

TANAWA

Newsletter of Skyuka Lodge 270 of Palmetto Council, BSA

Summer Ordeal Special Edition

August 9, 2019

Stay Connected



Inside this issue:

Note from Chief	1
Ways to Serve	2
Calendar	2
Spotlight on AIA	3
NOAC	3
Leadership spotlight	4
Legend of Skyuka	5



Note from the Chief

Brothers,

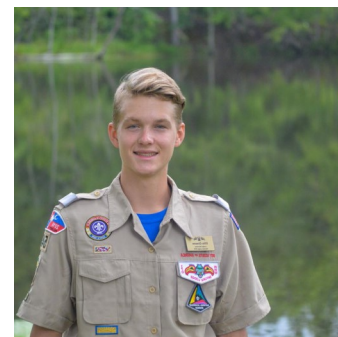
Now more than ever, our Lodge needs young leaders to heed the call for Cheerful Service, especially in service to our Lodge. The Lodge offers many ways for anyone with interest to get involved in whatever it may be. From a position on the Lodge Executive Committee, to a chairman role, positions can be found for anyone who looks for one.

An excellent way to get involved in the Lodge early on is through our American Indian Affairs activities. This is such a great way for our new Arrowmen to become involved because not only can anybody do it, but it's a great way to learn about the culture, dances, and ceremonies that influence the traditions of our Order.

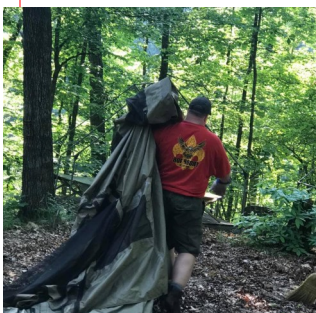
Brothers, I remind everyone that our current circumstance of not having a camp is only temporary. I also remind everyone that this opportunity has provided us a way to show what we, as Skyuka Lodge, we, as The Order of the Arrow, are really about in our efforts to serve our neighbor councils with Cheerful Service in exchange for a camp of refuge.

I look forward to checking up with everyone, and I can't wait to see what the rest of the year will have in store for our great Lodge.

Yours in Cheerful Service, Ellis Greene, Skyuka Lodge Chief



Recent Highlights



⇒ Lincoln Memorial Clean up

Scouts from York District partnered with local groups to clean up debris, weeds, shrubs, trees, and general maintenance that had not been done in 15 years.

⇒ 2019 Spring Fellowship and Ordeal at Camp Bud Schiele

Spring Fellowship put together an AIA Exhibition that includes the topics of Native American Beading, Ceremonies, Drum and Sing, and Dancing! Those attending served the camp by helping put up scout tents for the Summer Camp season.

⇒ The Chester Chapter hosted a Skyuka Lodge Call Out ceremony for 2019 Candidates

We had 54 in attendance and eight candidates who went through the ceremony! We would like to also extend a very special congratulations to Katelyn Sweeney, Skyuka Lodge's first female youth candidate! —Cole Taylor



2019-2020 Calendar

Date	Event	Information
September 21, 2019	Cub Scout Shoot-o-ree	10am to 3pm Wilksburg Baptist church
September 28, 2019	Cub Scout Shoot-o-ree	10am to 3pm Wilksburg Baptist church
November 1,-3, 2019	Fall Fellowship	Location To be determined
February 1, 2020	Lodge Banquet	6-8pm
March 14, 2020	Lodge Games	Day only event
April 24-26, 2020	Dixie Fellowship	Camp Old Indian, Travelers Rest, SC
May 15-17, 2020	Spring Fellowship and Ordeal	Location to be determined
August 14-16, 2020	Summer Ordeal	



Upcoming Service opportunities:

♦ Skyuka To Host Cub Scout Shoot-O-Ree by Jonathan Pool

Brothers, coming up on Saturdays, September 21st and September 28th, we have a chance to work with the Cub Scouts in our council and give them an early look at Skyuka Lodge. From 10 am to 3 pm, we will be hosting the 2019 Cub Scout Shoot-O-Ree at Wilksburg Baptist Church, in Chester County. This is a fantastic opportunity to demonstrate what the lodge is about, and there will be a lot of help needed to get this event running smoothly. We will need youth and adult volunteers to help us run different activities, such as archery, BB shooting, slingshot, and games, as well as parking and food. With your help, we can make this event run well and provide an excellent experience for these Cub Scouts. If you are interested in helping with this event or have any questions regarding it, please feel free to contact me at jepool14@gmail.com.

