



Fox's Tale

Order of the Arrow • Muscogee Lodge 221

Summer 2004

Put this exciting Summer Fellowship on your calendar today

David Goza

Lodge Chief

"They just keep getting better!" This is just one of the comments heard from Arrowmen talking about Muscogee fellowships.

The 2004 Summer Fellowship will be held August 13 – 15 at Camp Barstow. Come on out and join us for another terrific fellowship with fun activities, exciting competitions, interesting workshops and training, and worthwhile service.

You asked for it, and you got it. The water slide was such a hit last summer that we decided to bring it back again ... so have a blast and beat the heat on Saturday afternoon. Make sure that you bring your swimming trunks!

We are also continuing our series of bringing to our fellowships expert outdoorsmen and products. Last summer we brought you Ed Speer of Speer Hammocks and a presentation on hammock camping and products offered by Speer and Hennessy Hammocks. This past spring we had famed long-distance backpacker and author J.R. "Model-T" Tate. This fellowship will feature George Andrews and his associates from Antigravity Gear. Antigravity Gear is an award winning manufacturer of light-weight backpacking gear. (See sidebar on the back page.)



Friday night, we'll have our customary opening show at the campfire area, and each chapter is asked to prepare one skit and one song. There will be basketball competition and an opportunity to do some service to benefit the camp. For Ordeal members eligible for Brotherhood, there will be an opportunity to complete their induction into the Order.

The fee for the Summer Fellowship is just \$20 if paid by August 5. After August 5, the fee is \$25. Please register early so that we can order food and other supplies. All Arrowmen attending are reminded to eat supper before arrival on Friday or bring a bag supper.

Other program highlights for the weekend include training sessions on "How to be an Effective Elangomat" and "Getting Involved with OA Ceremonies." On

Less than one year away

Hunter Eisle

Vice Chief Dixie 2005

Preparation for Dixie 2005 is well underway. Although we still have a few positions available, things are coming together very nicely. For those of you who were not at the Spring Fellowship, we had the first official meeting of the Dixie committee.

All went well at the meeting, the individual committees are now doing their jobs and things are coming together. If any youth is interested in having a spot on the committee, please contact me. There are a few holes that will fill up soon. Thank you for everyone who has helped out thus far. I look forward to hosting a great Dixie Fellowship.

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Chapter One's OA elections were completed by the end of March. I would like to thank all of you that attended the Spring Fellowship and I would like to apologize for my absence. I would like to announce that Life Scout Steven Stockard of Troop 100 completed his Brotherhood and Eagle Scout Nate Bloom of Troop 100 completed his Vigil Honor. The Native American name given to Nate for his Vigil was "Pischk," which means "Nighthawk."

Let's get more Chapter One Scouts registered for Brotherhood at the Summer Fellowship in August.

Wischiki

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I was very proud of Wichiki's performance in the Olympic events at the Spring Fellowship. We won best flag, the quest events and the Olympic competition. I am glad to get these awards, but I'd like to go for the spirit and attendance awards at the Summer Fellowship.

We are working hard to finish our CPUE's and anyone that is CPUE trained and is interested in helping out with all of these induction elections, just let me know and I'll set you up with a job.

Thanks again for all of y'all who came out to the Spring Fellowship, and for those of you who didn't, try and come out to the Summer Fellowship.



Tschitanek Woakus

Chapter Chief

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First, I'd like to congratulate Chapter Three for winning the attendance award at the Spring Fellowship for the highest percentage of participants from our chapter present, but we can do better. I challenge everyone in Tschitanek Woakus to bring as many OA members out to the next fellowship as possible.

The Summer Fellowship is August 13 - 15 and we want to have the best showing out there.

Every CPUE that has been requested has been fulfilled. If there are any other troops out there needing or wants a Camp Promotion and/or Unit Election, contact me, Mason Thomas. Hope to see you all at the next fellowship!

