



# Fox's Tale

Order of the Arrow • Muscogee Lodge 221

Fall 2003



## Forget the State Fair! Muscogee FAIR is #1!

Chris Hardin

VC of Programs

Are you ready for the FAIR? You better be, because Muscogee Lodge is holding the Fall Fair Fellowship October 17-20. It's going to be a blast, with all the common fair foods ... cotton candy, mini doughnuts, candy apples and corn dogs. There is also going to be plenty of fair activities, including, dunk booth, pie throw, ballon board, and many other games.

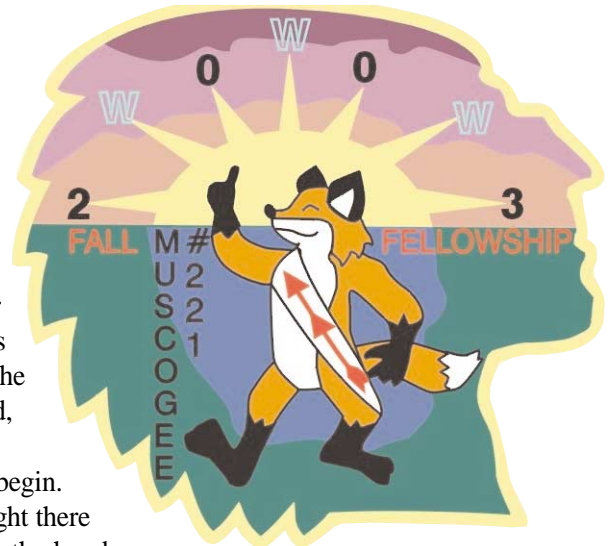
The Fellowship begins Friday, October 17, with registration at 5 p.m. for officers, and 6 p.m. for everyone else. There will be a corn dog dinner available for sale in the Trading Post, or you can bring a bag supper. An awesome campfire is also planned for that night. Friday night will also include a Vigil Tap-out, cracker barrel and Barstow Cinema.

Saturday will be packed with excitement starting with service projects, followed by the Chapter Basketball Competition. After lunch, we will hold our Fall Fellowship Business meeting, where we will elect our upcoming Lodge

Chief and other officers. The Carnival will be after the Business meeting in the Parade Field, where the games will begin. Saturday night there will be a Brotherhood

Ceremony, cracker barrel and patch auction. There will also be a Chess Tournament and Chapter Tough-Man Competition.

Sunday Morning, after breakfast and clean-up, we'll have Chapel. Then you can head for home, and wait for the next Muscogee Lodge Event. We hope to see as many lodge brothers at the Fall Fellowship to kick back and have a good time at the Muscogee Lodge Fair.



## Ordeals A Success!!

David Barron

2003 Ordeal Chairman

The Summer Ordeal was a good one over all. It was not as big as the Spring Ordeal but still successful. Camp Barstow is looking good and the scouts who used the camp tents that were set up much appreciated it.

The Fall Ordeal is October 4-6. If you would like to be an elangomat e-mail me (simpleman06@aol.com) and stay posted with the lodge message board.

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# Chapter Reports

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## Chapter Chief Chris Wagner

Hey everyone. I hope you all had a great summer. The Chapter didn't have much activity over the Summer, but this Fall we will kick Chapter 1 into high gear. We have a Service Project coming up soon, so be ready! The Fall Ordeal is coming up October 3-5. We definitely need some Chapter 1 members to serve as Elangomats, and help train the new OA members.

The Ordeals are always a great time, so I hope you can make it. The Fall Fellowship, is shaping up to be a great one - let's keep the tradition going of having a great Chapter 1 turnout. Blake Parsons is organizing another get-together at San Jose's Restaurant ... sometime in late September or early October ... look for Blake's call or e-mail soon. Thanks Blake!

**Wischiki**

## Chapter Chief Geoffrey Hardin

Wishiki has had good attendance at the Summer Ordeal and Fellowship. We lost in the basketball tournament but are ready for the Fall Fellowship. Chapter Two had good participation in most all of the events at the Summer Ordeal and Fellowship but we wish to do better at the Fall Fellowship.

