

serve the Lodge? An alternative is to rethink the existence of chapters within our lodge. Here we should ask questions such as: Are our chapters functioning as they should (i.e. as mini lodges)? Does the existence of chapters help the Lodge to better support the Council and Camp? When the Districts combine – and this will likely become official after the Council’s annual business meeting in December – change at the Chapter Level will happen. What form that change takes is yet to be determined. How we

react to this change – positive or negative – will determine if we consider this change good or not. A second change that is coming is the extension of the Boy Scout program to girls ages 11 – 17 which is scheduled to begin February 1, 2019 and will be called Scouts BSA. At the same time as the new program is rolled out, the OA will begin accepting female youth members. Members of Venture Crews and Sea Scout Ships – both male and female – will become eligible

for the OA. These Scouts would need to meet the same camping requirements, have the approval of their unit leaders and achieve the equivalent rank to First Class to be eligible. Elections would work in the same way.

To read more of this article please visit <https://www.muscogeelodge.org/leadership/adviser-s-corner>



# Muscogee Lodge The Fox's Tale 2019 Winter Edition

## 2019 Lodge Banquet

Kevin Tidwell, Lodge Chief

January is almost here, and that means one of my personal favorite events is nearly here; the Lodge Banquet. It is the perfect opportunity to see what will be going on in the 2019 Lodge Year. In my opinion it is a great way to start getting active in the Lodge. It was one of the first events I attended and it really made me feel as if I was part of something important. I believe it is why I am still in the Lodge today. I hope to see not only old Lodge Members, but all of our new inductees from recent Ordeals. If you have not attended in recent years it is a perfect time to get reacquainted with Brothers in the Lodge.



This year the Banquet will be held at **Lexington United Methodist Church** on **January 5th, 2019**. It will begin at **6:00pm** that evening. There will also be a Silent Patch Auction at 5:30pm. The Auction will not only feature Council/Lodge items but a few Section and National items as well. **The prices for the banquet will be \$12.00 for Adults, \$6.00 for Children under six.** The Lodge Banquet is open to all members of the Lodge and their Families. The Banquet will be Catered by Lil Pigs BBQ with an array of food to choose from.

Also starting at 8:00am that morning there will be a Business Meeting to plan the 2019 year and discuss the Chapter Realignment. All Lodge LEC is required to be there by 8:00am sharp. CPUE training will also be taught that morning as well to Lodge Members who attend. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided.



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### Upcoming Events - 2019

		May <b>17-19</b>	Spring Fellowship Camp Barstow
Jan <b>5</b>	Banquet Lexington UMC	Aug <b>8-11</b>	Summer SUPER Fellowship Camp Barstow
Mar <b>15-17</b>	Spring Ordeal Camp Barstow	Sep <b>14</b>	Day of Service TBD
Apr <b>26-28</b>	Dixie Fellowship Camp Bud Schiele	Oct <b>11-13</b>	Fall Fellowship Camp Barstow



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### 2019 Camp Barstow

Jason Spangler, Camp Director

The summer of 2019 will feature a new and exciting program that is being supported by Muscogee Lodge. The new Barstow Frontiersman program will leverage the growing interest and success in American Indian Affairs in the lodge. This program will be located at what today people call the “wilderness shelter”.



This original camp shelter has not been used in a few years but in the summer of 2019 it will become Muscogee Village. This new branded location will feature a dance arbor, Native American housing replicas and be the home of our summer

camp handicraft program as well. The Frontiersman program will combine Archery, Indian Lore and handicraft merit badges in a 1/2 week program. Thursday night at camp Muscogee Lodge will host an OA Rendezvous that will include dancing, drumming and food. There is a lot of work to build Muscogee Village in time for the summer. Special thanks to Brian and Caleb Barnes who have contributed ideas and energy to get this program off the ground. In the coming months we look forward to seeing the lodge get behind this unique project at camp.



### Sweet Home Carolina!

Chandler Hackett, Dixie Chair

So, we’re going out on a limb this year and making our Dixie theme a little different. I personally have noticed that our Dixie themes have been a little plain, and pretty limiting recently. So, I believe that if we really want to achieve our goal at Dixie, which should

be winning Spirit or Lodge of the Year Awards, we need to go above and beyond with our theme.

This coming year, our Dixie theme will be built around our traditions as South Carolinians. We are working out a possible sponsorship with local apparel brand “Local Boy Outfitters”! Local Boy can definitely bring a lot to the table for us. Possible spirit items from them could include: sunglasses, baseball caps,



banners, t-shirts and much more. At the Spring Ordeal, we will be working on and assembling sweet tea stands and a couple of wooden pick up trucks. We will be using the pick up trucks to ride around Dixie in, showing some Carolina pride and the sweet tea stands to give away sweet tea to other arrowmen from the nine other lodges of SR-5, with cups and coozies provided by Local Boy. Aside from the Ordeal, we may be planning a Dixie work weekend to do further work to the stands and the trucks.

I also want to challenge every one of you that are planning on going to Dixie with us this year to participate. I want all of you to have fun, but I also think with y’all’s help, we could

really do great at Dixie, we might even come home with a couple of big awards. I will personally be delegating brothers to help with sweet tea stands and riding around in trucks. We are not going to have guys sleeping through breakfast and disappearing during quest events and training sessions. Guys, get out and play ultimate frisbee, go watch AIA events, go meet somebody new from another lodge.

Dixie this year will be at Eswau Hupeday’s home camp Camp Bud Schiele in Rutherfordton, NC. I have visited the camp already and it has a lot to offer and Eswau will do their very best to provide the best Dixie experience to us. I am very excited and looking forward to the greatest Dixie yet.

In further preparation, it is time to register NOW for this event! All memorabilia pre-orders are due by the Banquet on January 5, 2019. Here are the details on registering and the prices associated with the pre-order items as well as a sneak peak at the Section Dixie Patch.

<https://scoutingevent.com/553-Dixie2019>



### Adviser’s Corner

Dan Wagner, Lodge Adviser

### Change

**Simba:** “Yeah. Looks like the winds are changing.”

**Rafiki:** “Ahh, change is good.”

**Simba:** “Yeah, but it’s not easy...”

~ Disney’s *The Lion King*

Change happens all the time. Some change we anticipate, even expect. Other changes might surprise us, challenge us, move us out of our comfort zone. Sometime we can control or to some extent affect change, other times we can only control our reaction to the change. How we react can be positive or negative and how we react influences how we view the change. Rafiki’s positive outlook lets him see change as good.

Two significant changes will be upon us in the next six months or so. The first is happening at the level of our Lodge. The Indian Waters Council is moving towards combining the Congaree and Catwaba Districts. The combination of these districts should allow for more efficient use of resources at the Council Level

and should improve the delivery and support of the Scouting program. Both of these are positive, good things. Combining districts also directly affects our Lodge. OA Lodges, which reflect



BSA Council boundaries, may be organized into Chapters which reflect Council Districts.

The purpose of chapters is to streamline the functioning of the Lodge and improve the support provided to the districts by the lodge. Chapters may serve one or more districts, but districts may not be served by more than one chapter. Thus, as the Council moves forward with the combination of the Congaree



and Catawba Districts, the Lodge must adjust its structure to reflect the new boundaries. Ehalluchsit and Wishiki could be combined into a single chapter reflecting the boundaries of the combined, yet-to-be-named district. This single chapter would represent around 60% of the total youth membership of Muscogee Lodge. The question to be asked is will this change better serve the District and Council? Will it better