Sukeu Sipo

Chapter Chief

David Hutto

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Sukeu Sipo, I am proud to tell you we have won it again! We have won Spirit for the fourth time in a row ... a new record for awards at the Fellowships for us. We also won the ceremonies award for having the only other complete team in the lodge, along with the best spirit items at the Spring Fellowship. We will be getting together soon for a service project. As for the Summer Fellowship, we will continue to have fun and hopefully we will win Spirit for the fifth time and continue working towards the Ralph E. Grier Chapter Award and the Charles Youngblood Service Award as we did last year. I am proud to report

that we came in second for both of

those competitions. Hope to see everyone at the Summer Fellowship.

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I would like to begin by welcoming all of our new Chapter Five brothers into Muscogee Lodge and, of course, Chapter Five. Chapter Five had strong representation at Dixie, Arrowmen from Chapter Five who took home awards were Craig Wheatly, Leave No Trace training; Grant Shirk, second place in archery; and Drew Stowe and David Goza, first place in the fire building (with an impressive time of negative fourteen seconds). I look forward to seeing ALL of you at the upcoming fellowship.

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If this sounds like you, and you know it does, contact Vice Chief for Communications Blake Parsons at Cruizinjfj40@aol.com today!

Summer Fellowship 2004 Schedule (clip and bring with you so you'll know where to go when)

Friday, August 13		1:15	Business meeting
5 p.m.	Officers meet at dining hall	3 – 5	Water Slide!
6 – 7	Registration	4 – 6:15	Workshop: Soda Can Stoves, Pot Cozy's, and other backpacking gear that you can make – presented by Antigravity Gear
6 – 7:30	Bag Supper (on your own)		
7:15 – 8:20	Training Session – Elangomat Training		
	Training Session – Getting Involved with OA Ceremonies	5:15 – 6	Basketball
8:30	Opening Show	6:30	Flag Lowering (Chapter 2)
10	Cracker Barrel (Chapter 5)	6:45	Dinner (Chapter 3)
10:15	Brotherhood Candidate meeting	7:30	Brotherhood Candidate meeting
	Patch Trading	8 – 9:30	Backcountry Cooking on a Budget: Trail Tested Meals that won't break the bank – presented by Antigravity Gear
11	Taps		
Saturday, August 14		8:15	Brotherhood ceremony
8 a.m.	Reveille	10	Cracker Barrel (Chapter 1)
8:30	Flag Raising (Chapter 1)	10:30	Patch Auction
8:45	Breakfast (Chapter 4)	11	Taps
9:15	Service Projects	Sunday, August 15	
	Chapter Ceremony Competition (Pre-Ordeal)	8 a.m.	Reveille
	Brotherhood Boards	8:20	Flag Raising (Chapter 3)
	Nominating Committee Meeting (VC Program)	8:30	Breakfast (Chapter 2)
11:30 – 12:15	Open Demonstration / Discussion by Antigravity Gear	9	Camp Clean-up
12:30 p.m.	Lunch (Chapter 3)	9:45	Chapel/ Awards
		10:30	Go Home
		11	Executive Committee Meeting

Inductions and conversions part of the 'Lodge of the Year' formula

William McCormick

VC of Inductions

As Vice Chief of Inductions I would like to congratulate all 94 new members into Muscogee Lodge. I assume that most of you will be attending the Summer Fellowship, and I hope that a lot of you will come back to the Summer Ordeal and help out where ever is needed. I would also like to thank all of the members who came out to the Ordeal and helped and would encourage more of our members to come and help.

I think everyone had a wonderful time at Dixie and would like everyone to know if they already didn't know that

Chris Hardin placed Third in ceremonies at Dixie for the part of Meteu in both the Pre-

Ordeal and Brotherhood competitions. This is a big accomplishment.

I would now like to encourage all of our Ordeal members that have fulfilled the requirements for Brotherhood to go through their Brotherhood conversion at the Summer Fellowship or at the Fall Fellowship. I hope we can reach the numbers that are required for us to receive

Quality Lodge before the end of the year so we will be eligible for Lodge of the Year for next year's competition at Dixie, which will be held at Camp Barstow. I know staffing and having a contingent for Dixie is difficult but I'm sure we will try and win Lodge of the Year so help us out a little and go for your conversion as soon as possible.

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 Please turn them in on time!*



Chief's Corner

Greetings brothers! Muscogee has had a successful spring thus far after a great showing at the 2004 Dixie Fellowship as well as completing its first of three Ordeals scheduled in 2004.

