

FOX'S Tale



Muscogee Lodge
Order of the Arrow

Fall 2006

Summer's Fellowship was wet. Fall's will be cool.

The Summer Fellowship was absolutely wet and wild. There were many events planned for the weekend including a water slide and water gun fights.

A steady rain throughout the day kept arrowmen soaked. But the dry events went off very well also. These included a drum session taught by Chris Browy and a ceremonies session taught by Johnnie

Brown as well as other training sessions.

The Brotherhood ceremony was held after dinner and then was followed

by a cracker-barrel and a showing of Pirates of the Caribbean, which was a big hit to many of the arrowmen.

Saturday night ended with a patch auction where many arrowmen came away with some great items.



Our Fall Fellowship, October 20-22, is sure to be the biggest of the year.

The theme will be Muscogee's Rodeo and the same company that provided our water slide will provide a

Bucking Bronco for the Fellowship. Additionally we will have many other rodeo-based events such as Dutch oven cooking, lassoing, horseshoes and much more.

Jacks R Better will be a featured presenter at the Fall Fellowship.

Jacks R Better is a lightweight backpacking company, specializing in hammock camping. This company has many great items and tips for lightweight backpacking. You won't want to miss this.

There will also be the Vigil Call-Out on Friday night and we'll have Lodge leadership elections on Saturday at the Business Meeting.

The Fall Fellowship is sure to be a great experience so don't miss out and sign up as soon as you can. (Details on page 4.)

Chief's Corner: Ready. Set. Vote. Time for Lodge Elections

I can't believe that it's time again for Lodge elections! This year has gone by so fast, and yet it has been one of the greatest years in Muscogee's history. I look back on the things that were accomplished this year, and I see potential for many more great things to happen in the years ahead. This past year as Lodge Chief has been one of the most memorable times in my life, and I thank



Lodge Chief
William McCormick

you for allowing me to serve in this capacity. Over this past year, we have managed to be way ahead of schedule on many things, such as Membership levels and Brotherhood Conversions.

Our membership is higher than it has ever been with almost 650 registered members, and our Brotherhood numbers have been on the rise as well.

We started the year with a rocky start at the

Winter Banquet, but that was surpassed at the Spring Fellowship, and again at Dixie. We set a new record at the Spring Fellowship

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What you get out of the OA is more than what you put in

Chris Browy

VC of Communications

What part of your lodge's activities will you be a part of? How can, or will, you serve your lodge? What makes you capable of holding a leadership position in your lodge?

These three questions are what a new arrowman must ask himself after becoming a member of his lodge.

The answer to the first question is simple: try everything!

Activities in your lodge can range from Indian Affairs and Ceremonies Teams to your lodge's newsletter and running the trading post at fellowships. The key is that you find something that you enjoy and participate in those activities to the best of your ability.

The second question, "How can, or will, you serve your lodge?" is one that many will stray from and avoid answering. Many new arrowmen feel that, after they have that lodge flap on their scout shirt and their ordeal is over, they are done. This could not be further from the truth.

Knowing that our Order is found-

ed on Cheerful Service it should be each lodge brother's conscious duty to serve their lodge as much as possible, regardless of their age or level of membership.

Every lodge provides meaningful opportunities to serve. Muscogee Lodge in particular has many different opportunities such as the One-Day Service Project, Fellowship Service Projects, Barstow Bear weekends and Ordeals, just to name a few.

Service doesn't just include physical labor.

Arrowmen, old and new, often forget that service can also involve holding an elected, appointed or advisor position in their lodge's leadership.

The activities you choose to be a part of in your lodge can lead to holding a leadership position for that activity.

Servant leadership is a foundation of your lodge's leadership and each arrowman plays a vital role in its success.

The answer to the third question, "What makes you capable to hold a leadership position in your lodge?" is tied into the previous question's answer.

While most lodge's do not have a requirement of age or level of membership to hold a position, it's best to get

the year, and we still have the Fall Fellowship to go. This event has the potential to be the largest Fellowship in the history of the Lodge, but we need YOU there to make it happen. So set your calendars for October 20-22, 2006.

At this Fellowship we will hold Lodge Elections, induct new brothers into the Vigil Honor, and we will have a WONDERFUL time! Again thank you, for allowing me to serve as Lodge Chief this past year, and I look forward to seeing what great things will come out of Muscogee in the next couple of years.

some experience and gain as much knowledge as possible; not only about your position, but also about your lodge. The truth is everyone is capable of holding a position. But the amount of effort you put forth will determine how well you will do the job in that position.

Being active and involved — whether it's through leadership, service, general activities or participating in Fellowships and Ordeals — is important for each arrowman. Make the most of your years as a youth in the lodge. Get involved and remember: "Ask not what your lodge can do for you. Ask what you can do for your lodge."

2006 - 2007 Lodge Calendar

All locations are at Camp Barstow, unless otherwise noted. All 2006 Fellowships Costs are \$20 for early bird registration and \$25 regular registration unless otherwise noted.