Chapter Two has designed the Fall Fellowship patch and has started working on calling and contacting Ordeal members who can get their Brotherhood at the Fall Fellowship. We have had great feedback and plan to see a great number of members at both the Fall Ordeal and the Fall

Fellowship. We plan to have great attendance and participation in the Ordeal and Fellowship activities as well as brotherhood conversion.

I hope to see all of y'all out at the Ordeal and Fellowship this October.



## Tschitanek Woakus Chapter Chief David Goza

Greetings once again, brothers! As we prepare to wrap up yet another great year in Muscogee Lodge, I would again like to thank all of you who supported the chapter throughout the year and helped make Tschitanek Woakus the best in the lodge.

Currently in the Chapter, we are preparing ourselves for the Fall Fellowship as well as a service project that is being planned as I write. Tschitanek Woakus is planning to construct a storage shed for the chapel area that will hold song books and other religious materials. This should be a very worthwhile project that will serve the camp well into the future.

As I conclude this, my last Chapter report of the year, I would like to strongly encourage any eligible brothers to seal their membership by going through Brotherhood at the fellowship, you will be glad that you did. Requirements for Brotherhood can be

found in your OA handbook. If you plan to do this, you will need to tack an additional \$12 onto your registration fee for your new sash. As for everyone else, I'll see y'all at camp!

**Sukeu Sipo**

## Chapter Chief William McCormick

Since the Summer Fellowship we've been kinda' slack. We have not really done too much. But things are going to change very soon for September and October where we have service projects planned for each month and we expect to have five or six Ordeal members seal their membership at the Fall Fellowship.

Since we are a small Chapter I feel sure that we will win the Brotherhood Conversion Award. The total for us this year for Brotherhood conversion will be about eight. This is as many people we could possibly get to go through the Brotherhood ceremony. Next year we are expected to nearly DOUBLE our Chapter Roster with brothers. I think we will have around 15 to 20 new members join.

By the way we're going to win Spirit for the third time in a row because we have a lot of talent and another GREAT skit for everyone to laugh and enjoy.

As a sort of campaign speech I will promise if I am reelected as Chapter Chief I will get our Chapter involved in more service projects and start getting involved with the Webelos and Cub Scout Packs in our Chapter. Also I will contact each Scoutmaster and explain everything in detail to them so we can once again be the LARGEST ACTIVE Chapter in Muscogee Lodge #221.



# Schedule for Fall Fellowship

Clip this and SAVE it. HANG it in your Tent. Post it in your Campsite. Be Informed.

## Friday, October 17

5 p.m.	Officer Check-in	Dining Hall
6 p.m.-7 p.m.	Registration	Dining Hall
	Corn Dog Dinner	Trading Post
7:15 p.m.	Chapter Meetings	Campsites
8 p.m.	Vigil Callout	Council Ring
9:30 p.m.	Cracker Barrel/Brotherhood Orientation	Dining Hall
9:45 p.m.	Barstow Cinema	Dining Hall
11:30 p.m.	TAPS	Your Tent

## Saturday, October 18

8 a.m.	Reveille	Your Tent
8:20 a.m.	Flag Raising	Parade Field
8:30 a.m.	Breakfast	Dining Hall
9:30 -10:30	Service Projects	Parade Field
11 a.m.	Chapter Basketball Competition	Basket Ball Court
	Brotherhood Boards	Handicraft Shelter
12 noon	Formation and Lunch	Parade Field
1 p.m.	Business Meeting	Dining Hall
3 p.m.	Carnival	Parade Field
6 p.m.	Flag Lowering	Parade Field
6:10 p.m.	Dinner	Dining Hall
7 p.m.	Chapter Meeting	Campsites
8 p.m.	Campfire/Brotherhood	Ceremony Ceremony Ring
9 p.m.	Cracker Barrel	Dining Hall
	Patch Auction	Dining Hall
	Chess Tournament	Dining Hall
	Chapter Tough-Man Competition	Parade Field
11:30 p.m.	TAPS	Your Tent

## Sunday, October 19

8 a.m.	Reveille	Your Tent
8:10 a.m.	Flag Raising	Parade Field
8:20 a.m.	Breakfast	Dining Hall
9 a.m.	Camp Cleanup	Dining Hall
10 a.m.	Chapel and Awards Service	Chapel
11 a.m.	Head for Home	

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# Chief's Corner

It is that time of year again when the leaves start to turn, the weather gets cooler, and Muscogee Lodge kicks off a great Fall Program. The lodge has had a very delightful summer and needs to experience an even better Fall.

