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Welcome to the 2004 Dixie Fellowship! Catawba Lodge opens Clear Creek Scout Camp for SR-5

By: John Mickey, Dixie Vice Chief



John Mickey

On behalf of Catawba Lodge and the Mecklenburg County Council, welcome to Clear Creek Scout Camp and the 2004 Dixie Fellowship! Throughout the past year, the brothers of Catawba Lodge have worked tirelessly to make this the best conclave possible.

In attendance will be over 1,200 Arrowmen from North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. From

the training and competitions to brotherhood and fellowship, you will soon see that this will be a Dixie Fellowship to remember.

I trust that you and your lodge have brought your spirit and excitement for the competitions and experiences that you will encounter. Make sure you attend the Arrowman Carnival and the Indian Village on Friday afternoon. These activities have been

created for your enjoyment.

Make new friends with the brothers in the section for some of those friendships can last a lifetime. Most of all spend your weekend having a great time in fellowship and learning.

If nothing else, please take in the knowledge that lies around you so that you can find the flame, to light the fire in your lodge and unit.



The Great Training Weekend National Leadership Seminar

By: Ryan Bajan, Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge

In November of 2003, the Southern Region hosted a National Leadership Seminar in Section 5's territory. Held at Kinard Conference Center in Leesville, South Carolina, the weekend was filled with the greatest training available to arrowmen.

The weekend began with a welcome from our National Chief, Nick Digirolamo, and Southern Region Chief Frank McMillan. Training sessions began



NLS Participants

on Friday night and continued until Sunday morning. The National Leadership Seminar is filled with training sessions that build Arrowmen to become better leaders not only for their lodge but for life. The sessions focus on different

types of leadership styles, how to lead, and what is expected of a leader. The weekend is packed with intense training and is at times taught at a very fast pace.

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Thanks for all you do

The 2003-2004 Section Administration would like to thank all the Section staff who made this year such a success.

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We would also like to thank all Arrowmen who donated their time and energy in pursuit of their NLS contracts and NLATS legacy forms and also those who helped lay the foundation we have established for the 2004 Dixie Fellowship. Without these Arrowmen who so unselfishly gave unto themselves, no common goal could have been achieved.



Chiefly Speaking

Thank you for another exciting year

Brothers,

Thank you for allowing me to be one of the first to welcome you to the 2004 Dixie Fellowship here at the beautiful Camp Clear Creek of the Mecklenburg County Council. The brothers of Catawba Lodge have spent the better part of two years preparing this event for you and countless Arrowmen from across the section have worked diligently to help Catawba Lodge make this event a success.

It is necessary for my deepest appreciation to be extended to John Mickey, Dixie Vice Chief, and his adviser Bob Warner, for all of their hard work and dedication to the planning of this conclave. Likewise, I would like to thank my section officers, John Garwood and Barratt Park, for their dedication throughout the year.

As we look back over the year, one cannot help but remember the events our section engaged in, from the 2003 Indian Summer to the National Leadership Seminar and Lodge Adviser Training Seminar. From chapter meetings to national events, the brothers of Section SR-5 have continued to show their excellence in all aspects of the Order.

Finally, I hope that you enjoy yourself this weekend. This is your Dixie Fellowship, and there is no greater section conclave in America!

Yours in the Wimachtendienk,

Jonathan Hardin



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National Leadership Seminar

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The region chose an excellent staff to teach these sessions to the over 70 arrowmen who attended.

Overall it was an awesome weekend. I was on staff and learned just as much, if not more, than the arrowmen being trained. At the end of the weekend, each trainee is given a black pin, which represents trust. This pin fits in the

middle of a patch that is mailed to each arrowman once he carries out a personal contract that completes the weekend's training. Every youth and adult who participates in NLS must focus on three goals or projects within the next few months and complete those projects utilizing leadership skills learned during the weekend. The training would be

useless if each Arrowman did not bring it back home to his lodge, troop and community. If you did not make it to this NLS, be sure to look for it in a couple of years. If you did attend this past NLS, use your training to prove to others that you are prepared to lead them.



