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Dixie 2006: Let Us Try to Find the Arrow

The Search Begins

By: Joe Dorsey, Service Lodge Coordinator



Joe Dorsey

Along time ago when our Dixie seemed far, far away, a lodge adviser came to me with an offer I couldn't refuse—



Frank Sturges (second from left), leads Coordinators at Onsite Meeting

the opportunity to play a huge role in what will hopefully be the biggest Dixie our lodge has ever hosted. As time has passed, more and more lodge members have jumped in to help and Dixie fever has spread throughout the lodge. Now, here we are, one month away from the big event, and things are falling rapidly into place. Brothers are out at camp

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Focus On... Strategies for your Lodge

These are the fifth, sixth, and seventh articles in a year-long series of articles about topics that lodges have picked to discuss. Lodges and individual Arrowmen are encouraged to think about the concepts that are presented and use them for positive change within your lodge.



Atta Kulla Kulla
 Joshua Hipps,
 Lodge Chief

OA Summer Camp Program

The Order has always been about summer camp and improving the facilities, trails, and program in some way, whether it is a work/trail day, Ordeal

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Itibapishe Iti Hollo
 Derrick Carpenter,
 Lodge Chief

Ensuring Effective Communication

It plagues organizations, workplaces, friendships, and marriages, hinders efficiency, causes disputes, has even started a war or two, and it is probably taking a hold of your lodge right now! Improper communication or a lack of true communication can be very damaging to your lodge.

The foundation on which lodges are built is its group of dedicated youth leaders. Though each responsible for his own part, officers must often share ideas, discuss principles, and work together, providing many opportunities for a failure in communication. Further, they must also communicate with their committee chairmen, adult advisers, troops, and community organizations. Newsletters,

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Santee
 Justin Carter,
 Lodge Chief

OA Crossover Ceremonies

As a lodge, we feel we have an obligation not only to help and promote scouting to the Boy Scouts in our area, but also to the Cub Scouts that are on their way to becoming Boy Scouts. So every year, we have a team that goes around to the many different packs and

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Section Office Qualifications

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 2006 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 28, 2006. 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 p.m. on April 28nd, 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 Ryan Bajan at chief@sr5.org.



Chiefly Speaking

Pacesetters of Cheerful Service



Section Officers
2006



Chief
Ryan Bajan



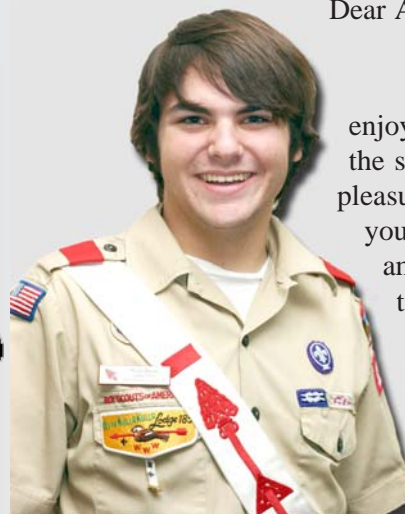
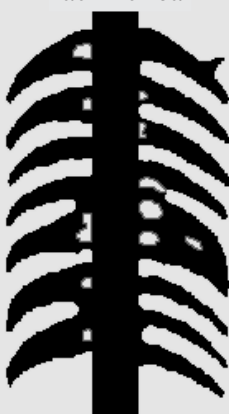
Vice Chief
Frank Sturges



Secretary
Dane Grismer



Adviser
Mac McLean



Dear Arrowmen,

I hope that you all are enjoying the transition into the spring season. It is my pleasure to write to you as your new Section Chief. I am truly looking forward to serving with you all in this new position through the Dixie Fellowship.

We have so much to be thankful for these upcoming months. Many lodges are electing new officers and inducting new members. We are all preparing for the upcoming NOAC in Michigan. Most importantly, we are all gearing up for the Dixie Fellowship at the Knox Scout Reservation at the end of April. The Dixie weekend is going to be amazing, filled with wonderful training opportunities, friendly competition, bonding experiences, as well as section elections. I hope you all are excited as I am and are preparing your lodges for a great event.

