



The Fox's Tale

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

Winter 2012

NOAC 2012 IN REVIEW

John Weir

2012 NOAC Chairman

NOAC (National Order of the Arrow Conference) was all in all a great event. There were so many different activities for arrowmen to participate in, whether it was playing ultimate Frisbee, to competing in Indian Affairs events, to even taking scuba classes! There was such a wide range of classes for arrowmen to take to better

improve our lodge. Muscogee



lodge took 38 participants and

4 staff members to NOAC for a grand total of 42 brothers; the biggest contingent Muscogee lodge has ever taken to a NOAC!

Muscogee lodge participated in many events including Frisbee, football, volleyball, tug-o-war, basketball, ceremonies, group drum/ sing, and numerous different dances. Muscogee lodge did extremely well in

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70TH ANNIVERSARY FELLOWSHIP'S A SUCCESS

Josiah Peeler

2012-2013 Vice Chief of Program

Dear Brothers,
We had an excellent two fellowships recently. Both the summer fellowship and the fall fellowship were awesome and unique. We helped improve camp through our service projects and had training ses-

sions. The friendly competition through sporting activities in the afternoon was great. You competed in football, basket ball, ultimate frisbee, cross country, chariot races, arrow and softball throws, and much more. Our lodge and chapter leaders also

fought over a greased watermelon at the waterfront at the summer fellowship. At the fall fellowship we had a unique training season with a visit from backpack expert and world record holder Jennifer Pharr Da-

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these events, we won the national championship for ultimate Frisbee for the second NOAC in a row, advanced to the 3rd round of football, came in 5th in the nation for drum/ sing, and even



had two arrowmen place nationally in chicken dance, Matt

Barnes placed in 3rd in the nation and his younger brother Caleb Barnes placed in 4th in the nation. The ceremonies team also competed at NOAC for the very first time, wearing brand new Cherokee regalia, and did very well. A special thanks goes to Brian Barnes for helping the Ceremonies team put together new regalia in a very short amount of time. Muscogee lodge also came in first place in the nation for the "Munzee" challenge and received 2000 dollars! Overall Muscogee lodge did very well.

NOAC 2012 was definitely one of the best events an arrowmen can ever attend and I would like to



encourage everyone to come back to NOAC in 2015. Remember, united we leave a legacy!

CHIEF'S CORNER

Matt Forster

2012 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 bound-

ary 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.

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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



SUMMER CAMP A SUCCESS

Matt Forster

2012 Camp Barstow OA Camp Chief

This year at summer camp we had thirty-five new members go through brotherhood, which got us up to 34.7 percent. Over 100 candidates were called out at the Wednesday Night Campfires at Camp Barstow. We have gotten off to a great year and with two fellowships left and I believe we can get up to 50 percent brotherhood. At the Spring Ordeal we had fifty-eight new candidates become Muscogee Lodge members. We took down all the tents from summer camp

and also started the new chapel trail and it looks great.

Thirty-eight brothers from Muscogee went to NOAC at Michigan State University and we also had five members on staff. Everybody that went had a great time and can't wait to go back in 2015 to celebrate the hundred-year anniversary of the Order of the Arrow.

WWW,
Matthew Forster
Lodge Chief

WISCHIKI CHAPTER UPDATE

Joey Eppich

2011-2012 Wischiki Chapter Chief

Hey guys, I'm Joey Eppich and I served as the Wischiki Chapter Chief for the 2011-2012 term. I enjoyed being a Chapter Chief because I got to experience how to be a better leader and learned so much just from the other people in my chapter. The best experience of being Chapter Chief was seeing how many people showed up to the events and brought spirit to the chapter. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as your Chapter Chief this past year and I think we are on the road to success!

BROTHERHOOD

Brantley Blaine Carter

2012 Brotherhood Chairman

Brotherhood Chairman is the position responsible for overseeing brotherhood

conversion: running the boards, ensuring preparedness in that respect, and completing other related tasks. It is a position that depends upon dedication to a goal and coordination with others.

I've now spent nearly a year as Muscogee Lodge's Brotherhood Chairman, and I am extremely pleased with the results. Under the leadership of John Weir as Vice Chief of Inductions, we have achieved an unprecedented rate of brother-

hood conversion. I had the opportunity to see a great number of arrowmen seal their membership within the order. I heard these brothers speak with such authenticity that any concerns I had over where the lodge is headed were furiously razed. I experienced being in the position of providing a sort of guidance through an important step in scouting careers.

I'm glad to have presided over such a successful period, but the credit is not mine. Nor is it John Weir's, or Matt For-

ster's, or any other individual's. The credit must given where it is due, and that is to you, the members of the lodge. It was you who generated interest in the OA; it was you who encouraged a friend to be more active; it was you who helped the lodge to grow and thrive. Without what you all provide, my job would have been hopeless. You all possess a power in this respect ten times that of an lodge officer; the officers require you, not the other way around. With this, be proud of your achievements, and keep up the good work.



PLANS: THE (NEAR) FUTURE OF INDUCTIONS

Brantley Blaine Carter

2013 VC Inductions

My recent victory in the election for Vice Chief of Inductions needn't alarm you; I'm never as detrimental as I may seem. In fact, I have high hopes for inductions in 2013. Following a year like 2012 is a gargantuan task, but, during my term, I intend to surpass the achievements we've made.

I hope to be able to extend our reach in recruitment through simple improvements, like informational interest sessions. I want to work with Stuart Park to strengthen the ties of communication with members who have not yet sealed their membership within the order by

establishing regular correspondence and exploring new media. I hope to improve brotherhood candidate preparedness with earlier introduction to the material. And though the chair positions that fall under inductions have not yet been filled, the prospective candidates for them are sure to do a fantastic job.

All of this, plus the inertia of the recent past, pushes me to believe that 2013 will be hugely productive and exciting, and, hopefully, our most successful year. I thank you for choosing me to be your 2013 Vice Chief of Inductions; you will not regret the decision.

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vis. She told us about the backpacking trips she had taken and she took a few people on a hike around camp. Saturday night of the fall fellowship the LSU vs. South Carolina foot ball game was on TV. Due to the generosity of Mike Gallagher, we were able to watch the game on his portable satellite dish system. The fellowship was amazing and I hope to see all of you at the next event.

WWW,
Josiah Peeler

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upcoming events!*

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