

Ho, Ho, Ho, Merry Dixie!

Jakob Johnson

Dixie Chair

The Dixie Fellowship is only 5 months away, set to occur on April 27th-29th, 2018 at Anne Springs Greenway in Fort Mill, SC, just off SC-460. Our lodge's theme for this year is Christmas at Dixie. So, make sure to keep your Christmas decorations out this year and/or purchase cheap after Christmas decorations as spirit items to bring with you.

Make sure to get all of your Dixie memorabilia before it sells out! A complete list of all items available is listed below including price. Items can be purchased online at www.muscogeelodge.org.

Please register before too long, it's never too early. Online memorabilia sales and Contingent Registration end on January 25, 2018. The contingent cost is \$50 per Arrowman.

This is a section-level event and is comparable to the council Camporee, just much larger (on average close to 1,000 Arrowmen annually). Come on out for all the things that make our fellowships great and much more!



2018 Dixie Memorabilia Pre-Order Items

- Dixie Patch - \$4
- Ghost Patch - \$4
- Thunderbird Ghost Patch - \$4
- Hat Pin - \$2.75
- Neckerchief - \$15
- Back Patch - \$15
- Chenille - \$25
- Mug - \$9
- Hat (solid) - \$10
- Hat (mesh) - \$10
- Visor - \$10
- T-Shirt - \$12
- Polo Shirt - \$25

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please Register NOW. Any questions please contact your NOAC Chairman Caleb Barnes.

Adviser's Corner

Robert Sears

Lodge Adviser

Once upon a time, a group of soldiers became lost in the Alps. They were hungry and disoriented. They argued about which way to go, but in the fading light every peak looked the same. The soldiers had no chance of surviving the night in the freezing temperatures.

Suddenly, a miracle.

One of them found a map sewn into the lining of his kitbag. He plotted a route, and marched them briskly back to base. Later, when they were warm and well fed, the soldier looked closer at his map. It actually was of the Pyrenees – hundreds of miles away.

It's like the old saying – when you're lost, any old map will do.

Successful leadership entails vision. Otherwise where are we leading people to? If you don't know where you are going – and if you can't communicate that direction effectively – then you have no right to ask people to join you on the journey.

Join with me as we support Hunter's vision of success for Muscogee Lodge.



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Annual Lodge Awards Banquet January 6, 2018

Wade Fletcher

VC Program

There will be two guest speakers this year:

John Cuenin, 2009 Muscogee Lodge Chief and 2010/11 SR-5 Section Chief, will be giving the keynote address on service outside of the Lodge and Scouting's impact on his life.

Todd Kelly of Mowogo Lodge (Former DE of Indian Waters Council and Camp Barstow staff alumnus) will be speaking on importance of the OA's Service to camp and how the Mowogo Lodge Museum and OA building has encouraged promotion and membership retention as well as being a staple of Camp Rainey Mountain itself.

The location of the Banquet is Lexington United Methodist Church and will begin promptly at 6:00pm. Little Pigs BBQ will once again cater our meal for the evening. Make sure to come early for the silent patch auction to help the lodge make vital improvements to Camp Barstow. Items for the silent auction are listed on the lodge website on the Banquet page.

Registration for the Banquet is now live at www.muscogeelodge.org and will continue until December 28, 2017. The price this

year is \$12/adult and \$6/children 6 and under, please register before December 28th so that we can plan accordingly with the caterer.

This event will be one you will not soon forget as we begin the next step in our journey by recognizing the achievements of our arrowmen and the lodge over the past year and looking forward to the future. All 2017 new Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil members will be recognized, so bring your family and join in on this memorable occasion.

In preparation for 2018 we will hold a Chief's Retreat starting at 10:00am, and a formal Business Meeting at 5:00pm (we need 1/10 of all registered youth in attendance to conduct the necessary business), where we will decide on our new standard issue Lodge Flap.

Throughout the morning as well, our Camp Director and Program Director will be available to conduct interviews for 2018 summer camp staff. As an OA member your role on camp staff is vital to ensure that the highest ideals of the Scout Oath and Law are present and modeled for the next generations of Scouts.

