



JOHN TAYLOR WANTS YOU

Have you ever wondered what could possibly be the most amazing thing you could ever do in the Order of the Arrow? Still not sure? Well I've got the answer for you. The National Order of the Arrow Conference, or NOAC. This is no ordinary trip you could possibly attend. This trip happens every three years at a college campus, usually somewhere in the Midwest. I have been to two NOACs in my short time in the Order, and I can promise you, they get better and better each time. The first one I attended was in East Lansing, Michigan, home of the Spartans of Michigan State University. Among the many things I did at MSU my most found memory is the friends I made, and also the fact that my father ate Rocky Mountain Oysters on Founder's Day, which is the last day of events at NOAC. The second NOAC I attended was in Bloomington, Indiana on the campus of Indiana University. While there I attended many classes on grass dancing, ceremonies, and how to be a good leader in a strong youth organization. I believe that these classes built me to be the Lodge Chief that I was. So who knows, perhaps you will take a class that will inspire you to do something in the Lodge, Section, or National level! You can find out by attended NOAC 2012 in East Lansing, Michigan! It will be a blast I guarantee you! If you would like more details, email me at jwtaylor104@gmail.com or talk to me or Gail Barker at LLD!



TO GO TO NOAC

IN THIS TIPI

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- LLD, what it is and why you should go
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We're number 1! OH FOUR

John Taylor
Past Lodge Chief

MEET YOUR VICE CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS

JONATHAN BOGGS

The Order of the Arrow is a dynamic organization that has something for everyone. For me it was the spirit of the members of the lodge that kept me coming back to events. Specifically, it was Conclave that caught my eye.

The idea of 250 people all with a common goal and purpose willing to lose their voices to reach that goal of the Spirit Award seemed amazing. It's a weekend packed with so many things to do and so many people from across the state and country to meet.

The list of things I have done at conclave includes: screaming, yelling, cheering, getting to see some awesome camp fires, skateboarding, climbing, riding on a BMX course, playing in a basketball tournament, participating in ceremony competitions, watching singing and dancing, going to OAX, participating in Quest for the Golden Arrow, and a ton more! OAX stands for Order of the Arrow Experience. At OAX you can visit exhibits of all different kinds, it gives you the opportunity to make mallets out of wood, learn about Order of the Arrow High Adventure opportunities, participate in a blood drive, learn about metal working, and oar making, talk to members of the NC Wildlife Resource Commission, talk to local law enforcement groups, and making candles just to name a few.



I also mentioned Quest for the Golden Arrow; this is a competition between all the lodges in the section. The competitions have included things like, melting frozen T-shirts, Spam Toss, trivia, The Krispy Kreme Challenge, building a fire and cooking a pancake, lashings, water balloon shooting, and a tent set up race.

Through my years of attending Conclave I have seen and been a part of some great themes, there is nothing more fun than seeing 1100 people dressed to fit different themes. I have seen themes like

Superheroes, Lumberjacks, Smurfs, BBQ, Facebook, Hippies, but of all of them my favorite was Occoneechee's 300. It was my second Conclave and we were at Camp Bowers for the weekend and it was a blast chanting things from the movie with everyone with helmets, shields, and capes. My most memorable moment in the Order was walking into a Brotherhood ceremony competition with 40 standing in phalanx the whole ceremony and when the Occoneechee team finished we all yelled a big "AHOO".

But the most important thing to me at Conclave is the only thing I haven't done—that is to walk away from Conclave with the lodge winning the Spirit Award,

being the loud person I am I have always wanted to win the award but haven't yet won it; this year I feel is our year because there is nothing more spirited than AMERICA! Aside all the fun of Conclave it also gave me one of my first opportunities to be a leader in the lodge; being able to lead the lodge in cheers and chants got me comfortable leading others and let me meet a lot of people throughout the lodge. The Order of the Arrow has so much to do it's only a matter of time till you find your "Conclave".