Thinking Global

First International Scout Inter-religious Symposium

From November 29 to December 2, 2003, more than 150 Scouts and Scouters from around the world gathered in Valencia, Spain, for the first International Scout Inter-religious Symposium. Participants came from 33 National Scouting Organizations and represented 12 religious denominations. The event was created in response to increased interest in common prayer at recent World Jamborees.

The main theme of the event was summarized in its title, "Learning to Live Together: Tolerance and Solidarity." The Symposium offered a chance to discuss problems with religion in Scouting worldwide. Participants had the opportunity to visit a number of religious places in Valencia, including the old mosque and catholic monastery of Valldigna. They also celebrated religious prayers each day.

The Symposium featured a number of presentations, including a keynote speech on Baden-Powell and religion. Among other topics, the participants discussed the extent to which their National Scouting Organizations integrate members of different religions, and they suggested methods for improvement. The next World Scout Conference will decide whether a second Symposium will be held in Thailand in 2006.



Leaving A Legacy NLATS 2003

By: Michael Kirby, Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge

The National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar—called NLATS because in the OA we love to use abbreviations—is a training seminar for lodge advisers. Its purpose is to help adults learn about lodge program, delivery of service to the council, and development of youth into well-rounded lodge leaders. For those who have attended National Leadership Seminar, or NLS—there's that abbreviation again—both NLS and NLATS are invigorating training seminars, but NLATS provides more open discussion within its syllabus than does NLS.



NLATS Participants

During the weekend, participants had the chance to learn valuable information about the OA, share ideas with other adults in the section, and even create a newspaper. The NLATS staff was awesome! Staff members included Mac McLean, Bill Loebler, Tom Moore, Ken Davis, Trey Courtney, and Michael Thompson, who did a tremendous job in

coordinating a wonderful weekend of training. A variety of sessions were led by the staff including Lodge Finances, The

OA in Summer Camp, Lodge Communications, Working with Youth, and Let the Chief Drive the Car. These were just a few of the training classes held during the weekend. The main item that I and other participants took from the weekend was to understand that the OA is a youth-lead organization, and as an adviser, an adult should help and not hinder the youth.



Here are this year's Five Feathers submissions and points that go towards "Lodge of the Year"

Tsali	1/8 pts	Catawba	1/8 pts
Muscogee	1/8 pts	AKK	1/8 pts
Skyuka	1/8 pts	Santee	1/8 pts
Bobwhite	1/8 pts	Eswau	1/8 pts
Itibap	1/8 pts	Unali'yi	1/8 pts
		Tomo Chi-Chi	1/8 pts

The Rift in America's Scouting Movement

An Editorial

By: Barratt Park, Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge

In most countries of the world, Boy Scout and Girl Scout programs exist together under one blanket organization. In the United States, as boys know far too well, we are separated from our female friends in the Scouting Movement. However, it might be more important to consider the implications rather than the reasons for independent organizations.

Over the past decade, the two scouting organizations in the United States have grown farther apart than ever. In 1993, the Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) made the word God "optional" in the Girl Scout Promise. BSA, in the meanwhile, has been sued for choosing to keep "God" obligatory in their Oath. While young Boy Scouts snicker at "A Time to Tell" and "It Happened to Me," conservative videos that expose their audiences to the evils of child abuse and molestation, the Girl Scouts watch sexual education films that

express impartial attitudes towards homosexuality and abortion.

Are the ladies in green leaning left? Outspoken conservative Girl Scout leaders like Georg-Anne Duval of New Hampshire have accused the organization of embracing atheist and lesbian leaders. In fact, GSUSA's recent policies have led concerned parents like Patti Garibay of Cincinnati to found the American Heritage Girls (AHG) in 1995. AHG is a "conservative alternative to the Girl Scouts" that now boasts over 1200 members.

It is perhaps not difficult to explain why America has cultivated a progressive scouting organization for girls and a conservative one for boys. Arguably, the role of women in society has changed considerably since the founding of the GSUSA in 1912, while that of men has remained static in comparison—but which way should Scouting take girls in America?

