

Famed Long Distance Backpacker at Spring Fellowship

At the summer fellowship we got rave reviews on Ed Speer's visit and the presentation on Hammock Camping. On the weekend evaluation folks said that they wanted more demonstrations by experts on outdoor skills ... and you also wanted more advance notice about these presentations. Well, we listened.

At the Spring Fellowship, March 19 - 21, we will



Model-T on the AT

have a presentation on Backpacking and Life on the Appalachian Trail from J.R. "Model-T" Tate. "Model-T," as he is known on the trail, is a retired Marine and former Scoutmaster from Tennessee. He has thru-hiked the 2,170 mile Appalachian Trail (AT) three times ... 1990, 1994 and 1998. In 2001, he hiked the 500-mile Colorado Trail, and in 2003 hiked Vermont's 270 mile "Long Trail." In 2002, he published a very successful book about his 1990 hike, *Walkin' on the Happy Side of Misery*. The book is five-star rated on Amazon.com. Here are some of the reader comments:

"Best Book On The Appalachian Trail I Have Ever Read." - reader from Mount Gretna, PA

"Funny, informative, excellent! The best I've read," - reader from Denton, TX
 "Bummed when I came to the last page!" - reader from Ewa Beach, Hawaii
 "The best AT book yet!!!" - reader from Leesburg, Florida

"Model-T's" hiking adventures and his book's success have been written up in *The Wall Street Journal* (June 9, 2003) and *The American Legion Magazine* (June 2003). He will share with us humor and adventures from his hikes, plus lots of trail tested tips and ideas. He will have copies of his book available ... autographed, of course.

"Model-T" will also lead a workshop where you can make a 0.5-ounce liquid fuel backpacking stove that will boil water in just 5 minutes! "Model-T" will also have a campsite set up, "Model-T-style" and you can learn backpacking and camping tricks from an expert with more than 7,000 miles of experience.

Make sure that you and all Arrowmen from your troop are at the Spring Fellowship for this unique opportunity! **PASS THE WORD!!!** (Learn more about "model-T" at <http://www.modelt.homestead.com/Index.html>.)



Visit with Model-T and learn to make this camp stove from a soda can.



Fox's Tale

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Spring 2004



Pirates of the Muscogee, Get Ready

Chris Hardin

Dixie Chairman

We are less than three months away from the most anticipated event of the year. Dixie will be held this year at Clear Creek Scout Reservation, near Charlotte, North Carolina.

The delegation will head out Friday, April 23 at two different times from Columbia Mall. A letter will be sent out after the Spring Fellowship with more details. If you still want to register for Dixie, the cost is an unbelievably low \$42. This includes meals, patches, t-shirt and spirit items. Going to Dixie isn't just for the T-shirt, or the food, it's for the fun.

At Dixie you can compete in Quest, Administrative, and/or Native American events all weekend long. We will decide who competes in these event at the Spring Fellowship.

If you have any interest in competing at the Spring

Fellowship, contact your Chapter Chief. There are also other events at Dixie, including Lodge Display, Totem Pole Carving, Ceremony Competition and many other exciting events. If you would like to help with or compete in any of these events contact the Dixie Chairman, Christopher Hardin at Foxtails2@aol.com.



You will not need to bring any food or cooking equipment but you will need a tent, usual camping gear, and money if you plan to buy extra patches or snacks at the trading post. A more detailed list will be sent to delegates after the Spring Fellowship.

On Your Mark, Get Set, Go to 'The Spring Olympic Fellowship'

This years Summer Olympics maybe in Athens, Greece, but the Spring Olympics is being held in the heart of fox country, your one and only Camp Barstow. Hurry to get your early bird registration fee of \$20 in before Thursday, March 11, 2004, or regular registration fee of \$25 after the 11th.



In the spirit of the Olympics and friendly competition, each chapter will represent a different country.

Ehalluchsit will be Mexico sporting their green gear, Wischiki will be Germany dressed in the striking black, Tschitanek Woakus will be Belgium strutting off their yellow pride, Sukeu Sipo will be France parading in their bright blues, and Chapter 5 will be Italy in their terrifying red outfits.

