

# Duck Calls Newsletter

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## Balancing Life and Lodge

It is hard being an Engineering student at Thomas Nelson Community College, an Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 11, and the Lodge Secretary and Communications Chairman of Wahunsenakah Lodge. But I can do it.

For the past several LEC meetings, it has been requested that the Youth read the minutes more often, as they contain valuable information on how the Lodge is running. Without knowledge of this, people don't know what's going on and may, for instance, have questions as explicitly answered in the minutes as "When is the Founders' Award application due?" Here's a hint: read every Old Business section since July.

There are many understandable reasons why it may be deemed unnecessary or impossible to read the minutes. Many of us have chores, heavy homework loads, part-time work, and campouts. But I can guess that, if you're reading this, you at least have the time to watch a three-minute video or read a pretty-looking newsletter. That too is being active in the Lodge.

So, go grab a copy of the LEC minutes at <http://wahunsenakah.org/lec.html> and read on!

- Evan Crain, Lodge Secretary and Communications Chairman



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Want your message in the next Duck Calls Newsletter? Proud of your new Eagle Scout or want to share information about that chapter day of service? Tell your Chapter Chief to send us info!

## Conclave! The Council of Chiefs

It's official. The budgets are approved, the Lodges polled, and menu in place. Conclave is happening at Pipsico Scout Reservation on April 28-30.

Section SR-7A, that is Southern Region Section 7A, held the Council of Chiefs on October 1 at Camp Lions. This is the Section-level equivalent of Wahunsenakah Lodge's Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) meetings. Held twice a year, the Lodge Chiefs and non-voting delegation (which consisted, this time, of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chiefs, Secretary, Kecoughtan and Nansemond Chapter Chiefs) attend this meeting and oversee budget numbers, Conclave stats, get first dibs on master plans to get everyone over to Conclave, and meet the new leaders.

After a glowing Lodge report from Wahunsenakah Lodge by the "new-to-everyone-else" Lodge Chief Josh Clow to the other newly elected officers in the Section, the meeting came down to Business. The 2016 Conclave Expense table was given a tasteful nod, the 2017 Section Budget, Conclave Budget, Schedule, and Menu was approved...

Among the most important things approved during the Business was the decision to host another Ceremonies Weekend. Spearheaded by the Ceremonies Conclave Vice Chief Sheridan Parkinson, this event will take place on April 7-9<sup>th</sup> at the Heart of Virginia Council Cub Adventure Camp. All Pre-Ordeal and Ordeal Conclave ceremonies evaluations will take place here, so ceremonialists too can enjoy Conclave as participants. As most LEC members are ceremonialists, this will allow the Leadership to be more present to their contingency at Conclave.

This year's Conclave theme is "Fuel the Reaction", and will be heavily enforced by Thematics Conclave Vice Chief Chris Badalis. His job, similar to our new Spirit Committee, is to pump up every program area and Conclave participant with "Fuel the Reaction". All the time. Even when sleeping. Yes, eating included.

The Section also unleashed Operation 1100. This is a phone-tree like plan intended on Fueling the Reaction (heh, I said it!) in the Lodges to break the Section record, again, of 1100 Conclave participants. Through this, information will trickle down from the LEC to the Chapters and Committees about going to Conclave.

"Let's make this Conclave our biggest yet." – Anthony Peluso, SR-7A Section Chief

- Evan Crain, Lodge Secretary and Communications Chairman



Sign up for Lodge events! Head to the Scout Office at 11834 Canon Blvd., Suite L, Newport News, VA 23606 with a Event Form at our website (<http://wahunsenakah.org/forms.html>) to go!



