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performed at the Indian Fair and Spring Festival and for Indian clubs, non-Indian clubs, and non-Indian schools.

Dancing is an example of a custom which the Choctaws have kept alive by passing it down from the older people to the younger people of the tribe. The most popular music used in performing these dances are the sticks and an individual person chanting. In the past, the drum, a flute, and a whistle were also used.

Our Dance team is studying and practicing these Historic Choctaw Dances, and will be competing some of these dances this summer. We will be practicing on a weekly

basis until then to prepare for all of these competition. If you are interested please join us. For more information, and any requests for demos or ceremonies request please send them through email at [vcindianaffairs@muscogeelodge.org](mailto:vcindianaffairs@muscogeelodge.org)



# THE FOX'S TALE

## SPRING EDITION 2018

Muscogee Lodge #221 | Order of the Arrow | Boy Scouts of America



### Christmas at Dixie, Important Contingent Information

#### Jakob Johnson

*Dixie Chair*

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Which time? Christmas or Dixie? Yes! Christmas in Dixie to be exact!

We are still collecting Christmas decorations, lawn ornaments, small or large trees, lights, and anything else Christmas related in order to have a great presence and spirit at Dixie.

I would recommend donating items you are willing to sacrifice, as I can't promise you will get them back. Also, bring musical instruments and portable speakers to play Christmas carols on!

Dixie Delegate and Dixie Trader Patches are available ONLINE for purchase by registered Dixie participants. Dixie patches will be made available to the entire Lodge BEFORE Dixie!

Dixie DELEGATE patches are limited to 3 per person at \$3 each; Dixie TRADER patches are limited to 5 per person at \$3 each. As a paid participant you will receive ONE Dixie Delegate patch and ONE Dixie Trader Patch with your registration. So ONE OF EACH is free when you order. So if you want the maximum of 3 delegate patches as a participant enter 4 -- one free, three at \$3 each. Check your email to learn how to order.

Everyone MUST be in full "class-A" uniform during the trip to and from Dixie. No supper Friday will be provided and we do not plan to stop for supper. You should eat before you arrive or bring a bag supper that does not require refrigeration. There will be a "light" cracker-barrel on Friday night.

The group will meet at the Scout office. You may arrive at this location

anytime after 3:30 PM and must arrive no later than 4:20 PM. We will depart promptly at 4:30 PM and head to Dixie with an expected arrival time of about 7:00 PM. The Dixie Chairman and Dixie Adviser (Michael Farrell) will be in charge of checking in the group.

Once at Anne Springs Greenway the contingent will have until the opening show at 8:30 PM to get set up and again after the show to finish set up. There will be a mandatory meeting in the campsite at 7:30 PM of all delegates to give delegates their ditty bags, meal cards, spirit items, shirts, etc. We will then go to the show as a group.

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### Christmas at Dixie, Important Contingent Information

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The mailing and physical address of Anne Springs Greenway is 835 Springfield Pkwy, Fort Mill, SC 29716.

As a reminder of camping requirements, there are not many trees near the campsite and everyone must either be in a tent or hammock. The site does not have any facilities except for restrooms, there are no showers and very little power will be available so please plan accordingly.

Parking, as always is limited so carpooling will be necessary. Anyone planning on driving needs to coordinate with Michael Farrell, Dixie Adviser, to make certain we



2018 Dixie Trader Patch have a ride for everyone needing one before departure. Email Mr. Farrell for confirmation at [dixie@muscogeelodge.org](mailto:dixie@muscogeelodge.org). Upon arrival at Dixie only 1 vehicle will be allowed into the campsite with the designate trailer only to remain. All other gear must be either 1) loaded onto that trailer, 2) carried in, or 3)



2018 Dixie Delegate Patch hauled by the host lodge.

Finally, remember to bring your spirit items! We need to show the entire section who has the most spirit and we do that by being everywhere as well as loud and rowdy. The lodge most noticed usually wins the Spirit Award.



## Spring Fellowship the Motion Picture

### Wade Fletcher

VC Program

This is sure to be a fun-packed year for Muscogee! In May, for our Spring Fellowship, the theme is "Muscogee at the Movies". We are experimenting with chapters doing their own themes. Chapter Chiefs chose the themes at the Chief's Retreat in January.

Themes are as follows:

*Ehalluchsit* - Science Fiction and Alien Invaders

*Wischiki* - Superheroes

*Tschitanek Woakus* - Medieval times (Robin Hood, Monty Python and the Holy Grail)

*Sukeu Sipo* - sports films

*Tschitanau Aptonagon* - Rocky Balboa

Make sure to plan accordingly and bring items associated with each theme. We will also be showing a wide range of movies the entire weekend.



