

Wagion Lodge #6 T-BIRD TIMES

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Last Call For Ordeals

By Steve Ostermiller

Are there Ordeal Candidates in your troop who haven't taken their Ordeals yet? If so, they may have questions about the Order of the Arrow. Sit down and have a talk with them. Remind them that the June weekend will be their last chance to take their Ordeal. If they do not come to the June weekend, they will have to be re-elected. They may have heard horror stories about what happens on an OA weekend. Only you can dispel their fears.

Remind them that the Ordeal is purely symbolic and that thousands of other scouts take their ordeals each year. New membership is what keeps our lodge alive.

Also, if you are an Ordeal Member who has not sealed your membership by becoming a Brotherhood Member, you can come out for Brotherhood. Active members keep our lodge functioning.

If anyone is interested in helping with the Ordeal in any way, has any suggestions that will help the

Ordeal run more smoothly, or is willing to meet the challenge of becoming an Elangomat, please contact Steve Ostermiller or Keith Dugger. Our numbers are both in the T-Bird.

I would like to thank all the Elangomats who helped me out at the October and April weekends. I hope that you come back and help out again. Your service to the lodge is greatly appreciated. I will sure be happy to see everyone at the June weekend!



Shown above is a clan of ordeal candidates receiving instructions during the past April weekend.



Volleyball is one of the many activities that dominate the free time at a service weekend. June is Lodge Olympics time. Get active, get involved.

Ice Cream Highlights Activities For June

The Activities Committee is planning to start a new tradition for the June weekend, "Mountain Sundaes." Fresh cream, drawn from local Guernseys in the morning, by hand, will form the base for our "Homemade" ice cream that will be served on Saturday night. It sounds too good to be true, but the Activities Committee is capable of facing the challenge for all the brothers to enjoy. Scoops

of delicious ice cream will form the base for us all to create and design a perfect sundae, choosing from many different toppings.

There will be plenty of other fun too, with an opportunity to break some records of last year's Lodge Olympics or just engaging in a brutal game of volleyball. The movie this weekend will be "The Last of the Mohicans", so if you haven't seen it on

big screen yet, here's your chance.

Lastly, we could always use some help and, if interested, please call Marc Burns at 446-7985 to sign up. Jacob Johnson, who is the operations specialist for the Frog Pond Dishwasher on Saturday nights, is also willing to take on a new trainee if interested. Most important, just get to the weekend and get involved.

Thunderbird Award Recipients

The Thunderbird Award was presented at the O.A. Banquet in February of this year. This year's recipients were

Matt Ayres, our chief, and Kevin Beamer of Maintenance. They are well-deserving of this honor, and we of the Thunderbird

Award Committee as well as all the members of Wagion Lodge #6 congratulate these fine young men.



Shown above l to r: Thunderbird chairman Rel Orzechowski Jr. presents youth award to current chief Matt Ayres. On right, Thunderbird adviser Jerry Sutherland presents adult award to Kevin Beamer.

UpComing Events

10, 11, 12 Jun 94
17, 18, 19 Jun 94
30 Jul - 6 Aug 94
19, 20, 21 Aug 94
26, 27, 28 Aug 94
7, 8, 9 Oct 94

Section 5 Conclave
June Service Weekend
NOAC
August Fellowship Weekend
Executive Committee Training
October Service Weekend

Camp Custalogatown
Camp Conestoga
Purdue University
Camp Conestoga
Camp Buck Run
Camp Conestoga

AVC Bittner Speaks Out

By Jimmy Bittner

Another weekend is over and attendance for this year has been the lowest I have ever seen it. I believe it is the responsibility of each member of our lodge to remind our brothers of the obligation which they took upon themselves.

The next thing I would like to address is the importance of youth members to be present in June for the election of officers. I myself will be running for the office of Program Vice Chief and would like to encourage all of you to come to the weekend and fulfill your duty of electing officers. An old wise man once said, "One who does not vote, cannot complain."

