

The Five Feathers

Serving the Member Lodges of SR-5

April 1997 issue

45th Annual Dixie Fellowship

The 45th annual Dixie Fellowship will be hosted by Unali'yi Lodge, the same host as the first Dixie Fellowship, and will be held on the same dates, April 18-20. Following are some last minute notes and reminders from our host lodge:

- C Registration figures as of April 1, 1997: 939 total (including 188 host lodge staff)
- C Opening night show will feature a very special guest --- hint: South Carolina's very own!
- C Region Chief Jason Peoples will be attending Dixie.
- C 1:15 p.m. Saturday, guest "landing" at the Field Sports area.
- C "We will be feeding in one meal what Camp Ho Non Wah typically feeds during a whole day of summer camp"
- C See the 1989 Dixie totem pole on display for its final Dixie.
- C Unali'yi Lodge's very own building, J. Rucker Newbery Memorial Lodge will display a grand museum of OA, lodge, and council artifacts.
- C Bring "gnat" repellent! They will be in full force. A good remedy is Avon's Skin So Soft.
- C Bring plenty of spending money, the trading post will be stocked!
- C We will be bidding a fond farewell to the great state of Georgia as Mowogo, Echeconnee, Egwa Tawa Dee, and Tomo Chi Chi lodges will be attending their last Dixie as members of SR-5. Representatives of the lodges from North Carolina that will be entering SR-5 will be visiting this year's Dixie: Catawba, Eswau Huppeday, and Ittabapshe Iti Hollo.
- C We are also bidding farewell to our Section Adviser Bill Loeble who with the realignment will be leaving SR-5 for new challenges as Section Adviser in Georgia.

Directions to Camp Ho-Non-Wah, Wadmalaw Island, SC, (803) 559-9302:

From NC, eastern GA, western SC: Take I-26 East to I-526 (Mark Clark) and head toward Savannah. Take I-526 to the end and turn right onto Highway 17 (Savannah Highway). Take Highway 17 South to Main Road (at the Burger King) and turn left. Take Main Road to Maybank Highway (Highway 700). At Maybank Highway, turn right. Take Maybank Highway approximately 14 miles to Boy Scout Road. Turn left. Camp Ho Non Wah is at the end. Enter slowly into Camp Ho Non Wah. **Travel Times (from these points):** Intersection of I-95 and I-26 - 2 hours, 15 minutes to Camp Ho Non Wah; Intersection of I-26 and I-526 - 45 minutes to Camp Ho Non Wah

From Savannah, GA (southern GA): Take I-95 North to Highway 17 North (to Charleston). When you arrive at the only Burger King after about an hour on the road, turn right onto Main Road. Take Main Road to Maybank Highway (Highway 700). At Maybank Highway, turn right. Take Maybank Highway approximately 14 miles to Boy Scout Road. Turn left. Camp Ho Non Wah is at the end. Enter slowly into Camp Ho Non Wah. **Travel Times (from these points):** I-95 at GA/SC border: 2 hours, 15 minutes to Camp Ho Non Wah; Highway 17 at Main Road: 30 minutes to Camp Ho Non Wah

Chiefly Speaking

Dear Brothers,

As you all know SR-5 is about to undergo a realignment. Due to this change SR-5 is faced with yet another challenge. The 1998 Dixie fellowship was going to be hosted by Mowogo, but they will be leaving the section in the realignment. Our section has recently heard that Eswau Huppeday, a lodge we will gain in the realignment, is able and willing to hold the 1998 Dixie fellowship. They were slated to hold the fellowship for their section next year but due to the changes they have had to put ad their plans on hold. They have over six months of planning completed and they are ready to make their final stages of planning. Friday night of the Dixie Fellowship the Council of Chiefs will need to formally vote on who will fill the slot for 1998 in the rotation. Once again Eswau Huppeday has expressed a great deal of interest. Allowing them to fill the gap will ease some stress of the realignment.