Jonathan Boggs
V.C. Communications

MEET YOUR LODGE CHIEF

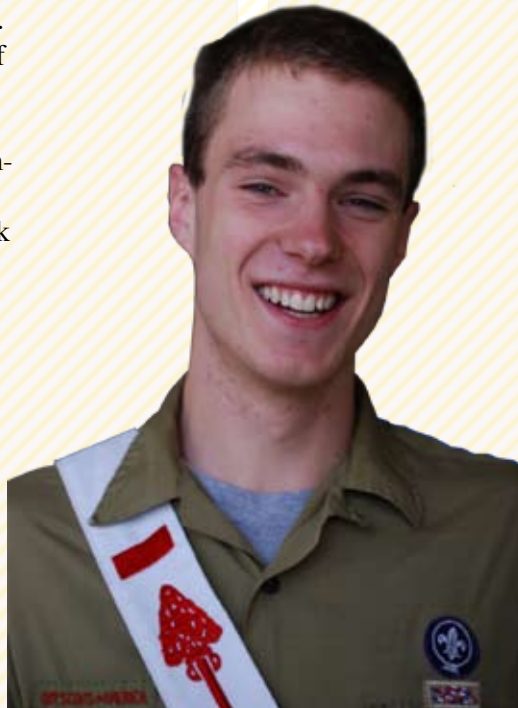
WILL ALLEN

First, I thank you for honoring me with the responsibility of serving as your Lodge Chief. I recognize that your choice entails great trust, and in the months ahead I shall do all that I can to ensure that it is well-placed. We're going to have a great year!

Of course my confidence in the future would be utterly misplaced without capable Lodge officers. It gives me great pleasure, therefore, to introduce a truly top-notch team of Vice-Chiefs for 2012. Todd Goldfarb returns as the Vice-Chief of Program, Daniel Salgado is the new Vice-Chief of Administration, Jonathan Boggs returns as the Vice-Chief of Communications, and Joe Lally is the new Vice-Chief of Finance. Be sure to check out each officer's introduction nearby for more information!

Second, I would like to recognize John Taylor and Jack Koch, the departing Lodge Chief and Vice-Chief of Finance, for their sterling service. If you see these guys at a future Lodge event, be sure to thank them. Not only have they excelled in their public roles as officers, but also they have cheerfully done (and continue to do) the sort of quiet, behind-the-scenes work that makes successful events happen.

Third, I have a challenge to those of you who are new or recent members. In my years as Vice-Chief of Administration, I've been privileged to witness you complete your Ordeal (even if you only knew me as the guy hollering through the megaphone all weekend). I have gained joy and abiding satisfaction from helping you to refine those traits for which you were first elected to the Order—your camping skills, your leadership, your cheerfulness in adversity, and your ability to set an example to your fellows. My challenge to you, then, is to experience that same joy and satisfaction for yourselves by putting those traits into action! Don't just skim through this newsletter; find an event or activity in it that interests you, and make plans to attend. (Bring a friend!) I understand that becoming active in the OA can seem difficult, especially if you don't already feel "in the know."



To that end, I have included a list of activities that will get your involvement off to a great start—whether you are a brand-new member or looking to renew your activity.

—Attend your monthly chapter meeting. Don't be afraid to meet new people; like you, everyone else is there to hang out and enjoy each other's company.

—Complete your First Year Arrowman (FYA) Award, found in your new member packet. If you've already been a member for more than a year, focus on the Serving the Thunderbird Award. Both awards can be found at www.lodge104.net/

—Submit an article or a photograph to the Tipi.

—Attend a ceremonies practice. Even if you don't think you're interested in becoming a ceremonialist, observing a practice will help you to appreciate the hard work that goes into preserving our hallowed traditions—and maybe persuade you to join in!

—Serve as an Elangomat. This is one of the most demanding and deeply rewarding forms of service available. Guide others through the trials of their Ordeal as you were once guided.

