

CBH 2016— GOT CONTOURS?

Why is Camp Bob Hardin becoming the favorite destination of lots of Florida and Georgia troops? It's probably the thrills, chills, and hills! And they have to travel 8 - 10 hours to get to something that is in your own back yard. Now is the time to get your Troop signed up for Camp Bob Hardin 2016 before your favorite campsites are gone! All of your favorite activities are returning for 2015 - Rock Lobsters, COPE and Climbing, Mountain biking (with new trails!), Upward Bound, 45+ merit badges, waterfall hikes, Friday Troop adventures, Wet Willie, Slush Puppies, the Green River Gorge, the Purple Paddle, and the best contour lines in the whole BSA! And this fall, Skyuka Lodge will be taking part in Camp Promotions as we reach out to all Troops in the Council. So tell your Chapter Chief that you want to be on the Promotions team, and tell your SPL and Scoutmaster to bring your Troop to CBH in 2016!



SPARTAN CHAPTER

Hello Brothers,

My name is Tatum Goins and I am the newly elected Spartan Chapter Chief. This term I plan to boost the attendance from the Spartan Chapter, run smooth and regular meetings, and make the OA fun for newly inducted candidates.

Our meetings are every fourth Friday of the month, except for July and months when we have an OA event. They will be held at the St. John's Lutheran Church in Spartanburg, SC at 7:00PM. Thank you for electing me as your Spartan Chapter Chief. WWW,

Tatum Goins

Spartan Chapter Chief

Tanawa ("Hawk" in the Cherokee language) is the official newsletter of Skyuka Lodge 270, Order of the Arrow, of the Palmetto Council, BSA. It was voted best newsletter at the 2014 Dixie Fellowship. It is produced 4 times annually by Lodge Secretary Noah Rose with the assistance of Kristina Humphries. Please submit articles for the newsletter via the "Contact Us" form on the lodge website by scanning the QR code to the right.



TREASURER REPORT

Welcome new Brothers! My name is Max Robinson and I will be serving as your Treasurer for this year.

As I grow older, the Order of the Arrow is becoming a bigger and bigger part of my life. I hope it will become a more important part of your life as a scout as well. I encourage you to be a very active member of the Lodge and to pay your dues. These steps help keep our Lodge going. I also encourage you to stop by our trading post at every event. There you can find patches, neckerchiefs, hats, and much more. I thank you for attending Summer Ordeal, and I hope to see you at many more of our Lodge's events. WWW,

Max Robinson

Lodge Treasurer

Vice Chief of Inductions Report

I would like to welcome everyone to our 2015 Summer Ordeal. Congratulations to those scouts who have been called out and have been deemed worthy of being in our order, as well as to the brothers who desire to learn more about our order through their Brotherhood conversion. The Inductions team received good training while at NOAC. The 2015 Brotherhood Chairman will be Braden Campbell and the 2015 Elangomat Chairman will be Addison Fox. Lastly, I would like to congratulate Troops 61 and 66 on obtaining 100% brotherhood conversion. Enjoy Summer Ordeal. WWW,

Cole Taylor

Vice Chief of Inductions



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Skyuka Lodge Calender

Fall Fellowship

November 6-8, 2015 at

Camp Bob Hardin

*Online Registration Opens
09/27/15*

*Registration Closes
10/27/15*



Treasurer
Max Robinson

Secretary
Noah Rose

VC Inductions
Cole Taylor

VC AIA
Allen Grooms

VC Program
Tery Burt

Lodge Chief
Alex Summers

CHIEFLY SPEAKING

Fellow Brothers,

I would like to welcome you to the 2015 Summer Ordeal! Also, congratulations to all the new Ordeal members. There are numerous activities you can get involved in while you are here. Both Friday and Saturday night, I would like to encourage you to join us in the Dining Hall for the Cracker-barrel and movie.

