



Five Feathers

The Newsletter of Section SR-5

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1999 Dixie, A Smashing Success

By 1999 Vice-chief of Dixie Jeremy P. Hayes



Atta Kulla Kulla, 1999 Dixie host lodge, shows their award winning spirit.

The 1999 SR-5 Dixie Fellowship was a great success. The Dixie Fellowship took place at Camp Old Indian April 23-25. On Friday afternoon, the 900 participants setup tents and settled into their campsites. That evening, the Dixie Fellowship kicked off with a spectacular opening show featuring the section officers starring as the Teletubbies and an inspirational speech by Southern Region Chief John Isley. Then the participants got a taste of the great food to come throughout the weekend at the opening cracker-barrel.

All day Saturday, the excitement level grew through the ceremony and



Many brothers from across the section participate in both the Parade of Braves and Dancing competitions.

administrative competitions and knowledge & training sessions which were followed by the Parade of Braves competition and the Quest for the Golden Arrow. Congratulations to

The days events culminated with the section officer elections and the Indian events finals & pow-wow.

Sunday closed the event with a non-denominational religious service and the Dixie awards ceremony. The list of award recipients as well as the newly elected section officers are available on the section website at <http://www.bsa.net/sc/sr5>.

Thanks are due to all the Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge 185 members who helped host this wonderful event as well as to all the participants without whom the Dixie Fellowship could not have occurred.

Chiefly Speaking

Several months ago, I presented three simple questions to our Section Vice-Chief Greg Smith and our Section Secretary Jason Laney: If not now, when? If not here, where? If not us, who?

The questions were not mine. They have been asked and borrowed and modified by leaders throughout history, most recently by President Reagan, who used these questions in his second inaugural address to discuss a crucial turning point in America's history.

Our organization is encountering its own turning points in 1999, a year in which challenges have been surmounted like never before so we can serve our members better. I asked our officers these questions to convey a sense of urgency, a sense of personal accountability and the need for action. In that regard, the questions are more important than the answers.

Nationally, a new initiative has begun to draw the Order of the Arrow closer to those we serve, both our units and our councils. First, the Order of the Arrow Troop/Team Representative program will establish a youth representative as the liaison serving between the local lodge or chapter and his unit. In his unit, he will serve as a communication and programmatic link to and from Arrowmen, adult leaders, and Scouts who are not presently members of the Order. Thus, he will enhance the image of the Order as a service arm to his unit.

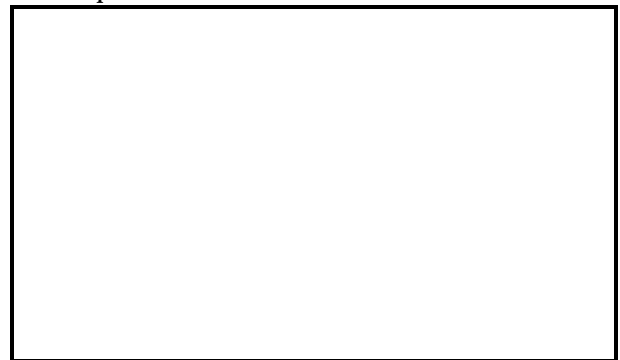


Our Quality Lodge program has been reengineered with new requirements for 2000 that will not only serve as a basis for fostering and strengthening lodge - council relationships, but also challenge lodges to meet the needs of those they serve within the Scouting program and the community.

A new, interactive Lodge Leader Development Program will also be instituted

in 1999-00 to train lodge leaders and advisers with a program that best suites each and every lodge's individual needs.

Our Section training conference ArrowTech is scheduled for November 5-7 to assure that every lodge leader and adviser can constantly and consistently deliver our most important message - that people come first in every decision we make - to every member of our organization. This leadership



development opportunity is designed to teach every leader in the Order of the Arrow how to serve and to equip each of them with the knowledge and resources to do better the jobs that have been entrusted to them.

