

NOAC 2015: An Open Letter To Mom And Dad



Dear mom and dad:

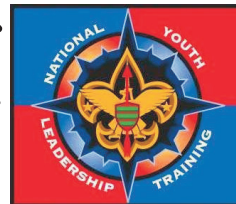
For hours after I got home from NOAC 2012 you "Oh'd" over the fanciful patches I collected in trading. For days you listened to me rave about the entertainment at the evening shows, and the ice filled pool we had at the Founder's Day fair. For weeks you heard stories about folk I met from Anchorage to Zebulon and many places in between. I didn't say much about the awesome training classes and hands-on workshops. I didn't tell you about the variety of choices in the cafeteria, or about the maitre d who assured that we were quickly served and who oversaw the replenishing of the desert buffet. I glossed over the friendship I formed with a "competitor" in AIA, the sportsmanship I experienced, the courtesy I received, and the fun I had following our lodge leaders.

May I do it again? Our lodge is already accepting reservations and partial payments for NOAC 2015 to be held at Michigan State University on August 3-8, 2015. It will be the celebration of the **100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow** and their hoping to have 10,000 Arrowmen there for the event. It will be a party...um...I mean a very beneficial training experience, and I don't want to miss it!

Camp Bob Hardin....A New Experience

Camp Bob Hardin (CBH) is proud to announce many new changes in 2013. For the first time in many years, CBH will offer a program for scouts of all ges. CBH has been known for having one of the strongest first-year-cout programs (Upward Bound) round. Scouts of all ages can choose from our variety of 45+ merit badges! For your older scouts, CBH is offering five High Adventure options: COPE, Mountain Man, Mountain Biking, White Water Trek, & Wilderness Survival Trek. Our 2013 program is designed for scouts to build their own adventure. CBH is already 80% full for 2013! If you are still looking to make a summer camp decision, sign up soon, you do not want to miss out! I also encourage OA brothers to sign-up for summer camp staff. Experience CBH from a new perspective and give back to hundreds of scouts from across the Southern Region!

Register Now For NYLT



In June of 2013 the Palmetto Council will offer a National Youth Leadership Training course at Camp Bob Hardin. The purpose of the course is to further develop the leadership skills of our youth leaders. The week-long course starts on June 9th and ends on June 14th and is sure to be packed full of fun and adventure. The course is limited to 36 participants, and spots are filling up fast.

Our Chapters Check In

York Chapter

Brothers, I would like to welcome you to the 2013 Lodge Banquet. Since we last saw each other York has been working like gears in motion. At our November meeting our Krispy Kreme Card fundraiser brought in \$300 dollars to bring our total amount of money fundraised to around \$2700.

All of the money that we raise is going to help out Habitat for Humanity which we will be participating in around March and April.

In December, Coty Robbins held a very successful Indian Affairs day, where all Chapters from our lodge were invited to attend. In our January meeting we had a very special guest named Richard Denton, who went through his Ordeal in 1944 at Camp Palmetto., Making him one of the First members of Skyuka Lodge.

York Chapter is prepared for the upcoming Lodge Games and for Skyukaville in Charleston. Stay firm in the Brotherhood.

WWW,

Ryan

Ryan Hobbs
York Chapter Chief

Spartan Chapter

It is a real pleasure to host all of the Skyuka brothers and their guests for the 2013 Skyuka Lodge Banquet.

We hope that each of you have a fantastic time at this year's event as we honor many of our fellow brothers.

WWW,

Justin

Justin Rhodhamel
Spartan Chapter Chief



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Skyuka Lodge Calendar

LODGE GAMES

March 22-24, 2013 at
Camp Bob Hardin

Online Registration Opens 02/04/13
Registration Closes 03/04/13

DIXIE FELLOWSHIP

April 19-21, 2013
At Camp Ho Non Wah
Get Registered ASAP



Treasurer
Wyatt Keys

Secretary
Stephen Long

VC Inductions
Joseph Kovas

VC IA
Brent Lowmney

VC Program
Colton Tucker

Lodge Chief
Zach Roberts

Welcome Spartanburg County Sheriff Chuck Wright As Our 2013 Banquet Speaker



Chuck Wright is the Sheriff of Spartanburg County, South Carolina, a full-service law enforcement operation employing more than 500 people.