Pack your athletic gear because you're in for an action-packed weekend. From Quest Events to a Flag Football tournament, there will be all kinds of judged activities to suit your ever talent. Each of these many events will be scored and the top three teams will receive Gold, Silver and Bronze medals (The activities are listed on the insert sheet included with this

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Chapter Reports

Ehalluchsit Chapter Chief Derwin Montgomery

Chapter One has gotten off to a great start in 2004. As we enter into March there are some dates that need to be highlighted. I hope to see y'all at the Spring Fellowship the 19-21 and the spring Call-Out on the 19th.

There have been some changes to Chapter One. There is no longer a secretary, because it was found to be unnecessary and was replaced by a second Vice-Chief position. Don't worry, all records are still being kept and we are still conducting OA elections.

If there are any eligible Scouts in your troop and your Scoutmaster or OA representative has not been contacted please contact me, your Chapter Chief, Derwin Montgomery (803-776-8494) or Vice-Chiefs Jonathan Dunn (803-939-9458) and Taylor Gilliam (803-739-9753).

Wischiki Chapter Chief Bobby Povey

Fellow Wischiki brothers, I want to make this year one of the best we have ever had, and I need your help to accomplish this.

As some of you know, and for those of you who don't, our theme for the

Spring Fellowship is the Olympics. Wischiki's country is Germany, and we will represent our colors proudly. The colors for Germany are yellow, red, and black. Please bring clothing in these colors to wear during the activities so we can contend for the spirit award at the Spring Fellowship.

I also hope we have great attendance at this fellowship. If you have not registered yet, please do so.

We have started CPUE's and hope to accomplish all of those soon.

Tschitanek Woakus Chapter Chief Mason Thomas

Chapter Three has done exceptionally well so far with the contacts and visits for CPUE's. We are currently in the process of completing nearly half of all of our visits, and we are very excited to have many new high quality brothers who will be coming into our lodge and chapter.

As most of you know, the theme for the Spring Fellowship is the Olympics, and our chapter has been designated to represent Mexico. In keeping with the spirit, if you have any ideas for spirit items or sub-themes please feel free to call me, I can be reached at 803-755-2491.

Sukeu Sipo Chapter Chief David Hutto

Sukeu Sipo your new Chapter officers are as follows: David Hutto-Chapter Chief, Mark Whitman-Chapter Vice Chief, Skyler Hutto-Chapter Secretary.

I would like to thank everyone for allowing me to be Chapter Chief this year and will go on to further service the lodge as Vice Chief of Inductions so don't think you've gotten rid of me just yet. Thanks again. (Submitted by William McCormick, 2003 Chapter Chief)

Tschitaneu Aptonagan Chapter Chief Drew Stowe

It is with a great sense of honor that I write this first ever Chapter Five report. I am also very proud to be the first Chief for Chapter five. I hope that we have a strong turn out for every fellowship this year.

We have a very strong group of leaders running Chapter five, Vice-Chief Nathan Hinkle, and Secretary Jeb Brinkley. At long last, we have a name, *Tschitaneu Aptonagan*, which literally means Strong Chapter. We are working on getting 100 percent contact for CPUE visits, if you would like one and have not been contacted call 732-0165.

Indian Affairs

PREPARING FOR DIXIE!!

