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## CHRISTMAS BANQUET '68

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The raising of two hundred arms, each topped with the three fingers of the Scout Sign, marked the beginning of the 1968 Kecoughtan Lodge Christmas Banquet at Hidenwood Presbyterian Church. The Obligation was repeated and each member got ready for an enjoyable and interesting evening. The Arrowmen were then invited by Chris Smith, Lodge Chief, to indulge in a delicious barbeque dinner, brought in from Weldon, N. C. After everyone had eaten their share, and some more than that, each head turned toward our guest speaker, George Passage, Associated Editor of the Peninsula newspapers and a news commentator for WGH Radio, who gave us his view on the importance of Scouting in our society. The applause following Mr. Passage's talk was overwhelming, and was a fitting reward for a truly excellent presentation. Then, Lewis Andrews, past Kecoughtan Lodge Chief, Area III-C Chief, and Vigil Committee Adviser, announced slowly and suspensfully the Vigil honor candidates. Those chosen were Chris Smith, Larry Sutton, Tommy Long, Bruce Davidson, Mr. Baily Tudder, Mr. Gary Ruffhead, and Mr. David Gourley. A memorable rededication ceremony was a fitting ending to this unforgettable evening.

By

Sam Fairchild

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Do you like Pow-Wows? From August 23rd thru the 26th, 1969, the Order of the Arrow will hold its annual National Conference. "Back Home Again in Indiana" will be the 54th Anniversary Conference, marking the sixth time the Conference has been held at the University of Indiana in Bloomington.

The conference fee is \$35.00, but because of transportation and food costs, the total outlay will amount to about \$85.00! Since the national quota is only 4,000 Arrowmen, Kecoughtan Lodge will be limited to 15 delegates. If you are interested, please notify Chris Smith.

For any new members who are not acquainted with the National organization, the National Order of the Arrow Conference is held every two years, at which time a new National Chief is elected.

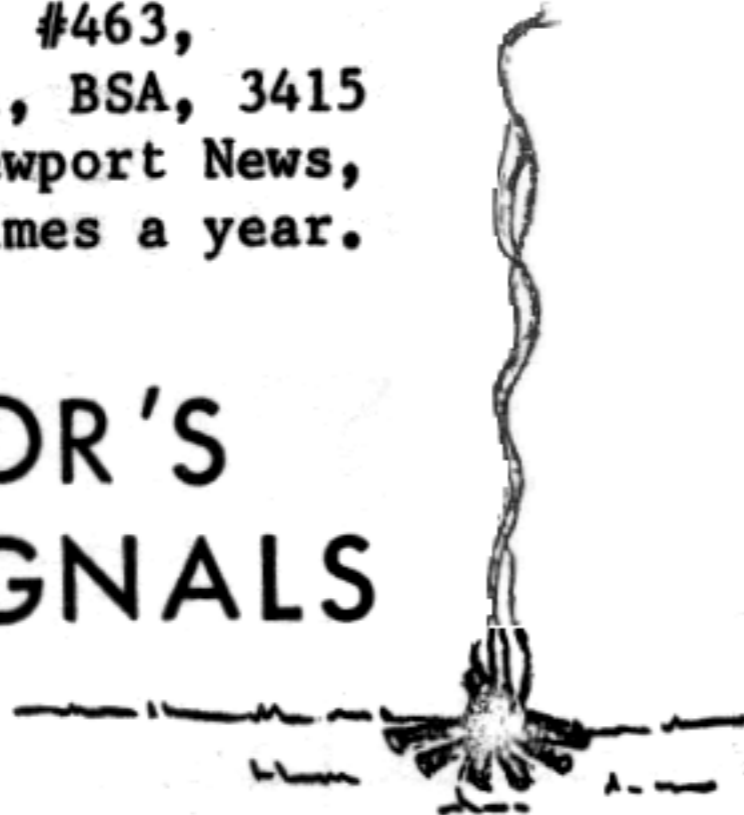
Besides being the main attraction every two years and an excellent chance to learn more about the Order of the Arrow, this will be an experience no one will ever forget. You will meet Arrowmen from all over the world, and for patch collectors, the National O.A. Conference is the summit of trading jubilees. Attendance at this conference is a goal well worth aiming for.