For all of you who would like to see and experience the Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies again (you may have not been mentally awake the first time around), the times and locations are in the schedule. Remember that you are required to show your sash for the Brotherhood Ceremony. We will also hold the Vigil Tap-out Ceremony in the Dining Hall after dinner on Saturday.

We will have several great service projects going on all around camp Saturday morning and afternoon. I want all Old Brothers to find a service project that they can help out with.



The thing that makes this Summer Ordeal so special is that it will be our Centennial Event. On Saturday night, we will honor all those who have received the Centurion Award. Then we will reflect on 100 years of the Order of the Arrow. We will finally close the reflection off by sealing and burying a time capsule (the opening year is still to be determined).

I hope you are all as excited as I am for this event! I wish you all have fun in service and fellowship this weekend. Happy 100th Anniversary!

WWW,

Alex Summers

Alex Summers
Skyuka Lodge Chief

AMERICAN INDIAN AFFAIRS

Greetings Brothers and Fellow Arrowmen,

I would like to begin my first Tanawa Article by thanking each and every one of you for electing me as Vice Chief of American Indian Affairs (AIA), and supporting me in my quest to revive and improve the AIA department of Skyuka Lodge, 270.

2015 looks to be a productive year for the AIA department, and has already shown progress towards rejuvenation, especially for our Ceremonial Events staff. Last year our ceremonies teams got off to an awesome start. We started the year with two brand new teams, one based in Chester and the other in Spartanburg. Both teams spent countless hours practicing in advance of both Lodge Events and Dixie Competition. Given the progress that both teams have shown over the last year, it is highly likely that our Ceremonial Events staff could see placement awards, for Team and/or Individuals, at the 2016 Dixie. I would like to thank John Wayne Grooms, Cole Taylor, Aiden Roberts, Noah Rose, and countless other individuals who have worked so hard for these departmental improvements, and look forward to their future accolades.

2015 was also a year in which the AIA department unveiled a new Tap-Out Ceremony, for the Camp Bob Hardin Wednesday night campfire. This new Ceremony replaces the pageants of past, and foreshadows the coming Ordeal using the Order's four principles. I would like to thank Alex Summers, Noah Rose, and countless others that took on this project and excelled at it. In the coming years, it is my hope that the lodge will continue with this format, tweaking and improving on it every year.

While the AIA department is growing and showing improvement, this has only revealed the first steps in a long process. I welcome any lodge member to join in the fun and community of the department, please feel free to contact me if you are interested in any of the AIA departments. Below are a few upcoming dates to put on your calendar:

Getting Started with AIA: Powwow Etiquette, Dance Basics, and Craft Workshop
Place: Harmony Baptist Church 5403, Harmony Church Rd. Edgemoor SC, 29712
Date: 08/29/15

Cabarrus Powwow Date: 09/18/15

AICA Powwow Date: 04/29/15

Yours in Brotherhood,

Allen Grooms

Allen Grooms
Vice Chief of American Indian Affairs



thunderbird was always one of the more prominent tales recounted at a potlatch.

The thunderbird mask was carved from red cedar, painted with bright colors, and was hinged with leather thongs. During the dance the mask would open revealing a thunderbird with two identical heads, left and right, and a carved bear or bearcat in the center.

Mr. Bill Huskey became the first lay volunteer lodge advisor in the Palmetto Council, BSA. He had been in the Order of the Arrow previously and had knowledge of the duties of the OA advisor. Bill had served in the Canadian Army and had attended a ceremony in which the thunderbird mask was used. He purchased a similar mask and brought it with him to South Carolina.

Skyuka Lodge was named for a Cherokee Clan Chief who became friends with Colonel Thomas Howard. Skyuka escorted Colonel Howard and his colonial soldiers through the woods of the Green River valley up through what is now Camp Bob Hardin, previously Camp Palmetto, to the top of a Round Mountain. The colonial militia surrounded, surprised, and defeated the unsuspecting Cherokees.

