session is in. For further reference, it would seem that our conclave participants would want more Extreme Scouting and Inductions and Ceremonial Events sessions than anything else something to consider for next years event.

Pre-Registered	Youth	Adult	Total	College	Session Name
40	35	31	66	ES	GPS Orienteering
54	31	14	45	ES	Dutch Oven Cooking
48	22	11	33	ES	Wilderness Survival Cooking
29	14	10	24	ES	Planning a High Adventure Trip
23	18	2	20	ES	Outdoor Ethics: Leave No Trace
23	10	7	17	ICE	Dress for Success
10	4	12	16	GS	Retaining Older Scouts
18	11	4	15	ICE	Ceremonies: Behind the Scenes
10	11	4	15	ICE	Planning the Ordeal
17	12	2	14	ICE	Ceremonies: Character Analysis
13	3	11	14	GS	Youth to Adult Transition
19	0	12	12	GS	Coaching Your Youth
15	8	4	12	LCM	Servant Leadership
14	5	5	10	LCM	Building of a Lodge Fellowship
11	4	6	10	GS	Cub Scouting and the OA
12	8	1	9	LCM	Effective Meetings
15	7	2	9	LCM	Lodge Leadership Development Course
11	4	4	8	NAS	Brotherhood Preparation
20	6	2	8	GS	Planning a Service Project
12	5	3	8	GS	Role of the OA Troop Rep
14	5	3	8	LCM	The OA in Summer Camp
11	3	5	8	GS	Time Management
13	3	3	6	LCM	Building the Team
12	4	1	5	ICE	I'm Brotherhood, Now What?
9	3	2	5	ICE	OA 101
11	3	2	5	LCM	Utilizing Lodge Talent
9	4	0	4	NAS	Understanding the Ordeal
14	2	1	3	NAS	Alphabet Soup
9	1	2	3	GS	Starting a Dance Team
7	1	2	3	ICE	The Ten Induction Principles
36	**Cancelled**			ES	Wilderness Survival Camping
12	**Cancelled**			GS	Scout Reach Mentoring
10	**Cancelled**			NAS	OA in Perspective

Course and Trainer Ratings

Reference the table legend on Page 8 for color description.

This table is organized from the top rated session to the lowest rated session. As one can see by the data in the table, out of 30 different sessions, 25 of those sessions were above 4.5 out of a 5.0 scale. Also out of the thirty sessions only one of our trainers were rated below a 4.0, we had a quality training staff, but next year we will be looking to recruit more trainers from in section. I would also like to recognize the two top trainers, Paul Froman and Zach Shepherd for an outstanding job and perfect ratings.

Session Name	Session Rating (5.0 Scale)	Instructor	Instructor Rating (5.0 Scale)
Time Management	5.0	Casey Jakubowski	4.8
Understanding the Ordeal	5.0	Dave Schaub	4.8
Dress for Success	4.9	Bob Stickle	4.8
Planning a Service Project	4.9	Paul Froman	5.0
Dutch Oven Cooking	4.8	Doug Whittaker	4.6
Servant Leadership	4.8	Sean Murray	4.8
Starting a Dance Team	4.8	Ed LaFave	4.7
The OA in Summer Camp	4.8	Jon Whitaker	4.5
Retaining Older Scouts	4.8	Bob Black	4.6
Brotherhood Preparation	4.8	Zach Shepherd	5.0
Building the Team	4.8	Aaron Stockwell	4.7
Utilizing Lodge Talent	4.8	Adam Heaps	4.6
Planning the Ordeal	4.7	PJ Berger	4.9
Building of a Lodge Fellowship	4.7	Jon Fuller	4.6
Ceremonies: Character Analysis	4.7	"Lodge 402"	4.5
Role of the OA Troop Rep	4.7	Dan Higham	4.1
Alphabet Soup	4.7	Dave Lloyd	4.3
Coaching Your Youth	4.6	Wayne Farnsworth	4.5
Wilderness Survival Cooking	4.6	Chuck Seamens	4.5
Outdoor Ethics: Leave No Trace	4.6	Zach Riley	4.4
Youth to Adult Transition	4.6	Bob Chaballa	4.2
Ceremonies: Behind the Scenes	4.5	"Lodge 402"	4.5
Lodge Leadership Development Course	4.5	Casey Jakubowski	4.2
OA 101	4.5	Chris Schildknecht	4.8
The Ten Induction Principles	4.5	Mike George	4.8
Cub Scouting and the OA	4.4	Chris Schildknecht	4.5
Planning a High Adventure Trip	4.4	Andy Collins	4.3
Effective Meetings	4.1	Wes Hall	4.1
I'm Brotherhood, Now What?	4.0	Matt Slimowicz	4.0
GPS Orienteering	3.9	Tim Latz	3.9

