



The Fox's Tale

Muscogee Lodge • Order of the Arrow • Boy Scouts of America
Spring 2009

The Spring Fellowship will be ... uh, revolting?

Clay Johnson

VC of Program

Take in a deep breath of the air, do you feel what I feel? Revolution is in the air, but not just any revolution; no, it's something different. This is the Muscogee Revolution.

On April 24 – 26 is our Dixie Fellowship. Coming up on March 13 – 15 is our Spring Fellowship. This Fellowship's theme will be The Road to Revolution, our preparation for the task of once again bringing home the Lodge of the Year.

We have chosen this theme to correspond with our Dixie theme; The Muscogee Revolution. As we learned from last year, great preparations lead to great outcomes at Dixie. So this year come decked out in your French & Indian War era attire and come ready.

This year's Spring Fellowship will be

focused on preparing the lodge for the competitions at Dixie. We will begin focus on things such as Cross-Country, Ultimate Frisbee, Knot Tying, and Tug-o-War among other things.

We encourage all youth participants to partake in these events at Dixie, and we hope to find the people who can help win the most events. Aside from Dixie preparations at the Spring Fellowship, we will once again be offering Brotherhood Boards.

We hope to see everyone at the Spring Fellowship and we hope you enjoy it.



More information will be posted on the lodge website (muscogeelodge.org) as it becomes available.

Chief's Corner: Commitment to Scouting

John Cuenin

Lodge Chief

I want to take this opportunity to tell you I am very proud to be your Lodge Chief for the next year. It is shaping up to be a great one. I hope that all of you are looking forward to it as much as I am.

But I want to talk about commitment. We are all committed in one way or another to Scouting; if we weren't, we would not be in the Order of the Arrow. Yet, a commitment to your troop should come before anything else in this organization.

A friend of mine is an Assistant Scoutmaster in two different troops, a Troop Committee member of a different troop, the vice president of a Venture Crew, and holds a position in both the Venturing Officers' Association and the Lodge. I can tell from that list that he is a very committed member of the

Boy Scouts of America and from conversations with him, I can tell that he believes that, above all else, the local troop is the most important level of the BSA.

Much like him, we must realize the troop is the most important part of the Scouting organization, and the troop is the only way we, as individuals and the Order of the Arrow, can be successful.

The Lodge, and the Order as a whole, cannot function without dedication from scouts and scouters, and the same is true for troops as well. We are the best Scouting has to offer and if we aren't dedicated to our troop's, then they will have a harder time suc-

ceeding, and their success. The most important thing in our Scouting lives.

So with the start of 2009, it is our duty, responsibility and obligation to reaffirm our dedication to our troop's and work towards our troop's success. Without our help, they could fail, and we would fail as well.

I am looking forward to the next year and having fun with all of you.

Keep the spirit going.

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NEXT Fox's Tale Deadline is March 11

Eswau Huppeday to host Dixie in North Carolina, April 24-26

As we all know the 2009 Dixie Fellowship is rapidly approaching on April 24-26. It will be hosted by Eswau Huppeday lodge and will be located at Camp Bud Schiele, NC.

While we had great successes at the 2008 Dixie by winning Lodge of the Year for the 14th time and the Quest for the Golden Arrow we we're hoping on winning spirit but we fell short. We have high hopes for this years Dixie with better planning, organization and a drive to win the spirit award for the first time. But we won't lose sight of competing for 2009 Lodge of the Year.

Many different chairman, officers, and advisers have been working hard to fulfill the

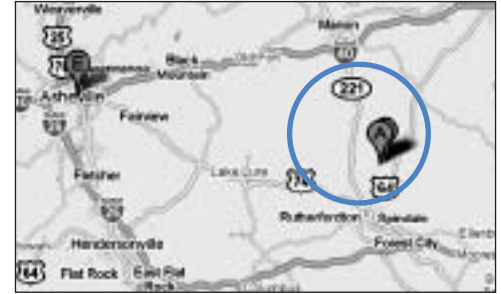
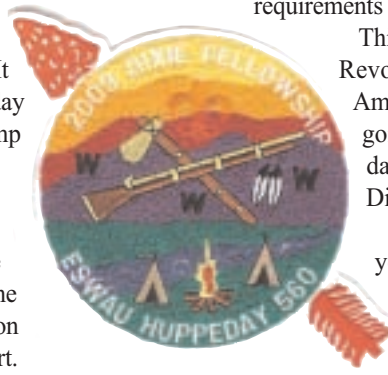
requirements for Lodge of the Year.

This year the theme is the Dixie Revolution, based upon the American Revolution. We are going to have several work days to make this the best Dixie yet.

We are going all out this year with tri-corner hats, wigs and even battle reenactments.

We are going to be very prepared at this Dixie by having work days to prepare for Dixie. They will be March and April. This will be the perfect time to lock in on the participants in the events for the Quest for the Golden Arrow.

But to win lodge of the year what we really need is your support and your best effort. To



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make this Dixie incredible we need to have spirit, enthusiasm, sportsmanship and integrity and if we come together this Dixie will be a success. So see all of you at Dixie 2009!

Editor's note: Our Dixie Delegation is currently filled to capacity, 100 slots, however, as Dixie approaches some slots usually open up. If you are on the waiting list, while there is no guarantee, there is a very good chance of going.