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## THE EDITOR'S SMOKESIGNALS



Last year at the Area III-C Pow-Wow at Camp Powhatan, Kecoughtan Lodge proved itself to be the best lodge in the Area. Not only did we earn first place in the Newsletter Competition, but we also took first place in the "Onward Arrowmen" display contest. We had the will to be the best lodge then and I think we do even more so now.

With the formation of the chapters late last year, we took a definite step forward. Almost all of the chapters in the lodge have had a Chapter event, or have one planned. Unit Elections and Camping Promotions have been planned on the chapter level. Chapter regulations are in the process of being written. One or two of the Chapters have long-range plans for forming chapter dance teams. Yes, we've come a long way in a few short months!

We have the leaders and we have the potential - but what will become of it? We can tip the scales either way - and go up or down. Which way we go is your responsibility. It is your responsibility to support your chapter and to support your lodge.

The camping Pow-Wow is our proving ground. We will see there which way you have tipped the scales - and whether we remain at the top of the list of lodges in Area III-C.

The lodge is formed on the chapters, and the chapter on YOU. You either make or break the O. A. in the Peninsula Council.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Corky Whitehead

## FROM THE CHIEF'S TEPEE



Brothers -

The Christmas Banquet, one of the largest in the history of our lodge is over, and we must now look forward to the February Ordeal and the Area III-C Pow-Wow. This ordeal was formed out of necessity to provide a chance for those elected last year and who were unable to attend to take their ordeals, to allow those who are now eligible for Brotherhood to take their examinations, and for the Vigil Honor Ceremony.

The Area III-C Pow-Wow is also approaching. It will be held in Richmond at the State Fair Grounds on April 25 - 27, 1969 and will be hosted by Nawakwa Lodge #3, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. This is an annual affair which you will not want to miss. It has been in the planning for two years and from all indications will be one of the best we have had. All who want to go should fill out the form on page 6, and mail it in immediately. This doesn't commit you, but will give us an approximate number and assist in our planning. I believe this Pow-Wow is in the price range we all can afford - only about \$7.00.

Lastly, a note on the National O. A. Conference in August. Our lodge is entitled to send 15 representatives and we would like to fill our quota. If you are interested in going, please see me at the February Ordeal.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Chris Smith  
Lodge Chief

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All Arrowmen who have paid dues and have not yet received their membership cards call Jack Leiss, 877-2939.

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Above - Registration finds Bruce Brown and Bronwin Foster anxiously awaiting a night of fun and fellowship.



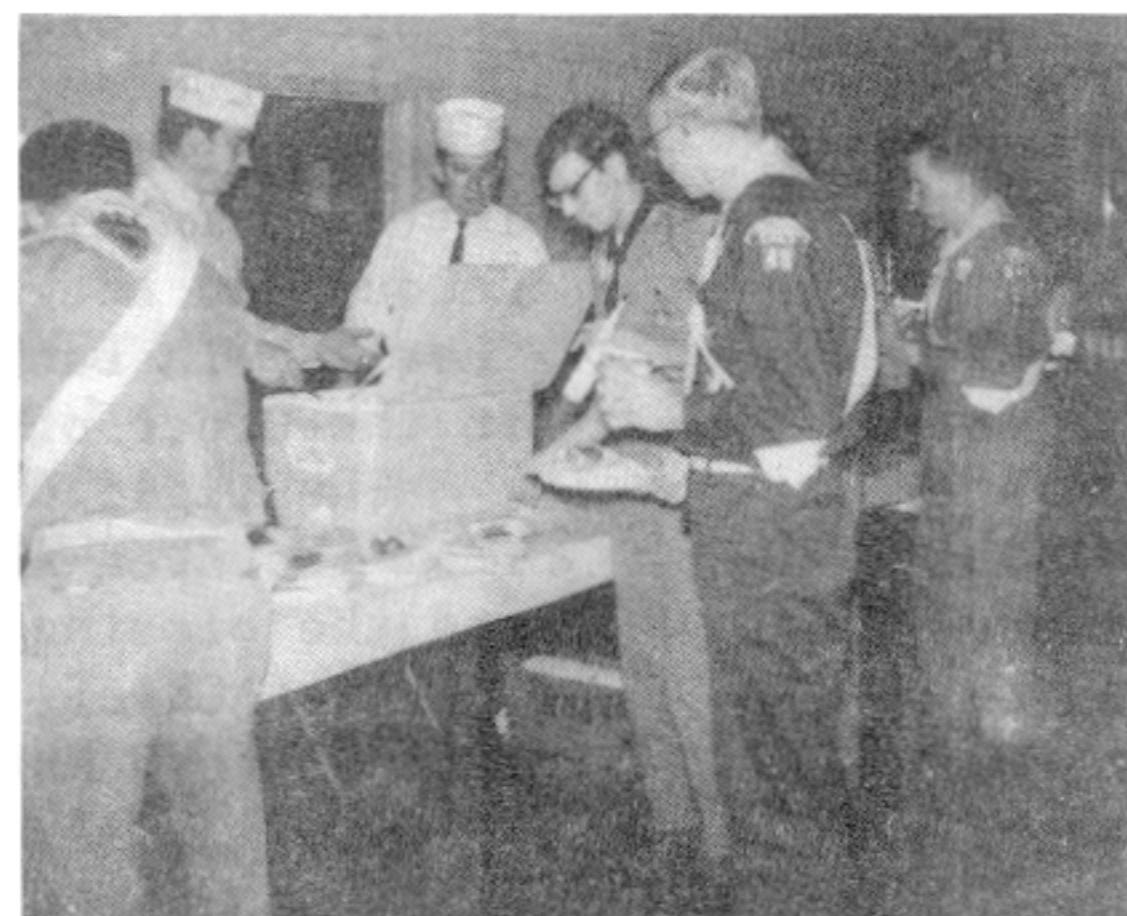
Above - Chris Smith, Lodge Chief, (middle) presents appreciation placques to Mr. Deal (left) and Mr Church (right).



