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The Newsletter of the Order of the Arrow Section Sr-5 Volume 19. Issue 1



#### What's New in SR-5??

In this edition of Five Feathers you will read about the goals of your newly elected section officers for the 2011-2012 year, a VERY tricky crossword puzzle, summer programs about Indian Summer and Summit Corps. You will find ways for YOU to get one of your articles published in a future addition of the Five Feathers. In addition you will find information about the Council of Chiefs meeting, which your key three and future lodge leaders are encouraged to attend.

#### "Has Been" Section Chief

Brothers.

I would like to thank you all again for the dedication you have towards this organization. You make it so the Boy Scouts of America has a working program in your Council; you make it so those around you have a more enjoyable experience in the outdoors and the Scouting program; and you make it so your Lodge has a better program. But there is always room for improvement. I hope that you understand that. I want you to know that you do not need a position in our Order in order improve your Chapter or Lodge. You simply need to find something that you are passionate about, whether it is in improving your Chapter program, improving your activities at Fellowships, or simply serving others. You should always be attempting to serve your fellow man and try to improve your Chapter and Lodge. Go to your Lodge leadership and ask them how you can assist at events and throughout the year. You should continually be attempting to better yourself in this fashion as well, because, as Chief Chingachgook says, "He who serves his fellows, is, of all his fellows, greatest." Once again, I thank you for your service to our Order and to humanity as a whole, and I wish you luck in all your future ventures. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Section Chief and I hope to see you in the future as I continue my journey in this storied Order.

Yours in Brotherhood.

John Cuenin 2010-2011 SR-5 Section Chief



John Cuenin (Above) is ceremonially thrown in the lake and his term is officially finished

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Why Pink hair???

Well, the answer is that John lost a bet with his home lodge, Muscogee, over a specific brotherhood conversion rate by August 2010...you can see how that turned out.

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## By: Taylor Thomas

Brothers.

This fall the Council of Chiefs will be hosting the inaugural Section Leadership Seminar at Camp John J. Barnhardt on November 11 - 13, 2011. Every lodge is encouraged to bring their lodge leadership to this seminar! During this event SR-5 brothers will have the opportunity to enjoy in food, fellowship, and training. All of the training will be geared towards lodge leadership. That being said, I would like for each lodge to submit two training topics that would be beneficial to your lodge. Please send your suggested topics to

taylorthomas48@hotmail.com. Thank you for your help!

Yours in Brotherhood, **Taylor Thomas** Skyuka Lodge Chief

2011-2012 Sr-5 Section



## \* Training Opportunities Chiefly Speaking



### **New Beginnings**



Section Officers 2011-2012



Chief James Hylemon

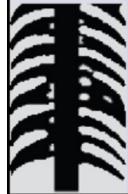


Vice Chief Ty Conley



Secretary Tanner McFeeters





My Brothers,

I would like to start off by thanking all of you for my election and for allowing Tsali Lodge to have such a great time servicing this year's Dixie Fellowship. I would also like to ask for your support in achieving the goals that the other Section Officers and I have discussed:

My goals while being Section Chief are:

- 1. To visit all 11 lodges in the section.
- 2. I would also like to create a Strategic Plan for the section. It would be 2012 thru 2015!
- 3. I would like to set a Record and have at least 9 lodges be section honor lodges.
- 4. I would like for each lodge chief to visit at least one other lodge event, to get ideas of what other lodges do, to assist the lodge you chose to visit, and better the bond of brotherhood.
- 5. Have 11 lodges be a Quality lodge!
- 6. Have a section wide average of 40% brotherhood conversion rate, in 2010 we had 37.6%.
- 7. Have a total of 45,000 Man Hours of service in 2011, we had 43995 in 2010!
- 8. I would like each lodge to strive to retain youth members, the current section ratio is about 5 youth to 4 adults, I would like to have more youth involvement!

My goal is to visit every lodge in our section at least once during my term. While at your events, please don't hesitate to come up and talk to me. I want to hear what we can do to improve Dixie or anything in your lodge.