Conclave Financial Report

INCOME		BUDGET	ACTUAL
<u>Registration Fees</u> 205 paid @ 32.00		\$9,600.00	\$6,560.00
<u>Seed Money</u>		\$800.00	\$800.00
<u>Trading Post</u>		\$3,000.00	\$3,840.20
Tahajute Lodge	\$809.70		
Preorder Patches, Mugs, T's	\$2,958.50		
Sales @ Conclave	\$72.00		
Patch Auction		<u>\$1,600.00</u>	<u>\$2,902.06</u>
TOTAL INCOME		<u><u>\$15,000.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$14,102.26</u></u>
EXPENSES		BUDGET	ACTUAL
<u>Awards and Recognition</u> - 8/7 AC Moore		\$250.00	\$3.88
<u>2007 Seed Money</u>		\$800.00	\$800.00
<u>Patches</u>		\$350.00	\$0.00
<u>Trading Post (COS)</u>		\$2,500.00	\$2,573.12
To Tahajute Lodge	\$809.70		
Advantage Emblem	\$1,152.98		
National Pastime	<u>\$610.44</u>		
Postage		\$50.00	\$0.00
Printing - 8/17 Kinkos		\$200.00	\$33.26
<u>Refreshments / Fund - Food</u>		\$4,000.00	\$3,898.62
8/17 Sysco Food	\$2,917.04		
8/16 Wayne Farnsworth (Chafing Tray)	\$137.84		
11 Food Purchases	<u>\$843.74</u>		
<u>Rental Fees</u>		\$2,000.00	\$1,991.46
Auburn Party Rental	\$1,082.50		
Appleton Disposal	\$200.00		
Taylor Rental	\$174.96		
YMCA	\$184.00		
Camp Rotary	<u>\$350.00</u>		
<u>Transportation</u>			\$369.80
6/30 NVC Airfare	\$319.60		
8/19 Express Mart - Gas	\$15.20		
8/25 Gas Money National Chief	<u>\$35.00</u>		
<u>Section Officer's Budget</u>		\$2,710.00	\$2,710.00
<u>Insurance</u>		\$600.00	\$370.00
<u>University Patches</u>		\$250.00	\$0.00
<u>Shows</u>		\$200.00	\$0.00
<u>Publications</u>		\$100.00	\$0.00
<u>American Indian Affairs</u>		\$50.00	\$0.00
<u>Recreation</u>		\$50.00	\$103.39
<u>Special Events</u>		\$100.00	\$0.00
<u>Training</u>		\$150.00	\$0.00
<u>Contingency</u>		\$850.00	\$0.00
<u>Total Expenses</u>		<u><u>\$14,960.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$12,853.53</u></u>
<u>Surplus (deficit)</u>		<u><u>\$40.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,248.73</u></u>