This final area of concern I would like to touch upon is the purchase of a stylish Wagion #6 red jacket!!! They are available with one name on them and cost is \$40 for S, M, L, and XL, and \$3 extra for each X after that.

In closing, I want to remind all of you to be present at the June weekend and, while you're there, purchase your own NEW O.A. Jacket. Thank You and see you in June.

Price List for Wagion Lodge Merchandise

Order of the Arrow Bolo Ties	\$4.25	Sale \$4.00
Wagion Lodge Hats		\$6.00
Wagion Lodge Key Chains		\$0.50
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Wagion Lodge Neckerchiefs		\$7.50
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Belt Buckles		\$9.00
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Order of the Arrow Handbooks		\$3.00
Ordeal Sashes		\$8.00
Brotherhood Sashes		\$8.50
Vigil Sashes		\$8.50
Chennilles *		\$4.00
Ordeal Hat Pin		\$1.75
Vigil Hat Pin		\$1.50

*Brotherhood and Vigil Members only

No Dues... No Mail

By Matt Reed

This past weekend, some of the members could not understand why they did not get their copy of the T-Bird Times. After checking with membership, they found out why—Many of our members in the lodge had not paid their dues for 1994 and were taken off the mailing list to receive lodge mailings. If you fall in this group of people, please come to the June weekend and pay your dues for the 1994 year. This way, you will make

sure that you get the T-Bird Times and will have the information that will make you a better member of Wagion Lodge 6.

At the April weekend, we had 37 brothers pay their dues and help

themselves to make sure that they will receive their T-Bird Times for the rest of the year.

Hope to see all the brothers at the June Weekend.

April Work Completed

The April weekend was a very productive weekend and we were able to accomplish a lot of things. The following is a list of what we were able to accomplish during the April weekend:

- 60 half frames for tent

- platforms
- pool was cleaned and half painted
- 60 tent poles
- 30 tent cross pieces
- tongued and grooved wood for roof of pavilion
- 5 tables for mess hall were sanded and stained
- 8 benches were sanded and stained
- poured footers for pavilion at Buck Run
- Buck Run oven repaired
- Conestoga oven cleaned
- half of stone work done on Buck Run shower house
- cleaned and cut dead wood out around camp
- trees were cut on Raccoon Ridge
- wood stacked at trading post
- chimney knocked down at Tenacharison
- 4 roof trussels for Buck Run pavilion
- new lights in pool maintenance room
- marlitz put up in Buck Run kitchen

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Help Wanted: Financial Genius

The T-Bird Times is looking for a finance chairman. This Wagion 6 under 21 years of age lodge member needs to be energetic, have a good understanding of goals, good communication skills, sales skills and be

willing to help us build the best Order of the Arrow newsletter in the United States of America.

If you want name recognition, glory, to be involved in a large money making organization, you need not apply. If you want to help

the T-Bird Times continue to improve and you can deal with adults well, call T-Bird Finance Advisor Doug Dorula at 437-4090 or Times' Adviser Rich Ashford at 372-1506. This position needs to be filled immediately.

75th Anniversary Approaching

by Brian Ihlenfeld

As some of you may or may not know, the 75th Anniversary of Wagion Lodge #6 is fast approaching. According to Lodge records, the 75th Anniversary will take place on June 7, 1996. Although this is two years away, the time to plan for this special event is now. Celebration of Wagion's 75th Anniversary should begin at the October Weekend in 1995 and festivities should continue throughout that Lodge year.

In order to make Wagion's 75th Anniversary a very special occasion, we will need lots of help. Seventy-five years

is a very long time and we want to make it a special year for the lodge, so the time to start planning is now.

If anyone would like to serve on the committee to plan the 75th Anniversary, then please contact

Brian Ihlenfeld, (412) 925-8255 or Matt Ayres (412) 925-3903 as soon as possible. Also, if you have any thoughts or ideas on how to celebrate 75 years of Wagion, then feel free to contact either of us.

