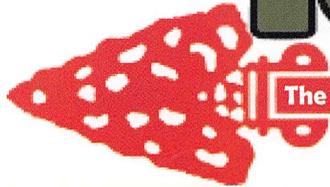


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Fall Ordeal



Fall Ordeal is always an amazing event, but this year we aim to surpass even that high standard. At Fall Ordeal we always accomplish many helpful service projects for camp, but in keeping with Aal-Pa-Tah tradition we party as hard as we work.

To welcome our newly inducted members into our Brotherhood, we are going to have human battleship, free swim, broom hockey, trash can, board games, and much more. We are looking forward to awesome ceremonies on both Friday night and Saturday nights. The theme for this OA weekend will be Ninja Turtles. We will have spectacular food prepared by our kitchen staff and, best of all, a legendary 237 Surprise!"

This weekend is going to be one of the best OA weekends ever and I encourage you all to come out. I can't wait to see you all there! Sign up today and lets make this a weekend for the record books.

WWW,
Nate Zajac

Fall Ordeal Weekend Chairman



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Chiefly Speaking



My Brothers,

Over these past few years Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge has done great things for others, as well as for ourselves. We have upped our Cheerful Service to camp, advanced our membership, won competitions, and grown internally. The past generations of Aal-Pa-Tah Brothers have set the bar HIGH for us, but I'm sure that we can push it even higher if we all work together.

Summer Camp and LLD are just behind us. Tanah Keeta Summer Camp saw Aal-Pa-Tah every Wednesday, when we held OA day and hosted the Hitchiti Dancers. Our Lodge saw four new Brotherhood members seal their membership. All in all, it was a good summer for both Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge #237 and T.K. Summer Camp.

Enough about the past, let us take a look into the future. On September 26th - 28th we are having the Fall Ordeal at T.K and I hope to see everyone in attendance. Fall Ordeal isn't all about hard work (no setting up summer camp tents!); for members, we have tons of fun things planned all day long. We will have games, food, competitions, and many other events that will be great, plus we get to develop stronger bonds with our newest Brothers. If you are looking for a Black Sash, sign up to be an Elangomat with Everett Periman or Evan Reif (lodge237@gmail.com); it takes only three times as an Elangomat to earn your Black Sash. As with all events registration can be done in seconds on our Lodge website(www.aal-pa-tah237.org). See you there!

The Section Leadership Summit is just around the corner! We will be hosting Section Leadership Summit at T.K and it will be a fun weekend of sessions as well as fellowship with other Lodges of S-4. Section Leadership Summit is one of only two times each year that our Section comes together for fellowship and it is our turn to shine.

Join me at the Ordeal, Summit, and all other Lodge events. This year we will take what greatness we've done in the past and build upon it since we are again the BEST Lodge, ALL-AROUND! Until Ordeal, be safe in Brotherhood, Cheerfulness and Service. See you at Ordeal.

WWW,

Daniel Olbrych



Adviser's Minute

I don't know of an organization that has more training than the Scouting program. I remember signing up as a leader many years ago and attending Fast Start, Youth Protection, and Leader Specific Training at a great event hosted by our district. Over the years I have been to many, many, many training events –some so-so and some great. There are ones in particular that stand out in my mind. Pow-Wow as a Cub Scout Leader included so many fun and interesting sessions (thanks Mrs. Maharrey!). Outdoor Leader Skills with Tom Pendergast was a truly stellar event in my training repertoire. And finally there was Wood Badge. I went to Wood Badge kicking and screaming...I did NOT want to go. At the time I had three young boys at home, worked part time, and was Den Leader and Committee Chair of both a Pack and a Troop. No way in heck did I have time for that sort of thing. I also thought that Wood Badge, being the "premier training program", probably applied to more important leaders in the Scouting Program, not me. However, previous Wood Badgers (including my husband) pressured me to go, so I did. Boy I am glad I did!!!

I was on SR707 with Bob Kenyon as my Course Director; it was an exceptional experience!!!! It is difficult to adequately put into words, but the word "inspirational" comes to mind. As I was driving home from the second weekend (from Abalufa), I truly thought to myself "I get it!" The next year I was lucky enough to be asked to be on Lady Jane's staff and had the great honor to serve on staff for 9 consecutive years. This year will be my 10th year and as Course Director, it will be my last.