Sheriff Wright, who has been involved in law enforcement for more than 25 years, began his career with the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office in 1986, when, upon completion of the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy, he was assigned to the Uniformed Patrol Division. He has also served the office in both the Traffic Division and the Special Services Division. He received several promotions during his years of service culminating in 1999 with his promotion to the rank of Master Deputy. As a deputy, he was certified in Accident Reconstruction, Datamaster, ACE, Radar, NCIC, and the Sig Arms Armorer's Course. He also received certification as an

instructor in Radar, Firearms, O/C and Driving. In 2002, he received an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from Spartanburg Methodist College.

On January 9, 2004, he resigned as a Sheriff's Deputy to run for the position of Sheriff. In November 2004 he

was elected as Sheriff of Spartanburg County. Since then, Sheriff Wright has been re-elected in November 2008 and in November 2012. He is an active member of the South Carolina Sheriff's Association and has served as their chaplain for one year and, in 2010, was named their Sheriff of the Year. Sheriff Wright is a native of Spartanburg County where he resides with his wife, Kim (married in 1986), and their five sons. The oldest son, Justin is currently in the US Air Force. Sheriff Wright and his family are members at Joy Lutheran Church and proclaim that Jesus Christ leads his life and his family's lives each and everyday. He strongly believes that his life is proof that behind every successful man stands a good woman.



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Chiefly Speaking



Brothers and Guests,

On behalf of Skyuka Lodge, I would like to welcome you to the 2013 Lodge Banquet! I hope everyone has had a smooth transition into the New Year and things are going well. Thus far, 2013 looks to be a very promising year for Skyuka. With

many hard-working people behind the scenes and another great theme for Dixie, there is no doubt that we will continue to be a force to be reckoned with.

I would like to thank everyone for their support and service to the lodge and ask that you continue to keep up the good work this year. Everything we accomplish is always a collective effort and everyone is needed to truly accomplish our goals.

Once again, I thank you for your attendance tonight and hope that you have a fantastic time.

WWW,

Zach

Zach Roberts
Skyuka Lodge Chief

Lodge Advisor's Corner



Welcome to the 2013 Annual Skyuka Lodge Banquet. This is a time when we pause from fellowships and performing service for others to thank all of our members for making Skyuka the best lodge in SR-5. We also recognize those among us who have exceeded what any of us might expect from your average lodge member, all in humble service to their fellow arrowmen.

As many of you know, tonight is the last official event of my time as Advisor to Skyuka Lodge. I have had the pleasure of serving several of the brightest and best young men elected as chief of our lodge over the years. During this time our lodge has grown larger and stronger in so many areas, but most of all in service and devotion to the welfare of others.

As much as I would like to recognize individuals who have supported and assisted me as lodge advisor during this time, I would surely leave someone important out and hurt some feelings. In truth, all active members of Skyuka Lodge should be recognized for their efforts within our Order.

WWW

Jon

Jon Humphries, Lodge Advisor

Welcome New Lodge Advisor David Simmons



Congratulations to the following who are the 2012 Vigil Honor class of Skyuka Lodge:

**John Bailey
Colton Tucker
Coty Robbins
Art Harris
Matt Harris
David Harilee
Alex Harilee
Dan Cockrill
Joseph Kovas**

Hello brothers!

I am getting really excited about everything that is happening in American Indian Affairs in Skyuka Lodge! We are slowly gaining ground and I am looking forward to Dixie.

At this Dixie we will have our sing team competing and a few dancers too, along with our ceremony teams - who always do a great job..

Its going to be a great year for Skyuka and I hope you will come out and see what our AIA program is all about!

