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October newsletter for Occoneechee Lodge # 104

Monthly Newsletter

October 2009

**Brothers, we are looking for your help on the
Charlie Sullivan Lodge 104 Training Center
2009 – 2010 Work Days**

- 9/19/2009 Fall Fellowship & Work Day
Meeting to determine where we start and what we can do. As of 10/17/2009 the building will be closed to general use.
- 10/17/2009 OA Vigil & Work Day 9:00 am to 4:30 pm
We will be inventorying and removing the memorabilia, equipment, tables, benches and putting them in storage.
- 11/8/2009 Sunday after University of Scouting & Work Day 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm
We will be demolishing some walls and removing the waste material to dumpsters, mainly in the bathroom area.
- 12/5/2009 Winter Banquet & Work Day 9:00 am to 4:30 pm
We will continue demolishing walls and removing the waste material to dumpsters, mainly in the bathroom area.
- 1/30/2010 Work Day 9:00 am to 4:30 pm
We will be demolishing some walls and removing the waste material to dumpsters, mainly in the kitchen area.
- 2/13/2010 Work Day 9:00 am to 4:30 pm
We will continue demolishing walls and removing the waste material to dumpsters, mainly in the kitchen area.
- 3/20/2010 Spring Pow Wow & Work Day 9:00 am to 4:30 pm
We will begin the reconstruction of the main part of the building.

If you know anyone that might want some of the old equipment that we are no longer going to use, contact John Spinks we are making real deals.

Please, bring tools needed to take apart and remove the old kitchen and storage areas.

You will be responsible for your own food and drinks. If you have any questions contact

Glenn Parler at 919-881-7886 (leave a message) or **Terry McIntire 919-824-6201**

NOAC 2009 - A REVIEW

From July 30th to August 6th, 49 of our brothers experienced an event that will not soon be forgotten. At around 4am those of us from the Fayetteville and surrounding areas boarded a Holiday charter bus in Sanford to head toward Durham to pick up the rest of our contingent. Once everyone was loaded we headed towards Indiana for NOAC! Thursday was used as a get to know everyone day for the contingent, where we learned our fellow brothers most embarrassing moments! Thursday night we arrived in Indiana; Friday marked the start of some touring that took place throughout Indianapolis and parts of the state. The contingent visited the NCAA Hall of Champions, saw the outside of the Colt's new Lucas Oil Stadium, ate at White Castle (bad decision for everyone that went except Kevin Pusak) and visited the Indianapolis Motor Speedway! At the speedway we all kissed the bricks and walked Jimmie Johnson's winning burnout marks, just like we had won the race! After one last night on the road we made our way to Indiana University at Bloomington (one of the biggest campuses many of us had ever seen!)

As soon as we got on campus, the party started! With everyone full of excitement we vibrantly expressed this by standing in line signing up for events!!! Oh the rage, but shortly following our check in process which was made express lane fast thanks to Mama bear AKA Gail Barker and Mary Dilday for getting health forms approved ahead of our arrival! We headed to our dorms where, as you can imagine, we UNLOADED the bus! With rooms established and meeting places decided the guys were let loose to explore and experience NOAC for themselves.

Sunday marked the start of competitions, in many different forms. Occoneechee entered a Geo-caching team and used the Power of ONE, James Flowers, to come in second place! We got a special award that we are going to display in the Charlie Sullivan Training Center OA History Museum! Occoneechee entered 3 grass dancers and one straight dancer, and Kevin Pusak, Dylan Taylor and John Taylor all made it into the semi-finals! We also competed 2 Pre-ordeal Ceremony teams, with Netami earning a top 10 spot and both Eluwak and Netami teams earning honors!

Occoneechee also entered its first every Drumming/Singing team which finished in 6th place!

Did you notice the new ICON on our website?? Lodge104.net entered the Lodge website completion. We received the prestigious Honor Site during NOAC. One of only 11 lodges in the nation to earn this distinction! We have permission to display honor ICON on our website until the next NOAC in 2012.

