



Central Region
Section C-2B
2010

George R. DeCourcy Memorial Award
Presentation Packet
March ~~14~~13, 2010

George R. DeCourcy Memorial Award

History

This Award is presented to the lodge in our section that exemplifies, supports and carries out the best camping promotion program. Recognition is made annually at the Section Conclave. This award was brought about as a means of developing a greater interest and support in the local council camping program.

One of the purposes of the Order is “To promote Scout Camping, which reaches its greatest effectiveness as a part of the unit’s camping program, both year-round and in the summer camp, as directed by the camping committee of the council.

George R. DeCourcy became the Michigan Area Camping Chairman a year prior to his death in January of 1974. His intense dedication, talent, and humor gained him many Scouting friends and achievements. It is in his memory of his interests and devotion toward developing and improving council camping, that we, the members of the Order of the Arrow in the State of Michigan, initiated this award in 1975.

Why do a DeCourcy Presentation?

- To recognize the lodge which shows great interest in the local council camping program through camp promotion and service.
- To develop interest in improving service to the local camping program on a lodge basis.
- To allow each lodge an opportunity to examine their efforts toward improving camping in their council and high adventure camping.
- To enable inter-lodge contact for improvement through the exchange of ideas.

Basic Information

- The recipient of this award will be determined by a judging panel from Section C-2B, consisting of one youth and one adult from each lodge. The Vice-Chief will preside over the presentation meeting.
- Each lodge must complete the application provided by the Section as well as provide fifteen copies at the presentation meeting. Please provide copies of any records and documents you want to include in this application.
- If a lodge fails to provide the necessary copies, it will be penalized one point for each complete set short of the required fifteen.
- If the judges feel that no lodge qualified for this award for this year, no award will be given.

Resources

Information concerning much of the data included in this award can be found in the following documents: the Region Camping Report, the Council Charter, and The Lodge Charter.

Your Presentation

Length – 25 minutes maximum, broken down into a presentation up to 20 minutes, followed by a 5 minute document review & question answer period. Presentations will be stopped after the presentation time limit has been reached.

Format: The following should be presented in your time block.

1. Your camping promotion show. It is not required that you show a promotional PowerPoint/video show in its entirety. **It is required that your PowerPoint/video show is the same presentation that the lodge gives to units for camping promotion.**
2. A presentation of your “Where To Go Camping” booklet or similar publication.
3. Written application as provided by the Section, along with other attached material, including a copy of your Lodge Charter Renewal Application.
4. Questions. This will be done in the last five minutes of your presentation.

About this Application

- Make sure all data is for the same time period (calendar year or fiscal year).
- Type ~~or print~~ everything legibly.
- Answer all questions to the best of your knowledge.
- When listing anything, list it in chronological order.
- Use and label additional sheets where necessary.
- Make sure all math is correct to two decimal places.
- Make sure the correct signatures are on the form.
- Have the proper amount of copies made (15).
- If you have any questions on how to fill out the application, or have any other questions related to the DeCourcy process, contact the Section Chief, Section Vice-Chief, or the Section Adviser.
- Make sure there is a copy of your Lodge Charter Renewal Application placed after page #3 of this application.

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APPLICATION

Lodge Name Council Name & Number Number of Council Camps

Number of Arrowmen # of Boy Scouts in Council Number of Troops in Council

CAMP PROMOTION

Does your lodge have a camp promotion audio/visual presentation? Yes No

When was the presentation last updated?

Does your lodge maintain a "Where to go Camping" guide? Yes No

If yes, what is the latest date of revision?

Please explain in what ways the guide is made available to troops, arrowmen and the public, i.e. web, hard copy, CD, etc. and, if applicable, how many copies are in circulation.

Who is your council camping committee chair?

How does your lodge keep in contact and work with the Council Camping Committee? When was the last time the lodge met with the camping committee chair?

Does your lodge have a web site? Yes No

If yes, is the web site functional and when was it last updated?

What is the web address?

How often is the website updated?

Is the “Where to go Camping” guide available through the web site? Yes No

Explain in detail your lodge’s camping promotion program and how successful it is. What are its strengths and what are its weaknesses?

Explain any other activities your lodge does to promote camping in scouting not previously mentioned. ~~(Use additional paper if as necessary)~~

Explain any activities your lodge does to promote camping in the community. ~~(Use additional paper if as necessary)~~

CAMP SUPPORT AND SERVICE

Camp Support - Labor

List the service activities organized and performed through the lodge or chapter that provided significant service for the improvement of your **council’s camping facilities**.

****Service to your council’s camping facilities are the only hours allowed to be listed in this section. Any non-camp service will not be counted towards a lodge’s service hours for this section and totals will be recalculated.** Other projects are to be listed in a separate section.

