



# Fox's Tale

Order of the Arrow • Muscogee Lodge 221

Winter 2004



## Winter Banquet set for January 17th

*Chris Hardin*

VC of Programs

On January 17th, 2004 Muscogee Lodge will hold its first event for the 2004 Calendar Year: the Winter Banquet. It will be held at Camp Barstow, and catered by Parklane Seafood. Parklane will be serving fried shrimp, fried fish, chicken tenders, hush puppies, green beans and corn. The fee is \$10 and needs to be paid to the Scout office by January 10th.

If this is your first Winter Banquet you need to know that the banquet is different from all of our other

lodge events. The banquet isn't a fellowship with games and slip n' slides, but a dinner to re cap on the past year, look

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forward to the upcoming year and give out awards for the last year. The banquet isn't just a boring dinner where you listen

to people talk all night long either; it's a dinner with much more. There is a silent auction with patches, tools and even a bed. There are Scout memorabilia displays, and, the best of all, lots and lots of door prizes.

You can also sign up for Dixie at the Winter Banquet and buy your Red Fox Card. The Winter Banquet is going to be a lot of fun, and you will also get to see the new lodge leaders for the upcoming year. Remember January 17th at Camp Barstow, silent auction and registration starts at 6:00 p.m., the banquet at 7:00.

## Avast all ye Freebooters ... Set Sail for Dixie 2004

*Chris Hardin*

VC of Programs

Yo Ho Ho and a bottle of ruuu...eeall good fun. Dixie is what I'm talkin' about. Do you ever dress up like a Pirate on the weekends, invite thousands of fellow arrowmen to your house for the weekend or trade patches non-stop with arrowmen all across the Carolinas and Georgia? Well if you do, then you'll love the SR-5 Dixie Fellowship.

Muscogee Lodge is taking 190 brothers to Clear Creak Scout Reservation in Charlotte, NC on April 23 - 25, 2004. The cost for the scouting experience of a life-time is only \$42 ... yeah, only \$42 including a T-shirt, four

meals, patches and a whole lot of fun.

If you've never been to a Dixie Fellowship, then you've been missing out. Every year all the lodges from the Carolinas and Georgia get together in April to compete at many different events and for many different awards; one award is the "Lodge of the Year" award. Muscogee Lodge has won this award seven out of the past eight years, Muscogee really wants to keep this tradition of being the best lodge in our section going.

To do this, Muscogee is going to need your help. How?, you may ask; by being a part of our Delegation. We need to fill up all 190 slots by January. That means you need to have the \$42 by the

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# Chapter Reports

## Ehalluchsit Chapter Chief Chris Wagner

I would like to thank everyone from Chapter One who came to the Fall Fellowship. I would also like to thank Chapter One for a great year as your Chapter Chief.

Your new Chapter Chief is Derwin Montgomery from Troop 158. The Vice Chief is Taylor Gilliam from Troop 22, and Chapter Secretary is Jonathan Dunn from Troop 153. Derwin's phone number is 776-8494, if you have any questions for him, or suggestions for our chapter for the upcoming year, give him a call.

The Winter Banquet is coming up in January, and it would be great if everybody could come. Once again thanks for a great year and let's make next year even better!

## Wischiki Chapter Chief Geoffrey Hardin

As we end another year I would like to say to my Chapter Thank You for all you have done this year. I am the outgoing Chapter Chief and as I look back on the past year I realize the Lodge has done a great job and our Chapter has helped make Wishiki the best Chapter in the Lodge.

I am ending up the year with high hopes for next year. I look forward to seeing what the new officers can bring to each of

the Chapters and Lodge. I will soon be calling Chapter Two to see who is coming to the banquet and who is not. And if y'all are reading my article you should come to the Winter Banquet.

I hope to see all of you at the Winter Banquet. Remember it is catered by Parklane Seafood (Great Food!) and there is a silent auction. So bring your family and your friends. It will be a great Winter Banquet.

## Tschitanek Woakus Chapter Chief David Goza

Tschitanek Woakus had strong showings at both the Fall Fellowship and the One-Say Service Project. Though we did not win the attendance award at the Fellowship, the One-Say Service Project at Harbison State Forest consisted entirely of Chapter Three members. This is a spectacular accomplishment, and something we all should be proud.

At the Fall Fellowship, Chapter Three proved invincible once again in the basketball competition. We challenge the other three (soon to be four) chapters to try and take away our title at the Spring Fellowship. Also, I would like to congratulate all arrowmen who attained Brotherhood membership at the fellowship as well as the seven new Vigil Honor members.

As the lodge year comes to an end, we should all prepare ourselves for the

chapter division next year. Although Catawba and Etowah districts will no longer be contained in a single chapter, I know that this is in the Lodge's best interest. It will serve as a tremendous booster for chapter spirit and competitiveness at lodge functions.

On a final note, I am looking forward to serving Muscogee as the 2004 Lodge Chief.