Skyuka Lodge is named for the Clan Chief. The name Skyuka actually means chipmunk. Perhaps that small rodent would be a more appropriate emblem for OA Lodge 270. Most lodge members I know and have known, including me, would object to a chipmunk replacing our majestic totem.

When the lodge was considering a totem the chipmunk was never mentioned. Bill Huskey drew the picture of the mask fully opened to reveal the double-headed thunderbird. Most arrowmen did not realize that Bill actually owned the mask that he sketched. I did not know of the mask until several years later when I visited Oscar Huskey, Bill's younger brother, at his home in

Cowpens. I was a pastor and Oscar said he wanted to speak with me.

Oscar had been involved in scouting for a lifetime just as Bill had. After Bill's death Oscar kept much of his brother's memorabilia. As I recall, among those things was the thunderbird mask. The paint had faded. The western red cedar was a smooth, carefully carved masterpiece. A hint of the cedar fragrance remained. Our totem is the real thing!

I, for one, am glad the lodge didn't choose the chipmunk as our emblem. Upon reflection the thunderbird is quite fitting. Let me explain.

Considered a traitor to his people, Skyuka was later captured by Cherokees. They cut out his tongue and left him to die stretched out on the face of a cliff. But an old tradition says that as he died a great bird soared across the rock face, and carried the spirit of Skyuka upward to the Great Spirit above.

That's a tradition I will remember every time I wear a scout uniform with my Skyuka Lodge flap over my heart.

In Brotherhood,

Kirk H. Neely

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Dr. Kirk H. Neely is a freelance writer, a teacher, a pastoral counselor, and a retired pastor. He is a fifty-five year scouting veteran. He received the Vigil Honor in 1962 and the OA Founders Award in 1987. He has served as Skyuka Lodge Advisor, as Dixie Fellowship Advisor, and as President of the Palmetto Council. He is an Eagle Scout and was presented the National Distinguished Eagle Scout Award in 2009. He can be reached at kirkhneely44@gmail.com



THE STORY BEHIND THE TOTEM: HOW SKYUKA LODGE 270 GOT THE DOUBLE-HEADED THUNDERBIRD



In 1960 I attended the National Scout Jamboree in Colorado Springs, Colorado. At that time, I wore a dark green explorer shirt with a two-per-life white twill Skyuka Lodge flap. When I encountered scouts from other parts of the country they were interested in the Skyuka flap and especially the double-headed thunderbird emblem. Most of them thought a thunderbird was a fancy Ford automobile. When they found out I was from South Carolina they wondered why our lodge had a totem that appeared to have come from the north western coast of North America.

Since then my journey in scouting and my designation as a scout chaplain has taken me to four more National Jamborees and four National Order of the Arrow Conferences. In every venue I have been asked about our double-headed thunderbird emblem.

At one NOAC a scouter from Alaska, a member of Koontz Lodge said, "Our totem is a brown bear. You're from the Deep South and your lodge has a totem that looks like it should be from up in Alaska. In fact, your totem looks better than ours."

I recently met with good friends and trusted scouters Claude Hunt and Bob Holmes to discuss the history of Skyuka Lodge and the story behind our totem. This is a summary of our discussion.

From Vancouver's Islands north to Alaska Native American tribes along the Northern Pacific coast shared similarities in their cultures. Among these people were the Salish, the Nootka, the Kwakiutl, the Haida, and the Tlingit tribes. In the mythology and lore of these people was the legend of a mighty bird, the Thunderbird. This most magnificent of all creatures was said to live high in the mountains.

In flight this great bird of prey cast a shadow so vast that the sun seemed to disappear. The great predator was said to carry a lightning snake under each wing. These snakes had a head like a wolf and a tongue like a bolt of lightning. When the thunderbird was hungry he glided across the surface of the ocean. When a whale breached the great bird released the snakes to strike, stunning the large sea mammal. With giant talons the thunderbird would seize the whale carrying it on powerful wings to the mountain where the flesh was devoured.

The thunderbird was the most powerful of all spirits. Only the mightiest chiefs had the thunderbird as a crest.