#### Spring Fellowship

May 18-20 \$30/person

Deadline to Register - May 14

<https://scoutingevent.com/553-SpringFellowship>

Arrive - 6:00pm Friday

Depart - 11:00am Sunday



*A look ahead...*

In August, for our Summer Super Fellowship, we are doing an American History theme as well as some aquatics events. Summer always tends to be a bit warm, and we could have some fun while cooling off. The aquatics area will be open at camp, so look forward to some water based quest events!

In October, our Fall Fellowship will be a bit different than normal. We will be having our first Muscogee hosted Fall Pow Wow. The weekend will be centered around American Indian Affairs events, drum/sing, dance, and ceremonies competitions. We plan to have a showing of Arrowmen from lodges all around the Section to really make the event more enjoyable and offer a greater level of fellowship. On Saturday night in the time slot usually devoted to Barstow Cinema, we will be doing a Muscogee Game-Off! For two hours, the dining hall will become a center for gaming.



The new standard issue lodge flap is now available! Released on March 17th at the Spring Ordeal, limit is 10 per member at \$3/piece and they will be made available to everyone at Dixie.

## Chiefly Thoughts

### Hunter Hackett

Lodge Chief

Summer Camp is one of the most important experiences in Scouting, allowing for merit badges, pushing comfort zones, new friends, and above all fun. The Order of the Arrow was founded on the principle to promote Scout Camping. We as Muscogee Lodge should therefore be at the front and center to help out Camp Barstow in both staff and campers to provide the best camp experience possible! Here are a few highlights.

#### Camp Barstow Staff Opportunities -

Staff positions still available! They are looking for dynamic Scouts and Scouters to help provide an awesome summer camp experience for our

troops. Each year, Muscogee Lodge provides service to camp by having a fair amount of Arrowmen serve on staff.

Go to [www.indianwaters.org](http://www.indianwaters.org) or contact Camp Director Jason Spangler at [santeeswapper@yahoo.com](mailto:santeeswapper@yahoo.com) for more information.

#### Camp Barstow Program -

Camp Barstow's 2018 Summer Program has a heavy emphasis on aquatics and waterfront activities.

2nd Week of Camping Discounts Bonus Week (1st week at any week-long BSA Camp, 2nd week at Camp Barstow): \$100 discount  
 Bonus High Adventure Week (1st week attended Camp Barstow's regular camp): \$100 discount

Lodge Chief Hunter Hackett

Eagle Court of Honor

Saturday May 12th

3 PM - Fellowship & Hors D'oeuvres  
 4 PM - Ceremony

Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church  
 (in the Lighthouse behind church)

RSVP by May 5th to [cshackett05@gmail.com](mailto:cshackett05@gmail.com)



## American Indian Activities and NOAC

### Caleb Barnes

VC Indian Affairs

This year at NOAC our lodge will be competing in several AIA competitions. Group competitions we are competing in are the Southern Sing Competition, Powwow style Group Dance and Historic Group Dance.

The sing competition highlights songs

that are sung by Southern Sing groups and represent Tribes of modern Native



America as well as Historic songs of old. The powwow style Group dance competition is one where groups highlight current modern group dances at the powwows of today. Historic Group Dances are and have been danced all over the country that show the tribal history of a specific tribe. This year at NOAC we will be dancing the Choctaw Tribal Historic Dances.

Choctaws long ago, would gather together to celebrate special occasions, where they had feasts and danced for several days. Social dancing was always part

of celebrations. Sometimes, the name described the dance (Stealing Partners Dance), and sometimes the name represented the animal that served as the inspiration for the dance (Quail Dance). Choctaws today still perform these traditional dances, but they are often done for non-Indian audiences to demonstrate this custom of the past. The dancers are usually of all age groups from young children to elderly tribal members.

Traditional Choctaw dress, known for its color and beauty, is worn for performances. The different Choctaw dances are ...continued on page 4

## 2018 Lodge Calendar

**April 27-29**

*Dixie Fellowship*

Anne Springs Greenway

**May 18-20**

*Spring Fellowship*

Camp Barstow

**July 30-August 4**

NOAC

Indiana University

**August 9-12**

*Summer SUPER Fellowship*

Camp Barstow

**September 8**

*Day of Service*

TBD

**October 12-14**

*Fall Fellowship*

Camp Barstow



Scouts who cannot camp with their troop or wish to attend an additional week of camp may attend Camp Barstow as individual campers. Baden Powell Scouts will be members of Camp Barstow's Baden-Powell Troop. The camp will provide adult leaders.

