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What Could Be

Transferring Lessons from OA Voyage to the Lodge

By: Jay Carlson, Santee Lodge

What would happen if more brothers from our lodges went on an OA High Adventure Program? As I was going through the Northern Tier CD that I received some seven months ago, this question came into my head. What kind of an impact would treks at Northern Tier, Philmont, and Sea Base have on our lodges? To answer this, a more fundamental question must be asked: how did it impact those individuals who went?



Jay Carlson (front right), resting with his fellow crewmates.

What effect does Wilderness Voyage have on its participants? One thing it does is show how quick the ties of Brotherhood can be bound and how secure those ties can be. In this program, participants come from all over the country, with the only common thread being their OA membership. My crew was a great illustration of this, consisting of five guys al-

together: one was from California, one from Massachusetts, and me, from South Carolina. One was a Section Chief, another a former Lodge Chief, and still another a Chapter Chief. One was a volunteer fireman and another was a philosophy buff. One had almost finished college and another was only a junior in high school. We were all about as different as we could possibly be; yet by the time our two weeks together had passed, we were not only fellow Voyagers and workers, we were friends. As cheesy as it sounds, there is no better place for a group of Arrowmen to strengthen brotherhood than when they are in the wilderness. Here, no small talk endures very long. At lunch, a discussion question would be presented by a member of the crew and then discussed. As well, all shared ideas, the

one from West Virginia, one from Ohio,

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Dixie 2005: Take Your Place in the Circle

Welcome to the Circle

By: Hunter Eisele, Dixie Vice Chief



Hunter Eisele

Progress is well under way for the 2005 Dixie Fellowship. We at the service lodge have already received all of your registration information and

your pre-orders. Our merchandise order has been made to the patch company, and they are well on their way to getting everything done. Things are also coming together at Camp Barstow. For any of you who know anything about Barstow, you know we have a lot of work to do to prepare it for Dixie. The

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Section Office Qualifications

All candidates interested in running for a Section office must be a registered member of a Section SR-5 lodge and under 21 throughout the entire term of their office. In addition, all candidates must have the approval of their Scout Executive (typically in a written letter) before they are nominated. This approval must be obtained and verified by Section Adviser Mac McLean prior to the Section Officer election at the 2005 Dixie Fellowship. Please contact Mac McLean at (864) 277-8861 or afmkcc@aol.com for further information with regards to this requirement.

One additional item to take into consideration prior to the Saturday night elections is that speeches will be limited to three (3) minutes in length. There will be an appointed timekeeper for all three elections and he will notify each candidate with a warning signal prior to the expiration of the three (3) minutes. The three (3) minute time limit will apply to all three elections: section chief, vice chief, and secretary.

As in past years, all candidates for section office who would like to have an article included in the "Candidates for Section Office" newsletter must bring a digital copy of the article on a disk or CD to Trey Courtney, Section Secretary Adviser, by 8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 22, 2005. You can turn these in to Trey at the COC meeting. This newsletter will be distributed on Saturday to every brother and will be a great resource for conveying information and ideas. If an article is not submitted by 8:00 on April 25th, it will not be included in the newsletter. If you have any questions about running for a section office, please contact Mac McLean at afmkcc@aol.com or Frank Sturges at chief@sr5.org.



Chiefly Speaking

A Time of Opportunity



Section Officers 2004-2005

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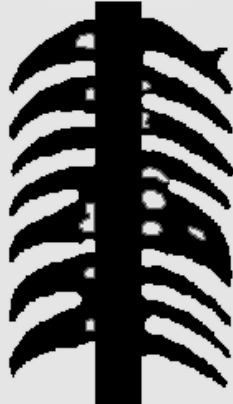
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Dane Grismer

Adviser

Mac McLean



My Brothers,


As we move into the spring, there are many exciting opportunities for Arrowmen. You should all be preparing for the upcoming Dixie Fellowship on April 22-24 at Camp Barstow, but you should also be focusing on many different lodge events.

The Dixie Fellowship is approaching quickly. In preparation, many of you may be working on training sessions, spirit themes, ceremonies, or events for the Quest for the Golden Arrow. As you work on one of these or other projects, I hope that you learn more about leadership and the Order. Apply the knowledge and experience you gain preparing for the Dixie Fellowship at your own lodge events.

