

TOMAHAWK

TALK

Newsletter for the
Tribe of the Silver Tomahawk

December 2010

CHIEF'S CORNER

I would like to express my sincere thanks to those Tribesmen who attended Fall Conclave. I have always thought very highly of those who attend the events throughout the year, especially Fall Conclave.

During this year you will have a number of chances to attend Tribal events. Winter Banquet on January 8th at the West Burlington Christian Church is a time to celebrate the New Year, including Brave classes, displays, dinner and fellowship, and the State of the Tribe Address. Winter Banquet is also the event where Neolin Honor candidates are announced as well as the new recipients of the Band of Warriors Award.

Brave Day on March 12th at Camp Eastman gives the Executive Committee a chance to teach the Braves the important information that they need for Summer Camp and serves as a way for the Braves to build lifelong friendships within the Tribe.

Spring Conclave on April 9-10th, also at Camp Eastman, is our last major event before Summer Camp begins. We hope to strengthen our Indian Lore background by offering outfitting techniques and the history behind them to make our Tribe appear more authentic.



Attendance at each of these events gives you a chance to meet your officers: Vice Chief Nathan Smith, Secretary Sean Erts, Treasurer Brode Hills, and Tribal Coordinator Tony DiPrima. The Tribal Executive Committee will also be present these events, and I must say I am pleased with the youth we have selected this year. They are all growing leaders, and each have a great future in the Tribe.

It is an honor to serve as your Chief for this year, and I take a lot of pride in doing so. If you would like to talk to me for any reason, feel free to contact me by email at jeffm_91@hotmail.com. Also the youth of the Chief's Council have decided to meet at

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BEAVER'S DEN

Summer Camp will be here before you know it and for all your outfitting needs come visit the Beaver's Den at Winter Banquet. We have many wares to offer, including the following items for your outfit:

Headbands	\$8.00
Eagle Feathers	\$0.50
Tom Tom Beaters	\$12.00
Bell Kits	\$15.00

We also carry moccasin kits, bandolier kits, and choker kits. To show your pride for the Tribe, you can purchase hats, cozies, shirts, bandanas, decals, and key chains. We also have custom claws, with large sets for \$25 and mediums for \$20. There is a limited supply and these will not last very long.

We still have 75th Anniversary Patch Sets for \$25 each or individual pieces for \$5 each. We also have an assortment of acrylic coups, including religious coups for \$10 per pair. There are still Great Wild Beaver and Purple



Mountain pocket flaps available for purchase so stop by to see what patches we have available. There is also a rumor of a historical video being available for purchase, but if it is, supplies will be short so act quickly!

Lastly, we have a wide assortment of sodas, candy, and personal need items in the Beaver's

Den so stop by periodically to refresh yourself. All of these items will be available during Winter Banquet, so visit us if you want some soda to compliment the delicious meal! I hope to see you all at Winter Banquet.

Rob Myatt, Marketing Co-Chair

CHIEF'S CORNER (CONT)

the Shoquoquon District Roundtable every month to get together, plan events and write agendas for TEC meetings. You will be able to find me and all the other officers there. These meetings are open so feel free to attend, especially if you need to contact or meet with us for any reason.

Someone once asked me, "What is it that you love so much about Camp Eastman and the Tribe of The Silver Tomahawk?" I answered, "The rich history and tradition. I have been camping at Camp Eastman since 1999. It is a family affair for me. I have met my best friends here, many of whom I have served with or am serving with on Chief's Council.

And now I am the most recent addition of a long, historic line of Chiefs."

For over 75 years the Tribe has been working and growing at our Heart's Reservation. Rarely do you find camps as beautiful as the Mississippi Valley Council Camps, especially Eastman, and the Tribe will always be a part of that. So ask yourself, why do you love it? If you do, show your dedication by attending Tribal and Camp events.

We realize it's a lot of work being a Tribesman, which is why we will start doing more fun things as a Tribe when we are at camp, such as COPE, archery,

rifle, using the pool, and our waterfront. Along with the work that we do for camp as well, it should make for a great time.

I have heard it said that "these high places are within us." So let's continue to help Camp and strive to make our Tribe better and stronger, so that future generations may experience what we have now: a great camp and a great honor society.

In Brotherhood & Service
Jeff Melton, Chief

Fall Conclave & Elections

Fall Conclave was held on September 18th, 2010 and was quite eventful. With a wide variety of activities and work projects going on, Camp Eastman was busy with people doing pool repairs, preparations for the winter months, and other maintenance related work.