Garibay's conservative program stresses the "honor" in "homemaking." On the contrary, Kathy Cloninger, Chief Executive Officer of GSUSA, stresses the importance of "such life skills as science, technology, and money management." In a country where dual incomes are the norm instead of the exception, surely one must applaud a program for girls that awards merit badges for skills such as checking tire gauge pressure in addition to cooking and sewing. However, many Americans question why the GSUSA has failed to stand up for traditional values.

Currently, both the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts are being attacked by outside groups—but from different sides of the political spectrum. Will we ever bring the two together? Perhaps some day, but first the organizations will have to find a middle road.



Take part in the OA Trail Crew this summer

Two weeks of backpacking and cheerful service at Philmont

By: Ryan Hawk, 2004 OA Trail Crew director

Dear Fellow Arrowmen,

The opportunity to invite you to participate in the guaranteed life changing experience of OA Trail Crew at Philmont is the highest privilege. During 2004 the program will be continuing a tradition set forth 10 years ago at Philmont Scout Ranch by providing Arrowmen with a tremendous opportunity to "get back to the basics" of the Order's principles.

As a participant in the program, you will encounter a network of Arrowmen knowledge and experience



An OA Trail Crew on top of Baldy Mtn

with brothers from all over America. Sharing in cheerful service while

engaging in the mental, physical and spiritual challenges of Philmont's backcountry has created one of the most demanding yet rewarding experiences of a lifetime.

This world possesses no better place to experience the Order's founding principles than in the woods of Philmont with brother Arrowmen. OATC looks forward to your participation and promotion

for the summer of 2004.





Memories for a Lifetime

OA Wilderness Voyage

By: Chris Chelko, Catawba Lodge

I have been to a place where the sunsets leave you speechless, the loons sing you to sleep and the stars, along with the northern lights, illuminate the night sky. I was part of an Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage from Charles L. Sommers Canoe Base in Ely, Minnesota. As one of less than 150 scouts to experience the Wilderness Voyage program this year I see myself as privileged.

I can't exactly put my finger on what was unique about this experience. It might have been the Brotherhood that I formed

with my fellow crewmembers by the end of our thirteen-day voyage. When we started none of us had ever met any of the others, by the end of the voyage we were brothers with friendships that will last a lifetime. Maybe it was the workweek where we had to bond together to accomplish the grueling task of building trails in the boundary waters that brought us so close together. It might have been the fact that we rarely ever

saw anyone else out on the water and the crew was all we had for thirteen days.

Maybe what made this experience, like no other, was the Service that I was able to give. This was not only a wonderful opportunity for me to give but also an opportunity for the U.S. Forest Service to receive some much needed help. The Wilderness Voyage program makes it possible for the Forest Service to maintain the trails through the boundary waters so that anyone can use them.

"The Order of the Arrow is a thing of the outdoors rather than the indoors. It was born on an island wilderness. It needs the sun and rain, the woods and the plains, the waters and the starlit sky."

-E. Urner Goodman

The Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage is not something that can be easily described in a few hundred words, however it is definitely something that everyone should experience if they are able. For applications for next year visit the OA web site at www.oa-bsa.org.



Chris's Voyage crew admire their work

For more information about the OA High Adventure programs visit www.oa-bsa.org.

Voyage dates for summer 2004 are:

Session 1: June 10-23

Session 2: June 17-30

Session 3: June 24-July 7

Session 4: July 1-14

Session 5: July 8-21

Session 6: July 15-28

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Section Calendar

Upcoming Section & National Events & Deadlines...

April 23-25	Dixie Fellowship, Catawba Lodge
June 8	Philmont OA Trail Crew begins
June 10	Northern Tier OA Voyage begins
July 31-August 5	National Order of the Arrow Conference, Iowa State University, IA
September 10-12	Southern Region Section Officers Seminar, Ridgecrest, NC
December 27-30	National OA Planning Meeting, Dallas, TX
December 31	Lodge Charter Renewal Deadline
April 22-24, 2005	Dixie Fellowship, Muscogee Lodge