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Join Hands With Your Brothers

By: Hunter Eisele, Dixie Vice Chief



Hunter Eisele

As Vice Chief of the Indian Waters Council, I'd like to welcome you to Camp Barstow. It is a pleasure having all of you here this weekend.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for your attendance at the 2005 Dixie Fellowship, On behalf of Muscogee Lodge, and the Indian Waters

Much work was put into this camp to bring this weekend together. As many of you know, Camp Barstow is in the works. We are currently in the middle of major camp improvements, making this a better place for troops to come to summer camp. We hope you don't mind our construction, it is definitely a work in progress.

Many people have worked extremely hard bringing this weekend to you. We sincerely hope you enjoy your stay at Camp Barstow, and do hope to see you back in the future. If there is

anything you need during the weekend, please don't hesitate to ask one of our friendly staff members, who will be more than happy to guide you in the right direction.

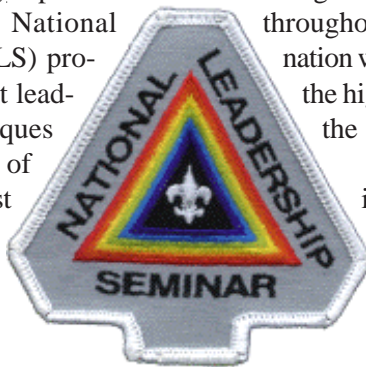
I invite you to fully participate in our event this weekend. It's sure to be a memorable experience for everyone. Come, join the circle of your brothers in a weekend of fellowship. I challenge you, my brothers, to "Take Your Place in the Circle."



Leadership Training at Its Best

NLS Returns to SR-5 in the Fall

Again, this year brothers from the lodges of SR-5 will gather for a weekend of fun and a training experience unlike any other. The National Leadership Seminar (NLS) provides an in-depth look at leadership skills and techniques that are at the forefront of leadership theory. The last NLS, in 2003, was paired with a National Lodge Advisers Training Seminar. NLS rotates throughout the region and is consequently available every other year.



held in Leesville, SC at the Kinard Conference Center from November 4 through the 6th. Trainers from throughout the section, region, and nation will gather together to bring the highest quality of training to the members of SR-5.

Though NLATS, which is specifically geared to adult advisers, will not be paired with this year's NLS, adult advisers are still eligible to attend NLS. Both adults and youth are sure to gain an extremely valuable set of leadership skills.

Lodge key threes should have al-

ready received information about NLS and the number of delegates the lodge is able to send. If you are interested, please let your lodge key three know that you don't want to miss this amazing experience.



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This year's NLS will once again be

Thank You For Your Service

The 2004-2005 Section Administration would like to thank all the Section staff who make this year a success.

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We would also like to thank all Arrowmen who donated their time and energy helping you "Ponder That Which Is Your Purpose" at ArrowTech and working in preparation for the 2005 Dixie Fellowship to help you "Take Your Place in the Circle." Without these Arrowmen and their unselfish service, the goals and successes of this section could not be achieved. We look forward to another great year under a new administration and we wish them the best of luck!



Chiefly Speaking

The Nature of Leadership



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My Brothers,

It has been another great year in Section SR-5. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped make this year a success. I would first like to thank all the section officers, coordinators, advisers, and Muscogee Lodge for helping with the Dixie Fellowship. I would also like to thank Kyle Hughes, the ArrowTech Deans, and everyone else who helped put on ArrowTech.

This year, I have learned a lot about the true nature of leadership. I have found that the most important aspect of leadership is to be a servant leader. In the Ordeal ceremony, Allowat Sakima notes that he "who serves his fellows is, of all his fellows, greatest." This line reminds us that serving others is the purpose of our Order. This is also the key to leadership. I find that by being a servant leader, one can be an inspiring leader, not just an inspired one.

For the next three years, the Leadership in Service Award will emphasize this relationship between service and leadership. It will show that the best leaders in our Order are not afraid to get their sashes dirty. Leaders will have to "be there" and keep in mind that the Order is founded on Cheerful Service.

I also want to wish luck to all the new section leaders for the coming year and to Bob White Lodge who will be service lodge for Dixie Fellowship 2006. I challenge all of you to be true servant leaders.

Yours in WWW,

Frank Sturges

Editor's Note

Bringing Service Back Into Focus

Brothers,

Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui. A brotherhood of cheerful service. That's your lodge right? You are a *brotherhood* of honor campers who were selected for recognition by your fellow Scouts. You are *cheerful* when you gather as a chapter or lodge to practice quest events, practice dance or drum, trade patches, play games, and do all that you do. You perform *service* at lodge events too, right? Do you truly live your lives as brothers, bound as cheerful servants though?

Oftentimes service is performed because we are supposed to perform service. How cheerful will a brotherhood be if they are performing a service project so that they can earn a reward or get that part of the schedule out of the way so that can get onto something else?