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John Cuenin
District Executive
Far East Council, BSA



Todd Kelly
President
Big Rock Publishing

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2018 Lodge Calendar

January 6

Chief's Retreat - 9AM-4PM
Business Meeting - 5-5:30PM
Banquet - 6-9PM
Lexington UMC

March 16-18

Spring Ordeal
Camp Barstow

April 27-29

Dixie Fellowship
Anne Springs Greenway

May 18-20

Spring Fellowship
Camp Barstow

July 30-August 4

NOAC
Indiana State University

August 9-12

Summer SUPER Fellowship
Camp Barstow

September 8

Day of Service
TBD

October 12-14

Fall Fellowship
Camp Barstow

A look ahead to 2019...

Banquet - Jan 5
Spr. Ordeal - Mar 15-17
Dixie - Apr 26-28
Spr. Fellow. - May 17-19
Sum. Fellow. - Aug 8-11
Day of Service - Sep 7
Fall Fellow. - Oct 11-13



For information on paying Annual Dues and purchasing Red Fox Cards please visit www.muscogeelodge.org.



American Indian Activities

Caleb Barnes

VC Indian Affairs

LODGE AIA UPDATE

As our lodge grows it is really great to have so many arrowmen with a growing interest in American Indian Activities. As we get closer toward the 2018 Dixie fellowship hosted by Skyuka Lodge and the National Order of the Arrow Conference being held at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN July 29 to August 4, 2018 we will be having many opportunities to practice for the various AIA Competitions being held at both events.

We need everyone that has signed up for or is interested in Ceremonies, Drum/Sing, Individual Dance and for the first time in a long time Historic Group Dance to come to as many practices as possible. We be having these practices in 2 locations alternating between the two. Troop 307 scout hut at Saxe Gotha in Lexington and Northeast UMC, 4000 Hardscrabble rd. in NE Columbia. Tentative dates are as follows:

Lexington: - Dec 3rd from 3-5pm
- Dec 17th 2-5pm
(Christmas Party)

UMC Hardscrabble: DEC 10th 3-5pm

2018 dates will be added to the lodge website at later date.



PRARIE CHICKEN DANCE

The Chicken dance is one of the oldest dances, and started as a religious society known as the "Kiitokii Society". The origins of this dance come from the Blackfoot Country, and the dance is said to have come from the prairie chicken's spring time mating dance. The traditional regalia worn by the chicken dancers have not changed much; with regalia that includes a head roach, breech cloth, round bells, and a small feather bustle. The dance is done in mimicking the mating dance of the Prairie Chicken that we see in the prairies.

The legend of the Chicken dance comes from a young Blackfoot man, who went on a hunting trip. He came across some birds dancing in the tall grass. The man was very hungry, and he shot and killed one of the birds with his bow and arrow. The man brought the bird back to his family to eat. As the man was sleeping, he had a dream. The spirit of the prairie chicken that he killed came to him, and asked why he had killed the bird. The man replied that he needed to feed his family.

The prairie chicken told the man that he would teach him a dance, and he was to go out and teach all the people this dance. If the man did not do what he was told, the prairie chicken would come back and kill the man. This was the deal that was made between the prairie chicken and this man for taking the life of the prairie chicken, and has become a very sacred dance. This dance style is the most recently added in competition styles at Conclave and NOAC.

To register or for more info please email vcia@muscogeelodge.org.

CAROLINA INDIAN SEMINAR

In addition to weekly practices we have an opportunity to participate in the Carolina Indian Seminar being held in Statesville, NC on Jan 22, 2018. This is hosted by Eswau Huppeday Lodge 560 and is being held at Mitchell Community College in Statesville, NC. This event brings instructors from all over the country to teach all sorts of American Indian Cultural Courses from Ceremonies to powwow dance styles and outfits to Native singing.

The cost will be \$45.00. This covers meals, lodging, transportation, and class cost. This is a great price for an awesome learning experience.

Registration is due by Dec 20th.



Chiefly Thoughts

Hunter Hackett

Lodge Chief

OA High Adventure -

Set sails! Take a hike! Flip a canoe! We've all been to summer camp. You may have even been to a high adventure base. Imagine that great experience on steroids!