October 20 - 22 • Fall Fellowship

December 1st - 3rd • Lodge Leadership Development Conference (LLDC)

2007

January 6 • Winter Banquet

— Details TBA

March 16 • Call Out

Ordeal candidates are called out at a ceremony held Friday night at Camp Barstow.

March 16 - 18 • Spring Fellowship

— Details TBA

April 27 - 29 • Dixie Fellowship

— Camp Blue Heron, Riceboro, GA

May 18 - 20 • Spring Ordeal

— Details TBA

July 20 - 22 • Summer Ordeal

— Details TBA

“For he who serves his fellows, is, of all his fellows, greatest.”
— Chingachgook

Chief's Corner

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with an attendance of 185, which was the largest attendance in the past 10 years. Then we followed up the Spring Fellowship, by having a great performance at the Dixie Fellowship. Once again, Muscogee brought home Lodge of the Year.

Things settled down a bit until the Summer Fellowship, which was really "Wet-N-Wild." We had good attendance at the Summer Fellowship and the Fellowship went great!

Now we are nearing the end of

NOAC 2006: Drum Team ranks 4th in nation

Skyler Hutto

2006 NOAC Chairman

Our contingent left Columbia on Thursday, July 27th, two days before NOAC began. After a full day of travel, we spent Friday at Paramount King's Island, which is home to some of the roughest wooden roller coasters in the world.

Some of us spent our day on the rides, while others enjoyed the many water slides and lazy river in the water park. On Saturday, we arrived at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich., to begin our NOAC experience. The day was spent getting checked into our dorm and attending the opening show in the Breslin Center, where we were joined by the other 8,000 arrowmen in attendance.

Delegates from Muscogee attended many classes that focused on topics ranging from ceremonies and wilderness medicine to making dance outfits and planning lodge activities.

Our drum team performed in

competition on Monday morning and turned in a great performance that resulted in their being ranking fourth in the nation.

We also had several dance team members who were able to advance to the quarterfinals in competition. Section SR-5 was well represented in dance and drum/sing competition.



2006 NOAC photos courtesy of the Boy Scouts of America



The dance finalists were on display at the American Indian Show on Monday night and Tsali Lodge, from our region, won the Team Dance competition.

Throughout the week, there were competitions in volleyball, basketball, dodgeball and ultimate frisbee. A special OA museum was set up for the conference and displayed many different lodges' history. Frank the Fox also made the trip to Michigan where he attended shows, marched in the parade and competed in the mascot competition.

Region gatherings were held on Tuesday night. Wednesday began with the Founder's Day parade, followed by the Goodman games and culminating in Founder's Day.

Muscogee Lodge had a great booth set up for Founder's Day where we served sweet tea and gave out items from South Carolina. Overall, this was a great experience for our delegation.

Modest Price Increase Approved

Tripp Clark

Lodge Adviser

For the first time in almost ten years, Muscogee Arrowmen will see an increase in the fellowship fees for 2007.

At the September Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) Meeting, lodge leaders discussed the fact that food costs have increased significantly in the past several years, plus our fellowship agendas have included more costly program features (water slides, jousting rings, bucking broncos, dunking booths, out-of-state expert presenters, etc.). Your lodge leaders enthusiastically support the idea of continuing these types of program offerings and want to have even better fellowships, but

realize that we cannot continue to do so with a \$20 fee.

Therefore, for 2007 the LEC approved an increase in the fellowship fee from \$20 to \$25. The "late fee" will remain as \$5 added to the fellowship fee and will continue to apply after the Thursday of the week prior to the fellowship.

The LEC also renewed the offering of the "Red Fox Card" for 2007, and also increased the benefits of the card. The "Red Fox Card" for 2007 will cost \$100 and must be purchased by December 20. Cards will be issued at the banquet. The "Red Fox Card" pays for one year of lodge dues (\$10), all three lodge fellowships ($25 \times 3 = \$75$), the banquet (\$10), and all three Ordeals ($5 \times 3 = \$15$). This is a value of

\$110, plus, since you are already registered for the year's events, there is no worry with late fees. This saves you even more. Also, as always, "Red Fox Card" members get priority, based on their card number, for purchasing extra patches at the fellowship. Plus, new for 2007, "Red Fox Card" members will receive one extra fellowship patch at every fellowship they attend (attendance required to receive the bonus patch). This is another \$9 value. Remember, however, that "Red Fox Card" privileges are not transferable or refundable.

See the registration form enclosed with this issue to order your "Red Fox Card" today.

Ultra-light gear featured at Fall Fellowship

Two guys named Jack (one of whom is indeed a rocket scientist) retired from the Army and put their military experiences, Scouting knowledge, planning expertise and engineering skills to good use.



Today they're known as Jacks R Better, manufacturers of ultra-light hiking gear and quilts ... and some innovative stuff, too.

According to information on jacksrbetter.com, "our packs, without consumables, weigh less than 12 pounds. However, experience has taught us that there is

absolutely no reason to be uncomfortable when you go to the woods."

One of the Jacks, Jack Tier, will be at Barstow during the Fall Fellowship demonstrating their products, including hammocks

and some of the most remarkable "quilts" you've ever seen. (Think of a wearable sleeping bag.)