Muscogee took home plenty of awards, including the Quest for the Golden Arrow, Knowledge & Training, second place in Drum/Sing, second place in Totem Pole Carving, and tied Atta Kulla Kulla for the 2004 Lodge of the Year. Thanks to everyone who participated and helped make it a triumphant weekend!

The Ordeal went well, also. The

weekend-long induction was a tremendous success, and in total 94 new members were introduced into our Order. Please be sure to welcome these new members and make them feel at home at our Summer Fellowship in August. If you were an elangomat, I also encourage you to follow up with



Lodge Chief
David Goza

your clan after 10 months and promote brotherhood conversion. There is incentive, and it's in the form of special Nendawagan Elangomat flaps. The requirements for this award can be found on the lodge's website (<http://www.muscogeelodge.org>)

On that note, the fellowship is rapidly approaching. There are plenty of fun activities planned for the event including a water slide for all to enjoy. I hope that everyone will come prepared to show chapter spirit and have a great time with their fellow brothers. See you at camp!

Attention all youth members: proposed by-laws amendment

— Jonathan Hardin

I propose amending **Section I** of the lodge rules (Organization of the Lodge) to include the following:

I. F. The creation of any lodge memorabilia issue must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote at a lodge business meeting. An "issue" will be defined as any patch, flap, chenille, bullion, or similarly manufactured item, excluding lodge event patches.

I make this proposal in an effort to maintain the long-standing tradition of allowing the entire lodge to approve or disapprove of any patch that represents the lodge as a whole. This proposed amendment will be presented to the lodge during the business meeting at the Summer Fellowship.

Nominating committee for 'Founders Award' begins accepting applications

In 1981, the National OA Committee established a new award to memorialize founders Urner Goodman and Carroll Edson. The Committee created the "Founders Award." This award is only given to a Brotherhood or Vigil Honor members who have devoted extra time and service to the Order.

A Lodge may only present two Founders Awards per year. At least one of the honorees must be a youth. So it is a very special award indeed. Recipients receive an engraved plaque, and are authorized to wear a special red arrow pin. In Muscogee Lodge history, there have only been three honorees of the Founders Award: Dave Durham, John Carpenter and Tripp Clark.

Because of the strong and

positive commitment of both youth and adults in our Lodge, it is certainly time to consider new honorees in our Lodge for this award.

Lodge Chief David Goza has asked Vigil Honor member Nate Bloom to

start up a Founders Award Committee. Jeff Godby of Troop/Crew 100, and a Founders Award honoree and Vigil Honor member from his former Lodge, will serve as the Adviser.

In this issue of the Fox's Tale, you will find a Nomination Form. The

guidelines require the nominee be a Brotherhood or Vigil Honor member of the Lodge. You must also include the nominee's service to the Lodge, the National OA, the community,

and other such service. We will begin collecting Nominations at the Summer Fellowship. The Founders Award Committee will be meeting over the summer to set a deadline for Nominations, and also a date for the announcement of any honorees selected. You can also mail Nomination Forms to Nate Bloom at: 1043 Elm Ave., Cola., SC, 29205.



The Founders Award is only given to Brotherhood or Vigil Honor members who have devoted extra time and service to the Order.

Indian Affairs

Indian styles and costuming varies depending on the dance

Wes Sears

VC of Indian Affairs

The Order of the Arrow, founded on the traditions and legends of the Leni-Lenape or Delaware Indians, has contributed much to preserving the lore and culture of the American Indian. In celebration of this tradition of preservation we would like to present the first of a multi-part series exploring the various dance styles recognized by the Order of the Arrow. These include: Grass Dance, Fancy Dance, Northern Traditional, Old Style and Straight Dance.

Originally done as a warrior society dance of the Omaha Tribe, the Grass Dance has evolved over the years into a very popular style for recreational and competitive dancers. The name "Grass Dance" comes from the custom of some tribes wearing braided grass in their belts. Some believe that Grass Dancing came from young boys tying grass on their outfits. Before a dance could be held on the prairie the grass had to be stomped down. Many of the movements used by today's dancers are believed to come

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from this process of preparing the dance arena.

