



# The Drum Beat

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## The Last Dance: PowWow

By John Rehm

Drums, bells, and beautifully decorated dance clothing filled the Activities and Recreation hall for the third and final PowWow of Indian Summer on Thursday evening. Nearly 200 Arrowmen dressed in their dance clothing took part in last night's event.

"It was cool to see all of the colorful feathers, and different dance styles," said Max S., member of Amangamek Wipit Lodge, National Capitol Area Council, Virginia. Max is an aspiring grass dancer, who plans on one day competing.

Dancing clothes critiques were offered outside of the building for those interested in improving their clothing. Previous NOAC judges for each of the dance styles, led the critiques. "It's great how they have people that do the judging at NOAC," said Ray P., a member of Lowwapaneu Lodge of Northeastern Pennsylvania Council, Scranton, PA. Members of the American Indian Activities committee handed out invitations to various dancers who will dance at tonight's Closing Gathering.

Drums were a critical part of the PowWow, brought by lodges from such states as California, Illinois, and North Carolina. The singing and beating of the drums could



Arrowmen watch at the PowWow as others dance.

be heard by other Ridgecrest guests passing by, adding a sense of wonder to all who could hear.

"It's great to see the many young dancers out there enjoying the fun. That's what our staff is here for and what our Order is about," said Brent Wessel, American Indian Activities Program Vice Chief.



Daniel K. watches and learns at the PowWow.

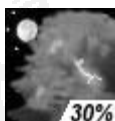
### Today's Weather

Friday

Night



Isolated Storms  
Hi 80°F



Isolated Showers  
Lo 70°F

Source: Weather.gov

## Housing and Transportation Announcements

As we depart from the Ridgecrest Conference Center we need to do a few easy things to help expedite the check out process. Please keep in mind that **checkout time is no later than 10 am** on Saturday morning.

### Arrowmen need to:

- Pack Friday night except for personal items
- Pick up any trash left around the room placing it in trash receptacles
- Place bed linens on the bed
- Leave room keys

inside the room on the bathroom counter when leaving the room

### Contingent Leaders need to:

- Confirm your contingent transportation requirements, if applicable.
- Check contingent rooms to ensure procedures have been completed.
- Have a safe trip home!

### Airport Bus Information

Contingent and staff airport bus information

can be found outside the Rhododendron Dining Hall entrance. Arrowmen should arrive at the designated departure location about 30 minutes before their appointed departure time to load luggage onto the bus. The departure time is when the bus pulls out of the parking lot. Do not be late!

If you have any questions please call Dave Carlson, Indian Summer Transportation at 508-353-3846.

## Closing Gathering Tonight



National officers dance at Tuesday's show.

### By Josh Peloquin

We all know the story of the first ceremony at Treasure Island, but do you know what happened after the summer of 1915? Well, tonight you'll find out! The Closing Gathering will be a crowning jewel on the event of Indian Summer so don't miss it! It will explore the deep connection our Order shares with American Indian nations, and Jonathan Hillis, National Chief, will share his vision for our organization.

The Gathering will be held in Spilman Auditorium, where the Gatherings staff has been hard at work all week. Doors open at 7:40 pm. Come and enjoy the great show!

## Get Your Group Picture Today Big Orange Professional Photography (BOPP)

There is still time to make an appointment for your clan, lodge contingent or staff group photo today with Big Orange Professional Photography (BOPP)!

Members of the BOPP team will be on-site from 1 pm - 5 pm today located between the Spilman Auditorium and the Trading Post. Sign up for

appointments in the Brave Cave in the Lambdin Auditorium or just come by between 1 and 5 pm.

There is no charge for the photo sitting. If you wish to purchase prints, you may choose from the following:

- 10x12 Double Print, which has a formal pose, crazy pose & custom graphics with

the Indian Summer logo is \$20.

- 8x10 Titled Print with a smaller Indian Summer logo for \$15.
- 5x7 Titled Print for \$10 (groups of 15 people or less)
- All prices include tax & shipping. BOPP accepts, cash, checks & credit/debit cards.

## Indian Summer Toothpick Holder Winner!

Tammy Falaoffkke of Nakona Lodge, South Plains Council estimated that there were 157 toothpicks in the holder—only one away from the exact amount of 158. Congratulations Tammy on winning a 2011 Indian Summer Toothpick Holder!

## A Reflection on Servant-Leadership

Quote: "A leader is best when people barely know he exists, when his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say: we did it ourselves." —Lao Tzu

It has been proven throughout history that the strongest of leaders are those who empower others to be their best through an example of passionate service. In regard to the OA, the principle of Servant-Leadership—although for the most part unnamed—has been around as long as the organization itself.

The Order teaches Servant-Leadership by first giving its members opportunities to serve, then by giving opportunities to lead, and by connecting the two concepts of service and leadership.



**Starting a Dance Team Open Forum**

Friday Lunch

Come find our table in the Rhododendron Dining Hall and talk about lodge dance team experiences, difficulties, solutions, and questions.



