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Newsletter of Skyuka Lodge 270 of Palmetto Council, BSA

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Skyuka Lodge Calendar

SUMMER ORDEAL

August 10-12, 2012 @ CBH
Registration Opens 7/15/12

FALL FELLOWSHIP

October 26-28, 2012 @ CBH
Camp Bob Hardin
Registration Opens 10/01/12

OA Team Rolls Through 2012 Dixie Fellowship

How fantastic was the 2012 Dixie Fellowship? It was Off The Chain!

Though the skies were gray and the temperature a bit chilly for the event, the spirit was high and the brotherhood strong during the entire weekend. The OA team certainly left its mark by coming away with the spirit award for the second year in a row!

When you combined the spirit of the Skyuka brothers with the "bling", the pep band and the OA Team van, no other lodge could touch us.

We completed in the quest

The Spirit Of Dixie

The Dixie Fellowship is the pinnacle event of every lodge calendar. As we go throughout the year, we are in a constant preparation for the Dixie whether it be through ceremonies, quest, or administration. The Dixie Fellowship is the way we hold all eleven lodges to a consistent standard of excellence. When each lodge arrives to Dixie on Friday night, it is "game time."



events and excelled at some and not so much at others. Our AIA participants did well and we also had an excellent showing in the administrative areas.

For a complete run-down of how we placed in the events as well as pictures of the 2012 Dixie, be sure to check out Page 5 of this issue.

Beginning at the opening show, our section brotherhood begins to clash. As we begin the battle for the coveted Norman Alston Jr. Memorial Spirit Award, we hear the traditional chant go across the amphitheater M-U-S-C-O-G-EE MUSCOGEE; S-K-Y-U-K-A SKYUKA, SKYUKA; you wish, you wish, you wish you were a whippoorwill; Tsali Tsali Tsali is the best. Just when you thought everyone was giving it their best,

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Treasurer
Evan Boan

Secretary
Colton Tucker

VC Inductions
Matt Harris

VC IA
Coty Robbins

VC Program
Zack Roberts

Lodge Chief
Taylor Thomas



Chiefly Speaking



It has been an honor and pleasure to serve as your Lodge Chief for the past two terms. I am so thankful for this experience, but most importantly, I am thankful for our friendship.

Our executive committee has done an amazing job for the past two years which has been very evident when we competed at Dixie. Not only are we meeting our lodge goals, we are truly living and acting the OA's mission and purpose statement. Just this past year we gave over \$10,000 in donations to the camp and council, we held a 47% Brotherhood Conversion Rate, 80% Ordeal Conversion Rate, increased our membership by 63 brothers (a 13% increase), have increased Indian Affairs participation, completed projects at the ceremony grounds, were the recipients of the National OA Service Grant, held an award winning One Day of Service Project (Relay For Life: Scouting For a Cure), and repeated as the SR-5 Spirit Champions. It makes me proud to see the impact we are having on our camp, council, community, and the youth of our lodge and council.

Our program is one of the best in the Southern Region. For the past two years, we have placed in the top three in three major Dixie categories: Quest for the Golden

Arrow, Lodge of the Year, and Spirit; the only lodge to do so! Did you notice that when the 2011 National Chief, 2011 Western Region Chief, and past two Southern Region Chiefs attended Dixie, they proudly wore our shirts and hats with pride? We have truly become a force to be reckoned with at Dixie. All the credit goes to a great executive board and advisors who care about our program. After the 2012 Dixie, I received several notes from the SR-5 Advisors who were complementary of our lodge and Dixie performance.

Now as it becomes time to pass the bonnet, I challenge the new executive board to take this lodge to the next level. In the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson, "Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and make a trail." Once again, it has truly been an honor to serve as an officer of this lodge for the past 5 years. Skyuka is most definitely a brotherhood like no other. Through this lodge, I have met many of my best friends. Thank you, and best of luck to our new officers; it is now YOUR turn to build upon this legacy.