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<p style="text-align: right;">Total Man Hours</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Man hours per Lodge Member</p> <p><u>Man Hours per Lodge Member</u> = Total man hours divided by Lodge Membership</p> <p><u>Lodge Membership</u> = the number of registered Lodge members as of the lodge charter for the year service was provided.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Number of Ordeal candidates</p>					
<p style="text-align: center;">Man hours per Ordeal candidate:</p> <p>Note: 1. Service hours conducted by Ordeal candidates during their ordeal are may not be included in your Lodge's Service summary.</p> <p>2. Hours performed by an arrowman while receiving compensation or employed by the council or camp are not subject to calculation. For example if an arrowman was hired to build a building at camp or install a water/electric line, or hours were included as part of an employment contract, those hours are not to be counted.</p> <p>Please describe each project and the service performed, how it was organized, the benefit to the camping facilities, as well as method used to calculate hours worked.</p> <p><u>Council Support - Labor</u></p>					

List the official service activities organized and performed through the lodge or chapter that provided significant service to your <u>council's camping or outdoor activities program.</u>			
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Total Man Hours Man hours per Member				
<p>Please describe each project and the service performed, how it was organized, the benefit to the council activity, as well as method used to calculate hours worked.</p>				
<p><u>FINANCAIL SUPPORT</u></p> <p>1. Did the lodge solicit and receive donations of money, equipment, or supplies for your camp? Yes No</p> <p>If yes, on a separate piece of paper create an itemized list of all donations and explain how it went about receiving these donations. OA labor time does not count as part of this.</p>				
What was the value of your donations?				

<p>2. Did your lodge conduct any fundraising projects for the council? Yes No</p> <p>If yes, describe each project, how it was organized, managed, and the amount raised. (Use additional paper if necessary)</p> <p>3. Did the lodge finance any camp projects? Yes No</p> <p>If yes, explain each project and how much money and materials the lodge contributed?</p> <p>While describing the projects, include project purpose and nature of lodge involvement, ie whether lodge funded entire project or a portion with percent of total, if known. (Use additional paper if necessary)</p> <p>What is the amount of money and value of material contributed?</p> <p><u>Note:</u> You may include donated materials in the list, but <u>may not</u> double count the financial value of these when computing the value of the project to camp. The same donated items may not be included in both #2 and #3 when calculating donations. Any projects found to be double counted will be eliminated and totals recalculated.</p> <p>What is the TOTAL amount of FINANCIAL SUPPORT?</p> <p>Dollar support per member:</p> <p>***Calculate total financial support by adding figures from #1 and #3. Calculate per member support by dividing total financial support by lodge membership (as defined on page 6).</p> <p>HIGH ADVENTURE CAMPING</p> <p>Did your council send contingent(s) to a national high adventure base? Yes No</p> <p>If yes, how many scouts participated and where did they go?</p> <p>Explain below how the lodge promotes high adventure camping within the council?</p> <p>How many arrowmen attended an OA High Adventure, i.e. Philmont Trail Crew, OA Ocean Adventure, Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage and where did they go?</p>			
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<p>Explain how the lodge promotes OA High Adventure to its members. (Use additional paper if as necessary)</p> <p>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Does the lodge administer a Camp Chief program? Yes No If yes, describe the program below.</p> <p>Did your lodge attain Quality Lodge? Yes No (Attach copy of Quality Lodge petition for 2008)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SUCCESS CHART This information covers 1-year, per column (January 1st through December 31st) Round to two decimal places</p> <p>Year 2006—2007 2008 2009</p>			
1. Number of boy scouts in council			
2. Number of troops in council			
3. Number of troops contacted about camp promotions			
4. Number of troops a promotion was held			
5. Number of council boy scouts who attended a scout camp			
6. Number of Council Troops who attended a scout camp			
7. Number of troops who attended a scout camp that promotion was held			
8. Number of council boy scouts who participated in a high adventure or other long term camp			
9. Percent of council boy scouts attended a scout camp			
10. Percent of Council Troops who attended a scout camp (#2/6)			
11. Percent of council troops attending a scout camp that was contacted about promotions (#3/6)			
12. Percent of council troops that attended a scout camp that a promotion was held (#4/6)			
13. Percent of council boy scouts attending a high adventure or			

other long-term camp (#8/1)			
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*Please note that the answers for items 10, 11, 12, and 13, can all be gathered by divided the numbers listed after. (For example: item 10 asks that you divide your answer for #2 by your answer for #6)

SELF ASSESSMENT & EVALUATION

Read the question below and give it thought. Please do not exceed two typewritten double spaced pages (12 point font) when answering.

What are your perceived strengths and weaknesses in your promotions of short and long term camping in your Council, and how do you see your current Lodge Executive Committee addressing the weaknesses as a challenge for the coming year and building upon your strengths? (Please be specific)

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and has been examined and approved by the Lodge Executive Committee

Lodge Chief _____ Date _____

Lodge Adviser _____ Date _____

Lodge Staff Adviser _____ Date _____

Camp Ranger _____ Date _____
(certifying service and donations to camp)

Scout Executive _____ Date _____