Arrowmen from the Wahunsenakah Lodge of the Colonial Virginia Council, Newport News, VA.

**Indian Summer Statistics**

**Youngest Arrowmen:**  
Benjamin M., age 11, Sequoyah Lodge

**Oldest Arrowmen:**  
Don Jordan, age 76, Quapaw Lodge

Guest	Staff	Total
685	237	922



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**Conservation Project: Rhododendron Trail Restored**

**By Aaron Shepherd**

The second and final day of work on the Rhododendron trail came to an end yesterday after 111 guests and staff completed 1.4 miles of trail restoration. Arrowmen pruned the corridor of the trees and inserted water bars to address erosion problems.

“We made a trail better and I got to work with my new crew mates,” said Ian T., 14, Clawpaw Lodge of the Clawpaw Area Council, Searcy, AR. “This will let other people enjoy the trail,” said Marty Opthoff, 19, Noque Lodge of the Great Lakes

Council, Waterford, MI, said “Building trail is one of the things the Order of the Arrow is about. We helped improve the trail for Ridgecrest and made it so guests may enjoy it for years to come. I was happy to be a part of it,” said Opthoff. “It made me feel good inside

to know we finished what we started,” said Jacob L., 13, Muscogee Lodge of the Indian Waters Council, Columbia, SC. A total of approximately 500 man-hours were contributed to Ridgecrest with the completion of this conservation project.

**Man on the Street**

**Question:** What was your favorite part of the Gathering of Nations on Wednesday night?



“Meeting scouts from other states, and playing baseball throw”

Sean W., Lowanne Nimat Lodge, Longhouse Council, age 15, Syracuse, NY



“Playing minigolf, because we got to play off the course and bounced the balls off rocks.”

Zack O., Itibapishe Iti Lodge, Central North Carolina Council, age 15, Cleveland, NC



“Meeting people by trading nation cards. The ice cream was great.”

James C., Buckskin Lodge, Theodore Roosevelt Council, age 12, Westbury,



“It was cool meeting new people and exchanging cards with them.”

Robert Mcceu., Occoneechee Lodge and Council, age 14, Nightdale, NC

## Friday, August 5, 2011

Time	Event	Location
<b>*6:45 AM-8:15 AM</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>Rhododendron Dining Room</b>
9:00 AM-12:00 PM	Trading Post Open	Pritchell Hall
9:00 AM-12:00 PM	Indian Trading Post Open	Rhododendron Rooms 4, 5, & 6
9:00 AM-12:00 PM	AIA Craft Room Open	Pre-School Building
9:00 AM-10:30 AM	ICE and AIA Training Session 1	Johnson Springs
10:30 AM-12:00 PM	ICE and AIA Training Session 2	Johnson Springs
11:30 AM-1:30 PM	Lunch	Rhododendron Dining Room
1:30 PM-5:00 PM	Recreational Activities	Various
1:30 PM-5:00 PM	ARC Brave Cave Open	Lambdin Auditorium
<b>1:30 PM-4:00 PM</b>	<b>OA Trading Post Open</b>	<b>Pritchell Hall</b>
1:30 PM-5:00 PM	Indian Trading Post Open	Rhododendron Rooms 4, 5, & 6
1:30 PM-3:00 PM	ICE and AIA Training Session 3	Johnson Springs
1:30 PM-5:00 PM	AIA Craft Room Open	Activities and Recreation Building
3:00 PM-4:30 PM	ICE and AIA Training Session 4	Johnson Springs Upper Level
4:00 PM-7:30 PM	Clan/Staff Photos (by appointment)	Outside Spilman Auditorium
<b>*5:00 PM-6:45 PM</b>	<b>Dinner</b>	<b>Rhododendron Dining Room</b>
7:30 PM	Doors open for Closing Gathering	Spilman Auditorium
8:00 PM-9:00 PM	Closing Gathering	Spilman Auditorium
9:30 PM-10:00 PM	Tribe Gatherings	Various
10:00 PM	Reflections	Varoius
11:30 PM	Quiet Time	

## Saturday, August 6, 2011

<b>6:45 AM-8:15 AM</b>	Breakfast	Rhododendron Dining Room
8:00 AM-10:00 AM	Check out and Departure	

\***Bold** indicates a schedule change.

### Last Minute Trading Post Deals

The Trading Post is offering Buy **one hat** and **two** volume discounts for T-shirts: **t-shirts** for just **\$20**. There is a very limited number of Vigil Medallions so don't wait to get to the Trading Post for final purchases.

1 T-shirt: \$12  
2 T-shirts: \$22  
3 T-shirts: \$32  
*Get them quick!*

### Indian Summer - Photo Galleries

Use your Smartphone to scan this QR code to view daily photo galleries online. Download the FREE Scanner in your app store or go to: [m.ia-bsa.org](http://m.ia-bsa.org).



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