—Come to Spring Pow-Wow. While I'd be hard-pressed to think of a favorite Lodge event, this mid-March gathering certainly features the wackiest games, the noisiest cheers, and the fiercest competition—all in preparation for

—Conclave! The definitive OA event, April 20-22 at Camp Cherokee. This rollicking weekend festival brings together the best that we have to offer: tremendous campfire shows, crafts ranging from glass-blowing to blacksmithing, world-

class ceremony and dance exhibitions, fellowship with over 1,000 Arrowmen from across the state, and friendly competition among the six Lodges in our Section. Join Occoneechee's team of athletes as we demolish our opponents in the Quest for the Golden Arrow. Make your own America-themed costume—the wackier the better—and help our USA-themed delegation capture the Spirit Award! Keep an eye on the Tipi and www.lodge104.net for further details as Conclave approaches.

I look forward with great anticipation to serving you in the coming year. If you have any comments or questions about the information above, feel free to shoot me an email at wdallen2@ncsu.edu.

—Will Allen
Lodge Chief

YOUR VICE CHIEF OF PROGRAM

TODD GOLDFARB

Brothers,

I am excited to serve the lodge another year as Vice Chief of Program. I had a great time last year, and plan on having an even better one this year. I am currently at North Carolina State University studying Industrial Engineering. I am enjoying college, and looking forward to giving some cheerful service at NC State!

The Order of the Arrow is a fun, exciting, and an experience enriching organization. Some my personal highlights are meeting the National Chief at National Leadership Seminar (NLS) in 2010, having a caveman brawl with the other Lodge Officers and getting dunked in a dunk tank to benefit the Charley Sullivan Center. These are the moments that I love and look forward to at every OA event I attend.

Over the past year, the lodge has partaken in several service projects that have benefited Camp Durant and other organizations not related to Boy Scouts. We had 40 arrowmen help with the logistics of the local Race for the Cure to cure breast cancer. Also, at this past Fall Fellowship, we folded Bandanas for the Troops; this was a great patriotic project, seeing as we were only days after the 10th anniversary of 9/11.



What can you look forward to for next year? We have a new Webelos OA Weekend Program coming up at Spring Pow Wow in March. We will be renovating our Lodge Building, the Charley Sullivan Center. We will be preparing for Conclave 2013, held at Camp Durant. Also, at Spring Inductions and Fall Fellowship, we plan to continue the Saturday night blast called THUNDERFEST.

Lastly, I want to help put together lodge programs that you want to do. You can help me help you by sending suggestions of activities or events that you think the lodge could get involved in. Please email them to me at tngold@gmail.com.

WWW,
Todd Goldfarb
Lodge Vice-Chief of Program

THE ORDER OF THE ARROW AT **CAMP DURANT**

This summer at Camp Durant was another amazing summer! The staff continued to make camp better every day and delivered an amazing experience to the Scouts and Scoutmasters that spent a week out of their summer at Camp Durant.

This could not have been done without the support of Occoneechee Lodge. The Lodge has always played a huge role in the success of summer camp although this year the lodge took that support to a whole new level.

As always the Lodge played a huge role in getting the camp ready for the summer. From general maintenance to setting up tents the Lodge makes camp possible. This year the camp administration wanted to be able to house all of the full summer staff in cabins but were five short to be able to do this. The Lodge stepped up and supported these five cabins. Not only did the Lodge pay for a huge portion of the materials to build these cabins, lodge members were also at camp several weekends in May and June building them. This summer is the first summer that all of our full summer staff were housed comfortably in cabins.

As always the majority of the staff was made up of Occoneechee Arrowman this summer. For the first time in recent history the Lodge Chief and all four Vice Chiefs were an integral part of the Camp Durant Staff. Lodge Chief John Taylor served in a brand new position as the Camp Order of the Arrow Commissioner. Creating this position with the support of the Lodge allowed for the OA to have a much larger presence at camp.

Every Monday night at camp the Lodge sponsored an ice cream social. This social gave arrowman the opportunity to learn about the Lodge and meet their officers. Troops that had not yet held unit elections were given the opportunity to do so throughout the week. Eligible Ordeal members were given the opportunity to seal their membership by completing the Brotherhood trail and ceremony on Wednesdays.