I want to encourage all Arrowmen to take a glance at what this year has in store for all of us, and see how we can grow together as brothers. The events within your lodges, our section, and nationally are to be times for you to be a part of genuine fellowship and service with one another. Dr. E. Urner Goodman stated concerning Arrowmen, "You are selected as pacesetters concerning cheerful service." Let these words guide your action and thoughts this year. I look forward to seeing all of you at the Dixie Fellowship at Knox.

In Brotherhood,

Ryan Bajan

Editor's Note

Boldly Answering When Opportunity Knocks

Brothers,

I sit here writing what is on my mind, expressing my unabashed thoughts, feebly attempting to pass on any bit of knowledge I can. I do so because of opportunity. My country protects my freedom of expression. My parents assured that I had the opportunity to grow and thrive intellectually and spiritually. Many of you reading this even played a part in giving me the opportunity to edit this newsletter. If anything, no one can say that I am where I am today solely by my own doing. My path is a mosaic, where hundreds of people have already painted their part and hundreds more are preparing their palettes.

Think about your own life. Is the same not true for you as well? Your successes to this point are at least in part to the opportunities that someone else provided you. If you're a lodge officer, you probably gained experience working with your lodge's leadership core before being elected. More than likely, you were entrusted with responsibilities by an officer or committee chairman, and you had the chance to fail, learn, and grow as an Arrowman.

Of course, we can create opportunities for ourselves, but no man is a mountain, and we can never be as successful as our potential warrants if we try to be a loner. Be bold when opportunity presents itself. When able, try to provide opportunities for others, remembering how you got where you are. Especially when the going gets tough, hold your head up, because as Albert Einstein said, "In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity."

For all those who have helped me get where I am, I can't thank you enough, and the best I can do to repay you is to pass on the opportunities you gave me. Praise be to God from whom all opportunity comes.

Opportunity is knocking. Will you answer?

Godspeed,



Dane Grismer



Dixie Continued...



Ryan Bajan (left) helps select sites for the Quest Events

almost every weekend clearing and cleaning, preparing our camp for its coming-out party, for this will be the first large event held at

the Knox Scout Reservation. There have been struggles to get our camp to where it needs to be to host such a large event, but the brothers of our lodge have come through in every way we could ask. None of this would be possible without the countless hours of arduous labor that each and everyone has given.

As most of you probably know, our camp isn't like Barstow or Barnhardt, Daniel Boone or Bud Schiele. We don't have the fancy infrastructure and dining halls that a lot of other council camps have. And some of you might be saying, how can you possibly host such a large event without these amenities? Well, a year ago a lot of us were asking ourselves the same thing. But as the time went by, it became less of something to hinder our running a Dixie and became something to make it more memorable. You may be eating from a temporary kitchen and going to shows at a temporary arena, but is that really what Dixie

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Dixie Training Competition

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Frank Sturges

The primary purpose of conclaves such as the Dixie Fellowship is training. By providing quality training events as well as putting on training, each

Bob White High Adventure & the OA
Tomo Chi-Chi Conducting Call-Outs
Skyuka Leave No Trace
Eswau Huppeday ... Understanding the Ordeal
Atta Kulla Kulla The OA at Summer Camp
Tsali Cub Scouting and the OA
Itibapishe Iti Hollo The 5-Year Plan
Unali'yi Camping Promotion
Santee Chapter Program
Catawba Elangomat Program
Muscogee Duct Tape Workshop

lodge and lodge member can gain from the training at the event. I encourage all of you to pick out which sessions you would like to attend when you get to the Dixie Fellowship so that you can make sure you see the sessions that will benefit you the most. The sessions in the adjacent column will be offered by lodges.