Perhaps we can truly be a brotherhood of cheerful service if we approach service properly. First, we choose a project that has a purpose and a beneficiary with which you and your lodge can identify. This will give the project meaning. Next, communicate the purpose of the project to the members of your chapter or lodge, answer their questions, and solicit their input regarding the project. This will help in giving them ownership in the project. Add some excitement to the project by inducing some friendly competition by dividing the group into smaller teams to complete each part and congratulate those who do the best work. If possible, have the beneficiary of the project on hand so that you can watch their reaction as the project takes shape and take time to tell them that you appreciate the opportunity to be of service. Finally, reflect on the good that you did and the impact that it had. This is only one way to make your service more meaningful, the real trick is finding a way that works best for you and for your lodge.

Be thankful for the gifts you have and the brotherhood that you share and you will be cheerful in your service. As this cheerful spirit grows and fills your life, spread your joy to all those you meet.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the members of the section during this past year. Serving as your secretary has been an extremely rewarding and challenging experience. I wish all of you the best of luck in the next year and pray that the true joy of service will fill all your hearts.



In WWW,

Dane Grismer
Section SR-5 Secretary

Lodge Spotlights

These are the seventh, eighth, and ninth 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.



Santee

Duncan Norton,
Lodge Chief

A Santee Tradition... Order of the Arrow Week

Section SR-5 has a long history of Scout Camping with names like Linwood Hayne, Old Indian, Barstow, and Coker. On the old grounds of Camp Coker in Chesterfield County, SC, each July for many, many years, brothers of the Order have gathered for an entire week of fellowship, ceremonies, food, cheerful service, merit badge study, and preparation for the presentation of a Native American pageant/drama. It is believed that Santee Lodge 116's Order of the Arrow Week is the only one of its kind in the nation. It is indicative of the strong tradition and spirit of participation in one of the oldest lodges in the Section.

The activity of OA Week is really quite amazing. Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies begin and end the week. The week-end is the lodge's Summer Fellowship, one of the highest attended events of the year with lodge leadership elections and Vigil Honor call-outs.

From Tuesday through Friday, a group of new Ordeal members and several Brothers take a script often prepared by lodge members and friends, some

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tried and true costumes from years gone by, along with props collected and made by other brothers, and present an impressive view into the life of Native Americans, often of the southeastern region, and their interaction with settlers, weather, disease, and the land. Each pageant is awe inspiring and utilizes the talents and gifts of each Brother. The pageant presented to the public and parents is the climax of the week and is offered on Friday evening at dusk. Persons of all ages are amazed at the end result each summer at the pageant presentation!

OA Week is a unique tool to build friendships and teamwork among the

lodge members, increase advancement through an additional week of summer camp, strengthen Council camping programs and attendance, and keep Brotherhood conversion rates high through offering multiple ceremonial opportunities.

Unique Santee touches include an emphasis on spirit, great food, late night inter-chapter contests, patch trading, and camping by chapters. This year's OA Week will include some new features and creative programming such as twilight and early bird merit badges, beginning programming on Sunday afternoon, and new chapter awards. This year's week is July 17 – 22. An entirely new pageant has been carefully crafted by

former Dixie Vice-Chief, Brett Mahaffey, who now serves as Ceremonial Adviser.

Santee Lodge 116 is welcome to offer guidance and information concerning OA Week by contacting me, Duncan Norton at santee.chief@santee116.org. Better yet, drop by Camp Coker to receive a first hand experience of a great week.....Santee OA Week!!!



Skyuka

Thomas Bonner,
Lodge Chief

Extended Elangomat Program

Most lodges seem to have a problem with getting new Ordeal members to return and complete their Brotherhood. To solve this problem, our lodge has implemented the Extended Elangomat Program over the last couple of years, and this has resulted in higher retention rates and Brotherhood conversions. Six or seven years ago, we had a strong Elangomat system, with well trained and motivated Elangomats. Due to age-related turnover of many of our officers, the program fell into disarray. As a result, our Ordeals were not well organized, resulting in meaningless projects like cutting kudzu at Camp Bob Hardin. Our Elangomat chairmen tried to get people to serve as Elangomats, but no one really wanted to do it. This resulted in our chairman having to convince people at check-in at our Ordeals to become Elangomats. These guys tried

their best, but with no training and virtually no motivation, the results described above occurred at every Ordeal for a few years.

With the coming of the new Extended Elangomat Program and a very motivated Elangomat chairman, Travis Wood, our lodge chief-elect, our Elangomat program began to turn around. The essentials of the program are having trained Elangomats who have a contact list of the Brothers in their clan and calling and encouraging them until they attain their Brotherhood. This is, of course, intended to promote a sense of brotherhood below the level of the lodge or chapter and gives the new ordeal members a mentor to look up to.