Above - Lodge members enjoy a talking session before the action starts.



Above - OUR guest speaker, George Passage, Associate Editor of The Daily Press and The Times-Herald newspapers and WGH Radio personality, gives his discourse.



Left - Eager Arrowmen await anxiously in line for the annual Christmas Banquet dinner.

## KNOW YOUR LODGE OFFICERS

Chris Smith - Lodge Chief

Chris Smith joined the Boy Scouts (Troop 43) in 1961 at the age of 11. He was elected to the Order of the Arrow at the age of 13 and earned his Brotherhood in 1964.

In 1966 Chris became the Chairman of the Unit Elections Committee, and the following year, Lodge Chief. That summer he attended Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimmaron, New Mexico. After he returned from Philmont, Chris was awarded the Outstanding Citizenship Award by the Moose Lodge.

Chris attended the last Area III-C Pow-Wow at Camp Powhatan, in Hiwassee, Virginia. In June of 1968 he was elected for a second term as Lodge Chief, a truly great honor, and in December the same year he earned his Eagle. At the last Christmas Banquet it was announced that Chris was elected a Vigil candidate.

Chris Smith is a sophomore at Christopher Newport College and hopes to attend Bridgewater College next year.

## SCOUT OF THE YEAR

The Scout of the Year for 1968 is Larry Sutton, our Vice-Chief.

Larry joined Boy Scouts in 1960 and was elected to the Order of the Arrow in 1965. The following year he earned his Brotherhood.

In 1967, Larry completed his religious award, the God and Country medal, and attended the World Jamboree that summer at Farragut State Park, Idaho.

In 1968 Larry became an Eagle Scout and was elected to receive the Vigil Honor in December of the same year. He attended the 1968 Area III-C Pow-Wow at Camp Powhatan, and attended the Area III-C Training Institute at Camp Rock Enon. Larry has also attended Philmont Scout Ranch at Cimmaron, New Mexico and the National Junior Leadership Training Camp at Schiff Scout Reservation, Mendham, New Jersey.

Larry is presently a junior at Bethel High School, where he is President of the Key Club.

## KITCHEN KABINET

The annual Area III-C Kitchen Kabinet meeting was held on November 16, 1968 at the Hot Shoppe in Richmond, Va. Members who attended from Kecoughtan Lodge #463 were: Chris Smith (Lodge Chief), Larry Sutton (Vice-Chief), Corky Whitehead (Corresponding Secretary), Bobby Barclay (Treasurer), and Mr. Bailey Tudder (Lodge Adviser).

The meeting was opened at 11:00 a.m. by Peter J. Osina, Area III-C Chief, with the O. A. Obligation and his welcome. The minutes of the 1967 Kitchen Kabinet meeting were read by the Area Secretary and approved. Each of the 9 Lodge Chiefs then gave a 3 minute report on his lodge's most significant function during the past year. Old business was wrapped up by reports on the 1968 Area III-C Pow-Wow and the 1968 Area III-C Training Institute was made.

