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Greetings Arrowmen and Brothers!

With autumn in the air, it's time to mark your calendars for Fall Fellowship! Lodge members will gather at Camp Durant on September 14-16th for the last big weekend bash of 2012. Throughout this issue of the Tipi, you'll find information about many of the events that will be taking place during the weekend; however, I'd like to take a few pages to share three that are especially worthy of your attention. As always, if you have any questions or comments, simply shoot me an email at: wdallen2@ncsu.edu.

2nd ANNUAL HOLIDAY 24-HOUR 50-MILER

SAVE THE DATE – Saturday, November 24, 2012
Check the website September 1st for more info:
<http://neuseriverdistrict.org/cschallenge/Home.aspx>



SERVING THE THUNDERBIRD

If you've been working on your Serving the Thunderbird Award, you can complete it at Fall Fellowship this year! If you've completed your card, you can turn it in along with \$2 at the registration table, and you'll receive a coveted Serving the Thunderbird Lodge flap at Winter Banquet! If you haven't completed all the requirements yet, there's still time to finish during the weekend! As a reminder, here are the requirements (which must be completed in one year). The individuals listed in parentheses can sign off the indicated requirements:

1. Attend at least three Lodge events during the course of the year. Please list them on your card. (Lodge or Chapter Chief).
2. Achieve Brotherhood membership in the Lodge. (Chapter Chief)
3. Do ONE of the following:
 - A. Participate in Lodge service at two of the following weekends: Fall Fellowship, Spring Inductions and Lodge One day of Service. (Service Chairman).
 - B. Serve as an Elangomat once and fulfill the 10 month agreement, working with the Ordeal members until they reach brotherhood. (Ordeal Chairman).
 - C. Join the Lodge cook crew, and prepare and serve meals for at least two Lodge events. (Food Chairman).
 - D. Join the Tipi staff as either a correspondent or a photographer. Cover at least three Lodge events, submitting articles and photographs to the corresponding Tipi issues. (Tipi Chairman).
 - E. Instruct one Session at Lodge Leadership Development. (Training Chairman)
 - F. Take part in another Lodge service project approved in advance by the Lodge Chief.

If you have any questions about Serving the 'Bird, email Service Chairman Stephen Davis at sdavi178@uncc.edu.

Southern Region Chief **DAVID JOYNER** on his time at **CAMP DURANT**

When I was elected Southern Region Chief, my Scouting career was changed forever. A lot of things happened that I was not expecting. Projects and programs that I didn't even know existed suddenly became my responsibility. What I thought would be weekends full of first-class travel to see friends in major Southern cities turned out to be red-eye flights to the boondocks where I would have to awkwardly connect with young Arrowmen I'd never met before.

After a few months of this, I began to get the hang of it. I became better about planning my travel schedule and I learned how to be more sociable in new environments. The role Region Chiefs undertake at an OA event became second nature, and I could enjoy the job. But one key thing was missing.

While I enjoyed going to different functions in Texas, Alabama, Florida, etc. these were those lodges' and sections' events, not mine. Don't get me wrong, I had a blast! But I missed the brotherhood that I shared with the Arrowmen back in SR-7B.

When I told my friend Todd Goldfarb about this, he invited me to join the Camp Durant summer camp staff for a week. I jumped at the offer and made my way to Carthage, NC for a week in mid-July.



photo from oa-bsa.org

I asked Jonathan Jordan and Todd, as well as the other guys who I already knew from Occoneechee to keep my role as Region Chief quiet. I didn't want any special treatment or for people to automatically assume anything based on my OA position – a problem that I had run into when I was at Sea Base earlier in the summer.

But by Tuesday at lunch, my cover had been blown. A handful of Occoneechee brothers had recognized me as being the former SR-7B section chief. I stressed to my co-workers that my position shouldn't affect the way they treated me, and I appreciate the fact that (for the most part) they respected that.

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My week at Camp Durant really reminded me what Scouting is all about. Being around familiar faces was a relief, but I also enjoyed making connections with new friends – in particular my fellow Aquatics staff member, James Williams, who I appointed to an honorary position on the Southern Region's Order of the Arrow Committee.

I'd like to thank you all for welcoming me into the Camp Durant family for the brief amount of time I was able to spend with you. The experience has been one of the highlights of my term as Region Chief and I look forward to spending more time with my brothers from 104!



ANOTHER GREAT YEAR FOR THE ORDER AT CAMP DURANT

JONATHAN JORDAN

This summer we had a great year at Camp Durant!