In addition to these topics, the Section will put on three training topics. These sessions will range from leadership to American Indian Events. For these sessions, some of our own Section's top train-

ers will train on their areas of expertise. This is the first time that the Section has offered this, and we hope to continue it at future Dixie Fellowships. I would like to encourage you to attend at least one of these sessions to get some of the best quality training in the Section.

Also, any lodge that has not yet gotten me all of their training information should do so as soon as possible. This can include everything from trainer contact information to power needs. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to e-mail me.



Dixie Administration Competition

Mason Thomas, Administration Coordinator

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Mason Thomas

Planbooks, newsletters, totem poles, and more are what you can expect to see at the Administrative Events competition at the Dixie Fellowship. Lodge

webjudge in addition to any special facilitation requests for Lodge Displays. Also, at the COC meeting on the Friday of Dixie, I need a list of all of the other judges for the other Administrative events. Saturday, before the show, all Section Honor Lodge Petitions are due to me. Lodges should prepare these petitions before arriving at the Dixie Fellowship, and move one step closer to winning Lodge of the Year in the process. Thank you for a great year thus far. Only a month remains until the big weekend, and good luck to all!

Chiefs should have already sent in their Web Judge's information to www.sr5.org/



Dixie Shows

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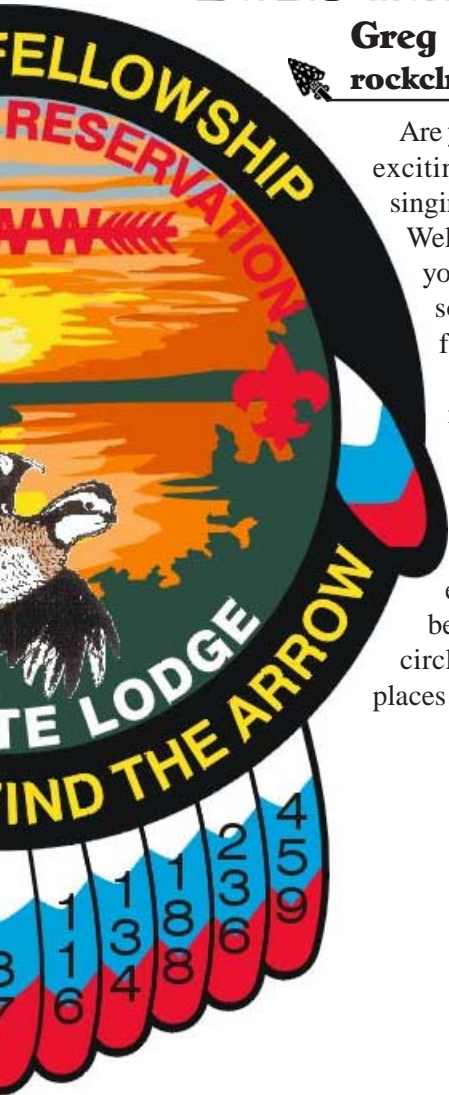
Adam Holbrook

In 2001, we blew the Section Chief up with an Atomic Bomb; in 2004, you watched your Chiefs stuff their faces with pizza; and in 2005, we all almost drowned. Now, in the year

Dixie American Indian Events Competition

Greg Bajan, American Indian Events Coordinator

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Are you ready for another exciting year of dancing, singing, and ceremonies? Well, you should be, and you should make note of some of the changes for this year as well.

Both ceremonies competitions—Brotherhood and Pre-Ordeal—have had some changes made to them. First off, make note that the Brotherhood Ceremony Competition will start with the beginning of the ceremony, “Brothers, form our circle...,” and end with “You may now take your places...”. Also, make sure that your lodge signs up a



Greg Bajan

team at registration, so that by the time of the information meeting on Friday night, your lodge will know when they are performing. I will randomly pick when lodges will perform.