After lunch, the afternoon was a little dreary so all the attendees finished their work projects and headed indoors to avoid the inhospitable weather. After socializing for a while, the true purpose of fall conclave arrived: elections.

Every year at Fall Conclave the youth Tribesmen elect the Officers that will serve as the Tribe's Leadership for all the Tribal activities until relieved of their duties the following year.

With no candidate unopposed, all the races were relatively close. After all the speeches and voting, the bonnets were placed upon the heads of Brode Hills (Treasurer), Sean Erts (Secretary), Nathan Smith (Vice Chief), and Jeff Melton (Chief). Tony DiPrima was appointed to Tribal Coordinator.

And so Jake Vass's reign as Chief came to an end in a fashion that spoke volumes about his year as Chief: it rained.

Rob Myatt, Marketing Co-Chair



From Left to Right: Sean Erts (Secretary), Brode Hills (Treasurer), Tony DiPrima (Tribal Coordinator), Jeff Melton (Chief), and Nathan "Hippie" Smith (Vice Chief)

Registration & Youth Protection

Many of your Silver Tomahawk dues will be expiring at the end of the year. Dues are still only \$10.00 a year and include free emailed copies of the Tomahawk Talk. As a reminder your dues must be current in order to be eligible for promotion. Dues can be paid at the four major Tribal events, summer camp, and the Burlington Scout Office. A form can be downloaded from the Mississippi Valley Council website and mailed to:

Silver Tomahawk Honor Society
Mississippi Valley Council
3007 Flint Hills Drive
Burlington, IA 52601

For an extra \$5.00 per year, you may subscribe to have the Tomahawk Talk mailed to your home.

It is important to remember you must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America to retain membership with the Tribe.

As of June 1st, 2010 any volunteer age 18 or over in any position within the Boy Scouts of America must complete Youth Protection Training. This training needs to be completed every two years and is required for anyone 18 or older who wishes to maintain membership in BSA and the

Tribe. If you have not already done so, please follow the instructions below on how to complete Youth Protection Training.

Todd Porter
Membership Committee

How to complete "Youth Protection Training"

You do not have to be a registered member or have a member ID to take Youth Protection training.

To take Youth Protection training go to MyScouting.org and create an account.

From the MyScouting.org portal, click on "E-Learning", then click on "Boy/Varsity Scout" tab and select "Take Course for Youth Protection Training".

Upon completion you should print the certificate for completion to submit with a volunteer application, or submit the certificate to your unit leader for processing at the local council.

When your volunteer application is approved or your unit is rechartered, you will receive a BSA membership card which includes your member ID number. After you receive your membership card, log back into MyScouting.org, click on "My Profile" and update the system with your member ID number. This will link your Youth Protection training records plus other training courses completed at MyScouting.org to your BSA membership.

If a volunteer's Youth Protection training record is not current at the time of recharter, the volunteer will not be reregistered.

Summer Camp Staff Wanted!

Interviews for staff have been scheduled for January 8th, 2011 at the Burlington Scout Office. This is the morning of Winter Banquet, and Tribesmen wishing to serve on staff are encouraged to fill out an application as soon as possible.

Serving on Summer Camp Staff provides a great opportunity



for you to improve your leadership skills, broaden your Scouting contacts and serve hundreds of Scouts each summer. Being on staff is a summer full of memories, friendships, and laughter while getting to live at Saukenauk Scout Reservation and Camp Eastman!

A good staff many times determines the quality of a Troop's week at camp. If you are a Scout who will be at least 15 years old and believe you would make a good staff member, then please apply for Camp Staff and come join us this summer!

Salaries are dependant on years of experience and your summer camp work assignment.



Room and board is provided to each camp staff members.

Information and applications can be obtained at www.mississippivalleybsa.org, by calling 319-754-8413, or emailing scott.thiessen@scouting.org.

Mississippi Valley Council

Winter Banquet

The year is coming to an end, but as the next year begins, please remember to keep Winter Banquet in your mind! On January 8th, 2011 the festivities will be held at the West Burlington Christian Church. This is a differ-

ent location than last year so make sure you check out the map below and get directions if needed. For the full street address, see page 7 of this issue.

