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#### Dixie Fellowship 2013: The spark was here!

In pouring rain and heart-warming sunshine, this Dixie was amazing. If you did not attend this event, words cannot completely describe the excitement of Dixie 2013. However, I will do my best to try. Beginning Friday night, we began with an opening show. Unfortunately, due to rain, the show had to be moved underneath the dining tent, but nevertheless, everyone was as spirited as ever before. The show described the history of Camp Ho Non Wah and introduced our Section COC. At its end, it dismissed to a busy night of patch trading and preparation for Saturday. In the morning, Ceremonies Teams were spotted around camp preparing and competing. Training sessions were happening all over the camp, and people were truly embracing the topic they were teaching. In the afternoon, dancers of all styles flooded into the arena and competed like never before. Also, Quest events were conducted around camp and Arrowmen were joyful in the spirit of competition. And finally, after elections later in the day, people retired for a long night of patch trading. In the morning, it was what everyone had been waiting for: the Awards Ceremony. All awards were given out and it was a fantastic time to see the success of Arrowmen from each Lodge. This weekend, even through the rain, sunshine, and strong wind, the spark was here. May it continue to burn brighter in our hearts and spirits as we continue our lives in our own communities.

-Nate Flowers, Section Secretary

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**Chiefly Speaking** Hello SR-5, I hope you all had a great time at the 2013 Dixie Fellowship at Camp Ho Non Wah. I am a Vigil Honor member and have served two years as Muscogee Lodge Chief. Last year I was the section vice chief.

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This Summer I will be working with the OA Service Corps at the National Jamboree. I have completed National Leadership Seminar training in 2008 and was on staff for the 2009 National Youth Leadership Training course. I have attended ArrowCorps5 at Bridger-Teton National Forest in 2008. I also served on Camp Barstow Staff as the OA Camp Chief for the past three years. In 2010 I attended OA Voyage at Northern Tier and had the time of my life. I have attended SummitCorps and Indian Summer in 2011.

I earned my Eagle Scout in 2008 and I have 11 palms, I am also a Life Member in the National Eagle Scout Association. I have worked with Habitat for Humanity in Lake Charles, Louisiana assisting with Hurricane Katrina relief for several years. I earned The President's Volunteer Service Award twice, the Gold Award in 2007 and the Bronze Award in 2008. I have lived in Lexington, South Carolina my whole life. I really enjoy working with younger scouts teaching them leadership skills. I just completed my second year at Clemson, and I am studying Civil Engineering.

Enough about me; here are my goals for this upcoming year. I would like to attend at least one event for every lodge.



I would also like to get all of the college students to have the opportunity to go to a lodge function that is closer to them. For example all of the students that go to USC have the opportunity and are more than welcome to come to a Muscogee Lodge event. The only way this can happen is if the lodge chiefs in the areas of colleges reach out to the nearby colleges and universities and promote their events. I feel that this will strengthen our section and we can all become closer brothers of SR 5. Another one of my goals is for every lodge in the section to get gold in JTE. If you would like to contact me my information is on the website or you can email me at section. chief@sr5.org. I look forward to seeing you all at your lodge events and at the 2013 Jamboree. WWW, Matt Forster 2013-2014 SR-5 Section Chief

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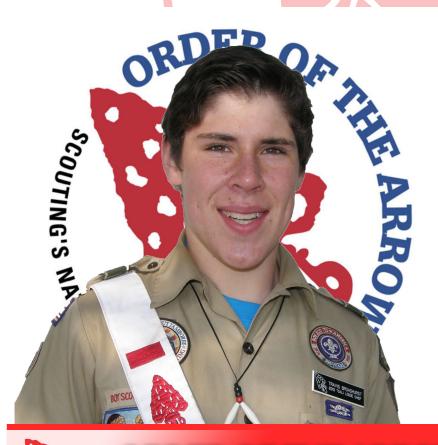


From the Vice Chief positions in my Troop, am an Eagle Scout, Vice President of Venture Crew 15, and I

Greetings, Brothers!

My name is Travis Broadhurst, and I am the 2013-2014 SR-5 Vice Chief! I am looking forward to using my leadership experience and talents in this role to improve our section!

I have been an arrowmen for 4 years, and was recently tapped out for the Vigil Honor. In my lodge, I have served in leadership positions on various committees, and have served as the Tsali Lodge Chief since last fall. I have improved communication in the lodge, and have increased membership and attendance at events through this communication. Also, Tsali lodge won Lodge of the Year at this year's Dixie under my leadership.



I have also served in leadership Vice President of Venture Crew 15, and I have attended OAOA and OATC at Florida Sea Base and Philmont Scout Ranch, respectively.

