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Skyuka Lodge Calendar

FALL FELLOWSHIP

October 26-28, 2012 @ CBH
Camp Bob Hardin
Online Registration Opens 09/15/12

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Registration Closes 10/15/12

LODGE BANQUET

February 2, 2013 in Spartanburg

Online Registration Opens 12/15/12 Registration Closes 01/15/13

Welcome Brothers!

I welcome each of you to this year's Summer Ordeal. Most of you have come for the ordeal itself, while others have come to renew their obligations and to become new brotherhood members. No matter what your reason is for being here this weekend, I encourage you to do as much as you can and to enjoy a fun and wholesome time of fellowship with other brothers.

My new Ordeals, You may not understand all that has taken place this weekend, but do not be discouraged, instead I invite you to come and participate in the lodge as much as you can so that you will understand that the Order of the Arrow is not only a place where hard work is done, but it is also a place for scouts to come and have fun and to grow in brotherhood.

My old brothers I encourage you to (See "Welcome" on Page 4)

2012 National Order Of The Arrow Conference

Last week 14 members of Skyuka Lodge traveled to Michigan State University in Lansing Michigan for the 2012 National Order of the Arrow

Conference.

While there, they were able to attend informational classes, participate in several games, compete in dance, learn about the Order of the Arrow, and enjoy fellowship

with brothers from across the nation.

Brent Lowney advanced to the



second round in the Grass Dance competition and performed well. Dallas Shumate and Austen Pruner represented Skyuka by attending the Very Important Arrowman luncheon.

Find out more information about this incredible event just by visiting the NOAC booth Saturday evening in the dining hall.

(See pictures from NOAC 2012 on Page 4)

Chiefly Speaking



I hope everyone had a great summer! Skyuka Lodge was very busy, as we were very well represented at Camp Bob Hardin and at NOAC. The Wednesday night tap-outs were a great success and we had good participation in each one of them.

As we begin another lodge year, I would like to ask everyone to get involved in some way. The past couple of years we have fallen just short of our biggest goal, which is Lodge of the Year. While we have done many things very successfully, I am confident that we can achieve all of our goals if everyone gets involved. There are numerous teams and committees that you can serve on, and all you have to do is find the one that is right for you. Get involved with ceremonies. Figure out how do

drum and sing. Find out what goes on within the Executive Board. Get involved with Quest Events. Go out and bring some of your friends back that you haven't seen at functions in a while. Your experience in the Order of the Arrow, as well as Skyuka Lodge, is only what you make it. If you really get involved, I can tell you that it will be one of the greatest experiences of your life. You just have to start your journey.

I hope everyone has a great time at the Summer Ordeal, and I hope you utilize the event as a way to start your journey in Skyuka Lodge, if you haven't already done so. We are all bound as brothers in this great and honored Order, and we are all even luckier to be brothers of Skyuka Lodge. It's time to pull together as a family and be ALL IN for your brothers! Go out and make it happen!

WWW,

Zach

Zach Roberts Skyuka Lodge Chief

Lodge Advisor's Corner



Just a short note to welcome our newest brothers into Scouting's honor society. You were chosen by those within your home unit who thought you worthy of membership in the Order of the Arrow. I know you won't let them down.

Welcome also to our old brothers who have returned to the lodge for fun and fellowship.

WWW,

Jon Humphries Lodge Advisor



American Indian Affairs

Some of you may be unaware that, Skyuka Lodge is having a resurgence of American Indian Affairs. Over the past five years or so Skyuka has not had the best showing in American Indian Affairs at the annual Dixie Fellowship. My goal as Vice Chief of American Indian Affairs is to boost interest in Skyuka Lodge's dancing, singing, and ceremony teams so that we will have self-sustaining support for American Indian Affairs for years to come.

I encourage everyone reading this article, especially newly inducted members of the Order of the Arrow, to look into our American Indian Affairs. Search me out at

any lodge event and I will be more than happy to explain American Indian Affairs and answer any questions that you might have. If you miss me at an event or think of a question following an event, please feel free to contact me via phone. My number is 803-804-6784.

WWW,



Brent Lowney Vice Chief, American Indian Affairs

Bob Holmes Honored



Longtime scouter and Skyuka lodge brother, Bob Holmes, was honored at Skyuka Lodge's Spring Fellowship with the James E. West Fellowship.



The lodge had contributed \$1000 to the fellowship in Bob's name in recognition and appreciation of his many years of service to scouting in general and to Skyuka Lodge specifically. Congratulations, Bob!



Thanks From Bob Holmes

Skyuka Lodge meetings are weekends of fellowship, projects, work and surprises. Sometimes they are challenges of a pink hairdo, sudden storms, craziness or the recognition of Vigil candidates. The 2012 Spring Fellowship was no different, except that I was the surprised one.

And I am honored, my Brothers.

Thank You,



Camp Bob Hardin Update

The 2012 CBH Summer Camp was a HUGE success! I cannot say THANK YOU enough to the entire Lodge for the countless hours of service each of you spend each year to maintain and improve the facilities and programs at Camp Bob Hardin. For many years, our Lodge has been known nationally for our service to Camp Bob Hardin. As the newly appointed co-chairman of the CBH Promotions Committee, I am asking for your help with CBH Promotions.