WWW,

Taylor

Taylor Thomas
Skyuka Lodge Chief

Lodge Advisor's Corner



As another lodge year comes to an end and positions begin to switch over I would like to take the time to thank the lodge as a whole for the hard work and dedication that have been put into this year.

We have made a lot of improvements and those would have never been possible without the dedication of you my brothers! This lodge is a place where acquaintances become friends and friends become brothers.

So as we begin to look at the new year approaching and new ordeals for the summer ordeal, let's remember to continue to fan those flames of service and pass the torch of excitement on to them.

Jon

Jon Humphries
Lodge Advisor

Alpha Phi Omega is a National Co-ed Service Fraternity. The first chapter was established at LaFayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania on December 16, 1925, by former scouts seeking to further their commitment to the Scout Oath & Law by serving others. Since 1925, over 300,000 members have been

affiliated in chapters on 300+ college and university campuses, and is open to all students. Skyuka's own Taylor Thomas is a member at Wofford, and Palmetto Council VP Rick Diles is an alumni member and is on APO's National Board of Directors.

A Note From The VC of Program



Brothers, it's hard to believe that my second term as your VC of Program is coming to an end. It's been a great two years, and it can all be attributed to you. I would like to thank you all for your participation and dedication to Skyuka Lodge, and I ask that you keep it up. We still haven't reached our goal of sweeping Dixie yet, and we will not stop until we do, but we're going to need all of you to help and participate to do so. We are constantly working on ways to improve fellowships so my challenge for all of you is to bring a friend that hasn't been to a fellowship in a while the next time that you come. Skyuka Lodge is, without a doubt, the best lodge in SR-5, and the larger we get, the better we'll be.

On another note, when you see Taylor Thomas this weekend, make sure you stop and thank him for the excellent job that he's done as Lodge Chief for the past two years. He's put in a ton of time and definitely deserves some recognition. With that being said, make sure you participate and enjoy your weekend!

WWW,
Zach
Zach Roberts
VC of Program

The Importance Of Helping Our Ordeals



We are currently seeking brothers to be elangomats for the summer ordeal. Rather than begging for elangomats at the check-in table for each event, we need a pool of elangomats, who have expressed their interest in serving prior to the event and have gone through the elangomat training to essentially run the ordeal program for our incoming members.

The ordeals are the backbone of the lodge. They are the future that will keep Skyuka going when the people about to go to college leave. Too many of our new ordeals become "sash and dash" brothers because they only focus on the things that happen during their ordeal. What needs to change is the encouragement given by the old brothers for the new ordeals to come back and solidify their binds with the order by seeking brotherhood conversion. Go back to your troops and take five to ten minutes during your troop meetings to talk about how much fun the OA and Skyuka lodge really are. Talk about Dixie, Indian Affairs and the lodge games to get their attention and let them know it's not all about work. There is a fun and amazing side to the OA as well. It has been a privilege serving as your Vice Chief of Inductions for the past two and a half years.

WWW,
Matt
Matthew Harris
VC of Inductions

Training Makes Us Better Prepared To Provide Cheerful Service

Training is a very important part of supporting the Scouting movement. It promotes the leadership skills for our youth as well as our adults. Palmetto Council is fortunate to have youth and adults that do a great job in training. Our youth (many of whom were Skyuka brothers) have lead 3 very successful SEALS (Scouts Excited About Leadership Skills) courses beginning in 2011 and in the summer of 2013 will bring NYLT back to our Council. In April of this year we held our first TOTAL (Troop Outdoor Training for All Leaders) at CBH. During that weekend we offered 7 different skills and certification courses. (Shotgun, Canoeing, Backpacking, Wilderness First Aid, Leave No Trace, SEALS, and Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills) which also introduces new Scouts and Scouters to CBH. This will be offered again in April of 2013 with a variety of courses. I would like to see us add an OA training to that weekend as well. Last but certainly not least we are hosting a Woodbadge course for Blue Ridge and Palmetto Councils at CBH. The course consist of two 3 day weekends Sept. 28th-30th and Oct. 19th-21st. More info on the Council website. In closing I would like to Thank all Scouts and Scouters who support our awesome training staff. Anyone interested in joining the staff or if you have an idea of a training course that we need to offer please contact Dan Cockerill at smt108@gmail.com or 803-325-5005.