Since it is still early in the year, many of you may be serving in a lodge or chapter office for the first time. If so, I challenge you to do the best job possible in your role and not be afraid to shake things up a bit. If you are an experienced officer, try and see if you can find a new idea to help improve program. Draw from what has worked in the past and come up with something fresh that will keep people coming back.

The spring is a time of hard work, new experiences, and new challenges in our Order. Only with hard work will you get results.

Yours in WWW,


Frank Sturges

Editor's Note

Read, Analyze, and Act

Brothers,

As you have probably already noticed, the editor's note from this issue is significantly shorter than usual. It's not that I felt slack this month or had nothing to write about, but it is because this issue is packed with great articles! I would like to thank everyone that submitted to this issue, and once again, thanks to all those that have submitted in the past. The articles that have been written for this issue and the two issues prior have been interesting, informative, and incredibly useful as resources for improvement.

I would like to reiterate the purpose for which this newsletter is put together, produced, and sent to you. More than just a source of information about what has happened since the last issue or for things to come, the *Five Feathers* is a forum for idea sharing, as well as, a source of motivation and encouragement. The Lodge Spotlights that we see at the end of each issue are used to spread ideas between lodges about program elements that are effective in their lodges. Please read these articles, think about the aspects they address, how your lodge deals with those aspects, and how your lodge can improve. Once you do that, take action and improve! The high adventure article that we see in every issue is a recollection of the fond memories that a member of our section has had through their high adventure experience. These are the most heart-felt articles that we print, and I hope that they will serve to inspire you and ignite you with a passion for service.

I hope that you enjoy this issue and find it to be a useful resource. See you in April!



In WWW,

Dane Grismer
Section SR-5
Secretary

OA Service Grant

Renovations for the Barnhardt Chapel

By: Lee Gaston, Itibapishe Iti Hollo Lodge

A big change is in store for Camp John J. Barnhardt in the Central North Carolina Council. Itibapishe Iti Hollo Lodge has received a National Order of the Arrow Service Grant for the renovation of the camp chapel. The \$4,500 grant will be matched by the lodge in association with the council. Anyone who has been to our camp will understand why we needed and appreciate this grant so much. The chapel is located in a serene area with a meadow, forest, and lake behind it. Though the chapel has retained much of its physical beauty over the years, there are aspects of it which need renovation. The two main needed renovations concern the roof and the seating area. Years of wear and tear from the elements has taken a heavy toll on the wood shingles that cover the steep roof and the wood benches that compose the amphitheater style seating. The need for new shingles, though aesthetic as well, is needed mainly to protect the structure from the elements. Since the chapel was built, the wooden benches have been replaced on a need basis; that is, whenever a board broke or began to sag too much, it would be replaced. In order to ensure safety and uniformity, the wood benches will be replaced with a much longer lasting material. Many other targeted repairs will also be performed.



Camp Barnhardt Chapel will finally get much needed renovations

These projects will take much time and effort, but we are thrilled that we were one of the eleven lodges chosen to receive a grant. The Camp Barnhardt chapel is an aspect of our camp that we take much pride in and hope to be able to keep it as part of the camp and its history for many years to come. This renovation will help remind us of our "duty to God" as stated in the Scout Oath. Besides Scout worship services, the chapel is also used for weddings and other functions. For everything that goes on at the chapel, these renovations can only enhance anyone's experience at Camp Barnhardt, and help to promote that part of the Scout Law that states, "A Scout is Reverent."

The *Five Feathers* is published quarterly. If you have an article and/or picture (with caption) for submission, please send it to Dane Grismer at secretary@sr5.org. The next submission deadline is Friday, March 18th.

Dixie American Indian Events Competition

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Greg Garrison

The usual preparatory measures are being taken to facilitate a fantastic day of competitions for ceremonialists, dancers, and drummers alike. After a strong showing at last summer's NOAC, we can all look forward to the seeing many excellent competitions.

There are very few changes in the American Indian Events area from years past. Dancing and drumming will run basically like last year. Our section's ceremony teams can look forward to a little less confusion on the Saturday morning

of the Dixie. In accordance with the Council of Chiefs, I will be randomly determining the order of competition for both the Pre-Ordeal and Brotherhood Ceremony competitions.

