



## Newsletter of Skyuka Lodge 270 of Palmetto Council, BSA

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### Skyuka Lodge Calender

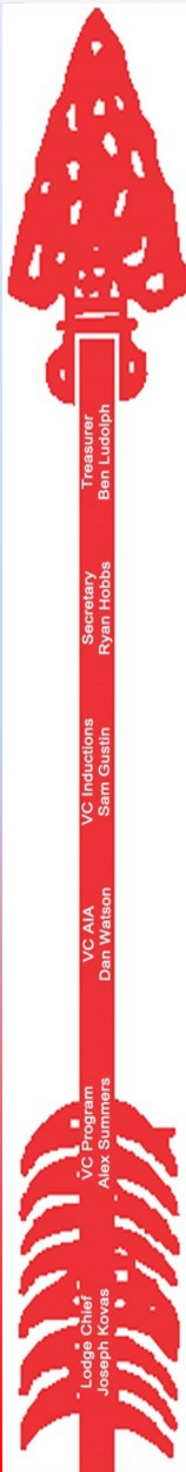


### Fall Fellowship

Oct 31 - Nov 2, 2014 at  
Camp Bob Hardin  
Online Registration Opens  
10/01/14  
Registration Closes 10/24/14

### Lodge Banquet

February 7, 2015  
6:00pm-8:30pm  
Location: TBD  
Online Registration Opens  
01/01/15  
Registration Closes 01/30/15



### Chiefly Speaking

Dear Brothers,

I hope that everyone had a great Summer. I first would like to welcome everyone to the 2014 Skyuka Lodge Summer Ordeal. Over the Summer, Skyuka Lodge had a strong presence at Wednesday Night call out ceremonies and provided the camp with cheerful service projects that benefitted the camp and gave all campers an enjoyable experience.

This weekend, we have the honor of inducting our new Ordeal members into the Order. This is a very special time for you, my new brothers. You are now starting on a new journey. The OA is a great organization that has given youth for almost a century the opportunity to become great leaders. Since 1915, The Order of the Arrow has had the mission to "fulfill its purpose as an integral part of the Boy Scouts of America through positive youth leadership under the guidance of selected, capable adults" and to accomplish its purpose to "recognize those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and through that recognition cause others to conduct themselves in a way that warrants similar recognition". Arrowmen are seen as the best boy scouts the organization has to offer. Having successfully completed your Ordeal this weekend, you are now full members of our Lodge. Welcome to the family!!

I invite all new and old members



of the lodge to take the time to see and experience all that the Order has to offer. From learning about the traditions of the Native Americans to becoming a principle in the ceremonies, and from participating as a lodge chairman to providing cheerful service to others, the OA provides the opportunity to step up and become leaders. What you put into the lodge will be what you get out of it. Go out there and find something that you love.

Remember, this weekend is not the end, it is only the beginning. If you have any questions about the OA, the Lodge, or anything else, you can come find me this weekend and I will gladly help you out. Once again, Congratulations on becoming new members of the Order and I hope to see everyone this weekend.

WWW,

*Joseph*

Joseph Kovas  
Lodge Chief



# American Indian Affairs



American Indian Affairs has become a major function within our lodge and section. as well as lodges all across the nation. Not only is it a fun way to become active within the OA. It's a great way to learn and participate in Native American powwow dancing and/or singing. One of my goals for our lodge this year is to rebuild our sing team and form a team

dance and who we need in order to do that is YOU! As big events like Dixie fellowship, Carolina Indian seminar and, NOAC are approaching now is the time more than ever that we're looking for new faces to recruit in AIA activities. Whether it's ceremonies, sing team, team dance, and, individual dance. We're more than happy to get you involved in whatever category you choose. we'll be having multiple workshops and practices this fall so be sure to keep a look out for dates via email or posted on the lodge website. if you're interested in AIA seek me out or any of my chairmen's



and advisors. They'll be able to answer any questions you might have and can get you started. you can contact me.

WWW,

*Dan*

Dan Watson

***"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself, any direction you choose."***

And that is exactly why you should steer yourself down to the Dixie Fellowship 2015. This upcoming year, we will be competing for the fourth Spirit Award in the past 5 years. Each year, lodges from North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia have their own spirit theme at Dixie Fellowship, and our spirit theme in 2015 will be Dr. Skyeuss. From there to here, and here to there, funny things will be everywhere. Anything and everything Dr. Seuss related will be accepted.

## 2015 Dixie Fellowship

At Dixie Fellowship 2015, we will also be battling for the Golden Arrow. The Golden Arrow is the golden prize for the lodge that demonstrates their athletic ability and Scout skills in numerous different activities. These activities include knot tying relays, the ultimate Frisbee tournament, softball throwing, arrow throwing, and chariot racing. Another award that has been just out of our reach for the past few years is the Lodge of the Year award. All that we have to do for this award is to get involved in all of the different activities at the Dixie Fellowship. However, in order to do this, we will need the help of everyone at Dixie.

Our lodge needs you at Dixie Fellowship 2015. Dixie will be on April 24–26 this upcoming year, and it will be at Belk Scout Reservation near Charlotte,

NC. The Skyuka Lodge Games, a fellowship in which we meet to prepare for the Dixie Fellowship, will be held at Camp Bob Hardin from March 27-29, 2015. These two events will hold a lot of fun for all Arrowmen that attend. If you've never gone to a Dixie Fellowship, you should go. "These things are fun, and fun is good. But for now, today is your day!