At these events if Ty is present we would really appreciate your lodge Key 3 be present as well as your council executive so that we can do a proper lodge Assistance Team Visit. We know it is hard to get all of them together for one event however it will be helpful for your lodge and our section. The Lodge Assistance Program was created in 1999 by National to help each lodge have better resource. By using the section as an asset for your lodge it will be very beneficial for each of you.

If you have any Questions please feel free to contact me at any time. I will work hard for each of you and help each of you improve your lodges.

Yours In Scouting, James Hylemon, 2011-2012 SR-5 Chief





**Palmetto Council #549**Boy Scout of America



Dear Brothers of SR5,

As we all know, the Order of the Arrow is an exceptional organization. Each member of our Order has

their own personal reason for staying involved. For some, it may be their way to give back to Scouting for all that it has given them. For youth, it may be a way to take their scouting experience to the next level. For Indian affairs participants, it may be a way to exercise their talents. From my standpoint, it's all about brotherhood. From the very beginning, the OA promotes brotherhood. Think back to your first memory in the OA, going through your pre-ordeal ceremony where you were set out to sleep under the stars with a group of strangers. After waking up the next day, you spent the day in arduous labor, eating scant food with these strangers whom you bonded with. Later that afternoon, you went through your Ordeal ceremony. It was at the end of that ceremony that you were welcomed into the circle of our brotherhood and fraternity. It was at this time that these "strangers" became your brothers. No matter what lodge you grow



up in, the initial Ordeal Ceremony and overall Ordeal experience teaches you the true meaning of Brotherhood. Probably some of those "strangers" you experienced your Ordeal with or met later that night became your best friends. When I think of all the brothers in my lodge, there's not a single person who I cannot call on at any given time to help me if needed. While each of us share this same brotherhood in each of our own lodges, I want to promote that same brotherhood through our section. During this past scouting year I had the opportunity to travel to seven lodges. While traveling from camp to camp I began to form more and more friendships. The OA is full of outstanding people, you just have to go out there and meet them. So as we prepare for another scouting year, let's promote more brotherhood throughout our section, and fully embrace the brotherhood that lies within each of our lodges. Always know that you are welcome at Skyuka because you are our brother.

Yours in Brotherhood, Taylor M. Thomas Skyuka Lodge Chief



2011 \$R-5 \$ection

Leadership \$eminar

November 11-13, 2011

Camp John J. Barnhardt

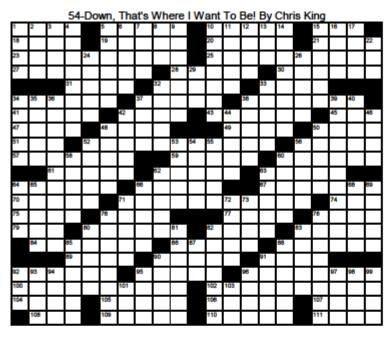
Next time you log onto Facebook, head on over and 'like' the "Sr-5" page and the "Southern Region— Order of the Arrow" page. Let's see how many "likes" we can get!!



### 54-Down, That's Where I Want To Be!

By: Chris King

FREE ANSWER: 54– Down is DIXIE



Hope you enjoy this crossword puzzle, which I'm fairly confident is the only SR-5 crossword in the history of the section. You should be able to identify something close to you, as well as others that you've learn from being in the OA for a few years!

Enjoy!

In WWW. Chris King Member of Santee #116

Thank you Chris for this challenging crossword! To see the answers to this puzzle, see the final page

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#### ACROSS

"Last one\_ a rotten egg!" Barbershop sharpener 10 Made higher 15 -like equivalent 18 Comedy Central show \_ 19 Beforehand 20 Nigerian money 21 "Bubble, bubble, and trouble.."