We have also realigned our section

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officer team in 1999. We think this decision provides new clarity, focus and direction for the entire organization. This is the most experienced, most effective team of section leadership our organization has ever had.

These are among the most important investments this organization will ever make. And I predict all of them- ArrowTech, Lodge Leader Development Program, Troop Representative Program, Section Leadership Realignment, and Quality Lodge - will soon produce the greatest returns of any investments we have ever made.

I look forward to seeing each of you during the upcoming year, and if you have

any questions, comments, concerns or feedback, feel free to contact me by phone at (706) 736-1655 or by email at widbyj@bellsouth.net.

With kindest regards, I remain

Yours in Sevice,

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ArrowTech Chancellor



An exceptional training opportunity

This year SR5 continues its revolutionary training program, Arrow Tech. Arrow Tech continues to train arrowmen on how to fulfill the responsibilities of leadership positions. Arrow Tech is for arrowmen of all experience levels.

The sessions and fellowship at Arrow Tech are both exceptional. This year Arrow Tech's theme is "Traveling the Road Not Taken." Arrow Tech will help arrowmen develop the skills they will need to continue their journey as leaders in service.

ArrowTech '99

Arrow Tech will be held in Columbia, South Carolina on November 5-7, 1999. We will use the facilities of the Universaity of South Carolina and stay in the Clarion Town House Hotel. Registration is through your local lodge.

This will be an excellent opportunity for all current and future lodge leaders. I hope to see all of you at ArrowTech!

Yours in WWW,

John Stogner

What's in store for

The staff of the *Five Feathers* recently sat down with the Dixie 2000 host lodge committee. We asked the host lodge coordinator, Matt Steger and his adviser, M. Garrick Smith how the process is coming along and what they have in-store for us next April?

FF: Is Tsali Lodge ready to host the Dixie Fellowship?

TL: Tsali Lodge is more than ready to host

Dixie 2000

the 2000 Dixie. We were on the rotation for 1996, and the flood at camp caused us to have to decline the hosting. But now, we have a new campfire circle, revamped waterfront, some new campsites, and a couple of new buildings. We are excited! Our lodge membership is the largest it has been in years and all of our brothers are getting excited to host the section for Dixie.

FF: Who should attend the Dixie Fellowship?

TL: Any registered member of the Boy Scouts of America and member lodges of SR-5. This should be the best Dixie Tsali has ever hosted.

FF: Why should they attend the Dixie Fellowship?

TL: The Dixie Fellowship is the premier conclave in the nation. There is no better time to renew friendships, have fun and great fellowship.



Beautiful Lake Allen with Shining Rock in the background at Camp Daniel Boone

FF: What has Tsali Lodge done in preparation for Dixie 2000?

TL: We have a full committee in place made up of our 14 committee chairmen and their advisers, the Dixie host lodge coordinator, the Dixie adviser, host lodge staff adviser, and the section officers. Each committee has their own responsibilities, and they are working to fulfill their obligations. We have a preliminary budget, patch designs, and are looking forward to the section COC meeting in November, so that we can share our ideas with the rest of the section. We are planning to have the Dixie packets mailed to the key three of each lodge the first Week of October, so that they can review the information, ideas, and suggestions, prior to the meeting. We hope that if any suggestions or changes can be made prior to the meeting, this will save time and effort on all our parts.

FF: What should an arrowman look forward to at the Dixie?

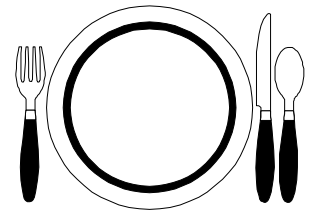
TL: Camp Daniel Boone is a beautiful camp in the Blue Ridge Mountains. We are proud of our camp and the beauty contained there. We always have snow at our March Fellowships, so who knows, we could even

have snow at the Dixie. Tsali Lodge has always prided itself on our culinary capabilities. The food for this year's Dixie will be good, and there will be a lot of it. Our shows committee has also been working hard to plan the best shows possible.