FAC is Happy!!!

by Mike Howard

The First Aid Committee is doing very well and we are very happy.

We have had two new boys come to us: Michael Halapy and Gerret Clark.

We had CPR training at the April Weekend which went very well. A special thanks to Brenda Howard for teaching this course.

We are still in need of the following supplies, so if you can donate any of them it would be greatly appreciated:

Eye Wash, Face Shields, Tylenol, Bena-dryl Cream, Pepto Bismol, Sting Kill, Paper Towels and Holder, Benadryl Liquid, Inhalants (Ammonia), Rubber Gloves, Kaopectate.

Lodge Members Announce Candidacy For June Elections

Steck Steps Up

Hello, my name is Jeremy Steck, and I'm going to be running for Administration Vice-chief for the '94-'95 lodge year. Before asking you to vote for me in the election, I'll tell you a little about myself so you can make your own decision.

Ever since I entered the lodge, I've been on the Executive Committee. In my first two years with the lodge I was chairman of the Conservation Committee and ran two excellent Spring Nature Walks. Also, I've earned the Wagon Lodge Service Award and am currently serving as lodge secretary. I am a brotherhood member who is very devoted to the lodge.

At the troop level I am a Life scout and have one

more merit badge in addition to my twenty-seven other until achieving Eagle Rank. For two years I held the positions of



ASPL and SPL. Also, I've taken the JLTC offered by council.

So, keep me in mind when voting at the June Weekend and I will be happy to be your next Administration Vice-Chief.

MC For Chief

By Mike Currycosky

With another exciting year off to a great start with an excellent April weekend. The weather was great and camp was brought back to life for the "94" camp season.

I would like to introduce myself to the Brothers in the lodge who have not been involved with my work with the Ways & Means Committee. I joined the Ways & Means in 1990 after taking my Ordeal, and the following year, my Brotherhood. In 1993, I became Ways & Means Chairman and I kept the tradition of maintaining and upgrading the Circle to a higher level of excellence.

Now, I would like to do the same as Lodge Chief of Wagon Lodge. With your help, I can take a great lodge and help make it greater. It will not be an easy task to improve

on the great work done by Matt Ayers, and the Chiefs before him, but, I do have a dedication to scouting and Wagon.



I am an assistant SPL at the present time, and have helped the position of SPL, Patrol Leader, Quartermaster and Assistant Patrol Leader. I am now a Life Scout and an avid soccer player with Latrobe High School and with Foothills Soccer Club in the World Cup League.

If you want to keep Wagon on the way up, please vote for me, Mike Currycosky, for your next Chief. I will not be able to attend the June weekend, due to a commitment at Edinboro University on that weekend to see the campus and to play in the "Flagship Soccer Tournament".

In closing, if you don't know me, please ask around about the Ways & Means Chairman and if I would be everything a Chief of Wagon Lodge #6 should be and I thank you for your vote.

Yours in Brotherhood
Mike Currycosky

Lehman Takes Note

By Chris Lehman

Fellow lodge members, it will soon once again be time to vote for your lodge officers, and I come to you asking for your support. I Chris Lehman, am running for lodge secretary. I have many credentials both in and out of scouting. I obtained the rank of Eagle on April 4, 1993. I was tapped out in July of 1991 and sealed my membership in June of 1992. I have been involved on the first-aid committee for three years. I was assistant chairperson for one year, 1991-1992, and chairperson for one year, 1992-1993. I am Junior

Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 304, and a member of a local medical Explorer post. I have served on camp staff as a C.I.T. in 1992 and staff in 1993, and will be returning as staff again in 1994.

In 1993, I received the Uncle Ben Award, which is a prestigious award among camp staff members. I also do part-time secretarial work for Latrobe Area Hospital as a volunteer.

In this upcoming election I am asking for your support in my quest to make our lodge a better one.