♦ Cub Scout Gold Rush

Catawba District—October 18-20th, **York District**—October 25-27. Details will be sent out at a later time.

Election Updates for 2020 by Richard Cash

As many of you know Elections are an integral to the Order. Every year for the past 30+ years we've been doing them pretty much the same. With that in mind we are looking at revamping our process and making things for efficient. Jimmy Summers has asked me to be the lead adviser for this effort.

This winter we will be having training for election teams starting with the chapter chiefs and advisers on both the new way we'll be handling information and also a refresher on the election process.

With all this in mind I ask each of you to be ready to help and also to let your unit leaders know we are going to be making some changes and hopefully things will be easier for everyone.



My Brothers,

On your first entrance into the Order of the Arrow, you were presented with aspects of the American Indian Affairs department, meant to enrich the ceremonies through which you were inducted and educated. Ceremonies is but one area within the AIA (American Indian Affairs) department, a department that pays homage to those indigenous cultures from which we derive certain foundational elements of our Brotherhood.

The AIA department serves to educate our lodge members concerning the cultures of the indigenous peoples that we inherit so much from, with an atmosphere of respect. The department focuses on five main areas, Individual Modern Powwow Dance, Historical Group Dance, Sing/Drum Team, Ceremonies, and Tipi.

We regularly meet for workshops and practices, but resources are available for those driven to self-learn. We also regularly attend local powwow's, of which there are three coming up in the near future:

Carolinas Good Medicine
Powwow
Frank Liske Park
Sept 20 – 21 2019

Carolina's Indian Seminar
Statesville, NC
TBD, sometime in January

42nd Annual AICA Spring
Powwow
April 3 – 4 2020
FENCE, Tryon NC

If you have any interest in participating in any aspect of American Indian Affairs, or would like to attend one of the above Powwow's, please feel free to contact me.

Yours in Brotherhood, Christopher J. Garrison
American Indian Affairs Advisor Skyuka Lodge 270
Cell: 803.230.3742 Email: garrisonchris@hotmail.com



National Order of the Arrow Conference.

- Michigan State University from August 3-8, 2020, in East Lansing, MI
- If interested in attending the 2020 NOAC as a part of the Skyuka Lodge contingent attend our interest meeting being held at Summer Ordeal this weekend.
- To reserve your seat in our contingent -pay a down payment starting this weekend.
- Our fundraising campaign, we will be releasing four new patches which pay tribute to institutions of our state will be for sale in the trading post this weekend.



Cole Taylor, Contingent Leader
803.899.0968
gccoleman92@gmail.com

Creighton Taylor, Contingent Adviser
803.209.6760
creightontaylor@hotmail.com



Dues Reminder

Dues are due each year in January. Arrowmen should be current on their dues to participate in OA events.

Dues for the 2020 year is \$21

Dues can be paid online at <https://palmettocouncil.org/oa->

LEADER SPOTLIGHT: WALTER NORMANT

Position: Treasurer

I handle the financial aspects of the lodge such as our annual budgets and how much money we spend on each event. My favorite memory from the OA is NOAC 2018 at Indiana University, which was a great week! I hope to attend NOAC 2020 at Michigan State University next summer.

Interview with your Chief

Your scouting history:

I began scouts as a young tiger cub and I earned the rank of Eagle Scout February 13th of 2018.

A campout you recommend to other scouts and troop: I recommend the York District Polar Bear Campout

Hobby or free time activity outside of scouting:

I am a member of my school's Track and Cross Country Teams.