YIS,
Dan C.
Dan C.

Our Chapters Check In

Lancaster Chapter

The Lancaster Chapter is in the process of helping units elect new members into the OA.

We will be focusing on getting Ordeal candidates and old brothers to come back to the Lodge to resume their cheerful service to our brothers.

Jonathon

Jonathon Bailey
Lancaster Chapter Chief

Spartan Chapter

Spartan Chapter is currently conducting Troop Elections and hopes to involve several more troops in the OA activities of Skyuka Lodge.

Spartan Chapter has also prepared a really great cracker-barrel for Saturday evening at the Spring Fellowship - thanks to feedback from YOU on the Skyuka Lodge Facebook Page.

Steven

Steven Long
Spartan Chapter Chief

York Chapter

York Chapter elections team members are currently hard at work conducting unit OA elections for troops all over York District. If your troop has not yet scheduled an OA election, please have your scoutmaster contact the chapter chief as quickly as possible to get one scheduled.

We were very pleased with Skyuka Lodge's performance at the 2012 Dixie Fellowship. We love it when a plan, a van and a band all come together!

Alex

Alex Harlee
York Chapter Chief

Proud Of You!

On behalf of the Palmetto Council, BSA and myself, I want my Skyuka Lodge brothers to know how proud I am of your excellent representation of OUR council again at this year's Dixie Fellowship. Congratulations on your achievements. Good job!

Also, I thank you for your continued support of Camp Bob Hardin, both in physical maintenance, financial support, and in promoting summer camp. Please continue to be vigilant in your promotions; your units look up to you for guidance.

Yours in scouting,

Wayne

Wayne Bouldin

Council Vice President of Program

Spirit Of Dixie

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you hear a pep band and watch the flags run across the stage. As we progress through the weekend the level of intensity and spirit continues to build. At each gathering, each lodge continues to bring more and more spirit items and theme decorations. As we gather for our closing ceremony on Sunday we boast in our accomplishments and awards. While the Spirit Award, Quest for the Golden Arrow, and Lodge of the Year are very significant awards, the Dixie Fellowship is more than a time of awards. It is always good to hear the eleven individual voices unite as one and chant SR-5. There is a certain spirit throughout the entire conclave that makes it so special. Regardless of location or weather, the 60 year old spirit shines with pride. It is a spirit of good ol' southern hospitality, united brotherhood and friendship, tons of patch trading, and lots of friendly competition. This spirit is what brings many national officers from across the country to the Carolina's and Georgia. The Dixie Spirit is truly one of a kind, just like the conclave's name.

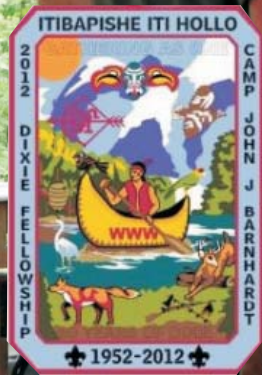
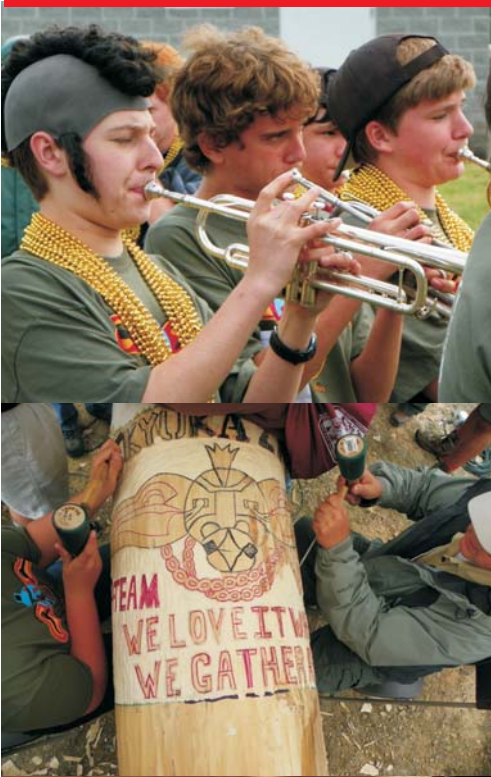
NOAC



