

THE T I P I

Occoneechee Lodge #104 Newsletter

June 2014

Next up... The Trade-O-Ree



Preview of NOAC Fundraising Patch

By: Hunter Edge, *Patch Committee Chair*

Coming this August, Occoneechee Lodge will be hosting its first Ever Trade-O-Ree! The event will take place starting Friday, August 22nd and will run through Saturday, August 23rd at Camp Durant!

If you have an interest in patch collecting or want to learn about the amazing world of patches then this is the event for you. There will be vendors from nearby states looking to buy, sell, and trade patches; collectors of everything from Occoneechee pins to Wahissa memorabilia perusing the tables, a silent auction that's sure to feature some patches on your needs list, and an excellent meal program.

You can stay for the day or rent a cabin to stay the night. In addition, there will be classes focusing on the collecting merit badge available. Not only will OA members attending the event be able to immerse themselves in patch trading, but they will also get their first full look at Occoneechee's NOAC theme, by way of the fundraiser piece being sold at the trading post. Get ready for an amazing event full of great patch trading and fellowship at the Trade-O-Ree. Hope you find all of those pesky needs, and may your trades be ever in your favor.

Lodge Wins Food Drive Competition

By: Lawson Benfield, *Occoneechee Conclave Service Project Liaison*

Brothers,

Thank you for your donation of nonperishable food items for our service project at Conclave. Without you, the food drive would not have been successful. The Lodge exceeded the challenge of collecting 1,004 pounds! We collected 1,459 pounds of food, which was almost half of the total amount collected by the section. We enjoyed special seating at the Saturday night show and were recognized at the closing ceremony. Thank you again for your help to make this a success.

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Come Out and make a difference!

By: Matthew Kane, *Service Chair*

One of the key pillars on which the Order of the Arrow is founded is Cheerful Service. There are often times when we are given the opportunity to help others that have given to us in the past. This opportunity has come around once again and is the reason that I am writing to you.

As many of you know the Lodge annually participates in the *One Day of Service*, which is our chance to assist the community that has given us so much. This year we hope to say thank you to Campbell University which has often supported the OA (and the Council) by allowing us to use their facilities for our Lodge Leadership Development.



The One Day of Service is an event which gives us the opportunity to step outside of Camp to make a difference in the community.

I would encourage everyone to come out and participate in this great event and opportunity. Although the date for this event has not yet been determined, the service committee will send the information out as soon as a date is set. So be on the look out for more information soon about this exciting event and I hope to see you at the One Day of Service!



Camporee Update

By: Kenny Ferarri, *Camporee Chief*

WHY ARE YOU IN SCOUTING??

Is it your FRIENDS, a time to explore the OUTDOORS, the opportunity to be a LEADER, a chance to become EAGLE, the desire to SERVE or just a time to have FUN?

Be a part of the 2014 COUNCIL CAMPOREE to celebrate all the great reasons you're a Scout!

Occoneechee Lodge is hosting the Camporee and WE NEED YOUR HELP:

1. VOLUNTEER TO BE A STAFF MEMBER! Go to www.camporee.lodge104.net to register. We need your help getting ready for the event and, if available, to serve on Staff for the event.
2. MAKE SURE YOUR UNIT IS PARTICIPATING! Unit Registration opens June 16th on the event website.
3. ATTEND FALL FELLOWSHIP and try out the complete CHALLENGE TRAIL, the main event for the Camporee!

Go to the event website www.camporee.lodge104.net for more information and to register as Staff. The 2014 Council Camporee is Oct 10-12, 2014 at Camp Durant AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

Your friend,
Kenny Ferrari

New Online Trading Post!

The new Occoneechee Lodge Online Trading Post is now open! Items include patches, bricks for the Charlie Sullivan Training Center, and much, much more! Check it out at <http://shop.lodge104.net/>



Spring Inductions

By: Gray Barnhill, *Vice Chief of Communication*

If you missed Spring Inductions, you missed one of the greatest lodge events ever. It was a busy but very productive weekend. We gained 208 new brothers and 31 brothers attained brotherhood status. Congratulations to all of them. The weekend began Friday evening with Pre-Ordeal ceremonies and a great show which included the passing of the bonnet to our new Lodge Chief, Will Rea. After, Cook crew had a tasty Crackerbarrel for us in the Grand Lodge which included watching The Avengers.