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# Lodge Advisor's Corner



We are now having our Summer Fellowship at Camp Bob Hardin and a great weekend. Some people that are here with us are new to our Lodge and will be experiencing their first sampling of what the Order of the Arrow is all about so let's make sure they have a rewarding time, although they may not realize it at the time. As everyone remembers the Ordeal is a worked filled day with little food but one that you can share with each other forever. Everyone will be needed to help with the projects going on throughout Camp, not just the Ordeal and Brotherhood candidates. We all need to remember who we are:

**As Scouting's National Honor Society, our purpose is to:**

**Recognize** those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and through that recognition cause others to conduct themselves in a way that warrants similar recognition.

**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.

**Develop** leaders with the willingness, character, spirit and ability to advance the activities of their units, our Brotherhood, Scouting, and ultimately our nation.

**Crystallize** the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

Everybody have fun, be safe, eat well and remember these times.

*David*

David Simmons  
Skyuka Lodge Adviser

**Recognize**  
**Promote**  
**Develop**  
**Crystallize**

## Arrowman Service Award "The Sash Patch"

Starting today on the 99th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow's founding, registered members in good standing with the BSA, their local council and their Order of the Arrow lodge will be able to commemorate our organization's centennial by working to complete the Arrowman Service Award. This award, which some are referring to as "the sash patch," will be recognized as one of the few patches that have ever been approved by the national Order of the Arrow committee to be worn on an OA sash.

The purpose of the Arrowman Service Award (ASA) is to

encourage Arrowmen to recommit themselves to the ideals of the Order, increase their level of service to their local unit and council, and participate in the 100th anniversary celebration of the OA. The award will have three categories of criteria with various requirements that Arrowmen can complete. These include components on personal growth, service to Scouting, and participation in the centennial celebration.

*See the Flyer for more information or scan this qr code with your phone*



**2014 Summer Ordeal**



## Lodge Archives

Recently there has been some renewed interest in the lodge archive collection. I have placed all the patches that we have into a notebook. I will have the collection on display at Summer Ordeal. Please do not remove any patches from the notebook and do not remove the notebook from the table.



The lodge recently received a donation of patches from a former member of the lodge, these have also been added to the notebook. Since 1993 patches have been added at the time they were issued. All flaps, fellowship patches, Dixie delegate flaps, Dixie patches, chapter patches, and neckerchiefs are in the notebook. There will be a list of the patches our lodge has issued since 1954. The one that has an X in front has been added to the notebook.

If you would like to donate a patch to the collection, or know of someone who would be willing to donate to the archives please ask them. Should we already have a patch that is donated I will return the patch to the donor. Should you want a copy of the list see me at the Trading Post and I will email one to you or give you one at the Ordeal.

WWW,

*Frank*

Frank Shytles

## Vice Chief of Program

As the Vice Chief of Program of the Skyuka Lodge for the 2014-2015 term, I would like to welcome all of the new Ordeal Members and the returning Old Brothers. I would also like to congratulate the new Ordeal Members on getting through those irksome tasks that have landed you in the lodge. Though it may have been tough this weekend, you are now in the lodge, and you will never have to endure the same Ordeal again. I would like to see all of you come back for the Fall Fellowship, October 31 - November 2, which will be filled with fellowship, service, and fun. I also want every one of you to come back for the Spring Fellowship, May 15-17, so that you can take part in more fellowship and service, and also be able to convert into a Brotherhood

Member.

I also want to thank all of the Old Brothers for coming back to yet another Summer Ordeal. I hope to see you continue to attend the fellowships, and keep that awesome spirit going. For all of you that are not involved in some position in the lodge, I would like to encourage you to become involved. There are always positions open for those that are willing to serve. For those of you that are involved in a position, thank you for doing what you do to make the lodge better.

Again, I would like to welcome all of the new Ordeal Members. I also want to remind you that as Arrowmen, new and old, we are all united through brotherhood.

WWW,

*Alex*

Alex Summers  
Vice Chief of Program



# CAMP BOB HARDIN 2014

Another successful summer camp season has closed at Camp Bob Hardin! This year, a total of 759 scouts attended CBH, including hundreds from other states like Florida, Virginia, Georgia, and North Carolina. The most exciting new addition was the Rock Lobster program. Participants climbed, paddled, and rappelled throughout the week, including rappels off of Indian Fort and kayaking on the Green River. Scouts earned some new merit badges, and enjoyed the Wet Willy water slide, mountain biking, and the OA Indian Village program during week 3. Skyuka Lodge was well represented on the camp staff, and the Wednesday night OA Callout ceremonies were excellent.

Thank you to Skyuka Lodge for all of the hard work, sweat, and labor that has been put into camp over the last year, and for all of the work by the Ordeal candidates and all brothers this weekend. You are an incredibly important part of continuing improvements and enhancements at camp! CBH is very fortunate to have such a strong and supportive OA Lodge.

Plans for CBH 2015 are already underway! There will be more facility improvements, more program enhancements, and many of the popular programs and badges will be back. The Promotions Team will be visiting all Troops in the Council in the coming months. OA brothers are encouraged to take part on the teams – let your Chapter Chief know that you want to take part. Also, let your Scoutmaster know that you want to have the Promotions Team come and visit one of your Troop meetings in the next few months. And we hope to see you and your Troop at CBH in 2015!

