



National Order of the Arrow Committee

August 9, 2012

Order of the Arrow leadership:

As we each begin the process of recovering from NOAC 2012, let me again express my compliments and gratitude for the most excellent work of the staff, led by Vice Chairman Mike Hoffman, the hundreds of contingent leaders, lodge/section advisers, the weatherman, and of course our superb Youth Leadership!

Thank you all and congratulations!

Since we left NOAC, I have received several questions and few concerns about the wood we are asking lodges to bring back to NOAC 2015 for our centennial bonfire.

Keeping any invasive species from the environs of the 100th anniversary site is the shared goal of all!

First, please draw the attention of anyone concerned about this possibility to the actual wording on the 8"x10" crate label, "Follow all applicable state and local laws about transporting wood across state lines (Do NOT transport ash or pine)".

Secondly, we have not chosen the site for NOAC 2015, yet, and do not plan to do so at least until late December when the OA Committee meets to consider the alternatives. When we announce the NOAC site and know in what state we are to be meeting, we will simultaneously release detailed guidance as to what good scouts should do to "leave no trace".

Third, the collection of wood has been requested to take place in 2015, so we have plenty of time to devise safe, environmentally sound, and fun ways for the youth to be involved. There are several suggestions I would already make for lodges:

1. As the label details: no ash or pine! We are very concerned not to spread the habitat of the Western Sculptured Pine Borer or the Emerald Ash Borer bugs!
2. Ask your youth to carve a dry stick themselves to add to your crate, so every home helps our centennial celebration burn more brightly.
3. Strip all bark from your lodge crate wood. Be sure it is dry and harvest no live plant.
4. Have your Arrowmen chat with your camp ranger to identify an abandoned picnic table, camp house door, or lodge fence which is free of insect infestation which might be chopped up to have your camp represented at the ceremonies. Recycling/reusing wood is good!
5. Use this project as a teaching opportunity for your Scouts, and after framing the bounds of the project clearly in compliance with "leave no trace" principles, have them brainstorm their own exciting plans to participate in ways that use the knowledge you have shared with them about environmental concerns, invasive species, and "leave no trace" principles. Once they brainstorm, have them send their ideas to me. I will save a list, on the web, of all ideas submitted and attribute their contribution to them.

Finally, I thank you for looking for safe, fun, and meaningful ways that "united, we (will) leave an (environmentally sound) legacy"!!!

Sincerely yours in service,

Attachment: 8" X 10" label affixed to each Centennial Crate

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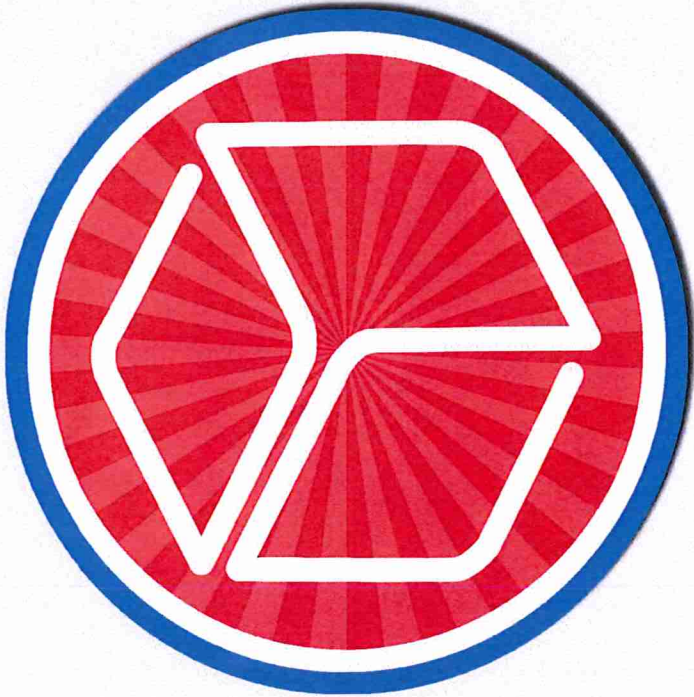
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CENTENNIAL CRATE



Use This Crate:

To return to NOAC 2015 with firewood to be burned in the 100th Anniversary OA fire.

Follow all applicable state and local laws about transporting wood across state lines (Do NOT transport ash or pine)

After the fire, a vial of ashes will be returned to your lodge as a memento of your participation in the 100th Anniversary Celebration.