A Grass Dancer always stands out due to his dancing style and his outfit. Grass Dancing is a freestyle form of dance often described as "gutsy" or "slick." The Grass Dance is exciting to watch, as it is full of energy with dancer's performing many spinning and sweeping motions during the dance. The dance regalia or dance outfit is unique because of the almost complete absence of feathers. No bustle is worn as part of the Grass Dance outfit. The basic parts of the Grass Dance outfit include a ribbon shirt and/or cape, pants, aprons, side tabs, cuffs, armbands, a belt, harness, neckwear (i.e. chokers or scarves), bells, moccasins, and various hand items including a fan, mirror board, dance hoop (medicine wheel or dream catcher), or whips. The cape (yoke), pants, aprons, and side tabs are decorated with yarn or ribbon usually in a "V" or "W" pattern. All are trimmed with yarn or ribbon fringe of varying lengths.

The dancers usually wear a long colorful "porcupine" hair roach on the top of the head, slightly forward of center and flared out flat on the dancer's head.

Ideally the Grass Dancer wears a matched set of beadwork consisting



of belt, side tabs, armbands, cuffs, headband, and moccasins. Designs used to decorate the various items include floral patterns, geometric patterns, and sometimes a combination of both. Characteristic of the Grass Dance outfit is the large fully beaded cuffs or gauntlets. A real eye catching addition is the beaded harness that reaches from the shoulders to slightly below the knees. The two long vertical strips are usually connected by a large piece of beadwork to form what appears to be the letter "H." Fringe of ribbon or yarn hangs from the ends of the harness.

Leave No Trace Principle #4: Leave What You Find

Know how to practice Leave No Trace when you're in the outdoors? Principle #4, Leave What You Find. Here's how to practice Principle #4.

- Preserve the past: examine, but do not touch, cultural or historic structures and artifacts. This includes Native American burial mounds.

- Leave rocks, plants and other natural objects as you find them. Sure, a dead turtle's shell would be nice but it's more useful to other wildlife.

- Avoid introducing or transporting non-native species. Remember: kudzu is native to Japan and China. It wouldn't be here if it had not been introduced as a forage plant by well-

meaning farmers in Florida about 1900.

- Do not build structures, furniture or dig trenches.

Learn more about Leave No Trace camping, by contacting Tripp Clark or any of Muscogee's Leave No Trace Trainers. Or visit www.lnt.org.

Antigravity to be presented at Summer Fellowship ... Sign up today to try some.

Editors Note: Excerpted from antigravitygear.com.

The concept for [Antigravity Gear] was born in 2000 on a Boy Scout backpacking trip to the Uwharrie Mountains of North Carolina. Remarking about how light we felt after removing our far-too-heavy packs, it was decided that the best gear for hiking would be anti-gravity gear. Why, we could even make an anti-gravity suit to carry our gear and sell it for a fortune!!! (At least WE would have paid a fortune for it just then.) Playing Madison Avenue advertising types around the campfire, we were soon talking about silly sounding slogans like "it carries you." We have not yet found the anti-gravity suit that would allow for such effortless backpacking but the search goes on!

A portion of the profit generated by the sale of these items goes to helping buy backpacking gear for the boys in our Scout Troop 270 in Hampstead, NC. We are committed to raising up the next generation of Scouts with a deep reverence for Wilderness and Leave No Trace camping.

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Who?

All Brothers Are Invited

What?

2004 Summer Fellowship

When?

August 13 - 15, 2004

Where?

Camp Barstow

Why?

Get Out of the House

How much?

Early Bird (August 5th) \$20

Regular \$25

Lodge Calendar

July 2004

- Summer Ordeal - 23-25
- Delegation departs for NOAC - 29

August 2004

- National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) - 7/31-8/5
- Summer Fellowship - 13-15

October 2004

- Fall Ordeal - 1-3
- Fall Fellowship - 15-17

December 2004

- Camp Promotions & Unit Elections Training Conference - 4
- Lodge Leadership Development Conference - 4

January 2005

- Banquet - 8

February 2005

- Call OutPLUS - 19



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