I have found that the lessons and spirit of Wood Badge have spilled over into all areas of my life. I believe it has made me a better leader, parent, and spouse. I am certain I would never have been a Lodge Adviser or small business owner without all the knowledge, confidence, and inspiration shared with me by all of the great leaders and participants I have had the honor of working with over the years. So... this year..... do it!!!! You will be so very glad you did!

WWW,

Amanda Pantone



PS – Wood Badge is for those 18 and older (NYLT is a similar course for those under 18) and is being held on February 20-22, 2015 and March 20-22, 2015 at Tanah Keeta. Email Amanda.pantone@gmail.com for more info.



Officer Reports

Vice Chief of Program

Hello Aal-Pa-Tah lodge 237,

My name is Michael Riley and I have the pleasure of being your new Vice Chief of Program. We have an amazing year of program coming up. Fall Ordeal is right around the corner and we have some amazing things planned to welcome in our new Brothers. In November we have Section Summit, which our Lodge is hosting. We're changing it up Aal-Pa-Tah style and including program in addition to our informative seminars. If you want to help out with that weekend or any other please contact me ASAP. We are in the middle of constructing our new theme for the upcoming year and I can tell you it's going to be amazing. It is truly going to honor the 100th year anniversary of the Order. Speaking of 100 years, NOAC 2015 is coming up next year so don't miss your chance to be part of history and attend this historic event with your Brothers from across the nation.

This is going to be an amazing year and I can't wait to share with you all the wonderful new ideas I have to bring to program. If you have ideas for any of the events or programs please don't hesitate to stop me and tell me. I want to hear from you all regarding what you want to see at the events and what ideas you have. Let me know how I can make your weekends even more awesome. I just wanted to say thank you for allowing me to be your Program Vice Chief and I assure you I will not disappoint you.

WWW,

Michael Riley

Vice Chief of Service

My Brothers,

I hope you have had a fabulous summer and are excited for the upcoming year of cheerful service. As you all should know, we have a Ordeal fast approaching in September. There is also an OA Workday at TK on November 1st. Both of these events will be full of fun, Cheerful Service, and will be great times to weld tightly our links of Brotherhood. Also, for you new high schoolers, these events will be a great opportunity to fulfill your community service graduation requirements. If you have any questions or anything at all please contact me at gyentz@gmail.com

WWW,

Gregory Yentz

Lodge Treasurer

Brothers,

I am privileged to be serving as your Lodge Treasurer this term. At the next Lodge weekend, I will be working on restocking the Lodge Box. Some Chapter patches were close to or completely sold out, same with the gator pins, belts, and belt buckles. In addition, I am always looking for great patch ideas, no design is bad. Also, keep an eye out for the approved 2015 patch set for the upcoming year.

WWW,

Everett Pierman

Vice Chief of Inductions

My Brothers,

We are coming up on our second and last Ordeal of the year and I encourage everyone to not only join the rest of your Brothers, but encourage your Troop members who have not yet gone through their Ordeal to join you as well! This event will be held from the evening of September 26th until around noon of the 28th at our very own Tanah Keeta. In addition to this amazing event elections are almost here! See your Chapter Chief to see how YOU can be a part of one of the most important aspects of our Lodge! If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, feel free to contact me at mmirandi0987@gmail.com or (561)866-1633.

WWW,

Matthew Mirandi



Lodge Historian

Brothers,

I would like to start by telling you that I am very excited to be the new Lodge Historian and am very motivated to do some great work! Fall Ordeal is fast approaching and is going to be a great opportunity to share in fellowship and service! I will be in attendance trying to capture all of the great things that will be going on around camp. If you have any pictures that you would like to be added to the Lodge Website or have any suggestions for Kings Cup this year feel free to email me at Jott782@gmail.com. I can't wait to see all of you guys at Fall Ordeal!

WWW,

Josh Ott

Lodge Secretary

My Brothers,

It's going to be a great year and I'm proud to serve as your 2014- 2015 Lodge Secretary. I hope you all plan to attend the upcoming Fall Ordeal as it is going to be a BLAST! Set your calendars to September 26th-28th and get excited as it's always fun to attend. If you have any ideas for next year's patch set, feel free to contact me. I'm looking forward to helping making a great Fall Ordeal. Most importantly if you are interested in ceremonies or have ANY questions don't hesitate to any Lodge Officer and we'll get you involved.