Now a short note about Dixie which I encourage each of you to spread among the members of your lodge. At each of the four meals during the weekend there will be a theme. The themes are as follows: Friday night cracker barrel has the theme of "patriotic," Saturday breakfast "Luau" Saturday dinner "country-western," and Saturday cracker barrel "New Years." Make preparations now to show your spirit and participate in each of these mealtime activities. Once again I hope you are all preparing for Dixie because it will be one awesome event!

Yours in the Brotherhood,

David A Barton

SR-5 Section Chief

Adviser's Minute

Bill Loebke

I write this adviser's minute with mixed emotions and for sure with a lot of emotion. It will be my last as your Section Adviser. Sadly, I am not only retiring from that responsibility but will be leaving the section with my lodge after 30 years.

Without a doubt, being your Section Adviser for the past nine years has been the most fun and rewarding

position of my 43 years in Scouting.

I remember in the 1980's we were teased within the region as the "phantom section" because we were relatively obscure even though we had a great program. Now we are known everywhere and have one of the largest conclave attendances in the entire Order of the Arrow.

That is only one manifestation of the quality of leadership we have had. I would like to single out those fine young men who have served as Section Chief during my tenure: David Kafitz, Matthew Delk (two terms), James Barton, Jason Spangler, Collin Crick, Russell Cann (then elected Region Chief), Selven Jones (completed Russell's term plus a full term of his own), and David Barton.

I would like to thank all of the young men who have served in leadership roles and the advisers who have backed them up. I am a better Scouter and a better person because all of you have touched my life.

I said this would be bittersweet. The good news is that Mac McLean has accepted the appointment by Area Director Chuck Hanchey as your new Section Adviser beginning at the conclusion of the Dixie Fellowship. There is no finer, more dedicated Arrowman. My only wish is that you give him the same support you have given me.

As for me, I have a great opportunity ahead to be a part of organizing the new SR-6S as their Section Adviser. Fortunately, the Region calendar has scheduled the SR-6S conclave the week after Dixie each year. Thus, I will be able to visit you at Dixies in the future.

In closing, I use the words of Allowat Sakima to describe my experience - "It is done, and it is good." I am proud to have been your adviser.

In Brotherhood,

Bill Loebke

Why Did Mowogo Reorder the 1995 Section Seminar Patch?

This response was provided by Frank Harper, 1995 Retreat Adviser. Mowogo wishes to resolve questions raised at the 1996 Dixie. This letter is address to the SR-5 Council of Chiefs:

Dear Brothers of SR-5:

At the recent Dixie Fellowship held at Bert Adams, some questions were raised regarding Mowogo Lodge's re-order of the 1995 Section Retreat patches. This letter is intended to explain our actions and to answer the concerns of some of the members of this section.

At the time of the initial trading post pre-order deadline, less than 150 arrowmen had registered for the Retreat. Mowogo Lodge ordered enough patches to meet the pre-orders of the registered arrowmen plus a small number of extras for sale in the trading post. Two months later, over 230 arrowmen had pre-registered for the Retreat, and Mowogo Lodge realized that, with walk-ins, we would not have enough patches for everyone [total attendance was 266 members]. Therefore, Mowogo lodge decided to give up our patches so that everyone at the Retreat would be able to have a patch and would be able to buy extras. Mowogo Lodge then decided to re-order patches for our members after the Retreat.

When the patches arrived two lodge numbers were incorrect. After the Retreat, Mowogo asked the patch company to correct the mistake when we re-ordered our patches. In retrospect, this was a poor decision as Mowogo Lodge has been accused of trying to intentionally "create" a demand for patches by correcting the numbers. However, this thought did not play any part in our re-order; a mistake was made on the first patch, and we simply corrected it on the reorder.