I have three main goals for my term as Section Vice Chief. The first is to improve communication throughout the section by creating a Google Groups account with each lodge's Key 3 so that the Section officers can send out information to the Key 3 easily and efficiently.

The second goal is to improve the Lodge Assistance Program (LAP). The LAP is designed to promote cooperation and collaboration between lodges and the section through the sharing of ideas, experiences, and knowledge. This includes section officers teaching classes at Lodge Leadership Development sessions, coming to lodges' events, and promoting attendance at events between lodges. In doing this, I hope to inspire other arrowmen to become more involved in their lodge and the section.

Lastly, I want to make the 2014 Dixie at Santee Lodge even better than this past Dixie!

Thank you for electing me as your 2013-2014 SR-5 Vice Chief, and I look forward to serving you in cheerful service. WWW,

Travis Broadhurst 2013-2014 SR-5 Section Vice Chief



From the Secretary

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Hello SR-5! I am Nate Flowers, your 2013-2014 Section Secretary. I am thrilled to serve you this year and use my skills for the good of our Order. I'd like to tell you very quickly about myself. I am an Eagle Scout from Troop 59 in Mount Holly, NC. I joined the Order in 2008 and immediately became active in my chapter. After serving as a Chapter Officer, I was elected to serve as my Lodge Treasurer. During this year, I had the time of my life on the Order of the Arrow Canadian Odyssey at Northern Tier. It inspired me to become even more active and to run for section office. While I was Lodge Treasurer, I began to serve as the editor for my Lodge Newsletter. I fell in love with OA Publications and that is when I decided Secretary was the office for me. I have attended two Dixie Fellowships in the past and I am excited for Dixie 2014 already.

I am graduating this year from Highland School of Technology in Gastonia, NC and I plan on attending Mercer University in the fall, studying Technical Communication with an emphasis on Non-Profit Organizations. I plan to use my skills to help non-profit organizations nationwide after college.

Now that you know a little about me, I am excited to announce my personal goals for this office. I plan on being a huge support and hard worker for Matt Forster, our Section Chief, and follow his direction as we plan for the next year. I would like to be a loudspeaker for Matt and Travis, communicating the messages they wish to all of you. At this same time, I have experience promoting events from other organizations, and I would really like to use these skills to promote Dixie 2014. I have seen conclave promotions from around the nation, and I believe our promotional materials should match the quality of Dixie, which is an amazing event. These promotional materials you will see later this year. Please share these on and pass these to your friends in the Order. Also, I would like to accompany Matt as he visits each Lodge, to learn how to promote SR-5 Lodges even better. I would really like to work with Santee Lodge in the next year to make the Opening Show of Dixie 2014 amazing. This is a long list of goals, but I hope that I am able to accomplish this as I continue my normal duties of producing this newsletter and taking minutes at our COC meetings. If you wish to talk to me further, please email me at secretary@ sr5.org. Thanks!

-Nate Flowers, SR-5 Section Secretary

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FILE FEATINES Learn from the best at NLS!

Are you an active member in your Lodge or put on by the Region: NLS. The National Leadership Seminar is the Order of the Arrow's premier training program for Lodge officers. This weekend long training is put on by the Region Chief and a committed staff that he assembles and focuses on leadership skills and techniques. The training offered throughout the weekend provides resources for youth to be successful in their Lodges and lives.

The program is aimed at Lodge members who are hoping to hold an upper level leadership position within the Chapter or Lodge. Participants can expect to have in depth one on one interaction NLS Staff Member with the staff and gain a whole new perspective of the Order of the Arrow.

The weekend will equip you with the tools an aspiring officer? There is a program just for you necessary to hold any Lodge position and give you the confidence to lead your brothers. For more details on this program visit the Southern Region website and under the programs tab you will find an NLS box. This area will provide you with registration information as well as a more in depth view of the weekend. The final NLS of the year is in Leesville, SC on November 15-17. In addition questions about the Southern Region NLS can be directed to Tanner McFeeters. We hope to see you there!

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-Tanner McFeeters 2012-2013 SR-5 Section Chief

Knowledge and Training: Recap

Knowledge and Training at Dixie 2013 was very successful with hundreds of Arrowmen learning something to take back to their home lodge. Even though weather was tricky, the SR-5 Turtles did not let it get them down! Thank you very much to all the trainers for all your hard work beforehand and teaching a class at Dixie. I hope you will take the time to pass on your knowledge of lodge improvement again next year. Congratulations to Alex Harllee from Skyuka Lodge on getting first place in training. For those of you that are extremely committed to improving your knowledge and assisting your lodge, I hope you plan to attend the 2013 National Leadership Seminar being hosted at Camp Kinard, Batesburg-Leesville, SC, on Nov 15-17; you can get more information on the Southern Region website. Next year we will provide an even better training program at Dixie and I hope you plan to be a part of it!