A highlight of every week at camp was the Call Out ceremony on Wednesday nights. Several Scouts and Scoutmasters said that it was the best Call Out Ceremony they had ever seen. This ceremony created lasting memories for many scouts and some troops say that it is one of the reasons that they continue to come to Camp Durant.

Planning for the summer of 2012 at Camp Durant is already well underway. The program has been developed and key staff members are beginning to be selected. Camp Durant will again need the support of Occoneechee Lodge to have another successful camp season. Staff applications are still being accepted and there are spots still available to bring you troop to Camp Durant.

The Camp Durant Staff hopes to see you at Camp in 2012!

Jonathan Jordan
2011 Camp Durant Program Director



*Picture courtesy of Chris Becker

A LETTER FROM PAST NATIONAL CHIEF **BRAD LICHOTA**

I've been apart of the Scouting program for nearly 16 years. In fact, I can't really remember a time when Scouting wasn't apart of my life. In the first grade, I came home with a flyer to join the Cub Scouts. I remember joining because I wanted to build Pinewood Derby cars, and more importantly, shoot BB-guns. It was every kids dream, really. Reflecting back on my still-young-life, I've realized that Scouting has been a fundamental part of my identity.

I have had some great experiences throughout my Scouting career. I remember waking up to crisp fall mornings at Council camporees, eager to "burn the string" and lash strange (and normally insignificant) objects. I still can picture swimming with sharks in the Florida Keys on our troops Sea Base expedition, and then immediately leaving for the much dryer lands of Philmont.

I remember was it felt like to be a member of a Patrol, excited and alive to run for Patrol leader. I was part of the Dragon patrol. And you know what? We thought we were the coolest thing the BSA (and probably the world) has ever seen...

And in 2010, I was elected the 2010 National Chief of the Order of the Arrow. Directly responsible for 180,000 Arrowmen while also an ambassador for all of Scouting's 3.8 million members. The pinnacle of Scouting, some would say. I had the opportunity to travel coast to coast, over 90,000 miles, in 191 days. I spoke in front of crowds of more than 60,000 people, shook hands with President Obama in the Oval Office, and rode camels in the deserts of Saudi Arabia. 2010 was what some would call "your golden year". Man, did it live up to expectations.

When I would travel, I would have the great opportunity to meet Scouts from all across America. Sometimes I would have Scouts that came up to me and would ask, "Brad, what is it really like to be the National Chief of the Order of the Arrow?" As they gave me a nudge with their elbow, and prodded a bit more, I was "straight-up" with them. And, I don't think they expected my response.

I told them that being the National Chief probably one of the coolest things that has ever happened to me. But, the travel, and prestigious people, and camels, they don't make it "cool". No, it didn't. That stuff was great, and yes, sure, the gold epaulets were neat, but that didn't make the experience.

What made the experience great, however, was how I could see the Scouting movement excite Scouts. How Scouting made Scouts come alive. Scouts would pour their hearts into making a troop cheer, or patrol flag. Lodges would toil over spirit competitions, risking their voices and losing their extra sleep for a victory in whatever they were doing. The raw enthusiasm that Scouts had, week to week, was what really impacted my life.

And looking full circle, now that the torch has been past to a new National Chief, I'm still motivated by those same things. Seeing the face of a young scout, alive and well, who "burned the string" faster than anyone else in camp. Or watching a patrol construct the tallest tower out of lashings, just to take pride in raising their troops flag. That excitement kept me going. And still does...

I'm a normal guy. I really am. I like football, food, naps, and pulling pranks. And, I know that we, you and I, may not be motivated, excited, or even driven by the same things. But we are both Scouts. And if I can ask that you look for one thing, its that you look into your troop, and Occoneechee lodge, and seek to find that excitement that often gets overlooked. Find that raw emotion. Find that passion. This spirit and enthusiasm was what you were once elected into the Order of the Arrow for. And now, more than ever, our movement needs to re-kindle that excitement.