Our goal from the very beginning was to host the host function possible. A big part of being a good host is making sure everyone gets a patch and is able to buy a few extras. While Mowogo Lodge could have kept all of our patches, we realized our greater obligation was to our visitors, and did without our orders to meet the needs of our brothers. Naturally, this problem would not have occurred had every lodge made its trading post pre-order by the deadline, but tints did not happen. Mowogo Lodge faced a difficult situation: too many late registrations and too few patches. We made what we thought was a good decision. Our lodge has learned from this episode, and will not make this same mistake in the future. We hope that the members of SR-5 will accept this apology for any controversy we may have

caused, and hope this explanation puts this matter to rest.

Yours in the Order,

Dr. Dale Anderson, Lodge Adviser

A. Frank Harper, Retreat Adviser

Lodge Reports

Mowogo Lodge 243

Mowogo Lodge #243 of Northeast, GA faces the realignment to reshape SR-5 with mixed feelings, first with regret as we leave a group of Lodges which we have spent several years with. At the same time we are filled with anticipation of becoming part of the new SR-6. As a result of this new realignment it is unlikely that Mowogo Lodge will receive the honor of holding the 1998 Dixie Fellowship for SR-5 at Camp Rainey Mountain. Neither the less, Mowogo lodge will cherish our last Dixie with our old friends.

Involving lodge functions, Mowogo Lodge held it's annual Spring Fellowship work weekend at Camp Rainey Mountain on March 14-16. In addition, the lodge has set several other goals for ourselves this year. One of which is to create a Mowogo Lodge Homepage, where members can have access to up to date information about the lodge year round.

Mowogo Lodge continues through 1997 to aim to achieve it's goals of promoting camping and providing service for the benefit of the youth in our Council. Following the theme to "find the arrow in ourselves," Mowogo Lodge plans to continue to serve the purpose of the Order of the Arrow, in 1997 and beyond.

Tsali Lodge 134

Tee Pruitt- tsali lodge chief EMAIL- Tee Pruitt@AOL.COM

Lodge Advisor- Bill Horton EMAIL- Horton@ioa.COM

Greetings from Western North Carolina SR5, Tsali Lodge is currently very busy in preparation for our March Fellowship, Dixie fellowship plans, and other lodge business. With a new slate of lodge officers recently installed, Tsali is vying to improve in all aspects of operations through better communication, delegation, and planning. New Lodge Officers are:

Tee Pruitt- Lodge Chief

Gavin Douglas- Vice Chief of Administration

DJ Campbell- Vice Chief of Indian Affairs

Matt Penland- Vice Chief of Program and Camp Promotions

Kevin Schaeffer- Secretary

Adam Greene- Treasurer

Tsali Lodge is deeply excited about the upcoming 45th Dixie Fellowship, we are positive that our Lowcountry brothers in Unal'yi Lodge have an action packed memorable weekend for all that attend.

Echeconnee Lodge 358

{Please use the email report about their web page.}

Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge 185

AKK Online!

Lodge Email Address is akk185@juno.com and the WEB page is www.bsa.net/sc/L185/index.html

New Lodge Officers Elected at Spring Fellowship in March:

Lodge Chief, Danny Cooper

10 Middle Creek Way

Greenville SC 29607

864-288-3154

VC Admin, Gage Smith - 864-859-4492

VC Indian Affairs, Charlie King - 864-231-7914

VC Communications, Jeremy Hayes - 864-967-0439

Sec/Treas, Travis Greer - 864-288-6721

1997 Philmont Trail Crew

The National OA Committee is offering an opportunity for Arrowmen across the nation to join together in cheerful service and for the formation of lasting brotherhood on the trails of Philmont Scout Ranch. Experienced Philmont staff members with strong OA background will lead participants on a two week trail crew and trek. The cost of the program is \$100 and is open to OA members age 16 to 21. Your Lodge Advisor received the information in the re-charter packets mailed to each Scout Executive.

Section Officer Elections

Section Officer elections will be held at the Dixie Fellowship. The Section needs your participation in order to operate. To be eligible for the election an Arrowmen must be in good membership standing within the Boy Scouts of America, within his home lodge, and receive a letter of approval from his Scout Executive. Suggestions for running for section office:

- C Bring posters and flyers
- C Wear Class "A" uniform
- C Work the Crowds
- C Have a Good Speech
- C Shake Hands
- C Submit Articles to the Dixie Newsletter

Section Office Candidates

As promised, space is provided for SR5 Arrowmen to announce and promote their candidacy for Section Office in the upcoming election.