I look forward to a fantastic Dixie Fellowship and look forward to a weekend of honoring the high and noble traditions of our Order. Please contact me with any questions at josephgarrison@hotmail.com. I hope that all of your preparations go well and that you all have a great time in the process.



Dixie Training Competition

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Adam Kuykendall

The 2005 Dixie Fellowship is approaching fast and many of you are well into planning your training sessions for this year. I would like to remind you all that along with that, you should have a detailed syllabus outlining your topic. I will be contacting you all shortly to receive those.

Also in 2005, we will be doing the Section

Conclave Training Initiative, as part of the OA's Strategic Plan. The topic will be OA Troop Representative, "A Guide to Effective Local Program." This will be a great session outlining the role of the Troop Representative and how to implement the program within the lodge.

If you have any questions for me, as your Dixie Training Coordinator, feel free to send me an e-mail at adkuyk@charter.net.



summer camp, and the Dixie Fellowship gives us a great opportunity to show off our camp for people to register for the 2006 summer camp season. The reopening of summer camp, the Dixie Fellowship, and pride in our camp have proved to be excellent motivators to make our camp the best that we can make it.

We at Muscogee Lodge are very excited about the opportunity we have in be-

ing the service lodge for the Dixie Fellowship. It will be a fun-filled weekend that no doubt will be unforgettable with constant chances for competition, training, and most importantly, fellowship. Dixie is fast approaching us, but we know we will be ready.

I am honored to have this opportunity to serve our section in the capacity of Dixie Vice Chief. It's proved to be an uniquely challenging, but equally rewarding role. I

am very excited to see all of you out at Camp Barstow, and look forward to spending a very memorable weekend with you. On the behalf of Muscogee Lodge, and the Indian Waters Council, I'd like to welcome you, SR-5, to Camp Barstow.



Lodge Spotlights



These are the fifth and sixth articles in a year-long series where all lodges have the opportunity to share an aspect of their respective programs that they do well. Other lodges can examine their own practices and use these articles as tools for improvement.



Eswau Huppeday
Adam Lutterloh,
Lodge Chief

Membership Retention

About five years ago, one of the main goals of Eswau Huppeday became membership retention, especially for newly inducted Ordeal Candidates. We experimented with many different ways to improve, like changing the Saturday dinner time, Ordeal Ceremony time, and many different aspects of the inductions process. Our conclusion is that the best way to get new Ordeal members to come back to events is to make them feel like they are a part of the Lodge, not just Brothers we are pushing through. If new Brothers understand that they can help the Lodge immediately, it will greatly increase the likelihood of them returning to future events.

One method we have implemented is our Lodge bazaar, held immediately after the Ordeal Ceremony. The purpose of the bazaar is to show these new

Brothers all the opportunities they have to be a part of the Lodge. We ask each Committee and Chapter to set up a booth in our dinning hall, similar to a science fair. The new Brothers are treated to a cracker-barrel, and are asked to look around and see what the entire Lodge has to offer. Also, we have a "Meet the Man" session where Brothers are able to come ask the Lodge Chief questions about the Order.

Another important way we try to get newly inducted Brothers active is by asking our Committee Chairmen to recruit new members each year to be on their committee, preferably Brothers who have not been in the Order very long and are looking to become active. This allows new Brothers to play a role in running the Lodge, be it by helping run a Quest event at a Fellowship, or by writing articles for our newsletter. Having many different Brothers with re-

sponsibility will definitely increase the active membership of any Lodge.



Eswau Huppeday Chief Adam Lutterloh leads a multi-faceted approach to retaining members

This year as Lodge Chief, I required each committee to recruit five new members for their Committee. This will not only increase active members, but it also creates an easy turnover for future years because there will be brothers who know how to do a specific job, making it much easier for the Lodge to operate on a year-to-year basis.

Creating responsibility is just one way to increase the active membership of a Lodge; there are certainly many, many more possibilities, like joining a dance, or ceremonies team. However, Eswau has found that by giving newer members a share of the Lodge's responsibility, this will definitely increase membership and helps the lodge operate more easily.