At noon the Arrowmen recessed for a delicious lunch.

At 1:00 p.m. the Arrowmen reconvened to begin discussions on new business. The 1969 National Order of the Arrow Conference at the University of Indiana was briefly discussed and it was pointed out that Kecoughtan Lodge was eligible to send 15 delegates.

One of the main points of business, the 1969 Area III-C Pow-Wow, was brought up by Jim Duesberry, Nawakwa Lodge Chief. Kecoughtan Lodge had been limited to 88 delegates, however, anyone who wishes to attend may now do so. Amangamek Wipit Lodge requested their quota be reduced by several hundred, thus Kecoughtan's spaces were increased. The various Area competitions were brought up. They were the Display Contest, Dance Competitions, Camping Promotions Contest, and Newsletter Competitions. This year the Kecoughtan Lodge has chosen the topic of "Realism in Dance and Cermonial Costumes in the Order of the Arrow".

The Vigil Rededication, a challenge from the Area Adviser, Vernon G. LaBarre, and the closing and adjournment, given by the Area Chief, marked the end of the 1968 Kitchen Kabinet Meeting.

## FEBRUARY ORDEAL

The first Winter Ordeal in the history of Kecoughtan Lodge will be held February 14 - 15, 1969 at Camp Chickahominy. Everyone is asked to arrive at 6:00 p.m. Friday night.

The fee is only \$3.00 so everyone should be able to attend. Also, a special patch will be available for \$.70.

In all probability, the main project will be working on our new Ceremonial Ring. This will require a lot of labor from many brothers - so let's all turn out for this event.

All ceremonies, Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil will be finished by midnight on Saturday, February 15th. If you choose, you may stay over Saturday night and have a hearty Sunday breakfast for an additional \$.50.

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There was a printing error on the Ordeal Reservation mail-in forms. The 50¢ breakfast is for SUNDAY, repeat, SUNDAY. Saturday breakfast is in the basic fee.

## NEW VIGILS

The Vigil Nomination Committee met at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on December 22, 1968 and elected its seven candidates for the Vigil Honor. Those elected were chosen because of their devotion and service to the Order of the Arrow. The following Arrowmen were named to this elite group:

- Chris Smith - Lodge Chief
- Larry Sutton - Lodge Vice-Chief
- Tommy Long - Kiskiack Chapter Chief
- Bruce Davidson - Past Lodge  
Recording Secretary
- Mr. Bailey Tudder - Lodge Adviser
- Mr. David Gourley - Scoutmaster and  
Camping Promotion Adviser in Kiskiack
- Mr. Gary Ruffhead - Northern District  
Professional Scouter

Congratulations! The Kecoughtan Lodge salutes you!

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The monthly meeting of the Executive Committee, Kecoughtan Lodge #463, was opened at 2:30 p.m. on January 5, 1969 by Vice-Chief Larry Sutton.

Mr. Carlon Lewis showed a number of designs for the Lodge mug. The design selected has been sent to the company and a price requested.

Bob Massie reported for his Camping Promotions Committee that the "Where to Go Camping Guide" would be ready in March. Also, he reported that all the new chapters had selected Chapter committee heads.

The February Ordeal was discussed next. It was mentioned that those wishing to attend the Area III-C Pow-Wow and who are eligible for Brotherhood, would be able to take their exam at the Ordeal. Parry Bragg, Chairman of the Membership Committee, said they would take care of the Brotherhood examinations.

Mr. Tudder, Lodge Adviser, said that adults were still needed to drive to the National Order of the Arrow Conference at the University of Indiana in Bloomington.

Following this discussion, Larry Sutton adjourned the meeting.

## CHAPTER NOTES

### KISKIACK CHAPTER

The Kiskiack Chapter, Kecoughtan Lodge, will meet at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Hilton on March 9th and March 16th from 2 - 5 p.m. All Kiskiack Arrowmen are expected to attend. The purpose of these meetings is to start chapter Camping Promotions and Unit Elections. Any questions about the Pow-Wow and National O. A. Conference will also be answered.