Candidate for Section Chief:

Tee Pruitt, Tsali Lodge Chief
EMAIL- Tee Pruitt @ AOL.COM

Scouting:

- Eagle Scout
- 96 Merit Badges
- Currently Assistant Scoutmaster in Asheville, NC
- Camp Daniel Bone Staff- 1993, 94, 95, 96.
- 1993 National Jamboree Participant
- 1995 World Jamboree Participant, Troop Scribe

- 1997 National Jamboree Participant, Third Assistant Scoutmaster for Jamboree
- Troop 1702 of Daniel Boone Council.
- Daniel Boone Council Executive Board voting member
- Tsali Lodge Chief
- Vigil Honor, Order of the Arrow
- past Lodge Vice Chief of Program
- past Lodge Vice Chief of Indian Affairs
- Ceremonies Team
- 1996 NOAC Participant

School:

- Senior in High School
- Editor in Chief, School Newspaper
- President, National Honor Society
- President, Thespian Society
- President, Quill and Scroll Society
- Student Body Secretary
- President, North Carolina Scholastic Media Association
- "Outstanding Senior"
- school Best Actor Award
- will attend either North Carolina State University or the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill this fall.

Themes for Meals!?

Also, Unali'yi Lodge this year is planning themed meals. If other lodges wish to participate (*and they are highly encouraged to do so*) to promote spirit WITHIN THE SECTION, here are the themes for the meals:

Friday Night Cracker Barrel - Patriotic "Celebrate America"

Saturday Breakfast - Luau, wear the grass skirts!

Saturday Supper - Round up the cowboys, grab your 10-gallon hats, brass belt buckles and yes your boots and come on down to the ranch

Saturday Night Cracker Barrel - New Year, ringing in a special celebration



Special Patch Available at Dixie

The "Great Southern Region" Jamboree patch will be available for \$5 each at the Dixie trading post. Dixie Adviser [Daryl Shorter](#) is gathering information on expected demand for these patches. Lodges are encouraged to

contact Daryl ASAP for more details and to reserve a quantity for your lodge.

April 12 ----- Dixie Workday at Camp Ho Non Wah, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Please contact [Daryl Shorter](#) in advance if you plan to attend!

April 18 - 20 ----- 45th Annual Dixie Fellowship, Camp Ho Non Wah

May 16 - 18 ----- Muscogee's Spring Ordeal, Camp Barstow

May 30 - June 1 ----- Tsali's Spring Ordeal, Camp Daniel Boone

Dear Brothers, a message from the section secretary: DIXIE IS HERE. Whether you travel by bus or by car or by foot, we should all try to attend the 45th

anniversary of The Dixie Fellowship hosted by Unali'yi Lodge at Camp Ho-Non-Wah.

I am curious as to the unique themes each lodge will bring with them. My

lodge's theme is...now that would be telling.

If you have not checked out our section web page, you really should. You can acquire a vast amount of knowledge on all subjects dealing with the order. Also, many lodges have their own web page which deserve your attention. On a sadder note, I wish to say goodbye to all the lodges that will be leaving SR-5 due to the realignment. For those that are leaving, this will be your last Dixie with SR-5 (at least until they realign again). You will be missed, but we will always be brothers. On a livelier note, welcome all new lodges to SR-5. This will be your first chance to see how a

Dixie should be run, like only SR-5 can do it.

WWW, Scott Cann@

Why Realign???

Why do we realign the sections every few years? Well, that question is easy to

answer. First off, let us remember that the Order of the Arrow is an integral

part of the Boy Scouts of America and that each Area within a Region can have

an Order of the Arrow Section. Therefore when the Areas within the Boy Scouts

realign@the realign of OA is very close.