Our staff was excellent and we achieved a goal that would have sounded insane 5 years ago, our first year of camping over 2,000 youth. I think what makes Camp

Durant so great is our program, and a big part of that program is the Order of the Arrow. Not only do they put on an excellent tap-out ceremony, but the OA also does a Pow-Wow and an OA ice cream social with lodge officers.

photo from David McLain @ Facebook.com

I encourage all Arrowmen to join our staff at Camp Durant, it's an amazing opportunity to give back to scouting and to make friends that will last you a life time!

LODGE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) is scheduled for November 9-11, 2012 at Campbell University in Buies Creek, North Carolina. LLD is an great opportunity for Brothers to delve deeper into various areas of the Lodge. This year offers the unique opportunity to find about Conclave 2013. There are many sessions concerning Conclave and the necessary committees that are required to pull off a great Conclave for the Section. Conclave Chair Jonathan Boggs and his adult Advisor will offer insights into their jobs. There will be a class about how to get started patch trading, and we all know how everyone loves patches. Counterpart discussions are a great way to find out about a position you may be interested in applying for. Registration will be coming soon online. The event is \$10 for the day and yes you get a patch at the end. Check the Lodge website at <http://www.lodge104.net/> for further updates.

BE AN ELANGOMAT!

As always, Fall Fellowship will also include our second big induction weekend, with over 200 new members undergoing their Ordeal. If you're looking for a way to give back to your fellow Scouts in cheerful service, consider becoming an elangomat! This elite corps of servant leaders (including youth and adults) will manage and mentor the candidates during their Ordeal, helping them stay true to their vows and complete important service projects at Camp Durant. This is not one of the easiest forms of service in the Lodge, but it is one of the most necessary and the most rewarding! Join the Fall Inductions team by showing up at the Scoutcraft shelter on Friday night, or by contacting Ordeal Chairman Patrick Seelinger at patseelinger@yahoo.com. Every new Arrowman deserves a great elangomat!

LODGE LEADER VISIT TO TUTELO LODGE 161

Occonechee is sending a group of youth and adult leaders to Tutelo Lodge (at Camp Powhatan near Roanoke VA) the weekend of Sept 7-9th to attend their Fall Ordeal and learn how a similar Lodge operates. What are we doing well and what could we be doing better? If you are a Lodge committee member or chapter officer, you are welcome to contact Mr Wells, Lodge adviser about joining the Lodge officers for the trip. There is a \$25 cost for gas and food while traveling. We will leave about 4pm, Friday, Sept 7 and return about 5pm Sunday, Sept 9th. There is limited space available, so reservations will be taken on a first come-first serve basis.

Mr Wells

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We need you at the 2013 National Jamboree!!

2013 is going to be a Jamboree of firsts-the first time in West Virginia, the first time at a permanent site, the first time cell phones will be used for up-to-the-minute program info and personal schedule updates and the first time the OA has a major role in the staffing and operation of a Jamboree. New activities include zipline canopy tours, mountain biking, zip zila, white water rafting, rappelling, skateboarding plus all the regular stuff like scuba, shooting, archery, boating, merit badge training and patch trading!

Over 700 Arrowmen are needed to staff the American Indian Village, Day of Service, Jambo Trek Guides and Staff Recreation. I have just returned from the 2012 Jambo Shake-down and the 2013 National Jamboree is going to be GREAT! Staff will pay less than half the price of contingent participants! It is less than 340 days to the opening night!

You must be 16 years old and you have an option to work only half the event if the 14 days is too long. For more information, go to:

<http://event.oa-bsa.org/events/jambo2013/staff-opportunities.html>

WHERE WERE YOU THIS SUMMER?

Jon Taylor tells us about NOAC 2012

photo from oa-bsa.org

Happy Fall Thunderbirds!

I am not sure what you did this summer, but if you missed NOAC 2012, you missed out! With 30 participants, Occoneechee was well represented at Michigan State this year, and those that came had a blast! I have been asked to do a summary of our participation in competitions, so I will start with ceremonies. Davis Tapp from Eluwak Chapter competed in the Vigil Honor Ceremony competition and brought home honors for his performance! Also from Eluwak Chapter in ceremony competitions was the honor winning team consisting of Andy Wilkins, Eli Lamb, Dylan Taylor and Davis Tapp. The Occoneechee Drum Team participated in the Southern Singing competition and did well. That team consisted of Chris Peterson, Andy Wilkins, Eli Lamb, Dylan Taylor and John Taylor. Martin Bowers and Eli Lamb competed in a National RISK competition. Afterwards Martin competed in the individual RISK competition and placed 4th in the Nation! Kudos to Martin!