WWW,

Jonathan Claridge



Chapter Corner

Lowaneu Mawat

Brothers,

I am Robert Ulrich and I have the pleasure of serving as your new Chapter Chief for this upcoming year. Lowaneu Mawat is meeting on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30pm at the Living Lord Lutheran Church. I am looking forward to working with you all as your new Chapter Chief. We are looking for input and more participation! Fall Ordeal is coming up and I hope to see you all there! If you have any questions, please e-mail me at robert.ulrich@irchsonline.org. You can find Lodge information at aal-pa-tah.org and Chapter reminders on our Facebook page so please like that if you haven't already.

WWW,

Robert Ulrich



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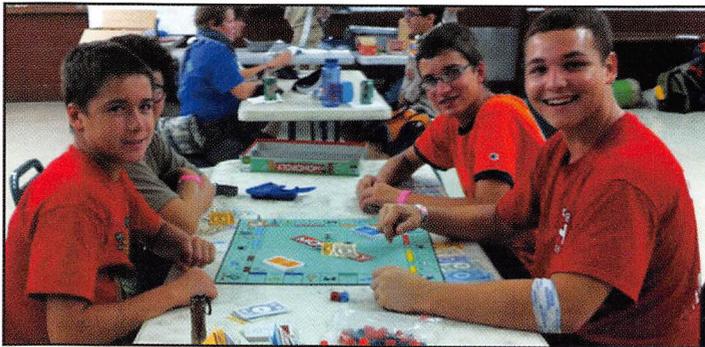
Hello Brothers,

My name is Michael Riley and I'll be serving as your new Chapter Chief for this upcoming term. We have some quite amazing things planned this year. We want to let the Lodge know that we are back and better than ever. We have goals of getting most of our members to Brotherhood as well as welcoming our new members with an Oi-ya-tah funday and campout that is in the process of being worked out. We still meet the second Thursday of every month at the St. Andrews Lutheran Church 7:30pm, the same time as the District Roundtable. I implore all of you come out and see what we have to offer you. We also have our sights set on the grand prize of Best All Around Chapter. We are full of spirit and aren't afraid to show it. Let me close by saying to our Chapter members that we are going to have an amazing year and I can't wait to meet all of you.

Always remember **HAVE NO FEAR, OI-YA-TAH IS HERE.**

WWW,

Michael Riley



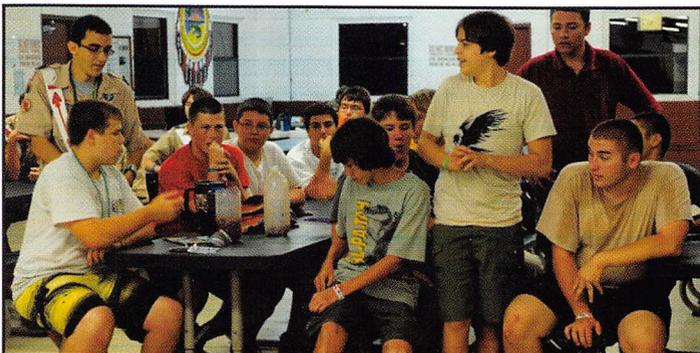
Abaniki

This is your new A-Bani-Ki Chapter Chief, Arren Richter. Our meetings are every second Monday of the month at 7:00, however we will now conduct the meetings at a new location, Imagine Schools Chancellor Campus. I hope to start the new term on a good note with a fun meeting and Fall Ordeal turnout. The meeting will have our first fundraiser of the Roundtable bake sale. This will help our Chapter have more activities and go towards new t-shirts and patches. We currently have no patches, including in the lodge box, and a limited number of t-shirts. If you have any questions feel free to bring them to the meeting or contact me at arrenkodak@gmail.com.

It's No Lie: The Best Chapter is A-Bani-Ki.

