


Fall Fellowship: a little work, a little play, a little nap, a lot of fun



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Two guys with a gong and a 2x4 win Fall Fellowship talent show

Nearly 150 Brothers attended the Fall Fellowship October 5 - 7, 2007 at Camp Barstow. (See photos on page 4.) The music-themed event began with a camp fire that included face-painted guitar mimes, reminiscent of Milli Vanilli (look 'em up, young folks).

The camp fire also included this year's Vigil Call Out of four Arrowmen — Rick Born, Jimmy "Newt" Grant, John Michael Roby and Emmitt Sherron — all from Chapter Two.

Saturday morning gave way to service projects and training sessions. The Mr. Muscookee/Talent contest, judged by a crew toting a gong, was pretty much over when it was discovered the two guys banging a gong with a 2 x 4 was by far the most talented crew to perform.

New Lodge and Chapter officers were elected at the Saturday afternoon business meeting. The list of new officers can be found on page three. Later that afternoon the jousting pit, basketball and the general free-for-all that is ultimate Frisbee/football turned everyone's extra energy into sweat and fun.

Fifteen Ordeal members sealed their membership in the Order of the Arrow by passing their Brotherhood boards. Their accomplishment was celebrated at Saturday night's camp fire.

Following the camp fire some Brothers indulged in the time-honored practice of patch trading while others studied the cinematic art of the Teenaged Mutant Ninja Turtles. The evening's cracker barrel left everyone sated and, as



The judging crew made its decisions known with a large gong and some rather ugly scowls.

always, impressed that the kitchen crew was able to provide plentiful and tasty food for all.

Sunday's chapel service never fails to inspire and remind us that a Scout is reverent.

You Wish, You Wish, You Wish You Were A Fox!

Do you have your Red Fox Card? If not, then sign up at the Scout Office today to get yours. EVERYONE wants to be a FOX!

What is a Red Fox Card?

The ultimate pass for events that Muscookee Lodge hosts! That's right this pass is only \$100 (a fee based upon costs of every event, including Ordeals but not including Dixie) and gives you a pass to every event throughout the year (except, as mentioned, Dixie).

What benefits does a Fox Card Reap?

Tons! First, by paying \$100 you get a discount of about \$15 (each Fellowship costs \$25, each Ordeal costs \$5, and the

Banquet is around \$10-\$15, a retail value of around \$125). Another bonus is that you avoid paying the \$5 late fee if you ever "forget" to register before the deadline. Finally, upon check-in at each Fellowship you will get two patches (free of charge, everyone gets one, but if you purchase this deal you get two), another \$9 savings.

How do I get mine?

See Mrs. Velda at the Scout Shop and pay the \$100 fee.

Remember, this pass is good only for one year, but it

includes every event, except for Dixie. You will need to call the Scout Office at least two weeks prior to each event so we have a good idea of how many to expect for food, fun, and fellowship. This offer is only good through December 14, 2007.

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Brotherhood, cheerfulness, service

On November 17, 2007 we will gather at Harbison State Forest to provide some much-needed service. Our Order pushes service in all aspects but we don't want to forget the other two key points to which our Order is dedicated: Brotherhood and Cheerfulness.

In the spirit of Brotherhood we have invited several Scoutreach Troops to join us. This is an opportunity to provide Scouts in need a chance to progress through some of their rank advancements.

During the day we all will work together on needed service hours for rank advancements. We will also take some time to work on required knots.

Cheerfulness is something each of us will have bring to make this day of work work well.

When it comes to working on knots, we will do a round robin of sorts and afterwards we will have a knot relay.

At the end of the day we will wrap up with a fun and exciting game of Ultimate Frisbee, Soccer or Football.

The day will start around 9 a.m., and last until around 5 p.m.

Remember, Dr. E. Urner Goodman, founder of the Order of the Arrow, once said, "The Order of the Arrow is a thing of the spirit rather than of mechanics. Organizations, operational procedure, and paraphernalia are necessary in any large and growing movement, but they are not what count in the end. The things of the spirit count.

• Brotherhood- In a day when there is too much hatred at home and abroad.

• Cheerfulness- In a day when the pessimists have the floor, and cynics are popular.

• Service- In a day when millions are interested in getting or grasping, rather than giving."

Annual training for Officers makes for a good year

On December 1, 2007 the newly elected Lodge Officers will gather at Westminster Presbyterian Church, near Dutch Square, for training in the position they will fill for the 2008 Lodge Year.

The Lodge Leadership Development Conference (LLDC) day will start at 8 a.m. and will end around 7 or 8 p.m.

This will be a day packed with helpful training to get the newest team of Muscogee Lodge Leaders on their feet and running. As a reminder, if you are a newly elected Lodge Officer or an appointed Chairman for the 2008 Lodge Year, you MUST be at this training event in order to retain your position as a Lodge Leader. It is expected as well that the "Old" Officer will be in attendance to act as mentors or advisers to their replacements in that position(s).

Having both the new and old Lodge Leaders at this event

helps ensure a seamless transition from one group to the next.

And if you are not an elected Officer or Chairman as mentioned above but are curious as to what the job(s) entails; you are welcome to attend as well.

We encourage youth and adults who are interested in holding a leadership position in the future to attend this event as well. The LLDC will give you step ahead and will help in that "seamless" transition from one leadership group to the next.