Every year Muscogee Lodge covers the fee for four youth Arrowman to attend an OA High Adventure trek at any one of the four national high adventure bases for two weeks. Normally you would serve the first week and the second week would be a normal trek. We agree to pay the fee, but here's the catch: YOU pay for transportation!



Here are the great opportunities to get involved in with OA High Adventure -

OA Ocean Adventure: Explore the high seas while doing conservation projects in the Florida Keys

OA Wilderness Voyage: Experience wild and wilderness adventures. Explore the never-ending waterways of the north woods. All while keeping the spirit of the OA

OA Canadian Odyssey: The OA goes international in the Ontario wilderness! Embark on the journey of a lifetime overcoming boundaries and enriching the spirit of the Order of the Arrow

OA Trail Crew: One of the most popular High Ad-

venture opportunities. Climb mountains. Blaze trails. Provide cheerful service to Philmont like never before

OA Summit Experience: If you attended the 2013 or 2017 National Jamboree at Summit Bechtel Reserve, you know the endless experience that it provides. Raft and kayak the great rapids of the New River Gorge National River all the while strengthening the bonds of brotherhood.

If you are up for the challenge send an email to chief@muscogeelodge.org We would love for you to have this opportunity!

More information at adventure.oa-bsa.org Registration begins soon so be prepared!

Help us choose a new standard issue Lodge Flap at the Banquet! Here are the current submissions.



Annual Lodge Awards Banquet January 6, 2018 (continued)



Todd Kelly
President
Big Rock Publishing

Todd Kelly has been involved in Scouting for more than 40 years, beginning in 1973 as a Cub Scout in Wilson, NC. He earned his Eagle Scout Rank as a member of Troop 35 in Commerce, GA in 1983. Todd attended the 1983 National Jamboree; was inducted into Mowogo Lodge, Order of the Arrow in 1982; and, was selected for the Vigil Honor in 1996.

Todd spent ten years as an executive with the Boy Scouts of America, including seven years on the staff of the Northeast Georgia Council, where he served as Piedmont District Executive, Cherokee Diestric Executive, and Council Program Director. Todd was the Camp Director at Camp Rainey Mountain (CRM) in 1992 and '93 and served as Business Manager from 1994 to 1997. Among his accomplishments during that time, Todd designed the "CRM" logo still in use today.

National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)

Caleb Barnes

NOAC Chair

The National Order of the Arrow Conference is being held at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN July 29 to August 4, 2018.

The National Order of the Arrow Conference is Scouting's second-largest national program event. The reason for its growing popularity can be attributed to the fact that

Todd also served two and a half years as Exploring Executive and Program Director of the Indian Waters Council and was involved in some of the development efforts at Camp Barstow on Lake Murray.

Todd earned his Wood Badge beads in 1992 as a member of course SE-578, then had the honor of serving on Wood Badge staff on five other courses in three different councils.

Todd is a graduate of the National Camping School and is a six time faculty member in the management, commissioner, and program sections.

For the past eleven years, Todd has been involved with Tali Atsila, the Advanced Outdoor Skills Training course offered to scouters in the Northeast Georgia Council. He served as Course Director in 2008.

After Professional Scouting, Todd served for seven years in the Georgia Department of Revenue as Division Director of the Taxpayer Accounting Division, and as Assistant Director of the Taxpayer Services Division,

it is planned and carried out by Arrowmen. Youth involvement ensures that the conference program will be exciting, relevant, and non-stop fun. Muscogee Lodge has been guaranteed 16 youth slots and 5 adult slots, we have requested more youth and adult slots. We will not find out about additional slots until January 16, 2018.

The Lodge will focus on competing in Indian Affairs events and training new Lodge members in Leadership

with specific responsibility for administering the Sales and Use Tax Section, the Motor Fuel Tax Section, the Registration and Licensing Section, and the Individual and Business Section.

Currently, Todd is President of Big Rock Publishing and we welcome him back to the midlands as one of our special guests at this year's banquet!



Development classes at NOAC. Lodge Leadership will select both youth and adults that best fit those areas from those who have indicated a desire to attend by registering on BlackPug. Expected cost is \$700.00.

If you are interested
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