WWW,

Arren Richter

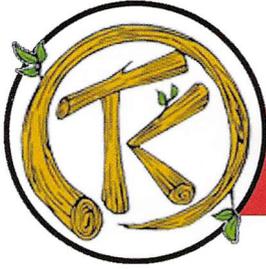




The Forum

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The Forum is a place in GT where everyone from Chairman to Arrowman can speak. All submissions are welcome, so if you have something you want to say in the next issue, please submit it to lodge237@gmail.com.



Tanah Keeta Summer Camp 2014

This year at Tanah Keeta Summer Camp was a great experience for all involved and our staff, many of which are members of our Aal-Pa-Tah, served many Scouts from all over the state and country. We're looking to have an even better year next year and continue to provide a quality TK experience for all who gather at our Camp. Here are some of our favorite memories for you to enjoy.

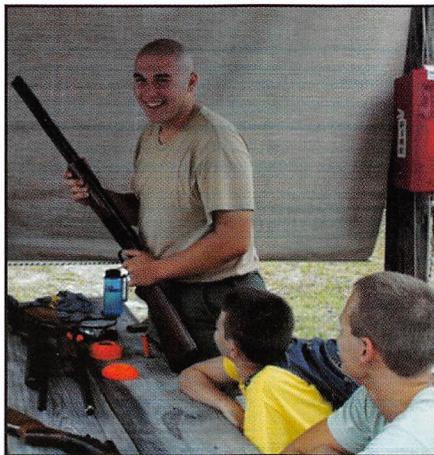
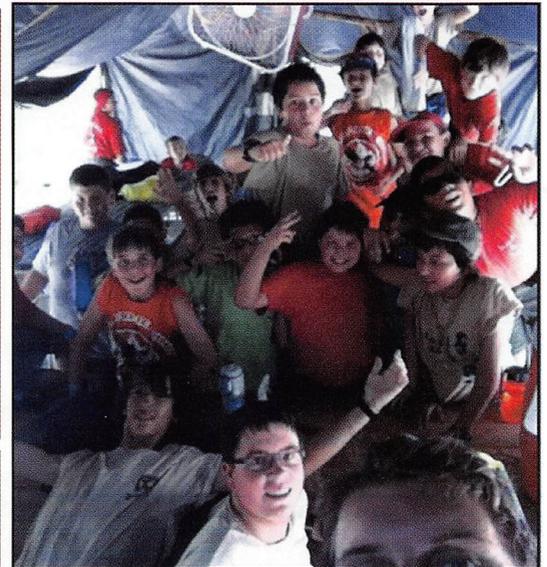
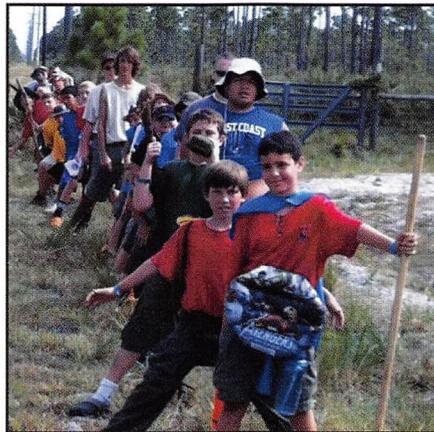
Brotherhood Chairman

Hello all,

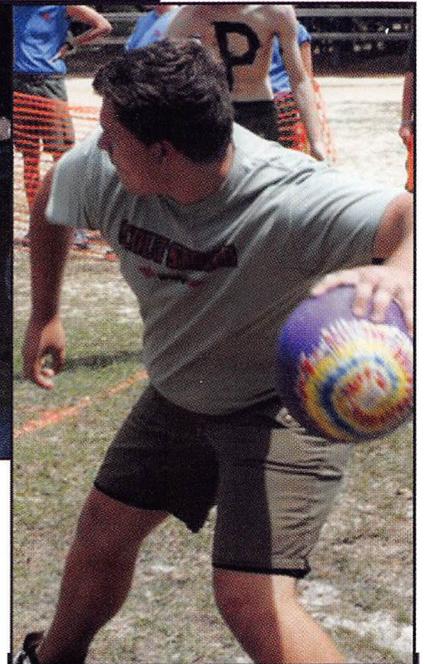
I'm Travis Bassler, your Brotherhood Chairman, and I wanted to let you know that we plan to have Brotherhood ceremonies at Fall Ordeal on September 26-28, Winter Fellowship on December 5-7, Call Out on January 6-7, Spring Ordeal on March 6-8, and Summer Pow-Wow on May 15-17. If you have any further questions please contact me at 561-797-3904. I'll be sure to keep you guys up to date on any changes.