This will be a full day of needed training for both the new Youth Leaders as well as the Adult Advisers.

2008 LODGE OFFICERS

Lodge Chief: Skyler Hutto

Vice Chief of Program: John Cuenin

Vice Chief of Inductions: Clay Johnson

Vice Chief of Communications: William McCormick

Vice Chief of Indian Affairs: Brandon Poole

Secretary: Jared Eller

Treasurer: Bill Davis

Arrowman in the Spotlight



Andrew Johnson

Fox's Tale Correspondent

The Arrowman in the Spotlight for this issue of *Fox's Tale* is Bruce Conley. Bruce is 14 and comes from Troop 100. He is also in the Ehalluchsit Chapter. Bruce is a freshman at White Knoll High School and has the Star rank working towards Life, but his goal is Eagle Scout.

He was first introduced to scouting when he was eight and his mom told him about it. He said, "That sounds fun." He likes the atmosphere of scouting and the fun he has when participating in events. He is an avid archer and gardener.

Bruce likes how it takes patience and concentration to aim at a target and shoot a bow. He likes to plant trees, tomatoes, and flowers in his garden. If forced to say what his favorite plant is, he would choose the moon flower and the morning glory vine.



Bruce Conley

2007 - 2008 Lodge Calendar

All locations are at Camp Barstow, unless otherwise noted. All 2008 Fellowships Costs are \$25 for early bird registration and \$30 regular registration unless otherwise noted.

November 17 • One Day of Service

- Scoutreach Day
- Harbison State Forest

December 1 • Lodge Leadership Dev.

- Annual training for officers

2008

January 12 • Winter Banquet

- Details TBA in Winter edition

March 14 - 16 • Call Out/Spring Fellowship

- Ordeal Call-Out Ceremony

April 25 - 27 • Dixie Fellowship

- Details TBA in Winter edition

ArrowCorps Five plans major service initiatives for summer 2008

ArrowCorps5 is by far the biggest event ever coordinated by the Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts of America and the US Forest Service. Everyone in the OA has the opportunity to be a part of this Historic event.

ArrowCorps5, the largest volunteer service project in the history of the United States, is where 5,000 Arrowmen from around the country will attend at least one of five sites for five different weeks out of the summer of 2008. It is often said to be "five-five-at-five sites" by those of us in charge of promoting this great event.

Our goal is to provide 5,000 Arrowmen, for five weeks, at five different US forests.

These forests include:

- Mark Twain, June 7-14, 2008
- Manti-La Sal, June 14-21, 2008
- George Washington-Jefferson, June 21-28, 2008
- Shasta-Trinity, July 12-19, 2008
- Bridger-Teton, July 26-August 2, 2008.

Each site has its own unique service projects, including, but not limited to: invasive species removal, wilderness fence removal, trail maintenance and trail building.

This great project will help strengthen the ties between the OA and the US Forest Service as well as allow Arrowmen to show our country what the OA ... the Boy Scouts of America ... are all about!

On September 15, 2007 a

registration and informational packet was sent to each lodge across the nation. In this packet is the most up-to-date information about each project.

If you are interested at all in this project there will be several opportunities to sign up to attend one or more of these project sites.

Muscogee lodge's goal is for at least five members from all five chapters to go to one of the five sites. This goal is attainable, however, each site is limited to only 1,000 participants, including staff members.

Once all 1,000 available spaces at each site are full then no one else will be allowed to register for this event.

The cost is \$250 per participant per



site. There is a \$100 deposit that is non-refundable, but transferable to different sites.

The official deadline to sign up is February 1, 2008, however, the earlier you sign up the better chance you will have to attend these projects - space is limited.

Sign up at the Scout Office in the Scout Shop. Tell them the site you wish to attend and your contact information.

Our goal is for Muscogee Lodge to send at least 25 people to all of the sites; however, I believe we can send at least 50 to this project if you act today.

If you have any questions about this, please contact William McCormick at muscogee06chief@gmail.com or call (803) 516-5854.

Editorial: We make a vow. We have a slogan. Time to put them to practice

Colby Coggins

Vice Chief, Communications

Ordeal Candidates take an oath at the pre-ordeal ceremony. That oath has three parts, one of which is to give cheerful, arduous labor. We take an oath to give cheerful brotherly service.

As scouts we are to give a good turn daily. That is the purpose of Arrow-Corps 5.

ArrowCorps5 is an opportunity for the Order of the Arrow to help the environment and the people of this country who visit these National Forests.

In addition to cheerful service, there will also be a day of wide ranging recreational activities, from mountain

biking, rock-climbing, rafting, and more.

Of course, there will be a reasonable fee requested from participants to help cover the costs of meals, accommodations and the full day of recreational activities during the ArrowCorps 5 projects. However, it is important to remember why Arrowmen are out in the middle of a

'We are the young men who need to kindle this flame of serve and make it burn brighter than ever before.'

National Forest doing what they can to ease the pressure of decades of human use.

The National Forests and National Parks will not be around forever if people do not try and help protect them from other people looking to destroy the forests for parking lots, or from invading animals and plant-life.

If the Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts of America, and other communities and people do not protect our forests now, in 20 years when we (current scouts) are parents and scout leaders taking our children on their first camp outs, there may not be a forest to take them camping in.