They went to 54-Down 23 25 Popular game featuring a slingshot

27 Useless, like old technology 28 Ratlike rodents

30 Cried heavily 32 Spice rack herb

34 Choose

38

Name in permanent markers 41 6 and 9, in a golf bag

43 Print-shop employees 45 Org. where the Celtics play

47 One true\_\_ 48 Jewel, or a Kaiser Chiefs song 49 Helps

\_your best behavior" 51 The 19th letter, spelled out

52 Second day gifts? 57 They went to 54-Down

60 They went to 54-Down

62 Braves coach Bobby and others

They went to 54-Down

67 Baby shower buy 70 Slip into, as a shirt 71 Movie scripts 74 Fresh\_\_dalsy

75 Chief Norse god 76 Like some essentials 77 Feed bag feed

78 Ride up the mountain (hyph.) 79 Its abbreviation is 'Sn'

80 Slashes or virgules 82 FDR is on it 83 Silk fabric

86 Christmas seasons 88 Neptune's third-largest moon

89 Uses an axe 90 They went to 54-Down 91 Sewing juncture 92 Old-fashioned term of address

96 They went to 54-Down 100 Traits that rate 10's 102 Most pirate-like

104 Ball \_\_hammer 105 Stretch of land 106 Stand for a portrait? 107 Lo-fet

108 They went to 54-Down 109 Cardinal points 110 Cavern 111 Arctic seabird

Down 1 "Leave \_\_\_ Beaver"

First-time gamer Ideologies

Ball, geometrically Old-hat

6 Sushi go-with 8 "That's impressive!" 9 Personal space

10 They went to 54-Down 11 Game show team 12 Animals seen in 25-Across

13 Goof 14 Planets visible at dawn 15 They went to 54-Down

16 Gather on a surface, chemically 17 \_\_ and seek 22 Hallucinogenic drug 24 Armor-\_\_\_ (tough-to-

penetrate warships) 26 Impolite people 29 Mama bear, to Manuel 32 Shade of green

33 Where lawn mowers are kept 34 Letters before "TV" in a brand name 35 1974 pension provision (abbr.)

36 Namesake of Istanbul's former name 37 Chapter 11 cause 38 Lindsey Vonn, for one 39 Going to happen 40 Kindle purchase (hyph.)

42 Migraine omens 46 Tennis player Kournikova 48 Capital of Russia? \_ Canyon (Utah national park)

52 Many a Justin Bieber fan 53 Eat away, like a cliff side 54 Popular event held in either SC, NC, or GA

55 "\_\_ a Grecian Urn"

56 Gives the thumbs-up to 58 Writer Chekhov

62 Made well 63 Writing tablet 64 It's marked by "X"

65 Tax filer's fear Sour-smelling 68 They went to 54-Down

69 Dog-\_\_\_ 71 Business statistic 72 WWI French soldier

76 They went to 54-Down 78 Confused states 80 Take a base, betwe pitches

81 Holds to firmly 82 Site famous for scrolls 83 Instruct 85 Shriveled "Go Your \_\_ Way" 87 (Fleetwood Mac hit)

Butterfinger maker 90 Vote in 91 More convinced 92 Small sample 93 "What's the ?" 94 Smell like garbage 95 Askewvie 96 Sail's staff

97 Nerd's cousts 98 Father of Jacob 99 Sicilian volcano

103 Obi-\_\_ Kenobi

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## **Editor's Note**



#### **Seize the Moment**

Brothers,

Choices. We encounter obstacles each day that test and try our character. Many of these choices affect not only ourselves but those around us as well. Throughout the past few months I have discovered what the Order of the Arrow truly means by meeting new brothers and choosing to put myself out there. I have met many brothers in the Order that have changed my view of scouting and life. Life is all about putting yourself out there and not knowing what's coming next.

