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Lenape Lodge

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Spectacular Service!

This year's Service Day was a success! Arrowmen from Lenape Lodge 8 made a significant impact on the grounds of our very own Pine Hill Scout Reservation. On March 8th, members participated in a variety of service projects throughout the day, from cleaning up fire circles to clearing trails around camp. All of the activities were done with smiles on our members faces, just the cheerful service we love to show in the OA! It was a great opportunity to get in service hours that go towards service chenilles at the end of the year while also sharing fellowship between brothers! Remember Arrowmen, always be on the lookout for the lodge's latest service opportunities!



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Lodge Adviser's Minute

Greetings, Arrowmen! I am pleased to report that the Lodge has been very active even in these cold winter months to support the Council and its units.

Lodge members have contributed to the successful running of two Klondike Derbies held at Pine Hill. From running a concession stand to fuel hungry Scouts during the day, to conducting an exciting evening campfire (and creating the largest bonfire I've ever seen!), Arrowmen helped to promote our values of cheerful service. We even were able to conduct formal visits to many Troops and held elections in the field! Kudos to the LEC members who spearheaded these events.

On March 8, 21 registered Arrowmen descended on Pine Hill for a Day of Service. Arrowmen cleaned up the areas around many of the buildings in the camp, cleared gutters, and cleaned up fire pits in all of the campsites. Others cleared trails overgrown with vegetation and clogged with fallen leaves. A dedicated group fought their way through thick overgrowth and leaf piles to restore the Cub Trail leading from Cub Field all the way to the ranges up on the hill, discovering several very large trees that had fallen onto the trail. Adults brought a chainsaw to clear the trail, which was nearly lost if it wasn't for dashes of paint and reflectors attached to trees along the way. All of these Arrowmen contributed greatly to preparing Pine Hill for the busy summer camping season, and I'm grateful for their cheerful service.

We have a busy yet fun-filled Induction weekend coming up. Please find time to welcome our new Brothers into the Lodge once they complete their Induction tasks. We want to engage these new Arrowmen as quickly as possible into the activities in the Lodge so that they don't become "Sash-and-Dashmen." We want to continue the good works of the Lodge. A lot of exciting events are coming up in 2025, and I hope to see many more of you at our events. I'm proud to be a member of Lenape Lodge.

-Mrs. Estacio



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Associate Lodge Adviser's Minute

As you read this, we've just turned the corner into Spring! And that means that we are getting full swing into our most active months. I'm looking forward to all of the exciting things our Lodge will do this year. As the associate adviser for adult programming support, I'm pleased to report that more adults are stepping up as mentor/advisers for our youth Arrowmen. Since my last message our Culinary adult adviser position has been filled. Omar Colon is the new Culinary adviser, and he has completed the ServSafe Food Manager training course which is now required for the position. He is eager to bring his skills to the table (pun intended) and advise the youth Culinary staff. I have taken on a secondary role as the Elections adult adviser. In the brief time that I have worked in this position I have been impressed by the organization and leadership of our Elections chair and his staff. We are

covering a lot of unit elections throughout the Council from Beverly to Vineland, and our candidate list keeps growing! As of this writing, we're eager to welcome at least 60 new members to Induction weekend. We're still in need of the following two adult positions. I invite newly elected adult Arrowmen to consider a mentorship role for the following opportunities: Unit Representative adviser: A Unit Rep adult mentor would advise the youth Arrowman in charge, who will be responsible for keeping OA representatives from each troop updated on Lodge activities. Program Adviser: An adult Arrowman in this position would be vital in guiding the youth leader in managing one of the largest components of the Lodge, which includes Inductions and Ceremonies. Medical Group member: Adults with medical training are invited to join the adult Medical Group committee to ensure that we have medical coverage during Lodge weekends and to keep our medical procedures current. There are other open positions available for interested adult Scouters. If you are interested, contact me at 609-234-5001 or through the Lodge website. Thank you for considering your role as an adult mentor for the lodge!

-Mr. Estacio

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Summer Fellowship
 - June 6-8
 - Pine Hill SR
- Lodge Barbeque
 - June 28th
 - Pine Hill SR
- Conclave 2025
 - August 6-10
 - Puerto Rico
- Fall Induction
 - October 10-12
 - Pine Hill SR
- Fall Fellowship
 - November 7-9
 - Pine Hill SR
- Holiday Bash
 - December 12th
 - TBD



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We Need YOU For Unit Elections!

Hello fellow Arrowmen! My name is Gavin and I have had the pleasure of serving as your lodge's Unit Elections Chair. As you read this article, I want you to think and reflect back to that night you were elected. Do you remember the excitement that came with the announcement of your name? That wonder that may have come the day after for what your journey may entail? How about the night of your induction. The night of sleeping under the stars, maybe waking up to a coat of dew on top of you. As soon as you were elected by your fellow scouts, your journey had just begun. However nothing that you have experienced so far could have been possible without your election. Without elections, it is impossible to obtain new arrowman. That is why I need your help with elections, so you can be the one to start the another scouts journey. Please don't be afraid to reach out or ask where to find me. Thank you for your time.

-Gavin T.

Oodles of Awards!

This spring, we are having an induction weekend. As a member, you can become an elangomat to help ordeal candidates become members of our lodge. If you serve as an elangomat once, you will be eligible for an elangomat patch. For every time you serve after that, you will be eligible to receive a feather pin. This award is available to both adults and youth. You will likely remember your induction into the OA, and how they helped guide you on your trail. You can choose to help another in the same way that they did for you. This will also help you get service hours, so you will be able to become eligible for the 20 hour chenille, and eventually towards the 100 hour chenille. Please consider being an elangomat this spring or fall! Another award you could earn by coming to the ordeal is by helping in ceremonies. If you help in ceremonies at all, you will be a part of the ceremonies team, who hand out awards at the banquet as well. If you are uninterested in either of these, then you could also consider joining culinary or coming as simply a member for service! -Emelia B.

Getting Involved

Greetings Brothers! If you were recently inducted into our lodge, congratulations! The Order of the Arrow is full of opportunity, and now's a great time to get involved and experience all we have to offer! Your first step is to attend any lodge event! You can find a calendar on our Lodge Website, lenape8.org. The next step is to join a committee! Whether you're interested in promoting our lodge events, leading elections, serving as an elangomat, or anything else, our lodge has a place for you! Interested in learning more about our committees? Just head to the Getting Involved Page on our website, which also has a poll to help you join committees. Hopefully we'll see you again at our next lodge event! -Joey P.