Meet Experienced Singers and Dancers

Chris Browy

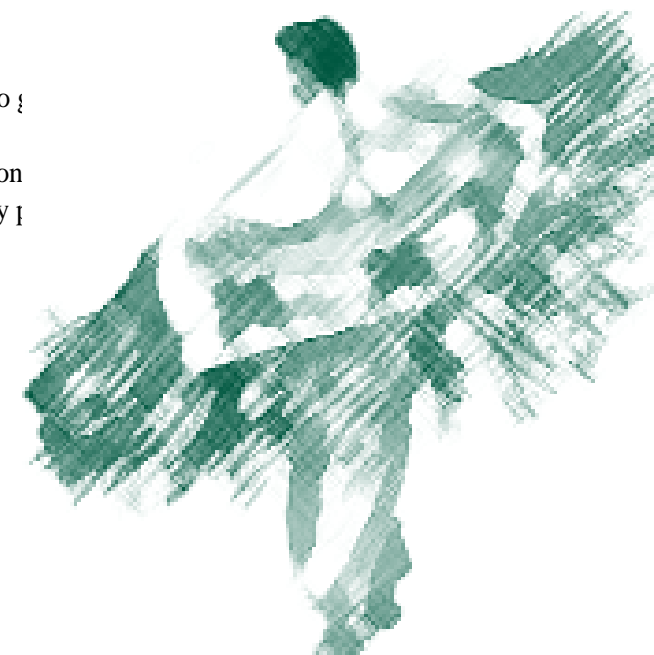
VC of Indian Affairs

The Drum and Dance Teams have been very busy lately. We are currently preparing for Dixie, and we have started our group dance and our Drum/Sing competition songs.

As many of you may know we are heading into this Dixie with the hopes of defeating the defending champions Unali'yi Lodge 236 and Eswau Huppeday Lodge 560. We are currently meeting every Sunday. Once a month we are working with an experienced powwow singer and former dancer who helps us with the

things that we need to get for Dixie.

Also, If anyone has an interest in joining any of the Drum and Dance Teams or would just like to know more about Indian Affairs we will be practicing during the afternoon at the Spring Fellowship. Hope to see you all there.



Chief's Corner

Greetings Muscogee! With Spring well on its way, we must prepare ourselves for these busy first few months. The lodge started out the year by celebrating its 62nd year in cheerful service at the Winter Banquet in January. In addition to a great meal, lodge leadership officially changed hands with the installation of the 2004 officers.

Over the course of the next few weeks, we will be doing a number of things. Individual chapters will be conducting their CPUE visits, which will be followed up with a call-out for the newly elected scouts and scouters.

However, the lodge as a whole will be active as well. Both the Spring and Dixie Fellowships are rapidly approaching in March and April, respectively.

Judging by what I have observed thus far, I think we are in for



Lodge Chief
David Goza

another successful year as a lodge. With everyone's help, I know we will have a productive spring. See y'all at the Fellowship.

Spring Fellowship

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Fox's Tale.) The combined results will determine the overall winner of the Fellowship and World Champion Title.

We will also have have cultural food from each of our countries. Starting with a Bratwurst Dinner Friday night for a dollar a wurst, a World Class Crackle Barrel both Friday and Saturday nights, a spectacular Belgian breakfast Saturday morning, a Mexican lunch and a Italian dinner Saturday night. You'll wake to a fresh-cooked French breakfast Sunday morning. Be prepared to be awed by Muscogee's "World Class Cook Team."

This is definitely one amazing Fellowship you do not want to miss.

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Remember, the *Fox's Tale* can't be printed without your articles. Please turn them in on time!

Leave No Trace Principle #3: Dispose of Waste Properly

Think you know how to practice Leave No Trace when you're in the outdoors? Principle #3, dispose of waste properly. But how to practice this? The following guide is excerpted from Leave No Trace literature.

- Pack it in, pack it out. Inspect your campsite and rest areas for trash or spilled foods. Pack out all trash, leftover food, and litter. (It also doesn't hurt to pick up trash left

behind by others. Remember: Leave your campsite and trail better than you found it.

- Deposit solid human waste in catholes dug six to eight inches deep at least 200 feet from water, camp, and trails. Cover and disguise the cathole when finished. Mark your cathole with a small stick (six to eight inches long) sticking out of the top of the cathole. Conversely, don't mess with sticks sticking straight out of the ground. You might have stumbled onto someone else's cathole.

- Pack out toilet paper and hygiene products.

- To wash yourself or your dishes, carry water 200 feet away from streams or lakes and use small amounts of biodegradable soap. Scatter strained dishwater.

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.

