

June 25, 2011

Dear Members of OA Lodge 159,

for a lighter load.

We need your help to continue the OA legacy for the 100 years of scouting.

Two years ago, Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee Lodge Advisor, Jerry Sullivan II challenged the chapters to make their mark within our Council camps. The Seneca Chapter created the Pine Bowl for special events at Camp Scouthaven and now, Falling Waters is embarking on a project to add additional camping facilities and replace 2 condemned lean-to's at Camp Stonehaven. Recognizing the draw of Camp Stonehaven to both north town troops and out of Council troops coming to see Niagara Falls, our chapter has embarked on the process to replace both Wild Cat and Lost Horizon with 2 new lean-to's and picnic type shelter between them, with long term plans for a third lean-to in a set up similar to Meyer Village at Camp Schoellkopf. The new designs, by one of our chapter members and Trautman Associates -Architects Engineers, incorporate changes that our fellow chapter members initiated which make the structures more attractive and usable.

At the Spring Properties Committee meeting, approval was granted for the project and a site past the Nature/Safari Lodge was chosen (Site 11). Since that time, we have quietly presented the project to individuals at Lodge meetings, GNFC Program Launch and OA Service weekends raising approximately \$2,000 of the estimated \$20,000 needed. This is where you can help.

<u>Materials</u> -We are looking for material donations. These include, but are not limited to nails, screws, rebar, concrete, stone, lumber, roofing materials and other comparable items used in
the construction of the lean-to's and shelter. A detailed material list of items required for each
lean to and the shelter has been posted on the OA Lodge 159 Website. Please take a moment
to review the material list in consideration for your donation and support.
<u>Financial</u> -We are accepting monetary donations for NYS permitting and to purchase those items
that we are not able to have donated. We are also reaching out to local contractors and
building supply companies for significantly reduced pricing and potential donations. However,
items such as concrete, standing seam metal roofing, wood burning stoves, wood trusses and
various types of lumber may need to be purchased.
<u>Labor</u> -We are anticipating pouring the concrete slabs for the lean-tos late this summer or early
fall. We will need help throughout the construction phase with masonry work, framing, general
labor and finishing. If you or someone you know has skills in any of these areas, please ask them
if they would be interested in volunteering to assist us in the construction. Many hands make

For those members that can help, donations valued at \$100 or more will be commemorated in a plaque on the lean-to's to be named Tuscarora and Ganosote and eventually Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee.

With approvals in place, we are expecting to begin the permitting process with the State and Town in Early August 2011, with groundbreaking in late August and completion in 2012.

For more information, please contact any of our Chapter Representatives noted below or follow our link on the Lodge 159 website. We look forward to hearing from our members to make this project a success!

Yours in Brotherhood, Cheerfulness and Service,

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