The process should begin shortly after the unit elections end, with clans being compiled (or at least grouped). Ideally, their assigned Elangomat should call their candidates and should welcome them and talk to them about the Order and the upcoming Ordeal. We usually hold off on this until we receive pre-registrations back for our Summer Ordeal in August. The pre-registered candidates

are then placed in clans and a couple of extra Elangomats stand by in case more candidates register at the event. In the past, we have also tried to organize the clans based on chapters, for logistical and communications reasons (a chapter is one of the six counties that make up Palmetto Council). In any case, the clans should be laid out ahead of time with provisions made for extra candidates and these lists should be out to the Elangomats, all of whom should already be trained as well. During the ordeal, the Elangomats should work and toil with their clans and should lead by example (good attitude, enforcing the pledge of silence, etcetera). They should also hand out the Spirit of the Arrow booklets at the prescribed times during the Ordeal. After the Ordeal Ceremony, the Elangomats should encourage their clans to come back for their Brotherhood and call them in advance of the first event at which they can attain their Brotherhood.

To help motivate our Elangomats, our chairman came up with a new award for our Elangomats after completing their duties. Previously, our Elangomats re-

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ceived a nice imitation bear claw necklace at the conclusion of the Ordeal. The new award comes in the form of a special patch which is intended to be worn under our event flap, which has the South Carolina flag in the background. The patch matches the flap and can only be attained by Elangomats after completing the full program. The requirements include keeping in contact with your clan and having a certain percentage of the original clan attain Brotherhood within

two years. Very few of these patches have been awarded, but they have helped to keep our Elangomats focused and motivated after the event and has resulted in increased Brotherhood conversions and retention since its inception. As a result, Skyuka attained Quality Lodge this year for the first time since 2002 and re-chartered with over 530 Brothers. This is a great program that is not difficult to implement, but like all things, it takes work and time. In clos-

ing, I would like to thank all of the Skyuka Brothers who have served as Elangomats in the program and especially thank Travis Wood, our Elangomat Chairman for the past two years, for his energy and leadership.



Unali'yi
Chris Leeper,
Past Lodge Chief

The OA and Summer Camp

Just about every lodge in SR-5 has a summer camp program of some sort. But how strong is the relationship between the lodge and the summer camp program? Well, the relationship between Unali'yi lodge and Camp Ho Non Wah's summer camp program is pretty strong. Let me tell you about this year's summer camp. Our summer camp program has always been very strong, but it takes it to a whole new level when you introduce the Order of the Arrow into the mix. When you have over 50% of your staff as OA members, it's easy for the campers to see that the OA is a service organization. Not only are we teaching these campers different scouting skills, we are setting a good example for these young boys. Another benefit for having a good tie between the OA and the Summer Camp Program is that the OA program (like unit elections, call outs, etcetera) can be accomplished without having other brothers driving out to camp all summer long to put on a good program. You can also look at having what we call a "Summer Camp Chief," who is selected by the Lodge Chief out of those

OA members that are on camp staff for that year, that he can depend on to make sure that all of the lodge program activities are carried out if the Lodge Chief can't be on camp staff.

Every Thursday night out at Camp Ho Non Wah, we do what is called OA Night. It's a night that most of the camp staff can sit back and relax and let the Order of the Arrow run the entire night's program. Our program this past year differed a little from our previous OA Nights. First, we put on an "Info Fair," where we had displays set up about a few of the major OA programs and the new ones that were set out in the National Strategic Plan, Lodge Information tables with the next function information, and rosters so we could update any database information and Arrowmen could pay their dues. Following that, we had some team building exercises that were meant to bond the youth and bring more trust out for their fellow youth. Our dance team also performed that night as well. Then we rounded out the evening with a Unali'yi traditional Cracker-barrel (like our Dixie ones) that everyone in camp was invited to, showing more angles of the OA with a patch collection of everything from Unali'yi, Coastal Carolina Council, and Camp Ho Non Wah included in it. We also had a movie put together of what our lodge does service

wise and how much fun our functions really are. The night has been a real success, and we are looking forward to beefing it up even more for next year. If you would like to know more about this program, feel free to contact me. Hopefully, this will help your lodge out so that your summer camp program can benefit from our experiences.



Lodge Spotlights Thank You for Your Input

This is a special thanks to all the lodges that participated this year by submitting a Lodge Spotlight article. The diversity and thoroughness of these articles has been a wonderful addition to every issue of the past year's *Five Feathers*. We hope that members of the section have found these articles to be informative and useful tools for implementing new lodge programs or improving old ones.

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	0/0 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	0/0 pts

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Section Calendar

Upcoming Section & National Events & Deadlines...

May 1	Camp Promotion Packets Available
June 7	OA Ocean Adventure Begins
June 7	Northern Tier OA Voyage Begins
June 8	Philmont OA Trail Crew Begins
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 29- August 3, 2006	2006 NOAC, Michigan State University