Tsali
Adam Kuykendall,
Lodge Chief

A Focused Election Process

Every year, lodges around the nation all face the one challenge which is the root of making the Order of the Arrow grow – the induction process. Many lodges are faced with the question, "Should we do the election process for the troop, or just throw them out there

on their own?" Throughout the past year, Tsali Lodge has held training sessions to make this job easier.

Living in the mountains of Western North Carolina, it is often hard for one election team to travel great distances, or even hours, just for one troop election. Thanks to our 2004 training sessions, we have now established an election team in each of our seven districts; but we even took it a step further. Since the OA's purpose is to promote Scout camp-

ing, then why can't we make this a two part deal? We also trained our election teams to promote not only local scout summer camps, but just participating in a summer camp program, period.

To start with, one person was assigned to head our Elections and Camp Promotion Committee. This person should be knowledgeable in the chapter system, the election process, and have a vast knowledge of their local summer camp program. All of these aspects are

Lodge Spotlights

covered at both NOAC and even section training events. Working closely with an adviser and the council's camping director, the head of the committee will then put together a training program held at several lodge functions. The training should go over the basic election packet that will be sent to all troops in the council as well as summer camp promotion materials. It is even more professional

if the lodge or council could provide displays for both the OA and the scout camp. And lastly, anyone participating in the training session should know how to interact with a scoutmaster and run a troop meeting, since this is where the election process and promotion will more than likely take place.

This method, if used, will help the lodge in many ways. Not only does it

help the troops with their inductions, but it also provides a gateway for the troop—OA interaction that gives the lodge much needed publicity. Also, by going into the troops, you are able to let brothers know about up-coming events, which also boosts your numbers, something no lodge can turn down.



Voyage Continued...

others listened, critiqued methods, and learned how the rest of the OA operates outside of the our own home lodges.

It was this friendship that we forged that enabled us to do what we did during our brief stint together. We could count on the rest of the group to back us up and support each other. Each of us relied on the others, and the others relied on him; that was how we functioned, as a group to get stuff done. Imagine if that was how our lodges operated. Think of the impact that would have! If this concept of "all for one, and one for all" (pardon the trite expression) was taken and applied to the everyday working of the lodges, it is understood that we would be a better service to others and to ourselves as well. What I saw at Northern Tier was a manifestation of the Obligation that is all too rare right now.

This now brings up another effect of High Adventure: the demonstration of

selfless service. At Northern Tier, our workweek assignment was to work on a third of the portage trail from Lake Kekakobic to Lake Strup. Our job was to essentially break rocks into trail gravel and to spread it on the trail and then cover that gravel with dirt. As tedious and as



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dull as that might seem, we did it with a cheerful spirit. At Wilderness Voyage—and surely the same goes for the other two High Adventure treks—there is an attitude of wanting to help and serve others, even when the results are not seen by those who are working. When we

realize that kindness and service can always be done in the present place and time, we ought to strive to carry that thought out. For each crew that goes out and works on a trail, the odds are that they will never pass that same portage ever again in their lifetime. Frankly, it's part of the point that we do not see the impact of what we do, lest we become too prideful of what we've done. Such a concept has a name that my Foremen taught me: humble pride. The idea is that one is satisfied inwardly with what has been accomplished, but approaches it outwardly with meekness and modesty.

Returning to the fundamental question: what kind of effect does Wilderness Voyage have on its participants? Simply this: it changes them. In some manner, to some degree, each person who spends two weeks in pristine wilderness doing what I and countless others have done comes back changed. The reason that happens is because on the Wilderness Voyage they see an almost perfect illustration of what the OA is being executed. At that moment, having seen the example, they want to take that example back home to their lodges.



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Section Calendar

Upcoming Section & National Events & Deadlines...

March 18	Five Feathers Deadline
April 1	Website Judging Begins
April 22-24	Dixie Fellowship - Camp Barstow, SC
May 1	Camp Promotion Packets Available
July 25 - August 3	National Jamboree
November 4-6	National Leadership Seminar - Leesville, SC
April 28-30, 2006	2006 Dixie Fellowship - Camp Knox, GA
July 2- August 6, 2006	2006 NOAC, Michigan State University