So I encourage you to “look back on Scouting” and really seek to find what drives you. What, really makes you come alive? I’m confident that if you look, you’ll find that fire. And once you find it, share it.

“Don’t ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive.” –Thurman.

Brad Lichota
2010-2011 National Chief

MEET YOUR NEW VICE CHIEF OF FINANCE

JOE LALLY

Greetings Occoneechee Arrowmen!

I am honored that you chose me to be your Vice Chief of Finance! This year is going to be awesome! and why is it going to be awesome you say? Because of YOU! There are so many awesome events that you will have the opportunity to attend this year and they will be great because you decide to go! I have a challenge for you newly inducted arrowmen who might be reading your first tipi and thinking “How can I get involved in the OA?” Go to an event, make some new friends and find something fun that you like to do. Whether it’s patch trading, dancing, ceremonies, drumming or service projects and committees. There literally is something for everyone!

There are sadly plenty of arrowmen who “Sash-n-Dash,” which means they complete their ordeal and then don’t return to any lodge activities. Guys who don’t take some time and get involved in the OA really miss an awesome opportunity to grow as leaders and don’t get to experience everything that the lodge has to offer. Please don’t be that guy!

Take every opportunity to get involved and go to an event or two! A fantastic way to ensure an awesome OAweekend is to attend this year’s SR-7B Conclave at Camp Cherokee!

You’ll get to spend a weekend with brothers from all over the section and get to participate in just about everything the Order of the Arrow has to offer. Make sure to register for Conclave as soon as possible!

Arrowmen, we are in for an awesome year and I hope that you all make as much of it as you can! I am looking forward to getting to cheerfully serve the lodge in this new position!

Yours in Brotherhood,
Joe Lally, Vice Chief of Finance.
W.W.W.



WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND **LLD**

As your training committee chair, I would like to remind you of Lodge Leadership Development. It is coming up on the weekend of November 18-20, and it is located at Campbell University in the Lundy-Fetterman School of Business. The price is \$10 for the day, and \$25 dollars for the LEC weekend. Pre-Registration is currently open for LLD, and it can be found at the lodge website.

Check-in for LEC weekend will start at 7 P.M. Friday night, and check-in for Saturday will start at 8 A.M.

This year we have a great lineup of trainers and classes that are sure to interest everyone as well as a very informative speaker Mr. Brian Etheridge (president of Leadership North Carolina). I would highly recommend that all the chapter chiefs and chapter officers attend LLD, especially if you are a new officer. There are two very important EC meetings during the LEC weekend where a lot of major decisions for the year are made.

This year we will also be continuing our lodge counterparts lunch, which gives you an opportunity to get your questions answered by a lodge vice chief.

There will also be NOAC information meeting at LLD this year so if you are planning on attending NOAC 2012, make sure to be at LLD.

Overall, LLD is one of the most fun and informative lodge events. If you haven't pre-registered yet, I encourage you all to do so as soon as possible. If you have any more questions regarding the event, contact myself at (sdavi178@uncc.edu) or Todd Goldfarb at (tngold@gmail.com). I hope to see you all soon for another great LLD.

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Stephen M. Davis

Lodge 104 Training Committee Chair

THE CHARLEY SULLIVAN HOLIDAY CHALLENGE

The Occoneechee Charley Sullivan Holiday Challenge will take place from 2:00PM on Saturday, November 26th to 2:00PM on Sunday, November 27th 2011. The event is being organized by Occoneechee Lodge 104 and is open to all registered Scouts and Scouters in the Occoneechee Council. This date was chosen as an opportunity for Scouts to engage in an outdoor activity over the long Thanksgiving weekend. The Challenge will raise much needed funds to aid in the completion of the Occoneechee Charley Sullivan Training Center at Camp Durant. Designed to be a multi-use facility, the project will encompass a complete renovation and expansion of the original camp dining hall and include meeting rooms, open training areas, a renovated kitchen, offices areas and storage. This facility will be available for reservation by members of the Occoneechee Council when completed.