WWW,

Travis Bassler



Section Leadership Summit



Brothers,

We are two months away from hosting the FIRST EVER Section Leadership Summit! Section Leadership Summit (SLS) has taken the place of Section Seminars. Like all Section Events, the Host Lodge changes each year. APT was chosen this year as the Lodge to host this new training experience. SLS has been developed through a lot of thought, time, and effort from myself, Crawford Teets, Dan Olbrych and the entire COC from across the Section. This will be an event like no other. If you have attended Section Seminars in the past, THIS IS NOT THAT SAME EVENT!!! Better Trainings, More Program, it will be like an Aal-Pa-Tah Weekend, just with EVERYONE from the Section! However, Dan, Crawford, and I cannot do this alone. WE NEED YOU! We are in search of more youth Arrowman to help on serve on different committees for the event. We have a job that will suit everyone, from Program, to Service, to Administration, to Shows, to Food Service, to just being a normal member attending an event! We can find a spot for YOU! Email me at lodge237@gmail.com or call/text me at 561-267-8759. There are all types of youth positions still available. We need YOUR help in making this a successful event for Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge!

Registration for this event will be open on the Lodge website in the next few weeks. Please watch your email as we will send notifications out when it is open. In the meantime, it is important to note that Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge has set its member registration at \$45. This covers the Sections SLS registration fee, a HOST T-Shirt and Patch, a SLS Patch, and many more surprises and fun!

There will also be an SLS online Trading Post that will be taking Pre-Orders. Please be on the lookout for that in order to get the inaugural SLS merchandise.

With the event being 2 months away there really is no excuse NOT to attend. SLS will be hosted at Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation November 7th- 9th. See you all there and please email me with any questions. Let us Rekindle the Fire.

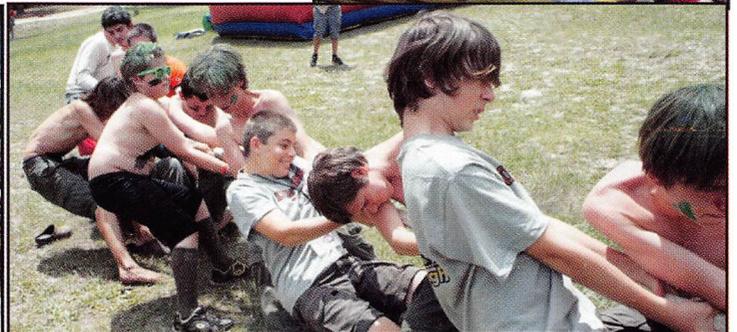
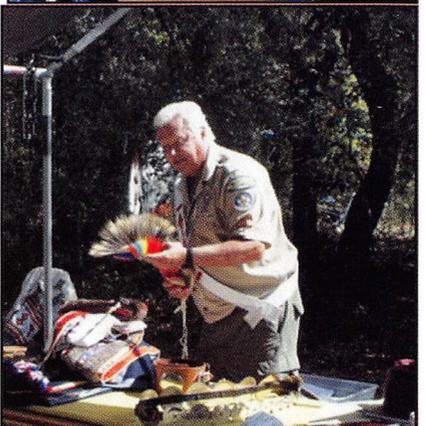
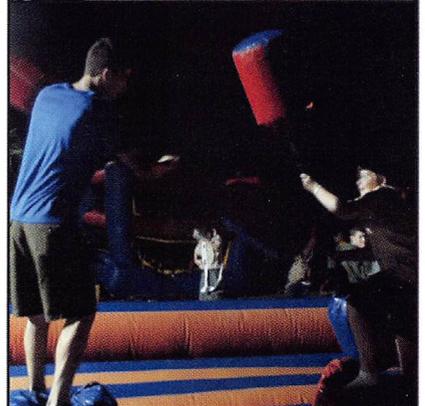
WWW,

Mike McLoughlin

Section Leadership Summit Chairman

m.mcloug@gmail.com

561-267-8759





High Adventure

This summer, four of our Arrowmen from Aal-Pa-Tah embarked together on a two week long experience, called OA Canadian Odyssey, in the remote Canadian wilderness with our Brothers from across the nation."