FF: What changes can the lodges expect to see at this year's Dixie?

We are planning on bringing back the Vigil breakfast on Saturday morning. We feel that this is a great opportunity for all the Vigils to get together and Fellowship. We are also planning to revamp the registration process.

This has always been a slow and irksome process and we have been looking at new ways to expedite this.



We feel that the key three of the lodges will be happy with the menu for the key three dinner on Friday Night. The host lodge coordinator has planned an excellent menu and our chef is prepared for the challenge. Another thing that we are excited about is our hospitality.

We southerners have always been known for our great hospitality and we have a few surprises for the delegates when they get here.

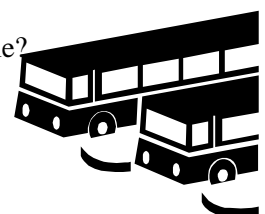
FF: What would you like to see happen with the registration process?

TL: We would like to see the lodges arrive together. This will help in the process because we have limited, very limited parking at Camp Daniel Boone, so car pooling and vans would be greatly appreciated.

FF: What about the physical facilities at the camp?

TL: We have a full camp. We have 24 campsites, and a physically challenged site as well. Each site has latrine facilities and we have two shower houses.

FF: Will the canvas be set up during the weekend for the Dixie?



TL: Unfortunately not. This time of year here in the mountains, we never know what the weather will do, so setting the canvas will not be feasible. If we set it and left it up until summer camp, you would be looking at an entire camping season (two months). We will have tarps and canopies set up for the fellowship, but brothers will need to provide their own tentage for the weekend.

FF: What about the meals and dining arrangements?

TL: We will probably have to eat in shifts. We will have a large tent in the field for brothers to dine under, in addition to the dining hall.

FF: Is there anything additional that you would like to tell the brothers of SR-5 about the Dixie?

TL: We hope that everyone in Sr-5 will come up to the mountains where they can expect good food, fun and great fellowship. Any suggestions that the lodges have, we will appreciate. We are looking forward to the new millenium and hosting the first Dixie of the new cnetury. Also, we will be holding our Fall Ordeal and Fellowship weekend on October 14-16, and we hope that any key three members from the other lodges, who would like to see the camp, will come up and see us.



OA News on the Net

Be sure to check out the newly re-designed section web site for an updated events calendar, Section event information, boardroom, plus much more.

A Note from the Editor



By Section Secretary Jason Laney

What an exciting time it is for all of us, the Order of the Arrow, the Section, and individual lodges. After arriving back from the National Leadership Summit, a gathering of over one thousand lodge and section leaders from across the country, I started to look at all of the tools and information that we were given to improve not only our lodges, but also the relationship that our lodges have with our councils. Three new programs were introduced to us.

The first two programs were designed to not only improve the lodge, but also to improve the relationship that exists between the lodge and respective council. With the implementation of the new Troop Representative Program and new Quality Lodge Requirements the lodge will be able to improve both the council's camping program and awareness that both members and non members will have of the lodge and its programs.

The third program that was introduced was the new Lodge Leadership Development Course. This computerized training program will give the lodge leaders and advisers the knowledge and information that they will need to fulfill their job duties. The program chooses which classes will be most beneficial to the individual lodge and then equips trainers with the materials and information that they need to teach the classes. These three new programs will be beneficial to not only the lodge, but also the council programs as well.

I am looking forward to serving you this next year as your secretary. Your section officers are here to serve you in any capacity that we may be needed. We will help with training, helping with lodge programs, or aiding in the implementation of the strategic plan, or just coming out to your functions, all you have to do is ask. If you ever have any questions or concerns or would just like to contact me, you can at jhlany@aol.com or at 864-371-4225. Thank you for your time and I look forward to meeting you this next year!

Yours in Service,

Jason Laney