The OA History Museum covered almost 10, 000 square feet of space. Both lodges and individuals could contribute with displays this year. Occoneechee lodge followed the conference theme of The Power of ONE and honored the memory and contributions of Charlie Sullivan in our exhibit. We collected comments and thoughts in a registry book left for others to share memories of him. The display received an honor award which will be displayed in the Charlie Sullivan Training Center OA History Museum

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Our week was filled with training classes, sporting events and special exhibitions. Classes were mostly attended in the mornings. Lots of learning in leadership, OA history, ceremonies, dance, AIA crafts and special classes related to the Power of ONE theme were taken by our contingent members. Many positive conversations were held during and after the classes among the attendees. The training was top notch stuff! If not in classes, the afternoons included sport tournaments and the opportunity to visit the OA Museum, TOAP (The Outdoor Adventure Program), XPerience (vendor exhibition tent with free giveaways!) , the OA TP (trading post) or just hang out at the student union outside the TP. Oh, and of course, there was lots of patch trading - EVERYWHERE!

At the evening shows, Occoneechee rocked the house! Our patch theme was "It's No Weird Science". We donned white lab coats and science lab goggles, later added some green wigs, bubbles, kazoos and monster noise horns with blinking lights to let the NOAC crowd know we were there! We may have been only 49 of 7200, but the 104 spirit was one to be reckoned with. We enjoyed

lots of dancing and cheers and crowd fun during the preshows both outside and inside the IU basketball arena where the shows were held. We were obviously having way too much fun, one night a couple brothers from another lodge asked to sit with us instead of their lodge! For the first time in at least 5 NOACs, someone from Occoneechee was randomly selected to sit in the Skybox, which is a special seat in the gym at NOAC shows complete with refreshments served by cute college girls! Joseph Amodei from Eno Chapter being selected!

This NOAC set a Guinness World Book of records for the largest kazoo band. Our Southern region won the largest Lodgeball game ever played! Can you imagine playing Dodgeball with teams of 300? It was crazy fun! Founders Day started with a parade, continued with Goodman Games, Founders Day and a huge POWWOW. With the help of a Tennessee lodge tradition, we celebrated our staff advisers birthday at Founders Day. Ask Terry McIntire if he has regained his hearing yet!

The bus ride home was very quiet as everyone tried to catch up on lots of lost sleep....midnight garlic pizza anyone? ALL in ALL....

NOAC was a FANTASTIC experience !

SEE YOU IN EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN ON THE MICHIGAN STATE CAMPUS FOR NOAC 2012!

For more information or to see the pictures taken at NOAC 2009, go to our website at www.lodge104.net.

GO OUT AND BE BOLD

Occoneechee Lodge is strong because many Scouts and Scouters have worked hard to make it

strong. With more than 277 new members from Spring Inductions, another 160 new members at Fall Fellowship and new Lodge Officers, we have the membership and leadership to develop new programs and activities. I encourage all Lodge members to GO OUT AND BE **BOLD**. Not just in Lodge activities, but also school, your Scout troop and at home. Pursue lofty goals and set higher standards, not just for yourself but for those around you. Set a goal to raise your grades or help someone that needs a hand.

Try new ways of doing things. We learn from our successes, but don't be afraid to fail. Successful people make lots of mistakes and they just keep working harder to be successful. Thomas Edison failed several thousand times before he got a light bulb to work. He said "I have not failed. I've discovered ten thousand ways which don't work. Without mistakes, we wouldn't have Frisbees, x-rays, post-it notes, penicillin, microwaves or the light bulb. Remember that the only thing to fear is the regret of living a life that could have been better

I want to thank all of last year's Lodge officers for their dedication, hard work and commitment to making Occoneechee a great Lodge. Nelson, Marc, Kevin, Matt & John—thank you for your leadership. We had many successful weekends & ceremonies plus great times at Conclave and NOAC. We have many challenges and opportunities ahead of us including the renovations of the Sullivan building. We have new officers that are energetic and full of ideas. Let's GO OUT AND BE **BOLD**.

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Fall Fellowship 2009

Fall Fellowship through the eyes of a chapter chief

For new and old members of the OA Fall Fellowship is an exciting time. They are returning from summer vacation and get to meet up with old and new friends again since Spring Inductions. It is a time to come back, have some fun and give cheerful service to the Lodge. For the new OA members that went through their Ordeal in the Spring, this is a chance to come back and learn more about the OA and the Lodge. They also have the chance to be an Elangomat and reflect on their Ordeal. They know what is going on this time so they they have a chance to get a better understanding of their Ordeal and what it means and meant to them when they did it. Having been an Elangomat three times, it is really a different experience the second and third time then it was the first time.