Matt Jones, Josh Ott, Matthew Mirandi, and Tommy Wilson had a life changing and worthwhile experience on those lakes with long portages and paddles mixed with fun and engaging discussions and reflection. Lifelong bonds were formed and experience and self knowledge was earned they will carry with them for the rest of their lives. It followed the general theme of OA High Adventure Camps where we combine our service with adventure. They spent a week of hard manual labor making and improving portage trails and then left on their long canoe voyage across a series of gorgeous crystal clear lakes. The Order of the Arrow offers these extraordinary experiences to Arrowmen for a reduced cost than going as a normal Scout and are truly a bargain. Seriously consider going to any of the OA High Adventure Programs whether you've been in the Order a while or just joined.

In addition, we had Josh Harding on Ryan Rice go on the Canadian Odyssey on a different session. John Paul Arias went to Philmont and Greg Yentz had a great time at Seabase. Jonathan Claridge made it to Northern Tier. Feel free to find them and ask them about their experiences.



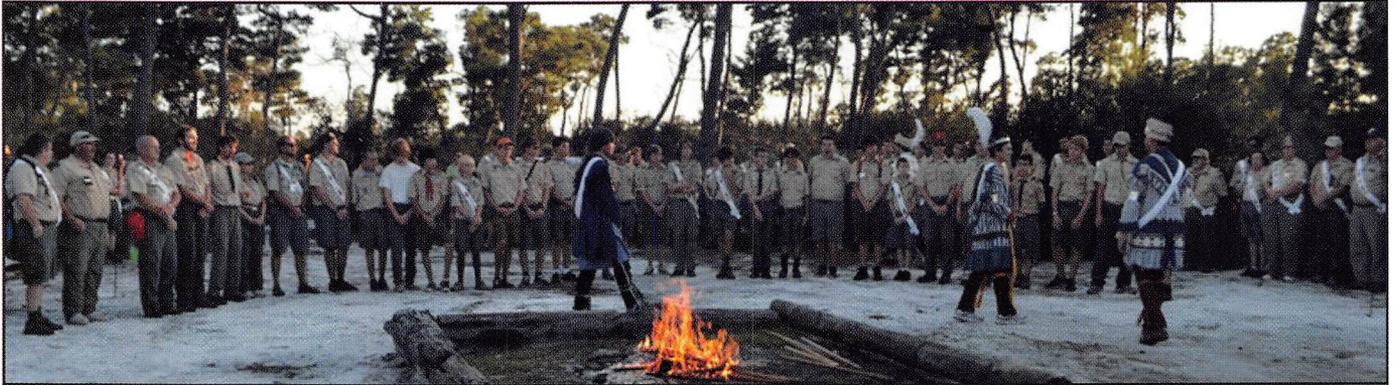
"Listening to my crewmates share their personal struggles with identity and self-esteem profoundly affected me."



"I will always be grateful for my brothers."



Inductions and Our New Brothers



Hello my Brothers,

As we approach the season of inducting new members into our Order, I would ask each of you to reach out to a member of your Troop who doesn't regularly go to OA events or just got inducted and bring them to a weekend or service day. Make that personal connection that made you want to stay in the Order with someone else. Be a Brother. Although our focus is on Service, we also focus on Brotherhood. That is how we grow our organization so that we may better serve our camp and council.

To do this, come out to Fall Ordeal, be an Elangomat, or seek out our new Brothers and show them what the OA is all about. We want to work on retaining our members and keeping them involved so that they learn and grow here in order for them to be better servant leaders. Meet and encourage inactive members and make sure the newly inducted members stay active. Help make our organization fun and speak up if you have ideas on how we can improve or change. Our Lodge is very unique and I would not want to deprive anyone of our unique bond of Brotherhood and Service.

WWW,

Daniel Olbrych

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Upcoming Events

September 26-28th

Fall Ordeal

December 5th-7th

Winter Fellowship

March 6th-8th

Spring Ordeal