The Fall Ordeal will be the last opportunity, for any candidates that may be left in the Council, to complete their Ordeal. The Ordeal will be held on October 3-5 at Camp Barstow. This is also one of very few

service opportunities before Dixie 2005. We need everyone who is available to come out and help as much as possible.

For a much lighter note, the Fall Fellowship will be held on the dates of October 17-19 and will feature an array of excitement for everyone. The annual Family night campfire will be held that Friday night. All family members are encouraged to attend.

I hope to see all of you this fall at

the awesome events we have planned. Good Luck in school to all who have the pleasure, and for those who work, it's not the worst thing in the world!



Lodge Chief  
Thad Mobley

## Leave No Trace Principle #1: Plan Ahead & Prepare

**T**hink you know how to practice Leave No Trace when you're in the outdoors? Principle #1, planning ahead and being prepared, fits right in with the Scout Motto. But how to practice this? The following guide is excerpted from Leave No Trace literature.

- Know the regulations and special concerns for the area you'll visit.
- Prepare for extreme weather, hazards, and emergencies.
- Schedule your trip to avoid times of high use.
- Visit in small groups. Split larger parties into groups of four to six.
- Repackage food to minimize waste.
- Use a map and compass to eliminate the use of marking paint, rock cairns or flagging.

Poor planning often results in miserable campers and damage to natural and cultural resources. Rangers often tell stories of campers they have encountered who, because of poor planning and unexpected conditions, degrade backcountry resources and put themselves at risk.

### Seven Elements to Consider When Planning a Trip

1. Identify and record the goals (expectations) of your trip.
2. Identify the skill and ability of trip participants.
3. Select destinations that match your goals, skills and abilities.
4. Gain knowledge of the area you plan to visit from land managers, maps and literature.
5. Choose equipment and clothing for comfort, safety and Leave No Trace qualities.
6. Plan trip activities to match your goals, skills and abilities.
7. Evaluate your trip upon return; note changes you will make next time.

### Other Elements to Consider:

- Weather
- Terrain
- Regulations/restrictions
- Private land boundaries

- Average hiking speed of group and anticipated food consumption. (Leftovers create waste which leaves a trace!)
- Group size (does it meet regulations, trip purpose and Leave No Trace criteria?)
- All other Leave No Trace principles.

### Meal Planning

Meals are another element to trip planning that can have a profound effect on the impact a group has on a backcountry area. Good meal planning leads to:

- Reduced trash.
- Reduced pack weight, resulting in faster hiking times and less fatigue.
- Reduced dependence upon campfires for cooking.

### One-Pot Meals and Food Repackaging:

• Planning for one-pot meals and light weight snacks requires a minimum of packing and preparation time, lightens loads and decreases garbage. One-pot meals require minimal cooking utensils and eliminate the need for a campfire. Two backpack stoves can be used to cook all meals for large groups if you have two large pots (one large pot can be balanced on two stoves when quick heating is desired). Remember, a stove Leaves No Trace.

• Most food should be removed from its commercial packing and placed in sealable bags before packing your backpacks. Sealable bags secure food and reduce bulk and garbage. Empty bags can be placed inside each other and packed out for reuse at home. This method can reduce the amount of garbage your group must pack out at the end of the trip and eliminate the undesirable need of stashing or burying unwanted trash.

*If you're interested in learning more about Leave No Trace camping, contact Tripp Clark or any of Muscogee's Leave No Trace Trainers. You can also visit [www.lnt.org](http://www.lnt.org).*



# Indian Affairs

## Indian Affairs searching for additional Brothers Come join the fun!!

### Chris Browy

VC of Indian Affairs

The Indian Affairs team is ready to get started back up to

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prepare for Dixie 2004. I am looking forward to a very productive year, but we need

other lodge brothers to join. We currently have only seven guys on our team and this is not enough.

We meet every other Sunday at Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church from 2 - 5 p.m. Anyone interested in joining Indian Affairs, please call Chris Browy at 791-9375 or Robert Sears at 957-8490.