Every year, Winter Banquet is

a time to celebrate the Tribe of the Silver Tomahawk's achievements. After a meal of grilled chicken, potatoes, green beans, and cake, Chief Jeff Melton will give his State of the Tribe Address. This will be followed by other presentations regarding upcoming events/changes. The awards section will include the announcement of the Neolin Candidates and the Band of Warriors Honorees.

Please show up before the meal to check out the variety of displays, chat with old friends, and get some helpful hints for Brave Tests. Brave Classes start at 3pm (we need TTBs, Runners, and KSBs!) and doors open for registration at 5pm. For you patch collectors, make sure you attend because there is a special patch. Check it out on page 5 of this issue. I look forward to seeing you all there!



Winter Banquet will be at the West Burlington Christian Church (different location than previous years). See map above of the immediate surrounding area for your convenience.

Rob Myatt, Marketing Co-Chair

SILVER TOMAHAWK: A HISTORY (PART 3)

Two issues ago... Southeast Iowa Council had just merged with Sauklee Area Council of Quincy, IL...

This also resulted in the merger of Camp Eastman's Silver Tomahawk Lodge 80 with Sauklee Scout Reservation's Maheengun Lodge 136 in 1995 to form Ka-Ti-Missi-Sipi Lodge 37. Changes in both programs occurred, and the programs' futures were uncertain.



Doug Wheeler and his father.

For the next two years both sides discussed amongst themselves, and the National Order of the Arrow, a way to resolve their differences. In 1997, it was proposed to return to the original Lodges. The vote of the membership passed, and Camp Eastman reacquired Lodge 80 and Sauklee its Lodge 136.

The new re-charter proved to be successful until 2003 when once again Lodge 80 merged with Lodge 136 to form Black Hawk Lodge 67, with Silver Tomahawk and Maheengun Chapters.

The two programs continued to run ceremonies until 2005 when Silver Tomahawk Chapter decided to cut ties with the National Order of the Arrow and form the Silver Tomahawk Honor Society.

This honor society still exists and operates solely at Camp Eastman. Silver Tomahawk continues to be a unique blend of the traditions of the Order of the Arrow and the Tribe of the Mic-O-Say as well as a major part of the program in the Mississippi Valley Council.

Nathan "Hippie" Smith, Vice Chief



Winter Banquet Patch & 2011 Patches

To Mother, to God, to Country, and to those Younger and Weaker. Those are the themes for this year's set of 2011 Silver Tomahawk event patches, which will be released at Winter Banquet, Spring Conclave, Summer Camp, and Fall Conclave.

The Winter Banquet patch, unveiled in this article, affirm our first resolution as a Tribesman "to the Mother who gave us breath to breathe." Two hundred patches have been ordered, and one is included with your admission fee to the Winter Banquet on January 8th, 2011.

I designed the first patch with input from Chief's Council, and Chief Jeff Melton is currently sketching the Fall Conclave patch

to feature a Larry's Creek background scene.

If you have ideas for the other two patches, please contact me at nathanhippiesmith@gmail.com, www.facebook.com/nathanhippiesmith.

Patch designs for the 2011 set should be 3.5-inch diameter round patches, include the resolution trail pillows, correspond with either the Summer or Spring seasons, and have "Silver Tomahawk," "MVC," "CE," and the event name stitched into the patch.

Please limit the amount of colors to nine or less, otherwise the cost of the patches increases significantly. All designs must be submitted to me by the February

12th, 2011 TEC meeting to ensure they will be approved, digitized, and ordered in time for Spring Conclave. Thanks and have fun designing!

Nathan "Hippie" Smith, Vice Chief



Brave Baffles

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A word search that has many different Tribe related terminology. Look for anything from Paint Station names, the four resolutions, the four parts of the ordeal, or other Camp Eastman/Silver Tomahawk related words. (Hint there are 19 words in total, the shortest is 2 letters and its an acronym for a Paint Station and the longest is 12 letters and it is a paint station)

Here is a list of all the Tribal Officers and their Indian Names. **Write them down in your Brave Book because you are expected to know them next summer camp!**

-Chief-

Jeff Melton

Swift Flowing Rapids, Son of Swift Flowing Stream

-Vice Chief-

Nathan Smith

Grandson of Big Bull Moose

-Secretary-

Sean Erts

Great Striding Buck

-Treasurer-

Brode Hills

Swift but Silent Fox

-Tribal Coordinator-

Tony DiPrima

Drumming Eagle, Brother of Big Sycamore

Look to this section for more important information regarding Braves and Brave Testing!