Nazimek For Chief

BOY SCOUT ACTIVITIES

Chairman of
-First Aid '88, '90, '91

-Ceremonies

-Camping Promotions for Braddock Trails

Others:

-Secretary

-PVC

-Camp Staff-Nature, Handicraft, Kitchen Staff,

Nature Director

-Eagle Scout

-Catholic Religious Award

-World Conservation Award

-Asst. SM Troop 101

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

-Church organist

-Church Cantor (song leader)

-Theater, SVC singers

-Campus Ministry

-Music Educator Ministry

-Post office help

-Cabbarr

ACCOMPLISHED AS PVC:

-starting to get people active

-First Aid has grown greatly

-all committees have grown and become more active

-brought in people & look forward to weekend

-training people to become leaders

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I have attended dinners among white people. Their ways are not our ways.

We eat in silence, quietly smoke a pipe, and depart. Thus is our host honored.

This is not the way of the white man. After his food is eaten, one is expected to say foolish things. Then the host feels honored.



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Oglala Sioux

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Executive Committee Directory

Administrative Committee

Chief	
Mathew Ayres	925-3903
Program Vice-Chief	
Jeremy Nazimek	628-3563
Administration Vice-Chief	
Jimmy Bittner	438-4648
Treasurer	
Brian Ihlenfeld	925-8255
Secretary	
Jeremy Steck	864-4593
Lodge Adviser	
Herb Harris	637-2484
Program Vice-Chief Adviser	
Ben Piper	547-3616
Administration Vice-Chief Adviser	
Chuck Galvin	834-9127
Treasurer Adviser	
Doug Dorular	437-4090
Secretary Adviser	
Boyd Kessinger	327-7826
Staff Adviser	
Matt Budz	837-1630

Program Division

Membership Development	
Chr: Ethan Beatty	238-0434
Adv: Jim Sherin	832-1538
Brotherhood	
Chr: Andrew Ayres	925-3903
Chr: Jack Douger	887-7824
Ordeal	
Chr: Steve Ostermiller	423-6247
Adv: Chris Yumin	
Ross Bash	468-8600

Elangomat	
Chr: Keith Douger	887-7824
Adv: Doug Kelly	887-3158

Activities	
Chr: Marc Burns	446-7985
Adv: Wayne Johnson	834-7712

Conservation	
Chr: Mike Vesco	863-8517
Adv: Gary Steck	864-4593

Dance Team	
Chr: Dave Kruckvich	887-4233
Adv: Adrian Horvath	837-2754

Ceremonials	
Chr: Matt Shaw	439-5419
Adv: Wayne Krienbrook	547-8229
Charles Churby II	246-7556

Service

Chr: Paul Antonio Jr	872-9440
Adv: Gary Maners	694-8557
Bob Miller	836-5923

Ways and Means

Chr: Mike Currykosky	539-9138
Adv: Jon Currykowski	539-9138
Rel Orzechowski Sr	423-4001

First Aid

Chr: Mike Howard	837-4985
Adv: Jim Bittner Sr	438-4648
Brenda Howard	837-4985

Commissar

Chr: Dave Fletcher	887-5352
Adv: Jack Fletcher	887-5352

Administrative Division

Finance	
Chr: Regis Dunn	532-1867
Adv: Jack Nazimek	628-3563

Camping Promotions

Chr: Mike Lyons	863-0529
Adv: Marty Lyons	863-0529

Unit Elections

Chr: Kraig Suter	887-3208
Adv: Dennis Kinzel	446-1667

Communications

Chr: Scott Husband	832-9292
Adv: Rich Ashford	372-1506

Membership

Chr: Matt Reed	863-4260
Adv: Paul Reed	863-4260

Special Division

'94 Conclave	
Chr: Jeremy Alcorn	547-6080
Adv: Glenn Gates	523-4377

Nominating

Chr: Davin Chellman	446-7117
Adv: Ken Koncerak	863-1776

Thunderbird Award

Chr: Rel Orzechowski Jr	423-4001
Adv: Gerry Sutherland	832-8018

Training

Chr: Matt Ayres	925-3903
Adv: Ken Koncerak	863-1776

N.O.A.C. '94

Chr: Andrew Horvath	837-2754
Adv: George Saletrik	437-5866

Vigil Honor

Chr: Adam Mates	887-4975
Adv: Rich Browning	378-7602

Camping Cues

By Mike Lyons

With the summer months ahead of us, most of us will be spending a great deal of our time in the great outdoors. As we are planning our activities, we should consider our wonderful resources and do our very best to preserve them.