### Did you order one of these?



*I you have ordered the new Indian Affairs Lodge Flaps and have not yet received them, please call Chris Browy at 791-9375.*

## Go Muscogee from Head to Toe!!

### Hunter Eisle

Treasurer/ VC of Dixie 2005

There are great deals to be found in the Lodge store this fall! Among others, we will have brand new t-shirts, and will sell the old ones at a special discount.

Remember, we do accept all major credit cards,

checks, or cash. If you are a youth bringing a parent's credit card, make sure to have a signed note from the cardholder stating the spending limit for the weekend.

We will also have a patch auction, so make sure to save up that money and come out and see us. Hope to see you all at the Fellowship!

### One Day Service Project

Muscogee lodge will hold a one-day service project, Saturday November 15, at Harbison State Forest. The purpose is to provide a useful service to our surrounding community. Due to state budget cuts Harbison could use some help on trail maintenance and other odd tasks.

In order to compete for Lodge of the Year we are required to hold a community service project.

See the "Service" section of the Message Board at [muscogeelodge.org](http://muscogeelodge.org) for additional details.

Contact Service Chairman Jared Rish (803) 359-1529, e-mail [grish1@bellsouth.net](mailto:grish1@bellsouth.net) or Service Adviser Stan Haines (803) 788-4122 e-mail - [stanhaines@earthlink.net](mailto:stanhaines@earthlink.net) if you have specific questions and to notify them of your plans to attend. We need to have an accurate count of expected participants so give them a call today.

And remember, these service hours count toward Star and Life rank advancement requirements, with your Scoutmaster's approval.

### NLS & NLATS IS APPROACHING

The National Leadership Seminar (NLS) is a weekend training program focusing on leadership development in Leesville,

**'I just returned from one of the greatest courses around!'**

South Carolina, (outside of Columbia) November 7 - 9, 2003.

Run by the Region Chief and his Advisers, it provides an in-depth look at leadership skills and techniques. As one Arrowman described his NLS experience, "I just returned from one of the greatest courses

around."

NLS discusses how these skills can be applied in your role in the OA and in other aspects of your life.

The NLS program is offered several times a year at various locations in each region. Scheduled dates are given on the National OA Program Calendar, and are published in the Order of the Arrow's *National Bulletin*.

If you are interested in attending an NLS, please contact our Lodge Chief or Adviser for registration information.



## 2003-04 Lodge Calendar

### October 2003

3-5 Fall Ordeal  
17-19 Fall Fellowship

### November 2003

7-9 NLS

### December 2003

6 CPUE Training  
Conference

6 LLDC

### January 2004

17 Lodge Banquet

### February 2004

### March 2004

19-21 Spring Fellowship

19-20 Call-Out Plus

### April 2004

23-25 Dixie Fellowship

### May 2004

15 Expo

21-23 Spring Ordeal

22 Beaver Day

## Get ready for a good time. Winter Banquet is around the corner

By the end of the 2003 Lodge Year, Muscogee will have accomplished so much, and there is no better way to commemorate it than to hold another amazing Winter Banquet.

If you've never been to a Muscogee Lodge Winter Banquet, then you've been missing out. This is a Muscogee Event to which your entire Family is invited ... OA member or not. We get together at the end of the year, and go over what a great year we had.

And this upcoming Winter Banquet should be a great one, considering how great this past year has been. There will be

more information on the Winter Banquet at the Fall Fellowship, and in the next *Fox's Tale*. But go ahead, and start getting ready for Muscogee Lodge's 2003 Winter Banquet. It will most likely be held out at Camp Barstow, and is tentatively scheduled for January 7, 2004. The banquet will be catered again this year. (Last year's caterer was Parklane Seafood.)

Muscogee's Winter Banquet will be a great event, and you definitely don't want to miss it. Hope to see as many Lodge brothers and their families at the Banquet.

**FAIR  
TIME!**

### Who?

*All brothers are invited*

### What?

*2003 Fall Fellowship*

### When?

*October 17-19, 2003*

### Where?

*Camp Barstow*

### Why?

*Elections, Competitions, and  
Fellowship!*

### How much?

*Early Bird - Oct. 9th- \$20*

*Regular - After Oct. 9th- \$25*



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