JOURNAL 550

The official newsletter for the Menawngihella Lodge.

DATES

June 16 - 20	Cub Scout Resident Camp
June 23 - 29	Scouts BSA Resident Camp: Week 1
June 30 - July 6	Scouts BSA Resident Camp: Week 2
July 7 - 13	Scouts BSA Resident Camp: Week 3
July 29 - Aug. 3	NOAC
Aug. 9 - 11	OA Summer Induction
Aug. 11	OA LEC Meeting
Sep. 7	OA LEC Meeting ; OA Dance and Drum Practice
Sep. 13 - 15	OA Fall Induction
Sep. 28 - 29	Vigil Weekend & Breakfast

CHIEF'S CORNER

Hello Menawngihella Lodge,
We've had a fantastic couple of weeks with service and social aspects. If you find yourself at Camp Mountaineer this summer, look around at the tents, trails, and miscellaneous renovations that wouldn't be possible without our lodge. Our efforts directly affect hundreds of scouts and create a better experience for all scouts who pass through those gates. I hope everyone has a great summer and can't wait to see you all at the next event.

Thank you,
Nick Joseph, Lodge Chief

TRADING POST

Check out current merch!

<u>Tees-</u> S-XL:$20, 2XL:$23, 3XL:$25

<u>Belts-</u> $30

<u>Beanies-</u> $20

The Kabeezum Totem at Camp Mountaineer

The Bucky Beaver Totem at Camp Mountaineer

OA Patch Template

Want to have *your* artwork represent the Menawngihella Lodge at our **BIGGEST** patch trading event of the year? Submit your design to the 2024 Trade-o-Ree Patch competition!

This year's theme is "Face Off", a theme that pits our totem Bucky Beaver against his old buddy the Kabeezum (he's the totem with the big tongue who lives by the fireplace in the Camp Mountaineer dining hall). To the left of this feature, you can see there are a couple photos. The photos are (from top to bottom) a picture of the Kabeezum, Bucky Beaver, and a provided template to make said OA patch contest submission! If you are unable to get the template from this newsletter, you may get it by searching "OA patch design template BSA".

So what does "Face Off" mean? It can be *ANY* kind of competition you can dream up! In your design, maybe our competitors are facing off in the boxing ring, or duking it out in a video game, or serving up a cooking competition beatdown, or even vying for the affection of Camp Director Daniel Flowers!

There are a couple rules for this patch contest:
Your image can be a digital creation or a photo of a pencil/ink drawing (submit as a .jpg or .png file). It's okay if it's rough as long as the idea is clear – you can provide text explaining what you're showing, and we'll work with you to get it into shape!

Your design **may use** any of these three patch types:
1. Flap only, 2. Flap and pocket, 2. Flap and dangle.

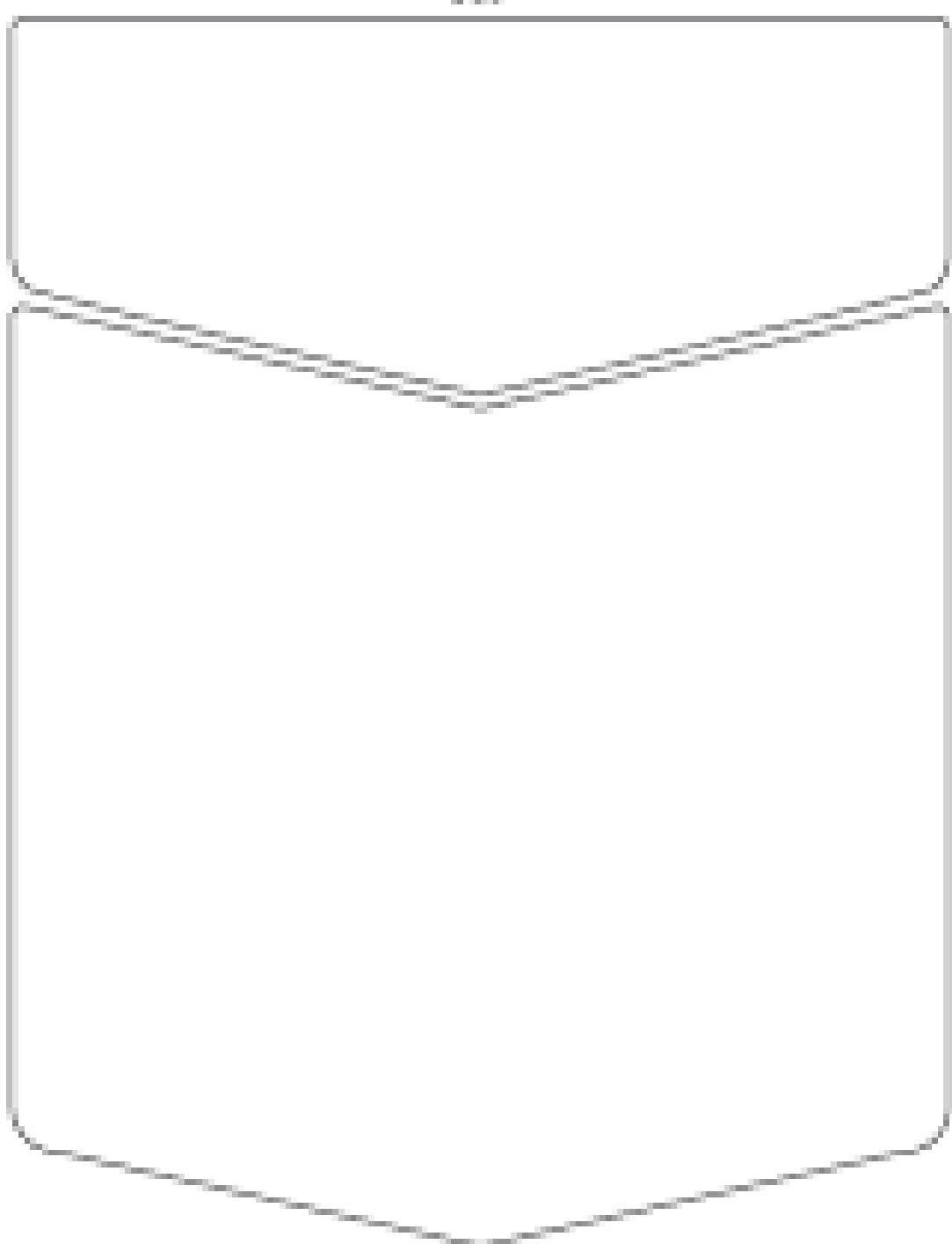All designs **MUST** include the following elements:
– The Theme: Face Off
– Bucky Beaver and the Kabeezum must be involved
– Menawngihella 550, WWW, and the BSA fleur-de-lis
– The words "Trade-o-Ree 2024"

