

FIVE FEATHERS

*The Official Newsletter
For Section SR-5*

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WELCOME TO DIXIE!

Travis Broadhurst

Greetings Arrowmen!

Welcome to the 2015 Dixie Fellowship at Belk Scout Camp in Mint Hill, NC. We are thrilled to have you here with us this weekend. I would like to thank Catawba lodge for the invaluable effort they have put towards this event. Be sure to thank the staff as you travel throughout camp this weekend to show our appreciation for their commitment and diligence.

The Dixie Fellowship has been a staple of our Section for over 55 years for its high spirit, unique programs, and impressive attendance. Our Northeast Region Chief, Matt Bell, will be joining us. Catawba's Indian Village, a great program in their lodge, will be open all day long to allow you to participate in events such as dart-blowing, jerky making, and canoe carving. Finally, we have ramped up the shows to include a live band, karaoke, and a lodge dedication ceremony on Saturday night.

Of course, a Dixie would not be a Dixie without all of the competitions and traditions that we know and love. Ceremonies competitions will be intense, totem poles will be carved, training sessions will enhance your knowledge and experience, and you can surely find a Quest Event that is perfect for you! As always, new officers will be elected as the old officers are retired. Make sure to keep your schedule handy and check out as much as possible throughout the weekend!

Welcome to the Belk Scout Camp and the 2015 Dixie Fellowship, and I hope you enjoy the weekend!

DIXIE BROTHERHOOD

Alex Jernigan

Well it is finally here! Dixie. The weekend that we look forward to as a section every year. It is a time for lodges to compete in everything from ceremonies to plan books, in order to show who is the best. However, the most important part, and my personal favorite, is the friendships that are made and spirit of brotherhood that is instilled. Through the rest of the year we stand as our individual lodges but for this weekend we come together as a section to enjoy a time of fellowship and brotherhood. So I challenge you to make friends with brothers from other lodges and build the bonds of brotherhood that were instilled in our order 100 years ago!

FROM THE EDITOR

Nate Flowers

Your Section Leadership has worked hard to prepare for this year's Dixie Fellowship, and I am so excited to be a part of it. I would love to highlight all of this weekend's happenings and more for the entire section to see! Want to tell SR-5 why you love Dixie Fellowship? Want to give a shoutout to someone for their awesome work in their Troop or Lodge? Email us at news@sr5.org and we would love to put this in the Five Feathers! If you don't have access to email, that's totally fine as well. Find a Section Officer around or stop by the LDC building and drop it in the envelope for Nate Flowers. We will get it in as soon as we can! Have a great weekend!

OA WEEK AT SANTEE

Harrison Flowers

Santee Lodge has been known for having unique events and a different way of doing things from other lodges in our Section. Our main event is a week-long fellowship, known as OA Week. OA Week starts with Check-in on a Sunday afternoon. With the Pre-Ordeal ceremony happening that same night, candidates then take on the trials and tribulations of the Ordeal on Monday. Monday night is when we have the Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies, along with our Cracker Barrel and introduction to the new Ordeal Members.

So what does everyone else in the lodge do while the ordeal is taking place? As Brothers, we all come together as one and partake in service around camp. From clearing brush along trails to repairing fallen structures, everyone as Brothers come together and serves our camp and council by providing Cheerful Service during this time.

After Sunday and Monday, we begin pageant practice and merit badge classes. We call it a pageant because originally it was skits that were performed, developed into stories, and now we celebrate by putting on a scripted play. We, Santee Lodge 116, are the only lodge in the nation to have such a week that is ended with a pageant, and it is spectacular! For only having five days for everyone to have their lines memorized, costumes ready, motions learned, and nerves out, we sure do put on a show! We perform our pageant at dusk on Friday night, and everyone enjoys the recreation of Native American tales.

I mentioned merit badges also, but these aren't just any normal merit badges, these are more rare awards that are harder to earn. Many of these merit badges aren't offered at our annual Summer Camp program, so we give Arrowmen the opportunity to earn various merit badges such as Digital Technology, Welding, Farm Mechanics, and Engineering. We offer a chance to earn up to 4 additional merit badges that would otherwise take you a substantial amount of time to complete.

After the pageant, everyone who attended OA Week is welcome to stay for our Summer Fellowship for free. So you are able to get 2 events for the price of 1! This year, Summer Fellowship will represent our Centennial Celebration and we will be doing various activities. One such thing is a reenactment of the very first Ordeal ceremony ever performed. We were able to gain the actual script from the National OA Committee, and have a ceremony team that will be performing it.

I hope that you seriously consider attending our OA Week and Summer Fellowship, so that you are able to experience the tradition and excellence that Santee Lodge is known for.

For more info about how to register for this event, contact Harrison Flowers today!

CHANGED TRAINING LOCATIONS

Atta Kulla Kulla*	1	Tsali	7
Bob White Lodge	2	Santee	8
Eswau Huppeday	3	Skyuka	9
Itibapishe Iti Holo	4	Unali'Yi	10
Muscogee	5	Catawba	Indian Village
OA Section	6		

*training topic has changed to Alpha Phi Omega.

Have questions about Training? There will be a temporary Training Office at the Kiosk near the Training sites.