WWW,

Brent

Brent Lowney
Vice Chief, AIA



A Historic Opportunity

The 2013 Dixie Fellowship will provide Skyuka Lodge a new and historic opportunity. For the past two years, Skyuka Lodge has won the SR-5 Norman Alston Jr. Memorial Spirit Award. The only time the Lodge has won the Spirit award prior to 2010, was at 1983 Dixie Fellowship hosted by Santee Lodge 116. When a Lodge wins a Dixie trophy for three consecutive years in the same competition, the Lodge is given the opportunity to retire the trophy. The only time Skyuka has retired a trophy was in 1991 when the Lodge won the Quest for the Golden Arrow for the third of four consecutive years.

Should the Lodge win the Spirit award in 2013, it would mark the 30th anniversary of our first Spirit Award and our first time retiring the award. In recent years, Skyuka has been very dominant in the Dixie awards. I encourage everyone to bring the spirit at the 2013 Dixie Fellowship so we can bring the trophy home to Skyuka....where it belongs! Let's make this a Dixie to remember!

Welcome To Skyukaville Population: 270

Since the 2013 Dixie is being held close to the ocean on an island near Charleston, SC, Skyuka Lodge decided to take it easy and "chill" with the theme SKYUKAVILLE. The theme is well represented by the event flap which features the ocean, a beach, palm trees, flamingo T-birds, a tiki mask and a straw hat. There is still time to sign up to attend the 2013 Dixie. Go to the lodge webpage and print out the form. Fill it out and mail it along with payment

Jon Humphries - Thanks For Your Service

Quiet toiler (one who works strenuously), a very fitting Indian translation name for Jon Humphries. Jon has served as the Skyuka Lodge Adviser since 2009. The 2013 Lodge Banquet will be his last official event as Adviser. While it is true that the Order of the Arrow is a youth run organization, our Advisers work just as hard. I like to refer to the Lodge Adviser as the foundation for the Lodge. The Lodge Adviser has many duties; from representing the lodge at council and section events to opening camp for lodge events. However, the biggest responsibility is to advise the Lodge Chief. One might think this is an easy job, but sometimes the Chief needs the most guidance and attention. Jon has had the opportunity to advise four Lodge Chiefs: RJ Plumley, Andrew Strasburger, Taylor Thomas, and Zach Roberts. As I think back to my two terms as Lodge Chief, I could not have asked for a better Adviser. Jon supported me with all of my OA endeavors. Jon became more than Adviser to me and all of his Chiefs; he is a friend, a brother, and a member of the family. As I mentioned earlier, the Adviser is the foundation of the Lodge. With a STRONG FOUNDATION to stand upon, a chief can accomplish ALL that his heart DESIRES. I believe Jon has given each of his Chiefs the opportunity to build the Lodge in a

positive way. During his time as Lodge Adviser, our Lodge has grown to new heights. We have finished as a National Quality Lodge every year during his tenure. Our Lodge has grown in membership by 94 brothers. We have won two SR-5 Spirit Awards, one Quest for the Golden Arrow Award, and we have placed in thirty-three Dixie events. Our brotherhood conversion percentage has been one of the highest in the nation. Finally, we have supported our camp and council more than ever before. Overall, our Lodge has grown tremendously because of his leadership.

Jon has done a remarkable job leading our Loge and advising our youth. As I mentioned before, Jon's Vigil name translated is "Quiet Toiler". Not only has he served our Lodge well, he has served our camp and his local troop. Jon has been the leader in Camp Bob Hardin (CBH) facility improvements for many years. Jon, along with many of his friends, frequently volunteer their time and efforts at CBH as workers behind the scenes. Jon has been recognized as an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor member, Founder's Award Recipient, Indian on the Mountain Award Recipient, and Silver Beaver Recipient. Tonight, we THANK Jon for a job well done. As a past Chief, I am forever indebted to Jon for his support and service to Skyuka Lodge. **THANK YOU JON!**

to the council office. Note that pre-order items are no longer available for order as the deadline for ordering those items has now passed.