NOAC 2009

Matthew Forster

NOAC Chairman

In the summer of 2009, Arrowmen from around the country have the opportunity to gather together for the National Order of the Arrow Conference, commonly referred to as NOAC. It will be held August 1 – August 6 at Indiana University, in Bloomington.

NOACs generally have more than 7,000 Arrowmen in attendance who are seeking many of the things you are: fun, fun and more fun. Each time a conference is held, Arrowmen coming from around the world gather at a major university to share their ideas on lodge leadership, activities, ceremonies, American Indian Pageants, camping promotion, and opportunities to hear and talk with national leaders of the Order of the Arrow and Boy Scouts of America, as well as participate in a large variety of competitions.

This six-day adventure is unlike any other event in

Scouting and is open to just members of the Order of the Arrow.

The training at each NOAC is world class because it brings together the most knowledgeable individuals in the area of your chosen topic. These trainers come from around the world to share their expertise with you so you can bring these ideas back to your lodge and also for personal enjoyment.

No matter what you are interested in, there is a training session that will create a fire within you.

Lodge members will return home with a deeper understanding of the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Order of the Arrow Obligation, and what it means to "live" these words in one's daily life. You will return with a renewed spirit, pride, and enthusiasm for Scouting and the Order of the Arrow.

Arrowmen will increase their leadership skills and have



a better understanding

of how to carry out the work of the lodge. You will hear the latest information on camping and high-adventure pro-gramming, including how to successfully promote Boy Scout camping.

New friendships with fellow Arrowmen from throughout the country and memories to last a lifetime.

We are currently filling spots for NOAC. The cost is \$425 plus a \$100 deposit. All Arrowmen who are registered members of the Boy Scouts of America and have their council's approval, are eligible to participate in the 2009 National Conference.

Vice Chief's report: Inductions

Matthew Forster

VC Inductions

I'm looking forward to see all of you at the ordeals and fellowships. I would like to encourage and inspire all ordeal members to seal their membership by completing their brotherhood board.

The process of moving from Ordeal to Brotherhood is a five step process. Becoming a Brotherhood member of the Order is sealing your membership; Brotherhood is the final phase of the inductions process.

The first opportunity for ordeal members to seal their membership will be March 14th. The requirements for brotherhood are found in the Order of the Arrow handbook on page 50. And also on the lodge website under resources there is a brotherhood study guide. Brotherhood boards will be held on Saturday with a brotherhood ceremony Saturday evening.

Your chapter chiefs should be contacting you about your troop's unit elections and camp promotions. The first opportunity for new candidates to be called out will be March 13 at Camp Barstow.

A celebration of a job well done and a kick-off to a new year

John Cuenin

Lodge Chief

Muscogee Lodge's Winter Banquet was held on January 10 at Camp Barstow. The Banquet was filled with excitement and fun. The guest speaker this year was Col. Charles Cornwell (USA-Ret.), an Eagle Scout and licensed auctioneer. Mr. Cornwell gave an inspiring and interesting speech and then helped the lodge auction off a few exciting items, including a past Nendowagan elangomat flap, a blanket set made by the lodge members, and a weekend getaway.

The officers for 2009 were inducted at the banquet and awards from the past year were given out as well. The Founder's Award was given out at the banquet, Skyler Hutto and Robert Sears were the recipients. Also our new Vigil and Brotherhood members were given their certificates; so if you are one of those people, contact the Lodge in order to get the certificate. Chapter Awards were also given out at the banquet, with Tschitanek Woakus receiving both the Ralph E. Grier Chapter Award and the Charles Youngblood Service Award.

We also had many brothers speak to the Lodge. We previewed our Dixie plans, the plans for the next year, and the National Order of the Arrow Conference. With the year started, we hope that all of you will join us for these exciting events and hope you will have as much fun at those as all who came had at the Winter Banquet.



Late breaking news:

As the *Fox's Tale* goes to press we have just learned we will have a special guest presenter with us at the Spring Fellowship: Larry "Baro" Alexander of Huntsville, Alabama.

Alexander is the co-founder and program director of ChallengePoint, a faith-based organization focused on developing teamwork and leadership skills within groups using adventure-centered techniques.

In 2006, Alexander took on a five-month thru-hike along the Appalachian Trail. His journey took him across 2,175 miles, through 14 states and helped him raise \$30,000 for his non-profit organization, ChallengePoint. He recently published a two-volume book set, "Through Hiker's Eyes," that has received great reviews in the hiking and outdoor community.

Look to the lodge website and your e-mail in the coming weeks for more information about Alexander and his visit with us.



Unami Lodge is the first and oldest OA lodge, formed in 1915 at Treasure Island in the Philadelphia Council (now the Cradle of Liberty Council).

Today the OA has more than 176,000 members located in lodges affiliated with approximately 327 BSA local councils.

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2009 Lodge Calendar

March 13*

Call-out, Camp Barstow.

March 13 - 15

Spring Fellowship, Camp Barstow

April 24 - 26

Dixie Fellowship, Camp Bud Schiele,
Rutherfordton, NC

May 15 - 17

Spring Ordeal, Camp Barstow

July 17 - 19

Summer Ordeal, Camp Barstow

August 7 - 9 7th - 9th

Summer Fellowship, Camp Barstow

September 11 - 13

Fall Ordeal, Camp Barstow

October 9 - 11

Fall Fellowship, Camp Barstow
Vigil call-out Friday night

October 17

One Day of Service, Location TBA

November 13 - 14

Lodge Leadership Development
Camp Barstow

* Dates subject to change. Read your
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