The building is being named after Mr. Sullivan because all of the dedication and devotion to scouting and the OA. Charley Sullivan was the Lodge Adviser of Occoneechee Lodge in the Raleigh area in the early 1970s and joined the National OA Committee in 1977. He was well known for his insistence that for Scouting to survive, it needed to be fun for the volunteers, as well as the youth members. During his scouting career he was recognized with the Silver Beaver, Vigil Honor, Silver Antelope and OA Distinguished Service Award.

Austin Blackwood

C.S.H.C Chairman

MEET YOUR NEW VICE CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATION

DANIEL SALGADO

To My Fellow Arrowmen:

The choice to become involved in the Order of the Arrow can be a defining moment in anyone's scouting career. The program has so much to offer and so many opportunities to give back to our local scout troops that I looked forward to the day when I could be a member in scouting's honor society. Ever since I was inducted into the Order of the Arrow in 2007, I have enjoyed every aspect of the program. From the numerous opportunities to give back through cheerful service down to Conclave and Lodge events, the OA can be a blast.

Shortly after completing my Ordeal and attending my first Netami Chapter meeting, I was exposed to another important part of the OA: Leadership. In this youth-led society, the Order of the Arrow relies heavily on the individual that decides to take that next step to be a leader. And in those coming months, I decided to contribute to my Chapter and served as the Vice Chief of Communications. Since then, I have continued to serve the Lodge in various positions at the Chapter, and now, the Lodge level.

This year, I look forward to meeting and working with everyone in the Lodge, regardless of what chapter or area of focus. I serve you, my fellow Arrowmen, for that is what a leader does. And during my term as Vice Chief of Administration, I will work to the best of my ability to ensure a great Winter Banquet this year, smooth-running Inductions/Ordeals and Brotherhood conversions, and the continual success of OA elections. These goals will be tailored towards the improvement of the Lodge, so your opinion is always welcome. Most importantly, I look forward to a wonderful new year! With Conclave just around the corner and many Lodge events like LLD and Winter Banquet in the months to come, it is bound to be an awesome year. I am grateful for this opportunity to serve you, my brothers, and I ask that you serve me with your support for me as your new Vice Chief of Administration.