Dancing has not changed at all, but you will have noticed that in the Dixie Proposal, the judging sheets for all dance styles and team dance has been added, as well as ceremonies. I am looking forward to an awesome day of ceremonies, dance, and singing the Saturday of the Dixie Fellowship. If you have any questions whatsoever, please contact me. I hope your lodge learns something new and valuable as you prepare for this year’s Dixie.



Dixie Program Competition

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Adam Kuykendall

At this year’s fellowship, the events will not vary much from last year, with one exception. If you have not a l r e a d y heard, the Egg Toss this year will be

done at the afternoon assembly. Only Lodge Chiefs and their Advisers are allowed to compete. Doing it this way will allow all of us to see the true potential in our Lodge Administration, while seeing them mess up in front of everyone. Either way, it will definitely add some challenge to the event.

I encourage all of you to be very familiar with the guidelines for each of the events. Each event is very well specified

in every aspect. Knowing the ins and outs upon arrival leaves no room for confusion, allowing the events to go more smoothly and more fairly. I can promise you that each event location has been chosen with equality in mind, leveling the playing field for everyone.

Lastly, it is of utmost importance that you have your judges present at the Friday night judges’ meeting. If your lodge is not represented with the correct number of judges, you will be greatly penalized. Check the guidelines to see how many judges you will need, and what that judge will need to have on them Saturday afternoon.

The Fellowship is not far away at all. I hope that all of your practice is going well and that you are ready to prove that your lodge truly is the best. If you have any questions, please contact me. I hope to see you all in April at the Knox Scout Reservation as we find out who will win the Quest for the Golden Arrow.



Coordinator

2006, you’ll finally see how crazy Boy Scouts truly are through the eye of a camera. You’ll get to watch an instructional video teaching you “How to be a Chief,” watch a patrol buy food for a trip, and watch a couple of Scouts sell popcorn. This all may seem like normal things, but we all know when it comes to Dixie, nothing is quite normal. So come with me to the 2006 Dixie Fellowship Shows, and let’s laugh at ourselves.



Focus On...

Summer Camp Continued...

projects, or simply offering a campership to a scout. Our lodge is an obvious example because of our Ordeals during summer camp. Some say that it distracts the OA candidates from camp. However, what are they focusing on during the Ordeal? They are working on camp improvement projects, and others get to see them doing this work. Many improvements have been made, including the materials and building of a new rifle range and shelter for the camp. I feel that our activities during the summer compliments the summer camp program and offers a time of fellowship, leadership, and service.

Our lodge's summer program starts well before summer, with a trail day early in the year and a workday later in the spring at Camp Old Indian. Then we move into summer with weekly Ordeals

and offering brotherhood questioning throughout the seven weeks of camp. It allows the candidates to go through the Ordeal or Brotherhood the week their troop is there, or whenever they can fit it in. Every Wednesday night, our lodge sponsors the parents' night campfire, which has the weekly Ordeal callout and Indian affairs as well. Toward the end of the summer, the annual lodge barbecue is held before the parents' night and is followed by the Vigil callout during the campfire.



Ordeal candidates work on a new trail during a summer camp Ordeal

The greatest part about it all is the encouragement it provides in two ways. First, OA members are now encouraged to be part of camp staff, which is giving back to the scouts, camp, program, and council. Second, camp staffers are now encouraged to be active in the Order. This results in well over the

majority of staff being Arrowmen. I know the Order and summer camp can go hand and hand, so good luck in your summer endeavors, and I encourage you to make summer camp a success in some way.

Communications Continued...

e-mails, instant messenger conversations, phone calls, and most importantly meetings in person can all be great forms of communication if used in the right way. I think English chemist and philosopher Joseph Priestly made an excellent point, "The more elaborate our means of communication, the less we communicate."