At Dixie 2011, I was elected Section Secretary. This position is something that I take seriously and I encourage you to join me in getting back to the basics. These *Five Feathers* publications will be going out every 2 months. To achieve this lofty but doable goal, I need the help of my brothers of Sr-5. As you saw in this edition, brothers of Sr-5 have already started sending me articles and brain teasers to make this publication the best it can be. The purpose of having a newsletter is for your brothers in other lodges to know what you and your lodge have been up to. To achieve this, after you attend an event write an article about it and send it to me. I want to improve communication between lodges so that we can bond as brothers. The *choice* is yours, I encourage you to seize the moment and grow in brotherhood while you have the opportunities.

Make it a great year,

**Tanner McFeeters** 

Section Sr-5 Secretary



To submit an article to be featured in the *Five Feathers*, email me at:



secretary@sr5.org



#### **Indian Summer 2011**



## It's closer than you think! Asheville, NC

Do you like fun? Do you like learning? Do you like Indian lore? Do you like OA Inductions and Ceremonies? Well, if you do, the Order of the Arrow has the perfect event for you! It is the National Order of the Arrow Indian Summer.

All Arrowmen with an interest in learning more about American Indian material culture and Arrowmen who wish to expand their skills and under-standing of the Order's ceremonies and induction process are invited to participate in Indian Summer. Need to improve your skills in conducting a successful Call-Out, Ordeal, Brotherhood, or Vigil Ceremony? Well, you are in luck because Indian Summer participants will also have the opportunity to delve deeper into the ceremony world of settings, props, symbolism, performing the ceremonies, the development of ceremonial costumes, under -standing the ten induction principals and administering the Ordeal.

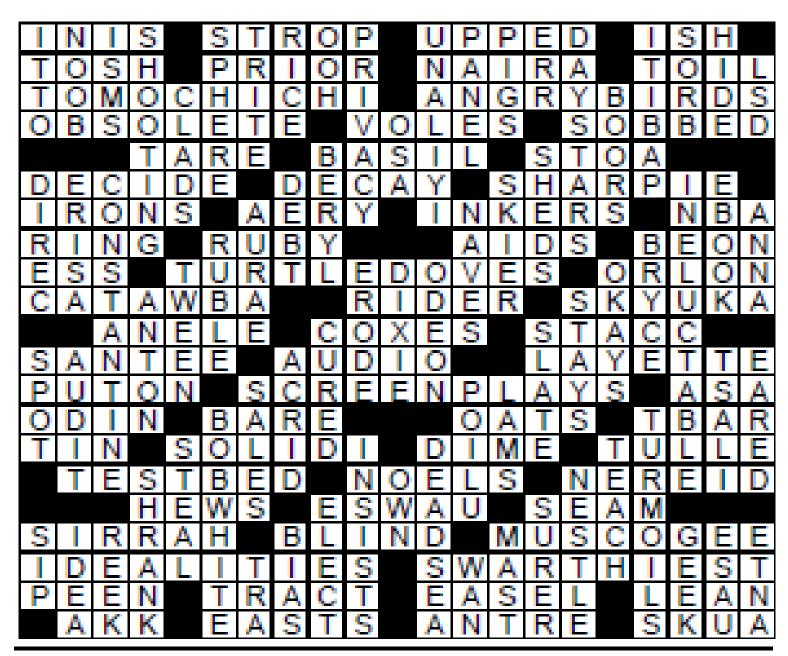
A primary objective of this event is to elaborate and expand a participant's understanding of American Indian culture at a pace in which the Arrowmen can learn more. Arrowmen will have a hand-son experience with American Indian crafts, singing, dancing, clothing, traditions, Indian games, and conducting a powwow. The last national OA Indian Summer was held in 2003. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about American Indian material culture and expand your knowledge in Order of the Arrow ceremonies!



## We need your help!!

Below is a link for an Evaluation for Dixie 2011. We hope that everyone who attended Dixie will take a few moments to provide this feedback. It was done for everyone in the section. Responses I have seen so far have been positive. This will allow Dixie 2012 to be an improvement of the fantastic Dixie we just put on! <a href="http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LJBGDDL">http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LJBGDDL</a>

### **Crossword Answers**



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