Favorite food: A good Cheeseburger

Hardest job/assignment you had to do:

Being Lodge Chief has probably been my hardest job in my Scouting career and it certainly isn't just me that gets myself through it. I know if it wasn't for my hard working LEC and Advisors, it would be nearly impossible to do on my own.

A great OA memory outside of Ordeal:

NOAC 2018 would have to be a pretty great memory, because I was able to meet so many brothers from other Lodges and learn about their traditions within the Order of the Arrow.

One goal you have as the Lodge Chief: To maintain membership retention within our Lodge



Lodge Chief– Ellis Greene

Vice-Chief of Program– Stephen Hercka

Vice-Chief of Indian Affairs– Hunter Roberts

Vice-Chief of Inductions– Evan Bass

Secretary– William McPherson

Treasurer– Walter Normant

See www.skyukalodge.org for committee options, chairpersons, and adult advisors

75th Special Edition
Lodge patch

**Lodge Adviser's Corner by Jimmy Summers**

Salt is a major ingredient that is used to season our food. In the early days, salt was used to preserve foods. Salt can also be used with water to create a mouthwash for sores you may have in your mouth.

This adds up to three attributes of salt: (1) It seasons, (2) it preserves, and (3) it improves. So how is salt related to Skyuka Lodge? Why is the idea of salt important to our Lodge?

We need "salt" in our Lodge for the same reasons mentioned above. We need to constantly season our younger members for them to one day lead the Lodge and chapters as youth officers and chairmen. Seasoned, older Arrowmen can provide help in continuing this seasoning process. We need "salt" to continue to preserve our values not only in our lodge and chapters but also in Scouting and our society. Our values must be maintained and passed on in our future. Every year we should not be complacent to just do what was done the year before. We should strive to improve on what we did last year.

These are extraordinary times for Skyuka Lodge in our 75th Anniversary year, as we are not able to use our "home", Camp Bob Hardin. But Skyuka is still making a huge difference with projects and support of camping, as well as support of events like the Cub Scout Shoot-o-Ree. Plus, each of you is taking what you learn and experience in OA and using it to make your Units better. I challenge you to be the "salt" in Skyuka Lodge and in your Unit - helping season our Lodge and Units, working to preserve our values, and participating to improve our Lodge and the members in it.

The Legend of Skyuka



In 1985 the Boy Scout camp in Saluda, North Carolina, reopened. Previously known as Camp Palmetto, the new name was Camp Bob Hardin. Having served as a volunteer in various capacities, I was asked by Bob Justice, the Scout executive, to become the advisor for Skyuka Lodge.

In the first season in the refurbished camp, the program director asked me to write the script for a pageant to be performed by the camp staff on Family Night each week. After extensive research in the Polk County library, I wrote "The Legend of Skyuka." It is based on fact, but it is mingled with legend.

Years ago, the Southern Appalachian Mountains were inhabited by a proud and peaceful people. Relatives of the Iroquois, they were known for their imposing height and robust stature. Claiming for their hunting grounds what is now part of eight states, these noble people became the mightiest empire of all the Southeastern tribes of Native Americans. They called themselves Ani-yun-wi-ya, which means Principal People. They were called by other tribes the people who speak another language – the Cherokee.

Though their nation was vast, the Cherokee had a unified government that was effective and efficient. They were divided into seven clans: the Wild Potato, the Bird, the Long Hair, the Blue, the Paint, the Deer, and the Wolf. Each clan had a chief. The seven clan chiefs served as counselors in the Cherokee government and were convened when important decisions had to be made.

The Cherokee were religious people. They believed in one Supreme Creator, a unity of three beings referred to as The Elder Fires Above, who gave fire to bless humankind with smoke as a messenger.