The Lodge Chief must set the tone of communication for the lodge. He sets a standard for the frequency, type, and content of communication. He is also responsible for keeping others accountable and setting expectations. Think of the lodge communication structure as a set of screens of decreasing size, the

largest screen being the officers beneath the chief. If a chief wants to send a message through his officers to the entire lodge by word-of-mouth, it must pass through many "screens." The "screens" become smaller each time the message is passed along and each time it becomes harder for the message to be passed. If the message is not urgent, the chief could use the lodge newsletter to convey it and reach members directly. He could also send out a mass e-mail, but not everyone has e-mail and if he sends out e-mails too frequently



Smoke Signal, Itibap's newsletter, is just a piece in the communication puzzle

their effectiveness will be diminished.

The solution? Well, there's no "one-size fits all" answer other than that communication needs and situations are dynamic and are best approached with a variety of methods in a timely manner. "Proper planning prevents poor results" and a communication breakdown. Fortunately, tackling communication problems will carry-on through to remedying problems with membership retention, brotherhood conversion, and just about any common lodge issue imaginable.

Focus On...

Ceremonies Continued...

the area and perform what we refer to as the crossover ceremony. We feel that this not only gives the brand new scouts that are just coming into the troop a chance to be introduced to the Order, but also the younger pack members are able to see older scouts and what they can do if they continue in the Scouting program.

As in most Order of the Arrow ceremonies, the crossover has its basis in Native American affairs. The Ceremony requires anywhere from three to however many people you wish. Our dance team is also a vital part of the cross over team, for not only does it add to the ceremony, but it gives them a chance to practice in front of people and get feedback. Through this ceremony, all the ranks of the Cub Scouts are recognized and discussed, but the most time is spent

on the Arrow of the Light, and the actually symbolic crossing from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts.

Before they are allowed to cross the bridge into Boy Scouts, we make them face a "final task of courage." Taking the arrows they made, we run it through the Spirit of Scouting (flame of gold candle) and place it in their hand to symbolize them absorbing it and carrying it through their lives. Then, they are allowed to cross the bridge and be greeted by their troop members, and don the neckerchief and epaulets of the Boy Scouts.



Ceremonialists with crossed-over Boy Scouts

Crossover ceremonies help us to form good relations with the Cub Scout leaders and the other functioning bodies of our area. Also, it sometimes introduces the Order to areas that have yet to have members enter. They question us about what we are and encourage the members of their troop to look into it. The ceremonies are mutually beneficial for everyone involved, and I would encourage

all of you to start a team if you do not have one. If you do wish to start a team and would like more information, please feel free to contact me at dcarter@sc.rr.com

Dixie Continued...

is about? Dixie is about fun and fellowship; it's about screaming your lungs out and dancing around like an idiot in a quail suit because your team finally won the Ultimate Frisbee Championship (Go Bob White!). It's about sharing ideas with other lodges during training sessions and going back to implement new strategies in your lodge. It's about having an amazing, memorable



Shows Coordinator, Adam Holbrook, and his adviser check out the Dixie Shows area

weekend with a bunch of guys you love to be with. And while we don't have all the permanent structures that most camps have, what we do have is the

plans to give you the most memorable Dixie you'll ever have.

On behalf of my brothers in the Service Lodge, we can't wait to see you at the Knox Scout Reservation in April. Come rain or shine, the dedicated members of the Bob White Lodge are here to help put on an amazing Dixie. The clock is steadily ticking down to the start of Dixie, and the Bob White Lodge will continue to work hard to get Knox ready for your arrival. And when Dixie finally gets here, it will be an honor to share the Knox Scout Reservation with each and every one of you. In the words of Mickey Mouse... "See ya real soon!"

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Section Calendar

Upcoming Section & National Events & Deadlines...

April 28-30, 2006	2006 Dixie Fellowship - Camp Knox, GA
May 31	NOAC Final Payment Due
July 29- August 3, 2006	2006 NOAC, Michigan State University
October 6-8	NLS - Camp Strake, Conroe, TX
October 27-29	NLS - Ridgecrest Center, Ridgecrest, NC
November 17-19	NLS / NLATS - Norcross, GA