

It's Not Too Early To Make Plans To Attend The 2015 National Order Of The Arrow Conference

RISE AND SHINE! Is it 6:30a.m. already? Yes. You roll off your bed and slip into the adjacent room to shower. You put on your uniform, OA sash, and slip your credentials over your head. You take the elevator down to the first floor of your dorm and walk roughly 200 feet to the dining room. The line streams steadily and quickly splits to the four counters where you place your order for a hot breakfast. Or maybe you prefer the cereal island...or the muffin-sweet roll-bread island. You take your tray by the juice/milk fountain, or join the line at the coffee machine. You find the table with your friends and map out your day.

You slip back to your dorm room to brush your teeth and grab you back

pack. Then it is a short walk to the bus stop. A parade of air conditioned busses circle the campus of Michigan State University to each OA venue every 15 minutes. This is living right! It should not be surprising that most of the classes, workshops, and competitions center around American Indian Affairs: ceremonies, outfits, and dancing. For the high adventure Scout there is training on the latest in wilderness survival, first aid, GPS hiking, and scuba diving. For the computer wonk there are sessions on lodge software. For the inquiring mind there are addresses by people who were there in the early days of our OA history.

The air conditioned busses will take you back to your dorm or to all other

venues from 7a.m. to 11p.m. At the end of an evening of patch trading in the gymnasium, it is nice to sit back in a cushioned chair and be carried to your dorm.

A \$100 deposit payable at the Fall Fellowship will hold your registration to NOAC 2015. Join us August 3 to 8 at Michigan State University. Ryan Hobbs, NOAC chairman, is working with Steven Long, Lodge Chief, to make our celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Order of the Arrow an event to remember.

NOAC 2015 committee



Skyuka Brother Alex Page Could Use Your Support



Skyuka brother Alex Page was diagnosed with cancer near the start of July 2013 and is currently undergoing intense chemotherapy to kick it to the curb. In the picture above his chemotherapy, being administered through his IV, is marked with a pink label that warns others not to touch it because it is dangerous. Wow! Check out his "Alex Page Cancer Fight" page on Facebook and take some time to send your best wishes for a speedy recovery and return to Skyuka Lodge.

NOAC Is A Week Full Of Fun



Are You Ready? If you have ever experienced the jamboree and wished for more OA then NOAC is for you. NOAC is the National Order of the Arrow Conference and is also the most fun you will have in OA. The next NOAC is in the summer of 2015 at Michigan State University and Skyuka wants as many Arrowmen to go as possible. The Conference is a week full of fun with

competitive tournaments such as Ultimate Frisbee. Also there are Indian Affair events all week from Dance to drum to Ceremonies. Along with this is Patch Trading and Classes that can benefit your OA experience more and will let you understand what the OA really is. I will see you there on Goodman Field in 2015
Ryan Hobbs
2015 NOAC Chairman

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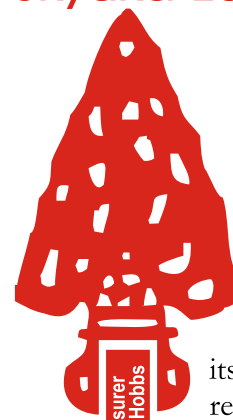
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CALENDAR



FALL FELLOWSHIP
October 25-27, 2013 at Camp Bob Hardin
Online Registration Opens 09/16/13
Registration Closes 10/14/13

AWARDS BANQUET
February 1st, 2014 at a Yet To Be Determined Venue
Online Registration Opens 12/17/13
Registration Closes 01/17/14



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Skyuka Lodge's Summer Ordeal Has Something For Everyone

Welcome 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, You are encouraged to do as much as you can and to enjoy a fun and wholesome time of fellowship with other brothers. 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

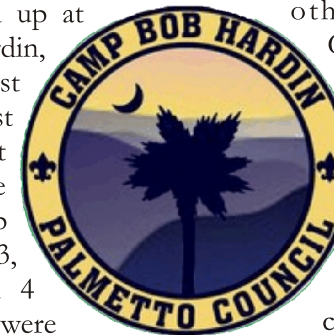
Arrow is not only a place where hard work is done, but it is also a place for scouts to come and have fun and to grow in brotherhood. Old brothers, you are encouraged to not only welcome our new brothers, but to also show them how much fun we have in the OA. Take our new Ordeals by the hand and to teach them the "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 welcome you, my new brothers, to Skyuka Lodge and I hope to see each of you around.



Camp Bob Hardin Has Stellar 2013 Summer Camp Season

The summer camping season has just wrapped up at Camp Bob Hardin, and it was the best year ever by most accounts! Almost 800 campers came to summer camp at CBH in 2013, and that was in 4 weeks. There were many Troops from

Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and other councils in South Carolina, plus lots of our own Palmetto Council Troops. Scouts took part in the new Mountain Biking and Mountain Man programs, which both received rave reviews. The COPE and climbing programs took



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Chiefly Speaking



I hope everyone has had a great summer break! Skyuka Lodge was well represented on camp staff with most of the staff being OA members and a large portion of our Executive Board serving on staff. Under the leadership of our advisers and Vice-Chief of Indian Affairs our call-out ceremonies went excellent. Many parents and leaders complimented our dancers.

Our hard work to improve camp and build biking trails paid off well with hundreds of campers enjoying the bike trails, upward bound, and other program areas each week. Now that summer camp season is over, Skyuka Lodge is back in full force! Be sure to participate in all the activities this fall! You can stay up-to-date with all of the lodge news at www.skyukalodge.org or via the lodge facebook page.