While we have gone above and beyond to support our camp through service projects, we should also remember it is our responsibly to promote our camp to our units. In the purpose statement of the Order of the Arrow it reads "...to Promote camping, responsible outdoor adventure, and environmental stewardship as essential components of every Scout's experience, in the unit, year-round, and in summer camp"

The Goal for the 2013 Summer Camp is to have 549 Boy Scouts, 200 Webelos, and 50 Cub Scouts. I am asking each of you to promote the camp we all love in your troop meetings, roundtable meetings, chapter meetings, and at all scouting events. Also, think of other ways that your chapter can promote CBH to the units in your District. Over the past several years our camp has continued to progress by adding new programs, improving the quality of staff and food, and updating In order to reach our facilities. summer camp attendance goals, we must gain the support of our council units. While it is good to rotate and experience the many Boy Scout camps in our local area, we need to support OUR camp as well! With over 45 merit badges offered, 2 NEW program offerings in 2013 (mountain biking & mountain man), 2 FREE adults per unit, a 5-1 camper to staff ratio,

(See "Camp Bob Hardin" on Page 4)

Elangomats Needed

Dear Brothers,

I hope that every one has had an enjoyable summer break, the Suumer Ordeal is here and I need all the help I can get. I am going to need a little over 15 brothers to serve as Elangomats for our new Ordeals.. If you wish to serve as one, please contact me as sone as possible. Thanks in advance.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Joseph Kovas

Vice Chief of Inductions

Our Chapters Check In

York Chapter

Hello Brothers,

Since we last met as a Lodge, York Chapter has been working on helping the local community. Currently we have Habitat for Humanity projects being planned for next spring as well as continued support for the local Red Cross. York Chapter has also participated in helping with tap-out ceremonies at CBH this summer.

While at Spring Fellowship we had a good turnout - enough to fill the Scoutmaster's porch to overflowing for our chapter meeting. I would like this amount of participation to not only at our Lodge meetings but also at our monthly local chapter meetings (check the lodge website for information on location and times). Finally I would like to welcome all old brothers and even more to welcome our Ordeal Candidates to a great weekend of serviced and fellowship. WWW

Ryan

Ryan Hobbs York Chapter Chief

A Message From Vice Chief Of Program

Welcome to the Summer Ordeal! My name is Colton Tucker and I am your newly elected Vice Chief of Program. I am from the York Chapter and this marks my fourth year as a member of this Brotherhood known as Skyuka Lodge. If you are an old brother I would like to thank you for returning to this important lodge function and staying involved. If you are an ordeal candidate, I encourage each and every one of you to get involved in the lodge's functions upon completion of your Ordeal. Do not simply get your sash and never show up to another event; you were chosen by your fellow Scouts to become a member of the order. They felt you were worthy to wear the sash and to live up to its expectations of unselfish cheerful

service. So get involved! I highly recommend it; you won't regret your decision to learn more and engage yourself in the lodge's functions. American Indian Affairs is an excellent venue that I have enjoyed. Another way to get involved is to just meet other members of the lodge and fellowship with them. You will soon find out that nothing beats the fellowship in our lodge! I am looking forward to an excellent year as your Vice Chief of Program. I would like to personally welcome you to Skyuka Lodge. Let's make this year a good one!

Vice Chief of Program

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not only welcome our new brothers, but to also show them how much fun we have in the OA. I challenge you to take our new Ordeals by the hand and to teach them our "Customs and Traditions" of this "Great and Honored Order". For one day, our new brothers will become old brothers and they will pass down our traditions to the next generation of Arrowmen.

Once again, I welome you, my new brothers, to Skyuka Lodge and I hope to see each of you around.

Yours in Brotherhood



Camp Bob Hardin

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affordable prices, and many off-camp field trip opportunities; CBH is as good as or even better than the other camps in the area.

With that being said, I am asking for your support of Camp Bob Hardin by having us in your summer camp options for 2013 (tell your Scoutmaster and PLC!). You can also promote our camp through social media and word of mouth. I promise the 2013 summer camp will be the best in Bob Hardin history...YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS IT!!!!

For up-to-date info on CBH:

Phone: (864) 585-4391

Website:

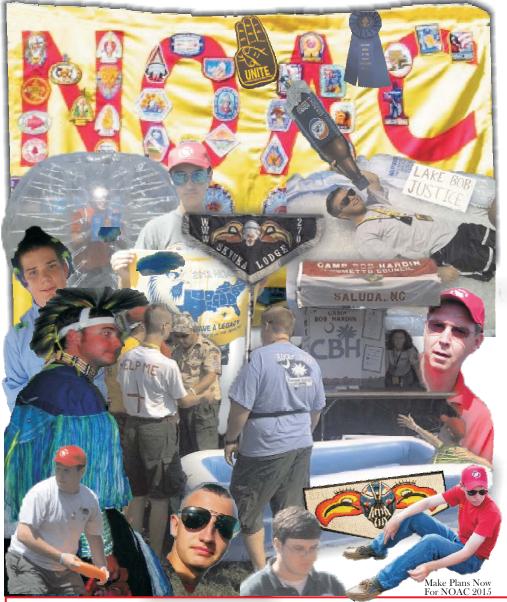
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