Yours in Scouting,

Daniel Salgado



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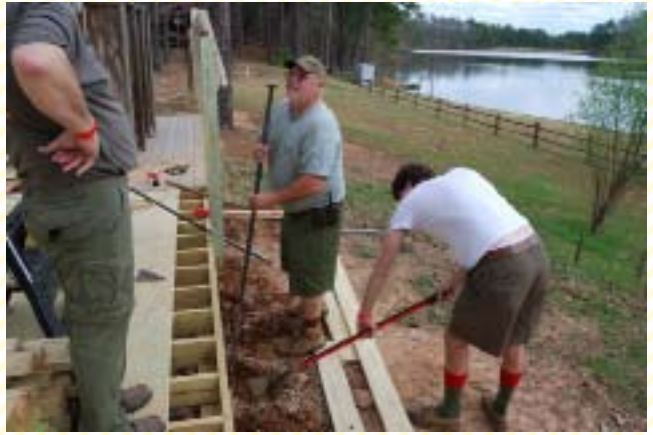
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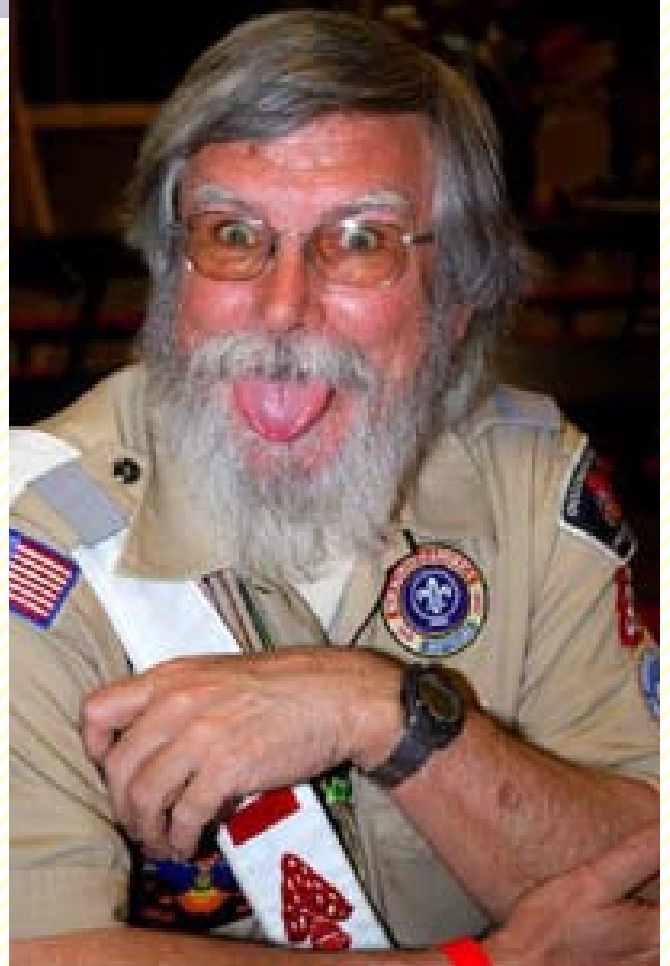
Ceremonies, service projects, chilling with friends, and Thunderfest were just a few of the ways to have fun at our last Fall Fellowship. Many ordeal candidates as well as other ceremony enthusiasts were amazed by the ceremonies they went through or saw on both Friday and Saturday night. Soon after these ceremonies there was a campfire and vigil tap out where Joe Lally made a special performance of his hit single Camp Durant (sung to the tune of Firework by Katy Perry).

The next morning the ordeal candidates set out to do their “arduous labor” with the help of many other brothers. After lunch there was an election for our new lodge positions. If an election wasn’t enough fun we had what is known as Thunderfest. Thunderfest is a giant gathering of all the brothers that were there that weekend. There was food, fun, dancing, singing, and even a dunk tank. Many people were dunked including summer camp program director Jonathan Jordan and Linda Boggs. Past lodge chief John Taylor even got dunked. During the first half of this incredible gathering numerous ordeal and brotherhood candidates were going through their necessary ceremonies. Throughout the entire weekend we had delicious food and great fun. I can hardly wait till the next OA event because I can only imagine it will be even better than this one!



Arrowmen jammin' out at Fall Fellowship. The next Grateful Dead or Phish?







Congratulations to our latest Vigil class!



-The Lodge Adviser's Minute-

THE FIRE WITHIN

In our Circle, Nutiket serves as the guard of our fire and represents CHEERFULNESS and always remaining PHYSICALLY STRONG, MENTALLY AWAKE and MORALLY STRAIGHT. He guards us against selfishness, greed and hypocrisy-- the enemies of BROTHERHOOD, CHEERFULNESS and SERVICE. He challenges us to maintain our self-denial through scant food and his token is the wooden bow, ever resilient and flexible.

Nutiket is the first to meet us at the Circle and challenges us to “seek the fire at the center! Kindle cheerfulness within you! Gather round your hearts the tinder, lay the oak and pine together, kindle all that is within you with a warm and cheerful spirit. The spark is there, already glowing, fan it now, forgetting hunger, feed it, till it is a fire.”

Our Brotherhood is strong! Occoneechee has grown and done great things this year and we now face new and greater challenges in the year ahead! The Scouts around you have seen that you set a higher standard and that you step up when a task is ahead or someone needs a hand. Thank you for volunteering before you are even asked! Your Lodge needs your help in the weeks and months ahead.

Please continue to grow the Fire Within! I look forward to our next time together.

Tom Wells
Occoneechee Lodge Adviser

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