Practice leaving no trace, or low-impact camping. Follow the guidelines as defined in our handbooks and field books. Also, be careful of some of the dangerous critters, bugs and plants. As far as animals go, we should respect the nature and leave all the animals do their natural thing, but we should be most careful of those animals that come too close which may indicate rabies. Most snakes around camp are harmless, but there is the

occasional poisonous snakes; and don't forget about skunks!! As far as bugs go, there are pesky flies that usually don't do too much harm, but sometimes the horse flies bite and that hurts. Then there are mosquitoes. They also hurt, and they are also annoying, so watch out for those too. But, I mainly want to warn you about ticks. Some ticks carry Lyme Disease, which is very dangerous. Ticks can hide in tall grass and on animals, so wearing high socks is recommended.

The main plant to be worried about is poison ivy, so just remember to keep away from those three-leaf plants.

As we approach these summer months, keep these tips in mind.

Unit Elections Complete

By Kraig Suter

Unit Elections are completed for this year and we had a very successful year. I would like to thank all those involved in making this year's elections a huge success, especially my chairmen,

their advisers and my adviser Dennis Kinzel. I am thanking them for the great job they did this year. If a troop did not hold an election and wants to, please call me, Kraig Suter, at 887-3208. Thank you for your time.

- Active Dance Team
 - Brotherhood quotas met
 - Committee ran properly
- QUALIFICATIONS:**
- Active for 4 years
 - enough experience
 - helped on many program committees
 - believe I can learn

AVC Is Dunn

BOY SCOUTS ACTIVITIES:

- Eagle Scout
- 95 merit badges
- Senior Patrol Leader
- Patrol Leader
- Junior Assistant Scoutmaster
- Den Chief Pack 301
- Finance Chairman
- Communications Chairman
- Ordeal Chairman
- Chestnut Ridge Unit Elections team
- Ways & Means Committee

ACCOMPLISH AS AVC:

- budget in the black
 - low cost T-bird
 - exciting unit elections
 - active membership
- QUALIFICATIONS**
- highly motivated
 - aggressive
 - set goals that can be reached

Candidates Announce For June

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-Dance/Ceremonies more active

ACCOMPLISH AS CHIEF:

- Achieve National honor lodge
- attendance grow
- committee grow
- T-Bird Tops
- more participation all around
- 90% of troops get Camp Promotion and go to camp
- Dance and Ceremonies 1st in Conclave
- Lodge grow and become more active

QUALIFICATIONS:

- takes someone who is familiar with administration but needs program knowledge
- officer under 2 administrations
- 4 or 5 administrative committees

MOST REMEMBERED BY:

- being at camp
- willing to work in diverse areas
- willing to help people

Bittner For PVC

BOY SCOUT ACTIVITIES:

- Chairman of:
- Finance:
- Treasurer:
- AVC:

- Unit Elections /
- Camp Promotions for Old Trails
- Section Conclave

Finance

- 1993 Banquet

Others:

- Eagle Scout
- Camp Staff '91 & '92
- Brotherhood Committee
- First Aid Committee

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Rotary International
- Basketball manager
- Football Trainer
- Band-percussion
- Fire Department
- Spanish Club

FUTURE PLANS:

- College;
- Firefighter-Engineer

ACCOMPLISHED AS AVC:

- Unit elections/
 - Camping promotions running smoothly
 - T-Bird's come a long way
- ACCOMPLISH AS PVC:**
- Enough Elangomats
 - Well organized activities
 - Ceremonies properly trained