Yours in Service. Steven Lona 2013-2014 Dixie K&T Coordinator

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 The OA at Jamboree \*13!

Project 2013 is recruiting 700 Arrowmen to serve on the Order of the Arrow staff at the 2013 National Scout Jamboree at The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve. Project 2013 will be comprised of three groups including the Jamboree Trek Guides, Day of Service Guides, and the OA Service Corps. All three groups will support a variety of new and traditional activities at the jamboree site. This will be the largest OA Service Corps contingent in history. The Project 2013 Corps will be structured similar to a lodge with program leadership and chapters. The Project 2013 will be a youth run program at the 2013 National Scout Jamboree led by Order of the Arrow leaders from around the country.

In addition to providing cheerful service, Project 2013 Corps members will be able to participate in evening recreation, visit jamboree program areas, staff the jamboree arena shows, and meet Arrowmen from around the nation. Since 1950, the Order of the Arrow has been supporting the National Scout Jamborees through the OA Service Corps. The corps is led by youth members of the Order of the Arrow who are responsible for planning and carrying out the responsibilities of the corps at the jamboree. In addition to Project 2013 the OA is also helping with the Indian Village. At the 2013 National Scout Jamboree, Scouts will be able to visit the OA Indian Village during the Jamboree Trek at the top of the Garden Ground Mountain. The OA Indian Village will include an in depth view of the American Indian culture, regalia and dance of tribes from around the country. Skilled dancers and craftsmen will be needed to provide an unforgettable experience to the Scouts. Also the OA will be taking the lead on providing evening recreation opportunities for all Jamboree staff. The recreation staff may host cook outs, theme nights, movies, game nights and other exciting evening programs.

WWW, Matt Forster SR5 Section Chief



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## Lodge Reports

#### Skyuka Lodge

#### Tsali Lodge Lodge of the Year

This year was quite an eventful one for Tsali Lodge at Dixie. We came away with the Lodge of the Year award for the Fourth year in a row, and are extremely proud of that! In addition to Lodge of the Year, Tsali Lodge placed in a few administrative and quest events, and multiple IA events. The Tsali Lodge ceremony team was also the team that demonstrated the new Brotherhood Ceremony, thanks to the guidance of Paul Horton. As a lodge, we can't wait until the 2014 Dixie at Santee!!

Recently, Tsali has been holding events to prepare our arrowmen for Dixie. These included the Spring Fellowship and Winter Banquet, where we inducted our new officers, and the Spring Ordeal, where over 60 arrowmen came out from their unit elections and completed their Ordeal!

In the coming months, the main objective for Tsali Lodge will be getting Camp Daniel Boone ready for another eventful summer camp with Scouts from across the nation. We are having a workday this weekend, May 11th, and another one on Saturday June 1st. During these workdays, we will be finishing a new campsite at Camp and finishing all last minute preparations.

Once school starts again, we will hold our other Ordeal, the Summer Ordeal, from August 23-25. Then, at the Fall Fellowship, Tsali Lodge will hold its own "Quest for the Golden Feather" to the Quest events at Dixie and elect our 2014 officers.

Coming off of such a great 2013 Dixie, Tsali Lodge is geared up and ready for another year of cheerful service! The 2013 Dixie was the best that SR-5 has had in years! The food was great, the games were fun, and everybody learned a lot during training. Thank you so much to the host lodge and all the brothers that worked so diligently to put it on. Skyuka brothers had a great time and we enjoyed our time relaxing in Skyukaville. We are proud to have done well in the Quest events and we are proud to have won the Quest for the Golden Arrow! Congrats to Muscogee for winning the Spirit Award and to Tsali for achieving Lodge of the Year again! We look forward to seeing all our brothers across the section at the 2014 Dixie, but until then you are always welcome to visit Skyuka Lodge; and remember to Fear the Flamingo!! Yours in Brotherhood, -Steven Long, Skyuka Lodge 270



### Itibapishe Iti Hollo Lodge

Itibapishe Iti Hollo Lodge had a fantastic time at Camp Ho Non Wah and is really looking forward to next year's Dixie at Camp Coker hosted by Santee Lodge. We really had a great time competing in the events that we did and next year look forward to bringing our game faces and really competing hard to take the Golden Arrow back home with us! Even though Bob White has the same taste in television shows, the contingent really had a great time and a lot of new Arrowmen are excited to get more involved thanks to the dedication of all of those that made the 2013 Dixie Fellowship a possibility. Thank you Unali'yi lodge for a fantastic time and we are ready for a great time with Santee next year! *-Greg Hartman, Itibapishe Iti Hollo Lodge Chief* 