During Fall Fellowship if you aren't an Elangomat you have a chance to go see the ceremonies. Many chapter have a ceremony team and are always looking for new people to take over the ceremonies. These new members may want to go down to the rings and help set up for the ceremony or they may want to become more involved in the ceremony process by becoming a principle or a torchbearer.

Another big event at Fall Fellowship is Lodge Elections. People are everywhere campaigning and promoting their name and their ideas for the future Lodge leadership. It is a time to thank and reflect on the old leaderships great doings and for the new leadership to let everyone know what they want to do for the Lodge and see the Lodge do.

Jack Koch
Chapter Chief

Holiday 50 Miler

Uwharrie National Forest, Yates Place
Just outside Troy, NC

Dates: December 26th – 31st

Cost: \$20. This includes your patch and a final dinner at the end of the hike.

Requirements: At least age 14 or 1st Class. If you do not meet either of these requirements you can get a signature from your Scoutmaster to approve your participation.

All participants must have a completed BSA class III medical form which can be found online.

Summary: Arrive at Yates Place between 4pm and 7pm on December 26th to check in and park your car. There will be a meeting at 7:30 to divide into hiking groups, collect medical forms and get to know the schedule for the week. There will be four days of hiking and you will need to carry all your camping gear and food for the trip. You will hike between 12 and 17 miles every day. Water will be available every morning and at the end of the fourth day the staff will provide a feast. Participants will receive their patches during the feast and will be able to leave afterward, but if you are seeking to earn the BSA National “50 Miler Award” you must spend one more night and do a service project. All participants must be picked up by 9am on December 31st.

Amangi Newo- Twelve people went through their ordeal and five brotherhood conversions. Four brothers were elangomats. Their meeting place has moved and they completed a district service project. Looking for a lodge ceremonies team.

Canotka- Thirty were in attendance with 1 brotherhood and 2 ordeal. Completed ceremonies ring and had 20 at chapter meeting.

Eluwak- 44 this weekend with 22 new ordeal. 10 went through brotherhood. 12 brothers work at lifetime fitness in conjunction with the boys and girls club of Raleigh. Drum practice at the RBC center. Elections for new chapter officers next meeting.

Eno- 42 people with 11 ordeal candidates. New ordeal team. 8 people go to NOAC. Preparing for LLD and winter banquet.

Impessa- No Report

Kato Hoculi- 41 members at Fall Fellowship. 22 ordeal. 4 brotherhood. 5 went through brotherhood over the summer. New member cookout at next meeting. Chapter elections at fall fellowship.

Lumbee Anilorac- 35 brothers total at Fall Fellowship. 2 brotherhood and 2 elangomats. Meeting attendance increased. Next meeting is 24th and is a welcome party.

Natishi- 23 brothers at FF this weekend. 5 ordeal. 1 brotherhood after 20 years of having ordeal. 1 elangomat and three at NOAC.

Netami- 18 members inducted with 40 other brothers. 16 brotherhood. 62 people at barbecue in September and elections next month.

Neusiok- 19 ordeal. 16 brothers and 3 brotherhood. Had chapter leadership development and canoeing day trip. Working on newsletter. Started working on ceremonies teams.

Niganit- 27 brothers and four ordeal. Two brothers called out for vigil honor. Two went to NOAC. Last meeting was chapter elections and installing new leaders next meeting.

Wazeeyatah- 24 this weekend and 7 ordeal. They had a Brotherhood ceremony team as well as an Ordeal ceremony team. Chapter elections were last meeting.

Yamni Wakpa- 17 ordeal candidates. 2 brotherhood conversions. Chapter elections at next meeting.

Upcoming events



What	When	Where
Lodge Leadership Development	November 20-22	Campbell University (Buis Creek, NC)
Winter Banquet	December 5	Camp Durant (Carthage, NC)
Spring Pow Wow 2010	March 19-21	Camp Durant (Carthage, NC)

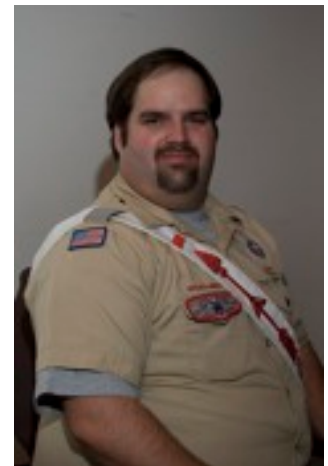
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