MUSCOGEE LODGE #221

Spring Registration Form
Spring Fellowship – March 19-21
Dixie Fellowship – April 23-25
Ordeal – May 21-23

Name: _____ Chapter: _____

(please check all that apply)

SPRING FELLOWSHIP

_____ I am registering for the Spring Fellowship by Friday, March 12, 2004. Enclosed is my fee of \$20.

_____ I am registering for the Spring Fellowship after Friday, March 12, 2004. Enclosed is my fee of \$25.

_____ I have a 2004 Muscogee Red Fox Card and I am planning to attend the Spring Fellowship.

_____ I have been an Ordeal member for 10 months or longer and I wish to accept the Brotherhood Challenge and seal my membership in the Order of the Arrow at the Spring Fellowship. I am enclosing my additional fee of \$12 to cover the cost of a Brotherhood Sash.

DIXIE FELLOWSHIP

_____ I want to help Muscogee win at Dixie in North Carolina this year. Enclosed is my \$42 fee. Note that over 100 Muscogee Arrowmen are already signed up and paid for Dixie. Do not register twice.

ORDEAL

_____ I want to come out and help with the Ordeal on the weekend of May 21-23. I am enclosing \$5 to cover the cost of food.

_____ I would like to serve as an Elangomat at the Ordeal on the weekend of May 21-23.

I am enclosing total fees of \$_____.

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

Fax or mail the order form to:

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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!!

Tentative Schedule for “The Spring Olympic Fellowship”

Friday, March 19

5 PM	Officer Check-in	Dining Hall
6:00– 7:00 PM	Registration	Dining Hall
7:15 PM	Chapter Meetings	Campsites
8 PM	Opening Ceremonies	Council Ring
9:00 PM	Cracker Barrel	Dining Hall
9:15 PM	Brotherhood Orientation	Front Porch
	Elangomat Training	Handicraft
	Troop Rep Training	O’ Tuel Building
	CPUE Training	O’ Tuel Building
10:00 PM	Barstow Cinema	Dining Hall
	PS2 – Football Competition	Dining Hall
11:30 PM	TAPS	Your Tent

Saturday, March 20

8 AM	Reveille	Your Tent
8:20 AM	Flag Raising (& flag judging)	Parade Field
8:30 AM	Belgium Breakfast	Dining Hall
9:30 – 10:30 AM	Service Projects	Parade Field
9:30	Pre-Ordeal Competition	Ecology
11 AM	Chapter Basketball Competition	Basketball Court
	Brotherhood Boards	Handicraft Shelter
	Life on the Appalachian Trail	Dining Hall
12 PM	Formation	Parade Field
	Mexican Lunch	Dining Hall
1 PM	Business Meeting	Dining Hall
1:30 PM	Dixie Delegation Meeting	Dining Hall
2:30 PM	Drum/Sing	Basketball Court
	“Model T” Outdoor Presentation	Scout Craft Area
3:00 PM	Olympic Events	Ecology Center
3:00	Chariot Race	Ecology Trail
	Tent Pitching & Fire Building	Ecology Area
	Egg Toss & Knot Tying	Field
3:45	Tug-O-War	Field
4:00	Ultimate Frisbee Tournament	Field
5:00	Flag Football Tournament	Field
6:15 PM	Flag Lowering	Parade Field
6:20	Italian Dinner	Dining Hall
7 PM	Chapter Meeting	Campsites
7:30 PM	Barstow Cinema	Dining Hall
	Model T “Pepsi-can stove”	Dining Hall
8 PM	Brotherhood Ceremony	Ceremony Ring
9 PM	Cracker Barrel & Patch Auction	Dining Hall
	Chapter Tough-Man Competition	Dining Hall
11:30	TAPS	Your Tent

Sunday, March 21

8 AM	Reveille	Your Tent
8:10	Flag Raising	Parade Field
8:20	French Breakfast	Dining Hall
9 AM	Camp Clean-up	Dining Hall
10 AM	Chapel and Awards Service	Chapel
11 AM	Head for Home	