## Sukeu Sipo Chapter Chief William McCormick

I hope everyone in Sukeu Sipo had a wonderful year. We accomplished a lot in one year for being the smallest Chapter. One thing that was a big achievement was winning the Spirit Award at all three Fellowships.

Your new Chapter officers are as follows: David Hutto, Chapter Chief; Mark Whitman, Chapter Vice Chief; Skyler Hutto, Chapter Secretary and Troop 45 OA Representative and Brantley Doster, Troop 51 OA Representative. William McCormick, former Chapter Chief for '03, is now Vice Chief of Inductions for '04 Lodge Year.

Thanks to everyone who helped to make this year a success and I hope that this Chapter growth will continue in the upcoming year.

## Yo Ho Dixie, Pirates of the Muscogee

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Winter Banquet if you want a slot. Only those paid by the Banquet are assured of a slot to the 2004 Dixie Fellowship. The Banquet is on January 17th at Camp Barstow.

This year at Dixie, with your help, Muscogee is hoping to do something that Muscogee Lodge hasn't done in a while;

**WIN THE SPIRIT AWARD.** For some odd reason we haven't won the Spirit Award at Dixie in forever, even though Muscogee

usually has one of the biggest delegations out there. This year Muscogee plans to end

**Time to get on board and  
win The Spirit Award**

this, and to take home the Spirit Award and Lodge of the Year Award. The Spirit Award is based mainly on the lodge's theme, and this year, if you didn't get it by the opening

sentence, Muscogee's theme is Yo Ho Dixie, Pirates of the Muscogee. Muscogee hopes to have a great time, and win as many Awards as we can this year.

If you have any ideas for the theme, or want to help out with the theme or anything else for Dixie, then give me a call at (803) 736-7766, or email me at foxtails2@aol.com. Sign up quickly, so you can be assured a slot to attend the greatest event of the year.



# Indian Affairs

## Practice Begins ... Come Join the Fun

Chris Browy

VC of Indian Affairs

The Indian Affairs team is beginning their practices to prepare for Dixie 2004. We have already selected our group dance so that we can prepare to beat Eswau Huppeday. None of this will be possible

though if we do not have more membership. The more people we have in Indian Affairs to help, the better the chance we have of taking home Lodge of the Year. If you are interested in joining or just want to know what we are about, please contact Chris Browy at 791-9375 or Robert Sears at 957-8490.

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## A Great Year for Inducting New Members ... Thanks!

David Barron

2003 Ordeal Chairman

This year has been successful in inducting new members. Thanks to everyone who has helped out in the ordeals ... especially all the elangomats and assistants. You should

continue through the new year and achieve the Nendewagan Elagomat award.

Congratulations to all of the new lodge brothers. All OA events are a lot of fun so bring your friends and have a good time. Ten months from your ordeal, you

will be eligible for Brotherhood which seals your membership.

We have the upcoming Winter Banquet which you should attend. There is always good food and lots of it. Thanks, and good job to everyone!

## Leave No Trace Principle #2: # Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces

Think you know how to practice Leave No Trace when you're in the outdoors? Principle #2, travel and camp on durable surfaces. But how to practice this? The following guide is excerpted from Leave No Trace literature.

Durable surfaces include established trails and campsites, rock, gravel, dry grasses or snow.

Protect riparian areas by camping at least 200 feet from lakes and streams.

(Riparian is an SAT word meaning "relating to or living or located on the bank of a natural water course" ... river, lake, stream, etc.) Remember to set up your "golden triangle"

with tent site, food preparation area and toilet area at least 200 feet apart from each other ... again, 200 feet from the riparian area.

Good campsites are found, not made. Altering a site is not necessary.

### In popular areas:

- Concentrate use on existing trails and campsites.
- Walk single file in the middle of the trail, even when wet or muddy. This keeps your foot traffic from widening the path. Use your hiking stick when hiking



though wet areas to gauge the depth of the water and surface of the ground beneath the water.

Remember: safety does come first.

- Keep campsites small.

Focus activity in areas where vegetation is absent. Use existing fire rings when they are available. Or better yet, use a camp stove

for cooking and avoid having a campfire altogether. Principle #5: Minimizing Campfire Impacts will discuss simple methods you can use to enjoy a campfire and practice Leave No Trace.

### In pristine areas:

- Disperse use to prevent the creation of campsites and trails.
- Avoid places where impacts are just beginning.

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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).



### January 2004

17 Lodge Banquet

### 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

### July 2004

23-25 Summer Ordeal

### August 2004

7/31-8/5 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) *Note: these dates exclude travel to and from NOAC*

13-15 Summer Fellowship

### October 2004

1-3 Fall Ordeal

22-24 Fall Fellowship

### December 2004

4 Camp Promotions & Unit

Elections Training Conference

4 Lodge Leadership Development Conference

## NLATS & NLS Provides Some Awesome Training

The National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar (NLATS) was conducted at Camp Kinard Conference Center near Leesville, SC on November 7-8.