-Travis Broadhurst, 2013 Tsali Lodge Chief









## Lodge Reports

Tomo Chi-Chi Lodge

Dear Brothers,

This past weekend, we had a contingent of 62 attend the Dixie Conclave at Camp Ho Non Wah. The weekend started a little weak, but it did not keep our spirits down. The Opening show was concluded with a fireworks display to reinforce the theme of "The Spark is Here". Saturday dawned early with a wake up call from Skyuka lodge, but at least it was not raining. The first half of the day was devoted to Knowledge and Training. After lunch we competed in the Cross Country Relay, which we have not competed in for the past 2 years, and placed third. But our overall standing in the Quest for the Golden Arrow events was, 1st in Canoe (Ben Hart, Tommy Carlson), 2nd in Rifle (Jacob Mabery), 3rd in Cross Country (Tshaka Grant, Jacob Mabery, Philip Martinez), 3rd in Totem Carving (Richard Seagroves, Austin Dowd). Sunday was a lot dryer than Saturday morning, Awards were great and the ride home was very long it seemed for ever. Hope the "Spark" was ignited in all this weekend. Make sure you carry it back home to our lodge.

-John Adkins, Tomo Chi-Chi Lodge Chief

### Átta Kulla Kulla Lodge

Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge fully enjoyed this past Dixie, everything from the amazing training session put on by each lodge to the Ceremonies competition. All of our Arrowmen learned a lot from the training. Everyone was thrilled that we got honor lodge. Our ceremonies teams hit it out of the park winning over taking overall brotherhood ceremony competition and winning 1st place in 3 out of 4 principles in pre ordeal. The reward of all of our hard work paid off at Dixie with our website, and many other administration events. We are taking the judges' comments and improving for next year and take the training that we learned and take it back to our lodge and our troops. We are also working on bringing our drum/sing team back to the point that we once performed. Atta Kulla Kulla is now working on our summer camp programs and working on updating or call-out/pre ordeal program and ordeal to meet with national standards. We are also planning our annual lodge cook out and vigil callout which is being held on July 31 at Camp Old Indian and everyone is welcome to come, registration and more information can be found on our website akk185.org. Atta Kulla Kulla is looking forward to next year's Dixie hosted by Santee Lodge. I hope that everyone had as much fun as we did. Yours in brotherhood, David Buchanan

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Brothers, these are my thoughts on the 2013 Dixie Fellowship:

This was my first Dixie, and although I've been to a big OA event before, NOAC, I didn't really know what to expect. I had heard from my friends that it is always fun (not that I didn't expect that). When we first got there I realized that the camp was packed. I got lucky and claimed a tent, but there were people everywhere. During Dixie I found that there were a lot of things different and the same as a typical scout event. The first big difference was terrain. The camp we were at was a little bit swampy (especially after it rained for an hour and a half). The quest events were also fun to watch and participate in. The lodge spirit was also fun to watch and see other lodges' themes. It was also fun (and a bit disturbing) to see 37 billion flamingos everywhere you looked. A couple of my friends and I went to the activity field when the flamingos had flocked it. The lodge spirit also made me a bit mad too, because I would be woken up at 3 in the morning by the sound of conch shells and plastic horns. Overall however I think Dixie was a great experience and I will definitely be going again. See you there! *-Dylan Cody, Eswau Huppeday Lodge 560* 





## Lodge Reports

#### Santee Lodge

Dear SR-5,

Santee had a great turnout at the Dixie Fellowship this year. We were pleased to compete and participate in everything that we did, but our biggest objective this year was to take notes. With the 2014 Dixie Fellowship getting closer, Santee wants to be ready to go to make it the best we possibly can. Santee's biggest event during the summer is OA Week, a week of camp dedicated to only Order of the Arrow members at our own Camp Coker. Come see the camp that Dixie will be at next year! During the week, we will offer merit badges including Eagle required badges, a play based on Native American history, great food, and great fellowship. It's July 28-August 2, which is after the National Jamboree, and only costs the appropriate \$116. That's a whole week of camp for half the cost of a standard camp. To find a form, go to our website santee116.org. Everyone is invited, not just the brothers in Santee, but the rest of the section.

If you can't make it to OA Week, then I hope to see you at the 2014 Dixie, where we at Santee would love to have you! *In WWW*, -*Chris King, Santee Lodge Chief* 



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