Tommy Long  
Chapter Chief

## SUMMER CAMP

Week → Site # Capacity ↓	1 June 22- June 28	2 June 29- July 5	3 July 6 - July 12	4 July 13- July 19	5 July 20- July 26	6 July 27- Aug 2
1 (12-16)					128	43
2 (18-24)		399		154	128	43
3 (12-16)	25		167	354	38	
4 (18-24)	59		83		254	103
5 (12-16)	454		112	3	200	40
6 (24-32)	2		31		31	
7 (18-24)	82					107
8 (24-32)	82		313			
9 (24-32)	50	45	45		49	345
10 (24-32)	98	54	54		101	345
11 (12-16)						
12						

Above is a copy of the reservations for Camp Chickahominy as of January 31st. You can see there is still time to call the Council and get a reservation. Summer Camp should be better than ever with an all Order of the Arrow staff. So let's get crackin!!

## AREA 3-C POW-WOW

Please make a choice and let us know about it.

TO: Corky Whitehead  
14 Marvin Drive  
Newport News, Va. 23602

TO: Kecoughtan Lodge, O. A.  
Peninsula Council BSA  
3415 Warwick Blvd.  
Newport News, Va. 23607

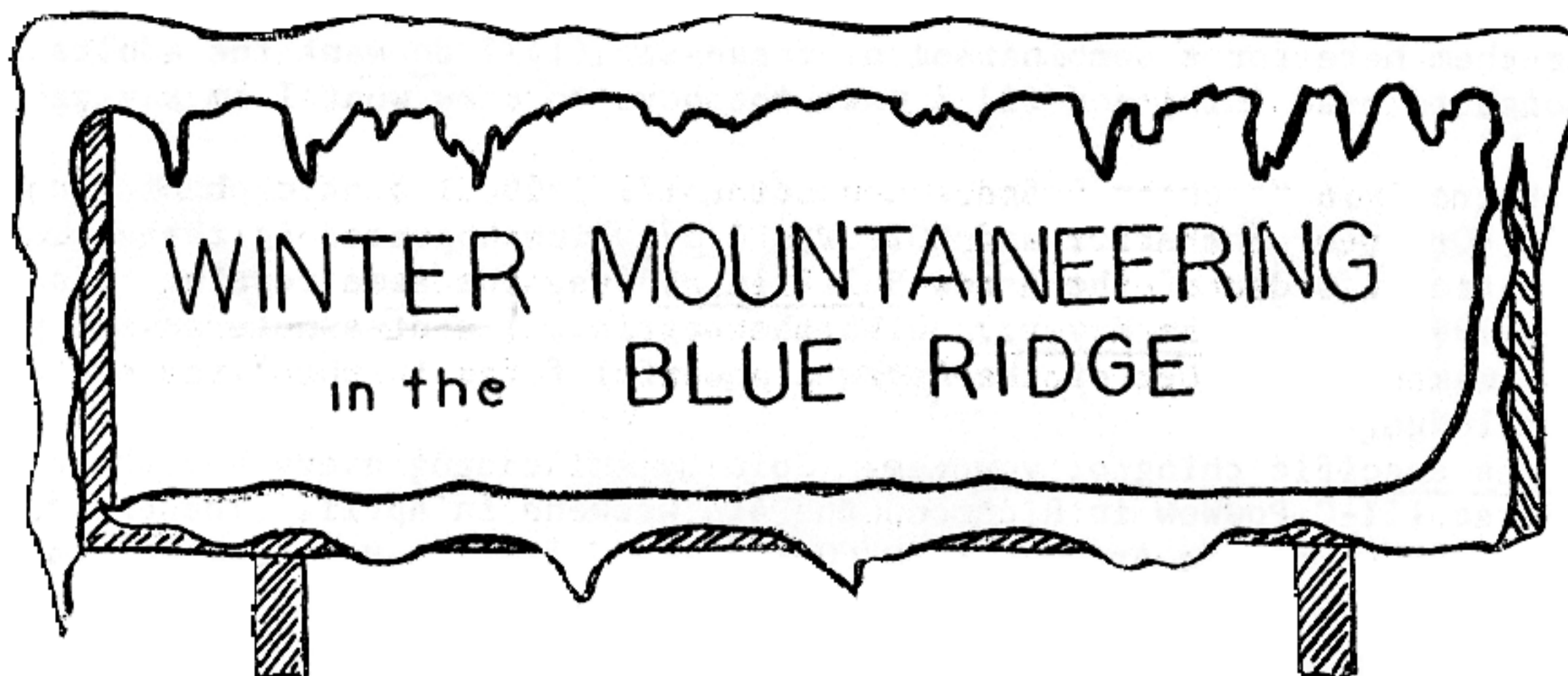
I would like to attend the 1969 Area III-C Pow Wow on April 25 - 27. I understand that I am not committed to attend.