The Occoneechee Dodgeball team competed this year at NOAC and were poised for a national championship, until a hiccup in the rules caused the team to have to resign early. Occoneechee sent several individual dancers into competition, with mostly good results. Graham Lynn competed in his first National Competition and made it into the top 20 of fancy dancers. Canotka Chapter's Drew Bain competed in the straight dance competition and after it is very excited for the next two NOACs, Tom Neas from Eno chapter and Dylan Taylor from Eluwak both made it into the second round of dancing in the Grass Dance competition. Finally, John Taylor from Eluwak Chapter placed fifth in the nation in the Grass Dance Competition. Congratulations to each and every participant and thank you to everyone who helped with NOAC 2012 or attended. I hope that even more will be interested for NOAC2015, during the 100 year anniversary of the Order! It will be a blast, I hope to see you there!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THOSE RUNNING FOR LODGE OFFICE

With the activities of 2012 already drawing to a close, the time has once again come to elect youth officers to lead Lodge 104 into a new year. 2013 is a crucial year for the Lodge, with Camp Durant set to host our biggest Conclave in history! Therefore, the need for strong and committed leaders will be greater than ever. We'll be holding elections for the following offices:

- Lodge Chief
- Vice-Chief of Program
- Vice-Chief of Administration
- Vice-Chief of Communication
- Vice-Chief of Finance

During Fall Fellowship, the Lodge Chief urges you to think carefully about all the candidates who are running, and to cast your vote not merely for the best public speaker or the guy with the best hairdo but for the candidates who will make the most qualified, competent, and dedicated leaders. If you think that you fit this description for any of the positions listed above, consider throwing your hat into the ring! Robust, competitive elections give us better leaders and make our Lodge stronger.

If you are a youth member of the Lodge, here is what you need to know about nominating, voting, and running for office:

- Nominations will be held on Friday night at the campfire arena at 9:00 PM. Starting when I officially open the floor on Friday night, you can nominate any youth member for office who meets the conditions listed below under "Running for Office." A nomination does not need a second. A member can self-nominate; if nominated by another, he can refuse his nomination for any reason. A member must accept his nomination from a youth member (either himself or another youth) in order to be considered in the running.
- Voting will take place on Saturday afternoon at the campfire arena at 4:30 PM. We will hold elections for each office one at a time, in the order listed above. Here's how the voting process will work for each office:
 - o The Lodge Chief will open the floor again for nominations to each position on Saturday afternoon. After all nominations have been heard, each candidate will have a chance to speak briefly about his qualifications and his reasons for running.
 - o Candidates will briefly take questions from the audience.
 - o Youth members only will vote by writing down your preferred candidate on a paper ballot.
 - o After the ballots are counted, the winner will be announced. In the event of a tie, a runoff election will be held between the two first-place finishers.
- Running for office: So you think you've got what it takes to be a Lodge officer? Capital! Before you start making campaign posters, here's what you need to know:
 - o You must be a youth member during the entire term of office. This means that if you will turn 21 years old before Fall Fellowship next year, you are not eligible to run.
 - o You must be nominated by a youth member, either yourself or another youth.
 - o You must be at Fall Fellowship. You have to be nominated and accept the nomination in person on Friday night or Saturday. No write-in candidates allowed!
 - o Your Lodge member dues must be current at the time of the election! If you're not paid up, make sure that you pay \$10 (or \$104 for lifetime dues) at the Registration table on Friday night to renew your membership.
 - o You must be currently registered with the Boy Scouts of America. You have to be an active, dues-paying member of the BSA; otherwise, no dice!
 - o You must be available to attend the Lodge Officers' & Advisers' Retreat. This event will be held September 28-30th, two weeks after Fall Fellowship.

In addition to the eligibility requirements, here's some friendly advice from an old campaigner:

- o Come prepared to give a short speech on Saturday afternoon. Lodge members want to hear why you are qualified, competent, and dedicated to the OA. They don't want to hear your whole life story! Short and sweet is always best.
- o Do not run unless you are willing to make a big time commitment. A Lodge office is not just another after-school activity; it's a major responsibility. Think carefully about your existing commitments to sports, youth groups, your troop, etc., and decide honestly whether you have the time to devote to the OA.
- o If you are elected, remember that you have a responsibility to set an example of cheerful service.

A real Lodge officer is never too proud or too good to do any task that needs doing,