At the time, National Leadership Seminar (NLS) was being conducted for John Michael Roby; David Goza, next year's lodge chief; Wes Sears; Craig Wheatley, next year's Ordeal Chairman; Chris Browy, VC of Indian Affairs and adults Jeff Bloom, Chapter Adviser and Stan Haines of Muscogee Lodge.

I was reminded of a story that Chris Rogers, the 1997 National Order of the Arrow Chief told at NLS in 1997. It is a tradition that the National Chief has to tell a story on himself.

That is one of the cool things about

OA training, you get to meet National, Regional, and Section Chiefs. National OA Chief Nick Digirolamo, of Florida, was there, Southern Region Chief Frank McMillan, of Atlanta, and our own Jonathan Hardin, Section SR-5 Chief.

Chris Rogers tells the story that he would hardly ever go to a lodge function as an OA member. The only reason that he was still a dues-paying member of his lodge was that his Scout Troop continued to pay troop member's dues as long as they remained troop members. (A cool idea, don't you think?) Anyway, he would receive his lodge newsletter but that was about it. Until one day, one of his lodge brothers called him up on the telephone and *asked* him to come to a lodge fellowship and do a specific task. He

did and, as they say, the rest is history. He became active in his lodge, the OA section was elected Section Chief and 1997 National OA Chief. All because a lodge brother called him up and *ASKED* him.

Ask Chris Browy to tell the story our current National Chief told on himself about wrecking his new Ford Ranger truck the evening following his Eagle Scout Court of Honor.

**Don't forget: Red Cards are now on sale through January 15th. See the insert that accompany's this issue of the *Fox's Tale* for more information.**



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## “What’s In Your Wallet?” . . . Red Fox Card Returns

Yes, it’s time again, time to renew your annual dues, or take advantage of the Red Fox Card, a great deal put together for your convenience.

Dues this year will be \$10, *check the label to see if you are current in your dues.*

The Card includes registration to all three fellowships, all the ordeals, the winter banquet, and it covers your dues for the year. Not only does it save you money, but a great advantage of having a Red Fox Card is you will be near the front of the line to purchase a fellowship patch.

Using your Red Fox Card is very easy. When you decide to attend an event, simply call the Indian Waters Council Office, and tell them to sign you up. You won’t even have to go in! The Card only costs \$82, which is a discount compared to paying for each event separately, and is very convenient. Be sure to purchase your Red Fox Card, or pay your dues. The deadline to purchase a Red Fox Card is January 9.

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*The Red Fox Card is nontransferable and nonrefundable. For example, if for some reason you are unable to attend the Fall Fellowship, you do not receive any cash back nor can any credit be put toward another event in place of your absence. In addition, only the cardholder may use the card for registration of an event.*

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## Time to Order Dixie Supplies

Everyone saw the front page article in this issue about Dixie, and I am sure that you are all fired up to attend this exciting event. Do not forget that the time is now to pre-order the highly collectible Dixie supplies . . . patches, pins, neckerchiefs, mugs, and lots more. On your registration form (reverse of this sheet) all of the items are listed along with the prices. Historically there are very few extra items available at Dixie, and they sell out very early, so if you want Dixie items for 2004, the best way to get them is to order them now. The deadline for Dixie supplies is at the Banquet on January 17. All orders must be paid in full.

# MUSCOGEE LODGE "ALL PURPOSE" REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Muscogee Lodge #221 2004 Red Fox Card

I am registering for \_\_\_\_\_ Red Fox Card(s) at \$82 each. (See related article)  
 One 2004 Winter Banquet registration is included with each Red Fox Card.  
 Additionally, each card covers 1 year's dues and registration to each Ordeal  
 and to the Spring, Summer, and Fall Fellowships.  
*Must be faxed, postmarked or delivered by January 9, 2004.*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please accept my 2004 Lodge Dues at \$10 per person (no Red Fox Card).

*Check the outside label to see if you owe 2004 dues before paying.*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Lodge Banquet

Please note that banquet registrations may not be accepted after January 9.

I am registering by January 9 for \_\_\_\_\_ persons at \$10 each.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Dixie Fellowship

All Dixie registrations and pre-orders must be received & paid by January 17.

Description	Quantity	Price	Total
Dixie Registration <i>(include BSA medical form If you have not turned one in within the past year)</i>	_____	\$42.00	_____
Dixie Patch <i>(one included in fee)</i>	_____	\$ 4.00	_____
Dixie Back Patch	_____	\$10.00	_____
Dixie Coffee Mug	_____	\$ 9.00	_____
Dixie Hat Pin	_____	\$ 4.00	_____
Dixie Neckerchief	_____	\$13.00	_____
Dixie Chenille	_____	\$20.00	_____
Dixie T-shirt (Size _____ )	_____	\$12.00	_____
Dixie Hat	_____	\$10.00	_____
Dixie Rubber Patch	_____	\$ 4.00	_____
Dixie Fellowship Total			\$ _____
<b>Grand total all items:</b>			\$ _____

Make checks payable to B.S.A. or pay by credit card and fax.

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Credit Card Type (Circle One):      Visa    MasterCard    Discover

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount to be charged: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS!!**