### Success at Summer Service

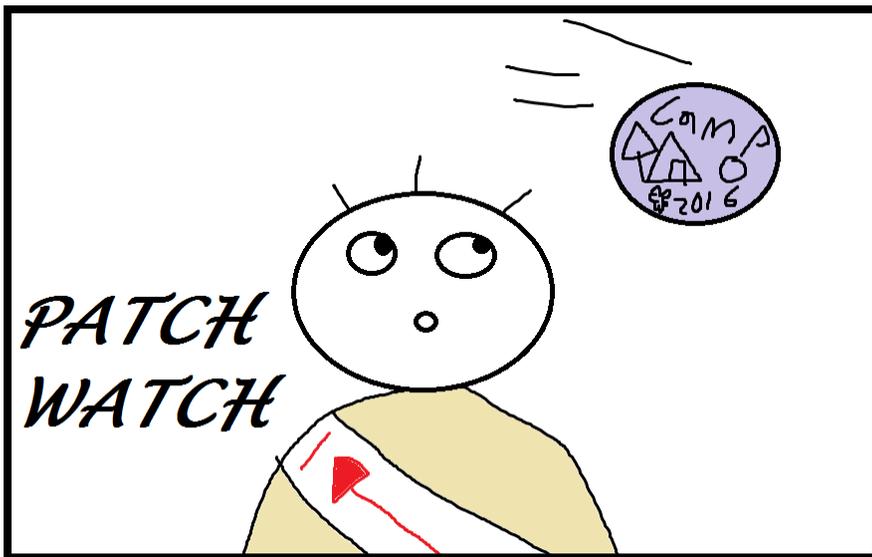
Henry Harris, Elangomat and Kecoughtan Chapter Chief, poses with the 17 new Ordeal members from our last Summer Service Weekend. Just look at all those happy folks. With over 250 hours of community service completed in the Chippokes and Claremont area, the Lodge membership in the dining hall behind Henry are happily eating breakfast.

The Summer Service Weekend, held on September 16-18, featured Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service in fixing broken bicycles, building picnic tables able to accomidate the disabled, peeled ivy off of town buildings, erected cabins, and more. Not bad for a day out at camp.

The Service Committee is working on putting together a report, fit with pictures and all kinds of information on the completed projects. This should be completed within the week.

- Evan Crain, Lodge Secretary and Communications Chairman

### Patch Watch: LEC Approved 2017 Patches!



The LEC has approved the following patches, to be released at their respective events next year:

- 2017 Event Patches
- Jamboree 2017 Patch

The Insignia Design Committee has been granted a “creative license” to determine if Pipsico and a Joint Fellowship will remain on the patches for next year.

There will be a Patch Auction at the Joint Fall Fellowship, with the possibility of the funds going towards repurchasing older Wahunsenakah, Kecoughtan, and Chanco Lodge patches.

Insignia Design is looking for designs for the 2017 Conclave. The theme is Duck Dynasty and Ducks.

- Evan Crain, Lodge Secretary and Communications Chairman

## Brotherhood with Blue Heron at Pipsico for Joint Fellowship

We all know that, since we lost Bayport Scout Reservation last year, that our service weekends have moved to Pipsico Scout Reservation, as a gracious offer from Blue Heron Lodge and Tidewater Council. When the question rose to the June LEC about rescheduling this year's "Bayport Bash", we received an excellent and uncommon offer: for a jointly-hosted "Mini Conclave" Fellowship at Pipsico!

This October 21-23, there will be an excellent Fellowship with the following expected features:

- Battle of the Birds! Wahunsenakah and Blue Heron will face off in sports and skills challenges to see which Lodge is the best. This is expected to be on Saturday Morning.
- The Iron Duck! Wahunsenakah chapters will face off in the annual Iron Duck Competition, to see which chapter is the best in sports, skills, and other challenges. This is expected to be in Saturday Afternoon.
- Training! Learn from Blue Heron trainers about all kinds of stuff, from Scouting skills, to running a chapter meeting, to training on how to train! This expected to be after Saturday Lunch.
- Party! Live music, games, and all kinds of stuff is expected Saturday Night!

I do hope to see you all there!

- Evan Crain, Lodge Secretary and Communications Chairman

## Duck Calls Message Board

There are still several open youth chairman and adult advisor positions in the LEC! Check out the website for a list of open positions. Inquire with any LEC officer for details.

Do read the minutes! With the LEC minutes, you can better understand some happenings of the Lodge that didn't happen to make it into this newsletter. Check it out at <http://wahunsenakah.org/>

This newsletter is very broad, and doesn't really focus on any one chapter. Want some information from your chapter in the newsletter? Contact me at [evan.c.crain@gmail.com](mailto:evan.c.crain@gmail.com) with submissions.