"We offer quality products that are of our own design and manufacture. We use quality materials and excellent craftsmanship," according to their literature.

Leaving a Legacy: The Tradition of Servant Leadership

Mason Thomas

Opinion

Through my years as a member of this lodge I have found there to be three absolute truths.

First, the youth of this lodge are the best at performing. Thirteen Lodge of the Year titles don't lie, and you can't argue with them. Whether it's Quest for the Golden Arrow, Knowledge and Training Award, Drum/Sing, or Ceremonies... Muscogee has a reputation as a lodge to be reckoned with.

The second is that this lodge's adults are the most caring and giving group of advisers that I have ever seen. Barstow Bears, Capital Campaign, Elangomats, Advisers, Scoutmasters, you name it... Muscogee Lodge would not be what it is without its adults.

And finally, our lodge has support; support from the community, local civic organizations, and perhaps most importantly from our Council. I have seen lodges that do not have adequate support from their Scout Executive or the Executive Board; this presents many problems with

Fall Fellowship
October 20-22

Theme: Muscogee Rodeo

Early Bird Cost: \$20 (before October 12)

Regular Cost: \$25

Featured Activities: Bucking Bronco, Dutch oven cooking, lassoing, horseshoes, Jacks R Better and much more.



funding, operation, facilitation, and others. All of these factors have led to a tradition of excellence in the midlands of South Carolina, a tradition that is bound together by its people. However, this continuum of greatness may be broken.

So I call upon each arrowman to give of themselves for the betterment of others. We should each strive to leave a legacy of servant leadership, passing it on to the next arrowman to sustain the high ideals of Scouting for the next generation. Remember "for he who serves his fellows, is, of all his fellows, greatest!"



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2006 Fall Fellowship
October 20 -22

Name: _____ Chapter: _____

(Please check all that apply)

_____ I am registering for the fellowship by Thursday, October 12, 2006. Enclosed is my fee of \$20.

_____ I am registering for the fellowship after Thursday, October 12, 2006. Enclosed is my fee of \$25.

_____ I have been an Ordeal member for 10 months or longer and I wish to accept the Brotherhood Challenge and complete my induction into the Order of the Arrow. I am enclosing my additional fee of \$12 to cover the cost of a Brotherhood Sash.

_____ I am a 2006 Red Fox Card member. Sign me up for the Fellowship.

_____ Enclosed is \$10 for next year's lodge dues (*check the mailing label to see if your dues expire at the end of this year*)

_____ I want to purchase a 2007 Muscogee Lodge Red Fox Card (*see article on page 3*). Enclosed is \$100, which includes 1 year of dues plus all lodge event registrations for 2007 (*does not include Dixie Fellowship*).

I am enclosing a total fee 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: _____ Zip Code: _____

KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS!!

2006 Fall Fellowship Agenda (tentative)

Friday

5:00 p.m.	Officer Check-in	Dining Hall
6:00 - 7:00	Registration	Dining Hall
7:15	Chapter Meetings	Campsites
8:00	Opening Campfire Vigil Call Out	Council Ring
10:15	Cracker Barrel	Dining Hall
10:30	Brotherhood Candidates Meeting	Pavilion
11:30	Taps	Your tent

Saturday

8:00 a.m.	Reveille	
8:20	Flag Raising	Parade Field
8:30	Breakfast	Dining Hall
9:15 - 10:45	Service Projects	Meet at Pavilion
11:00	WORKSHOPS	
	Brotherhood Boards	O'Tuel Building
	Drum/Dance Workshop	Pavilion
	Dutch Oven Cooking	Scoutcraft
	Ceremonies Workshop	Handicraft
12:00 p.m.	Formation	Parade Field
	Spirit Judging	Parade Field
	Lunch	Dining Hall
1:00	Jacks R Better - Ultralight Backpacking	Scoutcraft
	Ultimate Frisbee	Parade Field
	Open Archery	Archery Range
2:00	Jacks R Better - Hammock Camping	Scoutcraft
	Skeet Shooting <i>(There is a \$3 range fee per shooter)</i>	Shotgun Range
	Dutch Oven Cooking Cook-off	Handicraft
3:30	Business Meeting	Dining Hall
5:00	Rodeo	Parade Field
7:20	Flag Lowering	Parade Field
7:30	Dinner	Dining Hall
8:30	Jacks R Better - Alcohol Stoves	Pavilion
8:30	Brotherhood Candidates Meet	Dining Hall Porch
9:00	Barstow Cinema	Dining Hall
9:00	Brotherhood Ceremony	Ceremony Ring
10:30	Cracker Barrel	Dining Hall
10:45	Patch Auction	Pavilion
12:00	Taps	Your tent

Sunday

8:00 a.m.	Reveille	
8:20	Flag Raising	Parade Field
8:30	Breakfast	Dining Hall
9:00	Camp Clean-up	
10:00	Chapel & Awards	Chapel
11:00	Head for home	
11:30	LEC Meeting	Pavilion