



# The Fox's Tale

Muscogee Lodge • Order of the Arrow • Boy Scouts of America

Winter 2008

## Fall Fellowship: a rah-rah-sis-boom-bah good time

John Cuenin

VC of Program

Muscogee's Fall Fellowship was a highly successful affair that had a college theme.

The specific chapters took on the persona of college sports fans for their selected colleges. The Chapters participated as Hawaii University, the fictional Faber University, Alabama, Troy, and Penn State with Chapters One, Two, Three, Four and Five represented respectively.

The weekend was filled with athletic competition of football and Frisbee and

brotherhood. Everybody had a ton of fun and we had the usual goings on of a fellowship including a patch auction and service to the camp.

The Fall Fellowship is, as you might know, is the event at which the Vigil honor is awarded to Lodge members. This Fall we had five brothers earn the Vigil honor, the highest honor

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Andrew Singletary shows his game face with the red and black of the Troy Trojans during the All-Collegiate Fall Fellowship. Troy University is located in Troy, Alabama.

## Chief's Corner: Your help is needed to boost Lodge and Scout membership

Skyler Hutto

Lodge Chief

This year has held great accomplishments for Muscogee. We won a commanding victory at Dixie, while maintaining our traditions of Service and Brotherhood.

As we find ourselves entering the holiday season, let's not forget the challenges that lie ahead of us. The lodge will still be encountering challenges and hosting events for the months to come.

Unfortunately, Boy Scouts as a

whole finds itself struggling to find new members.

Consequently, Muscogee Lodge is finding difficulties with maintaining membership growth. I share this with you because we need your help. We need you to talk to members of your unit, asking them to renew their membership. This is crucial to the health of the Lodge.

Without members, we cannot support the events that I hope you all enjoy; without new members, we will not be able to attain the "Quality Lodge" Status. This status, which we have achieved for years, is required for Lodge of the Year (some-

thing that we are very good at winning). Besides that, the Order of the Arrow is a great program, and I would hope that you would encourage people to stay involved with it. Please contact the Scout Office to renew memberships.

Another problem we find within the Lodge is one of Brotherhood conversion. The reason for this issue alludes me, but

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Lodge Chief  
Skyler Hutto

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## Fall Fellowship brings out competitive spirits

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that the Order of the Arrow has to offer. The five brothers were Jamie Spitzer, Justin Desrochers, Jeff Will, Carol Haines and Sherry Bailey. Please, the next time you see any of these new Vigil honor recipients, congratulate them on their achievement.

We also held our elections for 2009 officers. John Cuenin, our 2008 Vice Chief of Program, was elected to be our 2009 Lodge Chief. Along with him, the Lodge Officers who were elected are as follows: Clay Johnson, Vice Chief of Program; Chase Crowder, Vice Chief of Communications; Matthew Forster, Vice Chief of Inductions; and Brandon Poole Vice Chief of Indian Affairs, for a second term. Secretary will be Skyler Hutto and Treasurer will be Alex Cartledge.

They are all looking forward to next year and hope that you are as well and will enjoy their leadership to the lodge.

We also had a special guest at the Lodge

for the fellowship. David "AWOL" Miller came and gave presentations to the participants.

Mr. Miller has thru-hiked the Appalachian Trail once and hiked segments at other times as well. He has written an AT handbook entitled Appalachian Pages and a narrative of his thru-hike enti-

### 'AWOL' was the Fellowship's special guest

tled Awol on the Appalachian Trail. Mr. Miller's presentations were very interesting and informational, and everyone enjoyed them immensely.

The Fall Fellowship was a lot of fun and many brothers enjoyed the brotherhood and service we experienced during this event. I urge you all to come to the next event so you can have the same fun we had at the Fall Fellowship.

## Chief's Corner: Have you sealed your membership?

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some people do not wish to seal their membership in the Order. The Brotherhood experience is one that will expand a person's understanding of the order, and if you know anyone who is eligible, please encourage them to seal their membership.

It is important to the Lodge and to them in terms of understanding what the Order is. If you or someone you know would like to attain Brotherhood, then please contact me ([chief@muscogeelodge.org](mailto:chief@muscogeelodge.org)). The Lodge is happy to provide ceremonies, so don't hesitate to let us know.

Finally, as you look ahead in the Year, you'll notice that our next event is the Winter Banquet. This is a recognition dinner, silent action, and learning opportunity.

Camp Barstow will host a speaker and award its most hard-working scouts. I encourage anyone to attend; it's a great experience, especially for anyone who is a bit weary of normal Lodge functions.

This is an opportunity to see scouting's best. So Muscogee, let's keep it together and finish the year strong: achieving Quality Lodge and setting ourselves up for another winning year.

## Drum Team looks to repeat recent successes

### Brandon Poole

VC of Indian Affairs

It's the time of year again that Muscogee's Indian Affairs starts to go into full swing. We are in a rebuilding year and will be teaching the basics to many new members so if you are interested in joining now is the time.

If anyone is interested in joining the drum or dance teams if you could please contact me by email me at [poolebc@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:poolebc@mailbox.sc.edu)

or call me at 803-315-0738.

We are looking forward to another great year at Dixie this year.

I'd like to thank everyone

who has supported us so in the past.

I am proud to say that both the drum team and dance team is already working hard to once again place at Dixie this year.

