

The Torchbearer

Tamegonit Lodge

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Winter Banquet 2011



CHIEFLY SPEAKING

What a tremendous year it has been for Tamegonit Lodge. Friendships were made, cheerful service was performed, Scouting's Centennial was celebrated and we welcomed more scouts and scouters into our brotherhood. I want to thank all of you and let you know it has been a pleasure to serve as your Lodge Chief over the course of this momentous year in scouting. I am humbled by all of the dedication the members of this lodge have shown to scouting and the order. Over the course of this last year we have seen many changes and have truly displayed unselfish service well done.

As we begin this new year, let us first look at the accomplishments we have finished over the last year. One of the first accomplishments of 2010 was the recognition of Tamegonit as a Quality Lodge recipient. This recognition shows that Tamegonit lodge lives up to the meaning of its name, which is Leader. One of the other accomplishments this year was to establish the structure of Service areas in order to help strengthen our chapter system. Other accomplishments of note are: the success of our camp chiefs program that brought ceremonies down to the Bartle Staff, the Service Corps we established to help with the successful implementation of our council's Centennial Extravaganza, the countless man hours put into making Camp Naish ready for Summer camp, and last but not least the net increase of members for this year.

Again, I would like to thank all of you for providing me this opportunity to serve you this year. I would also like to thank all of the volunteers, both scouts and scouters who make this lodge and its functions a reality. I wish the best of luck to Colby and his administration as they take on the challenge of a new year.

With Loyalty in Brotherhood and Cheerfulness in Service,

Joe Getto

2010 Tamegonit Lodge Chief



Help Wanted!

Tamegonit Lodge is always looking for people to help out with the functions of this lodge.

Do you want to:

- Help with the next Torchbearer?
- Work on or chair a committee?
- Help out at an Induction Weekend?
- Share your ideas and opinions with the lodge leadership?
 - Or help out in other ways?

Then contact Lodge Chief Colby Soden

(baldwinclass11@msn.com) or his advisor Kelsie Clark

(kelsie.clark@atk.com)

What's Going on in the Lodge?

Tamegonit Lodge will be sending a contingent of arrowmen to the second session of SummitCorps, July 10 - 16. SummitCorps - The New River Experience is a service adventure from the Order of the Arrow, similar to ArrowCorps5 and the OA High Adventure Programs. Each session of SummitCorps will provide exciting opportunities for service, adventure, and recreation. SummitCorps will be held at the New River Gorge National River in West Virginia. Interested? Contact Gerrit Robinson (gerritrobinson@yahoo.com) or his advisor John Schatzel (john.schatzel@us.army.mil)

Get ready to move your feet, catch your rhythm, and awake your principal at Indian Summer 2011. A contingent of arrowmen from our lodge will travel to the Ridgecrest Conference Center, Asheville, NC the week of August 1 - 6, 2011. There they will learn about Native American dancing, activities and ceremonies. If interested contact Jacob Dokos (jsdokos@gmail.com) or his advisor Justin Deavers (jstndvr@yahoo.com)

Good Samaritans Come to the Aid of Stranded Scouts

This story was submitted anonymously to the Torchbearer by a troop of the Heart of America Council.

Thanks to a little town in Colorado, our scouts learned more than outdoor skills. We were all very anxious to get started on our High Adventure Trek. We had planned our own trek to Creede, Colorado. The plans included river rafting, hiking, horseback riding, among other things. We had started out early in the morning and things were going well, until the walkie talkie crackled with a message. The truck carrying the food and equipment was on the side of the road with a problem. So the other vehicles turned around and to see what the issue was. We were on the side of the road in the small town Simla, Colorado. Simla is located 50 miles east of Colorado Springs on US Highway 24.

Within the first few minutes of stopping, we had 2 to 3 individuals stop to see what they could do to help. One gentleman went to his house to phone the area auto parts stores to see which one was open. The other people stopped to see if we needed tools or to see what else they could do to help. After looking at the engine, it became apparent that they were not going to be able to fix the engine on the side of the road. A spark plug had popped through the engine and the threads were stripped.

That's when Jodie stopped. We told her what the problem was and her response was to call her local mechanic. He was just sitting down to dinner, but he would come and look at the truck within 10 minutes. He came and reviewed the situation. He was sorry, but he did not have the capability to do the repair needed. Jodie stopped back by and said not to worry she knew of a mechanic who owned a larger auto repair shop in Colorado Springs. Darrold was hauling hay, but would be done shortly and would come out to see what he could do. While waiting on Darrold, we had numerous offers to spend the night in people's homes, in their backyards, in church basements. Darrold brought with him a large trailer to tow the pickup truck back to his repair shop, if that was what we would decide to do. What were we going to do with all of the food and equipment in order to continue our trip? Then, the most amazing offer came from Jodie. "I have a car that I am not using right now. Would you like to borrow it until tomorrow so that you can make it to your night's destination?" The car was a 1999 Chevy Suburban and was big enough to haul the gear that we had. We took her up on the offer and drove a short distance to Falcon, Colorado, rented some motel rooms and hoped things would look better in the morning. We had decided to let Darrold take the truck back to his shop in Colorado Springs.

The next morning we got our heads together, made some phone calls, and tried to decide what we would be able to do. How were we going to downsize into two vehicles while still hauling all of the equipment and food? What could we leave behind and where were we going to keep it? It was Sunday morning, not many of the services that we would require were open on Sunday (auto repair and car rental). But after many phone calls, Jodie offered to loan us the car for the entire week. We offered a monetary payment, but all she really wanted was an oil change. So an amount was decided upon and we took the Suburban on a road trip to Creede, Colorado.

There were many phone calls back and forth to Darrold in Colorado Springs. The engine repair needed to take place in a machine shop. He had a friend that could take care of it. After the truck was repaired, the fees were discussed. Darrold did not "upcharge" the engine work that the machine shop had done. We asked about the tow bill. After asking what we had done to Jodie's car, gas, coolant, oil change, etc., Darrold decided not to charge us for the tow bill. He came out about 50 miles to pick us up and towed the truck that same 50 miles back to his garage for no charge.

The truck was finished and we picked it up on the way back from Creede, Colorado. We transferred all of our gear into the truck and then headed back to Simla, Colorado to meet Jodie at the restaurant where she worked and to return the car to her. We made it home safely on Sunday and have been proudly retelling our story to others. Someone who didn't know us sure became our guardian angel. A small town in Colorado has a heart of gold and taught our scouts about humanity.

LEC 2011

Lodge Chief – Colby Soden
Vice Chief of Program – Reid Chapman
Vice Chief of Administration – Bryan Richardson
Vice Chief of Special Events – Gerrit Robinson
Vice Chief of Chapters – Elliot Kieffer
Secretary – Jesse Miller
Treasurer – Ben Higbee
Ceremony Team – Peter Bautz
Chapel – Danny Vandervoort
Dance Team – Chris Smith
Elangomat – Marty Stevens
Nimat – Brendan McKeigan
Runner – Joe Buchman
Trading Post – Tom Ward
Training – Michael Thompson
Quartermaster – Hunter Chapman

2011 Important Dates

Unit Election Team Training – Jan. 22

February LEC – Feb. 17

March LEC – March 24

April LEC – April 28

Spring Inductions #1 – April 29 – May 1

May LEC - May 12

Spring Inductions #2 – May 13 – 15

Vigil and Founders Award forms due – July 1

Summit Corp Session #2 – July 10 - 16

Indian Summer – Aug. 1 – 6