Our Skyuka Lodge delegation to NOAC 2012 at Michigan State University is led by Stephen Long. The contingent competing in AIA includes Matthew Harris, Ryan Hobbs, Brent Lowney, Austen Pruner, Allen Ross, and Dallas Shumate. Our lodge advisor, Jon Humphries is going. Heading our patch trading are Doug Bartlett, Glenn Stoner, and Taylor Thomas. Doug Chambers and Elizabeth Stoner are our designated cheerleaders for those competing in individual dance competitions, and to kibitz the traders. It is going to be a great time for all involved.

One Day Of Service Relay For Life.

Cancer affects several thousand families each year including those of the youth and adults in Skyuka Lodge. When our lodge lost a great mentor and advisor due to cancer, the impact on the lodge caused members to want to do something in remembrance. We sold keychains and luminaries and held a collection to benefit the American Cancer Society. We then helped with the preparation of the Relay, the opening ceremonies of the Relay and with cleanup afterwards.



Lodge Honors
 Section Honor Lodge
 Lodge of the Year (2nd)
 Spirit (1st)

Administrative
 Website (1st)
 Newsletter (2nd)
 Planbook (3rd)
 WTG Camping (3rd)

Quest for the Golden Arrow

Overall Quest (3rd)
 Basketball (2nd)
 Cross Country (1st)
 Knot Tying (2nd)
 Rope Throw (2nd)
 Arrow/Softball (1st)
 Ultimate Frisbee (1st)

Indian Affairs
 Fancy Dance Individual
 and Parade of Braves
 Matt Harris (2nd)



CBH's Ranger Steve Gives Thanks

Thanks to Skyuka Lodge for the major projects being completed at camp. We have replaced half the seats in the amphitheater and started a



16 x 32 shelter at the new Mountain Man Camp (Johnson

Camp). Also the Scout Master Porch at the Dining Hall is being replaced and will have a roof!

Also thanks to the many individual units for thier service projects around camp totaling 819 man hours to date.



Some of the projects were; spreading mulch, putting up trail markers, clearing colverts, taking down tents and lashing a

bridge in Johnson Camp.

Thanks in advance for the help that the brothers of the lodge will provide during the Spring Fellowship in getting Camp Bob Hardin ready for summer camp.

Eagles Soar!

Ranger Steve
Ranger Steve



Summer camp 2012 is three weeks away and we are more than excited about the upcoming summer. With the addition of the new merit badges and the Mountain Man program we are hoping to make the summer of 2012 one to be remembered. If your troop has not already made your 2012 campsite deposit you may do so to Morgan Hawkins at the council office. Keep in mind that sites are filling fast.



Shane Magaha
Dishwasher

Jackson Charles
Outdoor Skills Instructor

Derrick Stogner
Outdoor Skills Instructor

Eric Shytles
Archery Instructor

Jim Maguire
Shooting Sports Director

JP Burt
Shooting Sports Director

Matthew Kelly
COPE/Climbing Director

Braden Campbell
CIT

As you can tell, these brothers are extending their services for the summer in helping make this summer 2012 season the best!

Hope to see you all there to "Rumble in the Jungle" at Camp Bob Hardin this summer!

Kristina

Kristina Humphries
Program Director 2012
Camp Bob Hardin
www.CampBobHardin.com

This year we are honored to have several brothers on our camp staff:

Taylor Thomas
Trading Post Director

Dustin Barnwell
Camp Steward

Colt Magaha
Dishwasher

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