Strictly Secretarial

The new Tribal Executive Committee was chosen by the Officers after Fall Conclave. The TEC roster is the following:

Ceremonies: Patrick Moore (Chair) and Logan Moore (Advisor).

Events: Will Sallen (Chair), Cody Crowell (Brave Day Sub-Chair), Andrew Wachter (Spring Conclave Sub-Chair), Matthew Kyle (Fall Conclave Sub-Chair), Bill Ell (Advisor) and Bill Dorrel (Advisor).

Finance: Caleb Titus (Chair).

Indian Lore & Traditions: Kris Dietsch (Chair) and Brandon Howard (Advisor).

Marketing: Rob Myatt (Co-Chair), David Carter (Co-Chair) and Roger Sheagren (Advisor).

Membership: Todd Porter (Chair) and Lloyd Hubler (Advisor).

Neolin: Nathan Smith (Chair), Tony DiPrima (Member), and Jordan Schier (Advisor).

Program Events: Kendall Porth (Chair), Don Lofgren (Advisor) and Gale Lofgren (Advisor).

The first TEC meeting and training day was held on November 13th, 2010 at the Notre Dame High School.

- The first item on the agenda was the approval of the new Tribal Executive Sub-Committee names. The new names were chosen by the officers in October to better explain the purpose of each sub-committee.

- The Tribe once again will do-

nate \$750 to Friends of Scouting. This is the second year in a row the donation was increased from \$500 to \$750.

- On November 22, 2010 several Tribesmen gave a presentation at Southeastern Community College's multi-cultural Thanksgiving dinner. A brief speech about the Native American way of life included information about shelter, outfitting, custom, and traditions. Tribesmen beat the Slow and Fast Wars while other Tribesmen danced on stage. The Tribe has been invited back to do the presentation again on November 21st, 2011 at 6:00pm.

Sean Erts, Secretary

Cheerful Service

There are many potential projects that are being discussed by the TEC, so here are a few of the highlights of what to expect if you come down to work at Camp Eastman in the near future.

Many of the trails need serious refurbishing. After a year of little use and weather damage, the Resolution and Lone Eagle Trails are in desperate need of maintenance. Weather and labor permitting, fixing these trails are near the top of the Tribe's to-do list.

Also, the road to Far Trails Council Ring needs to be re-graveled in order to allow for vehicle access during the summer. This will have to wait until after the winter months however.

The ramp that leads down into Far Trails Council Ring needs to be finished as well. This project has been tabled for sometime, but has not been left forgotten.

Currently, workday dates are still being figured out by Chief's Council and the other organizations that are involved in main-

taining Camp Eastman. There will most likely be fewer workdays this year, but more work will happen at each one. The idea is to have fewer but more open and heavily advertised workdays to increase attendance at each workday.

Stay tuned and keep your calendars open. The next Tomahawk Talk should have a full list of all the workdays for the rest of the year.

Rob Myatt, Marketing Co-Chair

Important Dates

2011

1/8	Winter Banquet
2/10	Shoquoquon Roundtable
2/12	TEC Meeting, Yukon
2/25 to 2/27	Klondike
3/10	Shoquoquon Roundtable
3/12	Brave Day
4/8	Neolin Ordeal
4/9 to 4/10	Spring Conclave
4/14	Shoquoquon Roundtable
5/12	Shoquoquon Roundtable
5/14	TEC Meeting
6/11	TEC Meeting
6/12 to 7/2	Saukenauk Summer Camp
7/10 to 7/30	Eastman Summer Camp
8/13	TEC Meeting
9/8	Shoquoquon Roundtable
9/9 to 9/10	Fall Conclave
10/8	TEC Meeting
10/13	Shoquoquon Roundtable

Winter Banquet

Saturday, January 8th, 2010
At the West Burlington Christian Church
545 Melville Ave West Burlington, IA

2:00pm - TEC Meeting

3:00pm - Brave Classes
Need TTBs, Runners, and KSBs!

5:00pm - Doors Open

6:00pm - Dinner
Grilled Chicken
Red Potatoes & Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Cake Desert

6:45pm - Awards and Presentations
Chief's State of the Tribe Address
Neolin Candidates
Band of Warriors

8:30pm - Closing

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Celebrating 75 Years of Service and Tradition

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