Fall Camporee

On October 11-13 the entire Palmetto Council is having a camporee at CBH with hundreds of attendees. Our lodge will be assisting with program, running the camp fire, and helping make it an awesome camporee. We will put up our teepees and have a 'Lodge Village' to drum up interest in OA. It's going to be a lot of fun!!

Lodge Advisor's Corner



Ordeal, you mean "The Ordeal" will certainly bring back memories to all the old Brothers. Remember this is our big weekend to introduce the newly called out candidates to our Lodge. When you think back on your own Ordeal I'm sure yours, as was mine, was the most

work ever done and when the years pass the work is even more superhuman and extraordinary. So when this group completes their Ordeal and are awaiting the best meal they have eaten in their life congratulate them on their accomplishment.

Then as they getting to know more about all the happenings please take time to encourage them to come back for our Fellowship weekends to experience the Lodge for a more relaxed time. We are also having a large number cementing their membership in the Order of the Arrow by successfully completing their Brotherhood requirements. This group has obviously decided they want to be involved more with the activities

Fall Fellowship

On October 25-27 our lodge is hosting its annual Fall Fellowship at CBH. During this weekend we will host our yearly lodge training courses and our chapter games competition. We will try to have the shooting ranges and climbing tower open for everyone to enjoy. Don't forget to bring your costumes for the Halloween Carnival on Saturday night!! we will also offer brotherhood conversion at this event for anyone inducted in 2012 or earlier.

I'll see you at all these fun events!!

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Steven

Steven Long
Lodge Chief



of the Lodge so let's encourage them.

Hey, everyone this is a fellowship weekend that starts Friday afternoon and continues until after the Board meeting Sunday. You will sell yourself short if you don't stay and see how your Lodge operates by attending the entire weekend and observe your Skyuka Lodge officers managing. This group is fantastic and will continue to carry on the tradition of the past and inspire the forthcoming. I know from my own experience that watching the Lodge Officers operate is what makes this a fulfilling weekend.

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David Simmons
Skyuka Lodge Adviser

Vice Chief of American Indian Affairs

Tap outs at Camp Bob Hardin this summer with many new people interested in American Indian Affairs were fantastic. There are many opportunities and upcoming events to get involved in AIA.

One of those opportunities is the Carolina Indian Seminar which takes place in January at Mitchell Community College in Statesville, NC. This exciting event, hosted by Eswau Huppeday Lodge 560 with many chances to dance and sing with two full-blown powwows (group dances and drumming). Also at this event there will be dance, ceremonies, and sing team instructions and workshops for making regalia.

Please let me know if you have any questions about Indian seminar or regarding getting involved in AIA.

WWW,

Dan

Dan Watson,
Vice Chief of American Indian Affairs

A Word From The Vice Chief Of Program

Dear Brothers,

I first want to welcome everyone to the 2013 Summer Ordeal. I hope everyone had great summer.

Each year at the Ordeal, Skyuka Lodge continues to grow as a brotherhood and we also continue the long tradition of providing cheerful service to our camp, communities, and troops.

A majority of us this weekend have come to Camp Bob Hardin to fulfill the journey of becoming full members of the Order of the Arrow while others have come to renew their obligations to become Brotherhood Members. Whether you are an ordeal candidate or an old brother, I invite and welcome everyone to partake in the lodge fellowship.

My new ordeal brothers, I am excited for you this weekend. You may not know this but what you are doing this weekend is something extraordinary. You were chosen by your fellow scouts to become a member of our order because they believed that you exemplified the meanings of the scout oath and law. Your ordeal will

be unlike anything you have ever experienced. Your journey this weekend is not the end, it is only the beginning. After this weekend, I encourage you to come back to our lodge functions and get involved. There are so many things to do in our lodge such as serving our lodge as a chairman or participating in the Indian Affairs and becoming a principal in the ceremonies or learning how to Dance and Drum. If you have any questions about the lodge, come find me or an older brother and we will most certainly help start you on the right path. Once again, I welcome everyone to the ordeal. Yours in Brotherhood

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Joseph

Joseph Kovas
Vice Chief of Program

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advantage of the newly refurbished high COPE area, which was also used by nearby Camp Old Indian. Scouts slid down the Wet Willy, watched movies on the new video system in the dining hall, and took advantage of the Friday adventures like the Gorge Zipline, kayaking on the Green River, and tubing on the Green River.

A large part of the credit for improving the facilities at CBH, and for getting the program areas ready for the new programs, goes to the brothers of Skyuka Lodge! Skyuka Lodge members spent many, many hours and weekends at CBH over the last year, and the results were amazing. From the Camp



CBH's upper lake at dawn. This was taken just before the season-long rain storms began. A good time was had by all campers and staff alike during camp despite the wet conditions.

Promotions Committee - thank you to all those brothers of Skyuka Lodge who helped to make CBH 2013 such a huge success!

Now we begin to prepare for CBH 2014. Our goal is 880 campers, which would be an all-time record for summer camp at

CBH. Summer Camp at CBH 2014 will be even better than this year, as we continue to enhance the programs that were so popular this year, and as we introduce the week-long Backpacking Trek and The Gorge Trek, through which Scouts can experience the best that the Green River gorge has to offer! Lots of work is being done this weekend, and that work will continue throughout the year. One of the primary purposes of the Order of the Arrow is to encourage and support camping. Skyuka Lodge is certainly doing its part through its tremendous support of Camp Bob Hardin!