In the carvings of the indigenous people of the northwest coast the thunderbird figures prominently. When a craftsman fashions a totem pole from a western red cedar tree, the thunderbird is usually depicted near the top and always with outstretched wings.

When a chief wanted to entertain family and friends the people would gather for a potlatch, in some ways similar to a pow-wow among the plains tribes. A potlatch is a feast lasting several days. It features feasting and dancing. Some of the dancers wore masks and acted out the legendary stories of the spirits. The story of the

NOAC 2015: 100 YEAR CELEBRATION

BY: JOSEPH KOVAS

The 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference was the highlight of our Order's centennial year. All arrowmen who attended this year's NOAC received an experience that they will never forget. Skyuka Lodge's NOAC contingent had a blast at the national conference. The excitement of going to this year's conference could be felt on the long bus ride to Michigan State University and would continue to be felt throughout the whole week. Once Skyuka Lodge landed in East Lansing, there was no one to hold us back from experiencing NOAC. Each day was filled with awesome and exciting events. Skyuka received the full experience by attending everything NOAC had to offer. Arrowmen each morning attended seminar classes that included fly fishing, patch designing, the Ordeal Ceremony, and Leadership Characteristics and Team Building. With a wide variety of classes to take and choose from, arrowmen crafted their own NOAC experience and learned valuable skills to take back with them to their local lodges and troops.

In the afternoons, hundreds of scouts explored the many activities that were spread around MSU's campus. The Hub was the most visited place among arrowmen at the conference. At the Hub, arrowmen were given the opportunity to experience rock climbing, blacksmithing, and ziplining. In addition, the Hub also featured the Adventure Central Experience tent which promoted high adventure equipment from Eagles Nest outfitters and Recreational Equipment Inc. (Did I also mention the free give away. The ACE tent gives away free stuff. You could walk away with a new tent or dutch oven).

Besides attending the Hub, NOAC was filled with awesome places to visit that included the National trading post, the AIA or buffalo coins store, and the GEO. The Goodman Edson Observatory was the national museum of the OA at NOAC. Historical and neat items filled the GEO. Everything from Dr. Goodman's vigil sash to the first OA handbooks were on display at the GEO.

Evenings were the highlight of the day at NOAC. Each night, arrowmen attended arena shows that were spectacular. Skyuka Lodge received the honor of hearing notable guests each evening that included former Secretary of Defense and BSA President Dr. Robert Gates, National OA Chief Alexander Call, and BSA Chief Scout Executive Wayne Brock. Shows each night also reinforced the 2015 NOAC theme "It Starts With Us." As members of Scouting's National honor society, we are among the group of scouters who were elected to our order because we strive to embody the scout oath and law in our everyday lives. The OA was founded to recognize those scouts who did just that. What started as a small group of scouts in 1915, grew to a blossoming organization that gives scouts the opportunity to grow as leaders. As arrowmen, we are the leaders of the future. We can do so much that will change the world. "So let us begin." Let us begin to change the world by fulfilling our obligation to performing small acts of kindness otherwise known as our good turn daily. Scott Adams once stated "there's no such thing as a small act of kindness. Every act creates a ripple with no logical end." At NOAC the national Chief Alex Call, challenged us all to take up the 100 day dare to do challenge. The challenge is to post on social media a small act of kindness with the hashtag #daretodo each day for the next 100 days. If we take up this challenge we will create a tremendous ripple that will spread across our cities, states, country and the world.

The 2015 NOAC was an inspiration to all who attended and will continue to inspire us as we move forward into the second century of service. The next NOAC will be held at Indiana University in 2018. To learn more about NOAC or about attending the next conference please see Ryan Hobbs or one of our centennial NOAC delegates.



Congratulations to our Centurion Award Winners!

