



The Fox's Tale

Muscogee Lodge • Order of the Arrow • Boy Scouts of America
Summer 2012

Summer Camp & Brotherhood Conversion

This summer has been another huge success for the Order of the Arrow at Camp Barstow. Muscogee Lodge has been putting on many activities such as an ice cream social, Brotherhood Boards, Brotherhood ceremonies and our famous Call-Out ceremony on Family Night.

Within the first two weeks of summer camp we have reached a Brotherhood conversion rate of 27%. That number is great but

This summer has been another huge success for the Order of the Arrow at summer camp.

we want to get that number even higher. Last year we reached 40% and I would like to challenge the lodge to reach 50% this year. To accomplish this goal, the Order of the Arrow brothers on Summer Camp Staff, have been working very hard, finding Brotherhood eligible members, doing Brotherhood Boards, and doing Brotherhood Ceremonies.

We cannot accomplish our goal of 50% without your help.

We need every brother in the lodge to help Brotherhood eligible members study and seal their membership in the order.

I would like to thank all of the Order of the Arrow members on Staff this summer for their help in putting on a great Order of the Arrow program. I would also like to give a special thanks to our 2012 Order of the Arrow Camp Chief Matthew Forster. 🦊

WWW,
John Weir
Vice Chief of Inductions
NOAC Chairman

CHIEF'S CORNER

Matt Forster

Lodge Chief

We started off this year amazingly. We came in second in all three main categories at Dixie with a very young contingent. Our Indian Affairs guys did very well too by placing in all categories they competed in. I cannot wait until next year and take home all three awards. At the Spring Ordeal we continued building the boundary trail and getting camp ready for summer camp. At the fellowship the theme was famous movies. Wischiki won the Spirit Award and Chapter of the Fellowship. Tschitanek Woakus won Quest for the Golden Fox. All the awards were decided by a point, which means every chapter is getting more and more competitive. On June 2 the lodge held a workday for summer camp. We set up all the tents in lower camp and some of upper camp, so the summer camp staff did not have to. During summer camp we conducted brotherhood boards and brotherhood ceremonies. In doing so we met the minimum requirement of thirty percent for Journey to Excellence. I cannot wait for everything else coming up this year. 🍀

WWW,
Matt Forster
Lodge Chief

ARROWMEN IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Stuart Park

VC Communications

Hello Muscogee!

In the upcoming Fox's Tales you will start to see many changes. One of them is the new corner, "Arrowman in the spotlight". This quarter's arrowman in the spotlight is James

McConnell. At the Spring fellowship, James noticed that there were not enough people in the kitchen to get meals cooked. James stepped in without being asked to help. For that James is this quarter's Arrowman in the spotlight. 🍀

HEADING TO NOAC!

Matt Barnes

VC Indian Affairs

Hey Guys,

The drum team is going to NOAC this year with nine drummers singing in the team sing category. We hope to place higher than the 5th place ranking that we received at the last NOAC. The drum team has grown a lot since then. Instead of having five singers, we now have nine. The most impressive thing is we have only two returning members from the last NOAC. Having 7 new singers at this NOAC is quite exciting! We are quite confident on how we are going to place. As far as dancers go, we have about 4 dancers

competing in individual dance. We are hoping by next NOAC we will have a successful team dance. We are always accepting new members so anyone that would love to dance or drum or both ! I would love to hear from any of you who are interested in getting involved in the Indian Affairs programs. I can be reached by e-mail at vcindianaffairs@muscogeelodge.org .

Thanks! 🍀

-WWW,
Matt Barnes

FELLOWSHIP

Jonathan Haines

VC Program

Fellow Muscogeeans the past few months have been exceptional. At the Spring Fellowship we had 24 candidates seal their membership by doing their brotherhood. The winner of the Chapter of the Fellowship was again Wischiki, also the winner of Quest of Golden Fox was Tschitanek Woakus. And the spirit

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award went to Wischiki. The next Fellowship is August 17th through the 19th and it's theme is water sports. Make

sure you guys sign up and come out and fellowship with your other brothers. 🗺️

WORLD RECORD HOLDER COMING TO CAMP BARSTOW

Very few people in the world of camping and hiking reach celebrity status, but one that certainly has is Jennifer Pharr Davis of Asheville, NC. Jennifer has hiked over 11,000 miles of Long Distance Trails. She has trekked on six continents and currently holds endurance records on the Appalachian Trail (Maine to Georgia), the Long Trail (Vermont) and Bibbulmun Track (Australia). She is the first woman to be the overall record holder on the Appalachian Trail. She set this mark by hiking the 2,181 mile trail in 46 days, 11 hours and 20 minutes – an average of 46.9 miles per day.

In 2008, Jennifer was named Blue Ridge Outdoors Person of the Year. In 2011, Jennifer appeared in the Sunday edition of the New York Times; and on national television and radio shows such as CNN Headline News, the CBS Early Show, and NPR's Talk of the Nation. She was also named a National Geographic Adventurer of the Year and voted Ultrarunning Magazine's top female performance of 2011.

Jennifer has also authored four books, including three North Carolina guidebooks and her hiking memoir: Becoming Odyssa. She has written for, or

appeared within, the following Magazines: Blue Ridge Outdoors, Backpacker, Trail Runner, Men's Journal, Shape and Fitness Magazine.

Back in Asheville, Jennifer owns and operates Blue Ridge Hiking Co., offering guiding, coaching and speaking services.

On Saturday, October 13, Jennifer will join us at Camp Barstow for the Muscogee Lodge Fall Fellowship. There, she will share her adventures with Scouts and leaders. Mark your calendar to be with us, and plan to come and meet this remarkable young lady. 🗺️

WISHING YOU THE BEST!

Stuart Park

VC Communications

For six years, our council has been blessed to have two of the best rangers that we have ever had at Camp Barstow. David and Kathy Bauer have definitely made an impact on this camp and many scouts' lives. Since summer of 2007, Kathy has served as the Camp Barstow Aquatics Director. On 1

August, David and Kathy Bauer will be departing Barstow to serve as the new rangers at a camp in western Tennessee, Camp Buck Toms. Western Tennessee is a place that has always been close to the Bauer's hearts. However, just because the Bauers are leaving does not mean



they aren't coming back; the Bauer's will be keeping their mem-

bership in Muscogee Lodge. David and Kathy are both Vigil members of 2010. Muscogee Lodge wishes the Bauer's the best. 🗺️

DIXIE 2012

Chick Neal

Senior Dixie Chairman

We had a great time at Dixie this year. Although we did not win any of the top three awards, we still had a blast. We had a great turn out, so that was really awesome. I want to give major shout outs to our Indian Affairs department. An-

drew Sears placed first in parade of braves for men's fancy and first in men's fancy dance category. Matthew Barnes placed first in Parade of Braves and first in dance for the chicken category great job you guys. As for Matt Forster he was elected to be the SR-5 Section Vice Chief.

Thanks for giving me the chance to lead this delegation at the 2012 Dixie Conclave. 🗺️

UPCOMING LODGE EVENTS

Summer Fellowship
17-19 August 2012

Fall Ordeal
7-9 September 2012

Fall Fellowship
12-14 October 2012

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