I will attend the 1969 Area III-C Pow Wow on April 25 - 27. Here is my \$7.00 check made out to "Peninsula Council BSA" to pay all Pow Wow fees except transportation.

I will drive myself and others.

I want a ride.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ UNIT \_\_\_\_\_



The Kiskiack Chapter of our Lodge has been invited to participate in Shenandoah Lodge's annual Winter Encampment at Camp Shenandoah (near Staunton) on February 21-23, 1969.

This annual event is a real test of a person's winter camping abilities. Snow is a strong possibility, and the lake is just right for ice skating.

The 1963 Winter Encampment had 6" of snow, 12" of lake ice and a -9° temperature.

All chapters at the encampment will be competing in many outdoor skills and sports with awards to the winners. Kiskiack will develop its own competitive event for the encampment.

On Saturday night there will be a guest speaker whose subject will be winter camping and survival accompanied by a movie and related equipment.

You must bring your own tentage but you do not need cooking or eating gear. Perhaps you can share tentage with someone else.

Our transportation will be limited, so reservations will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis. OUR DELEGATION IS NOT LIMITED TO THE KISKIACK CHAPTER.

PERTINENT FACTS.....

**TIMES:** Friday 4:00 PM (rendezvous)

Sunday 7:00 PM (return)

**RENDEZVOUS & RETURN:** First & Merchants Bank (Deer Park)

**COSTS:** \$6.00 (food & transportation)

**ADDITIONAL FOOD:** Bring money for dinner on Friday & Sunday and your own snack for Friday night.

**DELEGATE MEETING:** All delegates should attend the meeting at Camp Chickahominy during the upcoming Lodge Ordeal, February 14-16, 1969.

**RESERVATIONS:** Reservations received after Wednesday, February 19th may be returned. Drivers do not include transportation cost (\$2.50) in reservation.

MAIL TO:

Bruce Brown  
2944-A Summerall Place  
Fort Eustis, Virginia

CAMP SHENANDOAH

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is ( )\$6.00 or ( )\$3.50.

( )I will drive and can accomodate  
\_\_\_\_\_ additional persons.

FOR ADULTS ONLY

When used in motion picture advertising, those words usually attract a lot of young people, too.

I'm using them here for a combination of reasons: (1) I do want the adults in Kecoughtan Lodge to read this; and (2) I want the boys to know what I am saying to the adults.

Adult brothers in Kecoughtan Lodge, on October 17, 1968, I sent each of you a copy of the article "Order of the Arrow and BOYPOWER '76" which appeared in the summer 1968 issue of the National Order of the Arrow Bulletin. (Boys, the same reprint is on page 5 of the October 1968 Kecoughtan Kryer.) With the reprint, I sent a note asking your cooperation in making the Order of the Arrow a powerful force in the lives of the boy members of our lodge.

Now, I ask a specific thing of you men. Join me in leading every boy who can afford \$7.00 to the Area III-C PowWow in Richmond the 4th weekend in April. The entire theme of this Pow Wow is "Order of the Arrow and BOYPOWER '76". It is a rare and unequalled opportunity for every Arrowman in our lodge to receive the inspiration and training usually reserved for a limited few. Nawakwa Lodge's 50th Anniversary celebration has opened this year's Pow Wow to all O. A. members who achieve certain worthwhile personal goals. The fairgrounds site permits an infinitely sized delegation instead of the carefully divided maximum capacity of a council summer camp.

You adults will be better Scouters when you have experienced this Pow Wow. As leaders of boys, it is your responsibility to help them achieve the personal enrichment it will provide them.

Use the form on page 6 to put yourself and your car once more in the service of Scouting.

In Brotherhood,

*Bailey Tuttle*  
Lodge Adviser

Have you paid your 1969 dues?

Look at the upper right corner of your address label. If the number is an 8, you are delinquent on our books.

If you have paid, please tell Jack Leiss about it RIGHT AWAY. He will correct our error and ask for your forgiveness.

Those who have NOT PAID their \$1.00 1969 dues may do so at the February Ordeal without penalty.

After the February Ordeal, members whose dues are not current will become "in-active". In accordance with Section V of the lodge rules, inactive members must pay \$2.00 to be restored to active status.

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