Saturday morning started early with service projects. These projects helped out Camp Durant tremendously. Saturday at lunch, there was a NOAC interest meeting and a lot of information was given. Friday afternoon, there was a Camporee Challenge Trail run through. Scouts got covered in mud. Then, our chapters welcomed the ordeal candidates on the vista. As soon as that was done, it was time to set up for Thunderfest. Thunderfest was set up, and it was time for pre-dinner activities. Right before Flag Lowering Saturday night, all of the Vice Chiefs and newest Lodge Chief threw Stephen Frein, Section Chief, into Nello Tier Lake.

Then it was time for dinner. All of the Ordeal Candidates enjoyed a big meal after the long day of scant food, and were given a big Occoneechee welcome. Dinner was almost over and we had our Brotherhood Callout ceremony. The Brotherhood Candidates took their brotherhood hike and entered their ceremony. It was now time for Thunderfest. There was Karaoke, Jousting, Corn Hole, the Sticky Wall, Sumo Wrestling, Pie, and Patch Trading. Sunday Morning we had our New Member Forum, campsite clean-up and EC. To top it all off, we had the best weather all weekend. Occoneechee could not have asked for anything better. Hope to see you all at Fall Fellowship!



Pre-Registration!

Going to Fall Fellowship? Let us know! Pre-register at <http://www.lodge104.net/registration/>

Lodge Chief's Corner

By: Will Rea, *Lodge Chief*

We had a great weekend at Spring Inductions, there was great food, lots of fellowship, and a great deal of service done for Camp Durant. With Spring Inductions now behind us, we move forward to Summer. This Summer and Fall there will be a lot to look forward to from the Lodge. At Camp Durant there will be an ice cream social on Monday nights. If you're going to Camp Durant for summer camp we hope to see you at the Sullivan Center for some ice cream and fellowship. Summer camp is also the first opportunity for anyone who went through their Ordeal at Fall Fellowship 2013 to finish their Brotherhood Trail. Completing the trail is one of the requirements for the First Year Arrowman Award, an award that can only be earned your first year in the Order. After summer camp we will have the Lodge One Day of Service. Be on the watch for more information as to when, where, and how you can help give service back to the community. Remember, he who serves his fellow man, is of all his fellows, greatest.



I look forward to seeing you throughout the summer and at Fall Fellowship!

The Spirit of the Arrow

By: Kevin Blackwood, *Lodge Adviser*

"Awake my friends." We know these words well. We heard them when gathered in the ceremony ring. We read them on the morning of the Ordeal. But for those not attending ceremonies or undergoing the Ordeal, do we still hear these words in our minds and in our hearts? These words not only call us from our sleep, but awaken our minds and our spirits as well. They kindle the fire of cheerfulness in each of us and show us the way to lift the burdens from our fellow scouts. They remind us of the purpose of the Order and the Brotherhood we share.

But do we hear them? Does the "Spirit of the Arrow" still fill us?

My Ordeal was completed many years ago, at a Scout camp that no longer exists, but I still remember the service projects that I helped complete and the pride I felt when I was presented with my first sash. I remember the fuss that my parents made when they picked me up after the weekend and made me pose for pictures. I remember the first time I was an Elangomat and each ceremony I participated in. It is that memory that continues to drive me forward on every OA weekend, seeking to serve and to kindle the same spirit within each new candidate, so that they will carry on the traditions for the next generation. I hope that each of you will lead by example, whether serving as an Elangomat, a ceremonialist or just a brother with a cheerful spirit; The Spirit of the Arrow.



For he who serves his fellows is... of all his fellows greatest.



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2014 Lodge Calendar

Event	Date	Location	Details
Trade-o-ree	August 22-23	Camp Durant	
Fall Fellowship	September 19-21	Camp Durant	Ordeal - Brotherhood Trail - Vigil Honor Call Out – Lodge Elections - Webelos OA Weekend
Council Camporee	October 10-12	Occoneechee Scout Reservation	
Fall Gathering	October 17-19	Camp Durant	Recognitions Banquet - Vigil Weekend
Lodge Leadership Development	November 14-16	Campbell University	
One Day 50 Miler	November 29	North Raleigh Area	