So, what can you win? Well. . .
– **TWO** free copies of your patch
– The respect and admiration of your fellow Lodge 550 Brothers
– Bragging rights

Submitting your entry:
– **Deadline: 11:59 p.m. July 15**
– Email an image of your design to bob.britten@mail.wvu.edu (include at least one other adult)
– file formats should be either .jpg or .png

On **August 11**, we will be having a lodge meeting in the dining hall starting at **9:00 am**. During this meeting we will be holding lodge officer elections (Chief, Vice Chief, & Secretary)!

If you wish to run for any of these positions you must write a letter of intent and email it to Lori Ludas (lori.ludas@gmail.com) **no later** than Friday, August 9. Please follow YPT rules when sending an email, **CC another adult**. In addition, if you run for Chief but do not win, you are put into the running for Vice Chief then in for Secretary, however you can decline if you wish.

Q & A:

Q:Can anyone create patches for the OA?
— Charlie LoPinto-Ludas

A:Short Answer: Yes! Anyone in our lodge can create patches for our Lodge! To figure out what events you can create patches for, look and ask around! Often times there are events such as the Climb-o-ree, Trade-o-ree, NOAC, or even lodge contests! Patch design is a great way to participate and show off your creativity!

LODGE ADVISER SHORT

Welcome to summer! Everyone should be proud of all your accomplishments, from our winning ceremony team at Conclave to helping during Quad S weekend. Everyone continues to represent the best in showing scout spirit and cheerful service.

June 16 kicks off the first weekend of resident camp with Cub Scouts, followed by three weeks of Scouts BSA camp. We have lots of OA activities each week with dance, callouts, and trail work. I look forward to seeing and participating in the activities. July 29 — Aug 3 our lodge contingent will represent us at NOAC, showing that even though we may be a small lodge, we are mighty. Our patch set sold out within days!! Again,everyone should be proud of all your accomplishments as I am so proud of you!

~ Lori Ludas, Lodge Adviser

Service

Thank you to all those who came and participated in the Quad S, Super Summer Social Service on June 8th! Camp appreciates you all and couldn't run without you! Thanks for setting up our tents. Hope to see you all at the next OA service event!

SCOTT'S SNIPPET

We are now entering the summer camp season, which for many Scouts is the culmination of their past year of Scouting. In the coming weeks, many youth and adults will be called out to begin their journey to become members of the Order of the Arrow. For those individuals, I ask that you all present a welcoming spirit towards them as they learn more about the OA and what being a member means. For those not selected for membership, continue to lead by example and promote the mission of the OA through your troop or other Scouting involvement.

Remember to bring your OA enthusiasm (and sash) to summer camp, so you can represent your membership during the appropriate times. I look forward to seeing many of you at Camp Mountaineer this summer!

~ Scott Hanson, Supreme Chief of the Fire