The Cherokee had no concept of land as belonging to individuals. The earth belonged to the Creator. The forests were for hunting deer and bear, squirrel and rabbit. The rivers were a means of transportation. The arrival of the first white man, Hernando De Soto, into the land of the Cherokee in the 16th century marked the beginning of a long and painful march of white men into the Cherokee's world. The white man's idea of land ownership was completely different from the Cherokee concept. The influx of settlers pushed hard against the Cherokee. A series of treaties from 1684 to 1835 were consistently broken. The Cherokee lands shrank from an empire of enormous proportions to a small boundary in Western North Carolina.

It was in the Colonial period of American history that Governor William Tryon of North Carolina sent Captain Thomas Howard into the mountainous backcountry to explore the possibilities of settling useable land. He settled at what is now Tigerville, South Carolina. On one of his expeditions, Captain Howard came upon a Cherokee settlement on White Oak Mountain. A young Cherokee boy, playing on the outskirts of the settlement, had been bitten by a timber rattler. Captain Howard used his knife to open the boy's wound. He sucked the poison from the boy's body and put tobacco juice on the wound as a kind of primitive first aid treatment. The young boy's life was saved, and Captain Howard and the young boy became steadfast friends. The boy's name was Skyuka, meaning Chipmunk. He later became one of the seven Cherokee clan chiefs.

The Cherokee had been a peaceful people for centuries. Now their hunting lands were threatened by white settlers. Cherokee chiefs like Atta Kula Kula of the Keowee Settlement and later Tsali of the Qualla Region took a warlike stance toward whites.

With the American Revolution, conflict intensified between the Indians and the settlers. British Redcoats and Tory sympathizers encouraged the Cherokee to raid and massacre the pioneer homesteaders.

Captain Thomas Howard was immediately dispatched by the Governor to put down the uprising. Skyuka guided Captain Howard and his men to Round Mountain, where the Cherokee were celebrating their victory. Howard made camp at the base of Round Mountain. When darkness fell, several bonfires were lit. Three men were left there to create a distraction while Howard took the remainder of his men led by Skyuka on a secret twisting trail up Round Mountain. They approached the Cherokee from the rear killing most of the raiding party.

Because of his loyalty to Captain Howard, Skyuka was the only one of the seven Cherokee chiefs to side with the settlers at the time of the Indian Wars in the mid-1700s. The Cherokee won victory after victory as they burned settlers' homes in defense of their own territory. Because of his devotion to Captain Howard, his own people considered Skyuka an enemy.

A monument now stands near the crest of the Saluda Grade on Round Mountain, marking the site of the battle. The trail up Round Mountain became Howard Gap Road. The name of Skyuka is perpetuated in the Tryon area by Skyuka Creek, Skyuka Road, old Camp Skyuka, and Skyuka Lodge, Order of the Arrow.

In 1765, Governor Tryon signed a treaty with the Cherokee delineating the Indian territories. The Indian boundary went from a point in Virginia to a point on the Reedy River in Greenville County. The old Indian boundary line now divides Spartanburg and Greenville counties and is identified by a South Carolina State historic marker in Greer, South Carolina. The treaty was signed at a large granite outcropping known as Treaty Rock on White Oak Mountain. The treaty was short-lived. Like many others, the white settlers violated it until finally the great Cherokee Nation was reduced to a small band in Western North Carolina.

The saddest winter in Cherokee history was that of 1838 and '39 when most of the Cherokee were taken from their homes and herded like cattle to Oklahoma. Over 4,000 Cherokee died on this journey. To this day, the Cherokee call it The Trail of Tears.

The legend concludes with two traditions about Skyuka's death. One is that he was captured by Loyalists during the Revolutionary War and hanged from a sycamore tree at the foot of Tryon Mountain on the bank of what later became known as Skyuka Creek. The other holds that because the Cherokee considered him a renegade, his tongue was cut out, and he was bound and stretched across the rock face on White Oak Mountain. Those who witnessed the death of Skyuka said that in death he rejoined his Cherokee people. As he died, a large eagle soared near the rock face of the mountain to receive the spirit of Skyuka and return it to his Creator.



WWW

Kirk H. Neely

kirkhneely44@gmail.com