Conclave Comments

Areas That Need Improvement

1. Registration database should include more custom reports:
 - a. Registration reports (Y/A breakdown for each lodge and a list for check in)
 - b. Memorabilia reports (totals for each lodge and a sheet that lists each lodge's orders to stick in the bag)
 - i. Need to add an "originally registered" date field as well as a "last modified" date field, so that we can create a list of people that are due registration patches (we were able to figure it out this year because we kept a copy of the list as of 7/1).
 - c. Name tag reports (a list with name, ID numbers, and lodges)
 - d. Health reports (food/medical issues)
 - i. Need to add "medical restriction" field to registration database in addition to the already existing dietary restriction field.
 - e. Lodge Chiefs/Advisers (training and payment contingent reports)
2. Multiple schedule changes were not effectively communicated to the participants or to the conclave leadership.
 - a. The newspaper, more than once, had conflicting information regarding schedule changes. Proofreaders didn't have the information to know about schedule changes, and also missed inconsistencies.
 - b. How do we "control" schedule changes, so that everyone knows about them, and gets a consistent message? Service lodge, Section Staff, Conclave Staff (newsletter staff, trainers, etc...) and participants. Potentially create 'schedule change' form.
3. Memorabilia distribution should include a list of recipients, both for the pre-orders and for the registration patches. Lodge leadership didn't have the tools to adequately distribute their preorders. Several lodge advisers tried to get extra registration patches. This is easily accommodated by our current data.
4. People at the Section Train The Trainer (TTT) didn't train (in general), which means that it was a less useful program. Have trainers identified prior to the TTT (and have them attend) so that the program can be effective.
5. Training attendance/evaluation process caused a lot of trouble on Sunday morning when degrees were handed out. Some trainers didn't turn in their sheet of stickers, so certificates had to be reprinted (or were missing). Need to insure that this process is better administered in the future.
6. Get better training numbers, or insure people attend classes that they signed up for. People didn't show up to the classes that they registered for, and attended/swamped the already large sessions.
7. Training planning was inconsistent and not followed up by the staff to insure that it was getting done. Most planning for training occurred in the 2 weeks prior to the conclave and required heavy adult involvement to insure completion. There comes a time when the task must be reassigned by the training lead when it is clear that it's not progressing quickly enough to insure success at the conclave. This affected the trainer's attitudes on-site, noticeably.
8. Conclave "medieval" theme was not embraced/included by all CVCs and conclave program. Should be more heavily promoted in the future.
9. Show scripts must be approved in advance, and scripts approved must be followed. If the agreed upon script is not followed, the show will be stopped.
10. The "honor lodge" program wasn't promoted, prior to or at the conclave. There was no mention of it during the conclave, other than "Otahnagon, your ice cream is now here". The original concept is that it was supposed to be a big deal. Needs some attention if it's going to work, or drop the program if we aren't going to utilize it as a conclave promotional tool.
11. Need more organization for the live auction (setup well in advance of attendees showing up)



Outstanding Areas

1. Web based signups went well.
 - a. Allowed a great deal of insight by the section staff in advance, and allowed follow-up to insure that money was paid in advance.
 - b. Allowed a great deal of control related to memorabilia. Pre-orders could be locked out of the system after the deadline, which allowed very accurate counts and memorabilia to be on-site on time.
 - c. Data organization allowed for reports to be generated for training, memorabilia by lodge, payment information, etc... which were distributed to lodge advisers, trainers, etc... in advance of the conclave.
2. Housing was well organized. People knew where they were going, and nobody was without. Issues were resolved in a timely manner.
3. At the Officer elections it was nice to see competition for each of the three positions.
4. The information booth was included based upon a comment from last year.
5. The rededication ceremony "made" the Saturday night program.
6. Patch auction went well. Made lots of money.
7. The patch auction jumbo-tron was a great way to help everyone see the items up for bids. Probably contributed to increased profits.



2007 Conclave Details

Service Lodge: Kittan
Service Council: Twin Rivers Council
Site: Rotary Scout Reservation, Averill Park, NY
Date: August 17th – 19th, 2007



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