## Have you sealed your membership?

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## 2009 Lodge Leadership

Each year at the fall fellowship there is plenty of fun and games but when the business meeting rolls around its election time. There are seven elected positions available. There were many arrowmen that ran for various offices. They tried their best to get the lodge members vote by giving a speech on why they would be the best man for the job. The arrowmen decided that these people were best fit for the job:

- **Lodge Chief: John Cuenin**
- **Vice Chief of Program: Clay Johnson**
- **Vice Chief of Communications: Chase Crowder**
- **Vice Chief of Inductions: Matt Forster**
- **Vice Chief of Indian Affairs: Brandon Poole**
- **Treasurer: Alex Cartledge**
- **Secretary: Skyler Hutto**

These are your lodge leaders for 2009! Congratulate them when you see them as this is a great responsibility and opportunity to lead and serve the lodge. — *Chase Crowder*





# WILDERNESS EXPEDITION: 21 DAYS IN THE WILD

William McCormick

VC of Communications

Since moving on from high school, I have been involved in many great opportunities; one of which has been having



the opportunity to go to college.

The college I chose to attend was Brevard College in Brevard, NC; and I



have been taking courses in their Wilderness Leadership and Experiential Education Major. Over the past several years since being at Brevard College I have had many outings in Pisgah

National Forest, but nothing has compared to a recent experience.

One of the most pivotal points in this program is taking a 21-day, 130-mile expedition, from which I have recently come out of the woods.

While I have the time to type this article, I wanted to let you know what I have been up to during those 21 days.

My classmates and I, 10 of us in all, and two instructors, started out backpacking in Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest in western North Carolina. We spent three days viewing the old growth forest and seeing the old poplar trees there within, until we reached Fontana Lake.

From there we paddled across the lake for three more days, once to the other side we picked up our packs and started hiking again towards Brevard, NC. From Fontana Lake we hiked along the Appalachian Trail for five days until we reached the Bartram Trail where we cut across to our pick up point for a transport to our next hiking point, Whitewater Falls Overview on the Foothills Trail where we spent tent days hiking.

Once on the Foothills Trail all that was left, hiking back to Brevard, NC.

This seems like a lot but spread out over 21-days it was nothing too difficult. However, the best part of the entire expedition is that we, the students, planned the entire trip from scratch.

We had to get permission to be on some of the land, figure out how to get resupplied, and where we were going to go in 21-days.

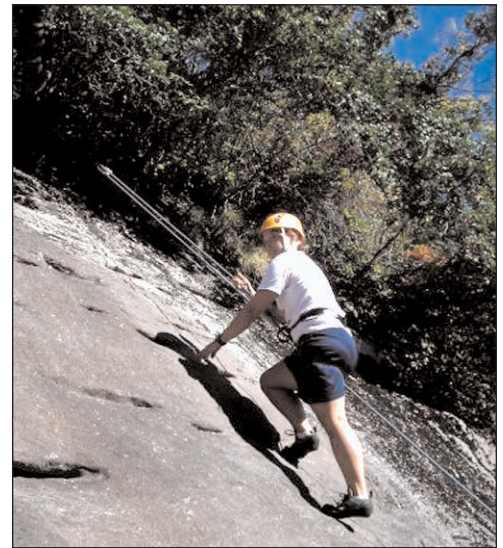
The entire semester has been full



of fun, excitement, and outdoor adventure.

In fact, over the course of the semester I have been involved on such trips as whitewater kayaking, Whitewater canoeing, sea kayaking on the coast, backpacking, caving (including a 150-foot free rappel into a cave), and much more!

Just think, all of this was for *school!!!* While it sounds like a walk in a park,



believe me when I say there is much more involved than just getting to go cool places and do cool things!

Well, that's what I have been up to this semester, loads of work and lots of fun! If you want to have fun like that and get an education in how to guide such various trips, then an outdoor leadership program is the place for you.

And remember: if you can't have fun, then what's the point in life?

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Information • History • Patches

Need any information pertaining to  
Muscogee Lodge's  
History or Patch Collection.

Ideas offered about Newsletters, Events  
and Website greatly appreciated.

Contact William McCormick immediately at  
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**REWARD...**

The Appreciation of the Lodge and the  
Satisfaction of a job well done.



# Winter banquet arrangements promise fun, fulfilling and meaning experience

John Cuenin

VC of Program

Not to get you all too excited, but our Winter Banquet should be more fun than ever this year.

We have not been reassured that the speaker and caterer will be definite but they will sure be something we'll like. As seen right now our speaker is to be Brigadier General Bradley W. May, the Commanding General of US Army Basic Combat Training Center of Excellence at Fort Jackson.

BG May has an extensive military career and is a distinguished leader in the United States Army.

We are attempting to secure Moe's Southwest Grill as our caterer for the

Winter Banquet. From experience, Moe's is delicious. If we are able to acquire Moe's as our caterer, it should be a not soon forgotten winter banquet.

As well as having food and a great speaker, our winter banquet will be the

time of year at which we will recognize our outstanding leaders and brothers from the

last year, and swear in our leaders for the next year.

I definitely encourage every single one

of you to come and join us January 10, 2009. Bring the whole family and have fun!

We will be sending emails about price and RSVP information in December, so be checking for the info.

**Banquet Reservations are due by Friday, January 2, 2009. Please remember check with Scout Office for holiday closings.**

## 2009 Lodge Calendar

### January 10\*

Winter Banquet, Camp Barstow

### March 13

Call Out

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

### March 13 - 15

Spring Fellowship, Camp Barstow

### April 24 - 26

Dixie Fellowship, Location TBA

### May 15 - 17

Spring Ordeal, Camp Barstow

### July 17 - 19

Summer Ordeal, Camp Barstow

### August 7 - 9

Summer Fellowship, Camp Barstow

### September 11 - 13

Fall Ordeal, Camp Barstow

### October 9 - 11

Fall Fellowship, Camp Barstow

Oct 17th

One Day of Service, Location TBA

### November 13 - 14

Lodge Leadership Development, Location TBA

\* Dates subject to revision

## WEB BONUS: MORE FALL FELLOWSHIP PHOTOS