For nearly 100 years, the Order of the Arrow has purposefully recognized Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. Therefore, our organization's centennial provides a unique opportunity to commemorate those among us who are exemplars of the "high ideals and purpose of the Order of the Arrow." The Centurion Award aims to highlight "Hometown Heroes," or Arrowmen who have meaningfully contributed to the forming, maturing and ongoing operational excellence of their local council's lodge, and who, in doing so, inspired others to follow in their footsteps.

This award is a one-time recognition associated with the centennial anniversary of the OA that is bestowed by the national Order of the Arrow committee. It is modeled after a similar program in the BSA's 100th anniversary celebration, the 2010 National Hall of Leadership. Accordingly, this recognition is an opportunity to highlight lodge development over the last century and the many individuals, both youth and adult, who were instrumental to this success. These honorees will serve as exemplars of leadership, modeling to others a commitment to cheerful service as the Order of the Arrow enters its second century.



Erik H Neely Posthumously for Youth Service
Erik was an active leader in Skyuka from the mid nineteen eighties through the early nineteen nineties and in this short time became one of the most accomplished Arrowmen of Skyuka Lodge serving in almost every Indian Affairs role and leadership position both in the lodge and the section. Erik attended Furman University where he played football and majored in History and English. Mr. Neely went on to become an award winning reporter for the Spartanburg Herald Journal and Charleston Post and Courier before his untimely passing in 2000.

1989	Vigil Honor	1988 Lodge Vice-Chief of AIA Affairs
1991	Founders Award	1990 Dixie Vice-Chief of AIA Affairs
1992	Dixie Chief	1990 Lodge Vice-Chief of AIA Affairs

Numerous AIA Awards at NOAC and Dixie

T Leland Summers for Youth Service
Leland was the last Section Chief from Skyuka Lodge and holds the distinction of having served the most terms as Lodge Chief. He went on to have a career in education. He is very active in Civil War reenactments and the Sons of Confederate Veterans currently serving as the State Commander.

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| 1974 | Vigil Honor |
| 1972-1975 | Lodge Chief |
| 1975 | Section Chief |



Taylor Thomas for Youth Service
Taylor has held virtually every youth position in the lodge with the exception of Vice Chief American Indian Affairs. He was also very active in his school and church activities. He has been a president of the Wofford Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega and was instrumental in starting that chapter while a student. He has continued his service to Scouting upon graduation both in his spare time and as his profession as a professional scouter. He enjoys Church Activities and Turkey hunting in his spare time away from Scouting.

2008	Vigil Honor	2008 Dixie Publications Chairman
2009	Founders Award	2011 Dixie Training Coordinator
2010	Indian on the Mountain Award	2012 Dixie Training Coordinator COC
2011-2012	Lodge Chief	



Robert "Bob" Holmes III for Adult Service
Robert, or Bob as he is affectionately known to most of the lodge, has been providing counsel to lodge members for over 40 years. He was the longest serving Lodge Advisor and has continued to serve as advisor to various committees both officially and unofficially. He retired from Milliken & Co and enjoys Clemson Athletics and Tennis in his spare time.

1973	Vigil Honor
1976-1984	Lodge Advisor
1984	Dixie Registration Advisor
1992	Dixie VC Program Advisor
1994	50 th Anniversary Committee Advisor
2000	Founders Award
2008	Indian on the Mountain Award

Jon Humphries for Youth and Adult Service
Jon started out his service to the lodge as a youth in Indian affairs and on summer camp staff at Camp Palmetto in the 1970's. After taking time out to start a family Jon became active again in the 1990's as an adult. He has served on numerous committees from Tipi to Service Projects. He was an assistant advisor for the 2008 Dixie Fellowship in charge of facilities and infrastructure. After the 2008 Dixie he served as Lodge Advisor till 2014 while still working on projects at Camp Bob Hardin. He works for Duke Energy and enjoys hunting and spoiling his granddaughter in his spare time.

1997	Vigil Honor
2002	Founders Award
2007	Indian on the Mountain Award
2008	Assistant Dixie Advisor
2009-2014	Lodge Advisor

