

Skyuka In Action At The 2014 Dixie Fellowship



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Skyuka Lodge

CALENDAR



SUMMER ORDEAL

August 1-3, 2014 at Camp Bob Hardin
 Online Registration Opens 07/01/14
 Registration Closes 07/25/14

FALL FELLOWSHIP

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



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"Whats In Your Lodge" Theme Wins At The 2014 Dixie

There is only one word that describes the 2014 Dixie fellowship- **WOW!** with section elections, group dancers performing, and chant battles with Catawba and Muscogee lodges.

Skyuka Lodge had a great showing at this past year's Dixie. On Friday night of the Dixie, Camp Coker was filled with spirit and among SR-5's spirited crowd- Skyuka was leading them all. The band was awesome and our lodge rocked out all night. On Saturday morning, the lodge was transformed into the Vikings of Skyuka One. The camp was covered with thunder-bearded Vikings, horns were blowing at full blast, and the Spirit Platinum edition of the Skyuka One cards were distributed to all Dixie delegates. The spirit was high and everywhere the lodge went at the Dixie, the camp felt Skyuka's presence.

The afternoon was kicked off with a blast for the Quest of the Golden Arrow. Skyuka lodge came home in second place for the Quest events. We brought home first place in the Canoe Race, third place in Knot Tying and third place for Fire Building. The lodge enjoyed a perfect afternoon of great weather and continual spirit. The lodge continued to carry their spirit to the Saturday night show. The night was filled



Skyuka lodge was wide awake Sunday morning - ready to continue the spirit that was started Friday night. The lodge enjoyed the great worship service and then the moment came that the lodge had been waiting for all weekend - the awards ceremony. At the Sunday morning awards ceremony Skyuka Lodge came out strong in Administration events.



Britt Helms, Jr - Lodge Secretary and Media Chairman

For the first time ever, and under the direction of Britt Helms, Jr., Lodge Secretary and Media Chairman, we placed first in the Newsletter, Website, and the Plan Book categories. The spirit of the mighty Vikings paid off on Sunday morning as Skyuka Lodge received **FIRST PLACE IN SPIRIT!** We were also just three points away from Lodge of the Year. I want to thank the entire lodge for making this year's Dixie such an awesome event. - Joseph Kovas

Chiefly Speaking



since this time last year. We have exceeded our goals and we are bigger now than ever before. I'm very thankful for the support I received from the entire Executive Committee, our Lodge Adviser, and our council staff. It has been an honor and pleasure to serve as your Lodge Chief for the past year. I challenge the new executive board to take this lodge to the next level and I look forward to serving with you all in an advisory capacity.

Thank you, and best of luck to our new officers; it is now **YOUR** turn to build upon this legacy.

WWW,

Steven

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Thank you to everybody who attended the Dixie Fellowship and represented our lodge in the many activities! You represented our lodge well and brought home many awards. We were one of only three honor lodges and we won the Spirit Award! I'd like to especially thank Joseph Kovas for standing in my place as Lodge Chief as I was unable to attend.

It's hard to believe that it's already been a year since our last Lodge Election! Our lodge has accomplished quite a bit

Lodge Advisor's Corner



County near Charlotte, NC and the host lodge has asked our section to increase registration allowing us to bring a huge contingent. Order of the Arrow will be celebrating 100 years in 2015 and Southern Region 5 want to make next year's conclave the largest in the nation and it will be led by the Lodge (SKYUKA) with the best spirit. I want everyone that attended the 2014 Dixie to tell your fellow Brothers, that were not in attendance, how much fun you had and bring those people with you for next year's Dixie.

Spring Fellowship has a packed agenda with ordeals gaining membership and brotherhood candidates sealing their deal. We will also be conducting lodge elections that will determine who will lead Skyuka for the next year. I hope

Congratulations to everyone for a great Dixie Fellowship, we were rewarded for the hard work that was a culmination of all the planning and practicing from the Brothers of Skyuka Lodge. Next year Dixie is going to be a short drive to the Belk Scout Camp in Mecklenburg

Congratulations To Skyuka's Representatives To NYLT



Congratulations To Tatum Goins, Asher Hall and Levi Huggins who were selected from many applicants to receive the \$150 scholarship from Skyuka Lodge To attend the upcoming 2014 Palmetto Council NYLT course.

Registration for the course closes on May 23rd and there are still a few spots available. Get Signed up NOW!

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everyone that decides to run for office is ready to put in the extra energy to ensure we stay the top Lodge in SR 5. We are also helping get Camp Bob Hardin ready for another fantastic summer camp season. All of us should get the word out, at every opportunity, about this wonderful place. We will, as usual, have plenty of good food and fellowship this weekend so I hope that everyone attending will spread the word to their fellow Brothers that are not here and encourage them to join in on the rest of our exciting events this year.

In Brotherhood,

David

David Simmons

Past Camp Ranger Ed Rigdon Remembered

An article in the 2011 Spring Fellowship Tanawa reviewed the many improvements accomplished at Camp Bob Hardin by Ranger Eddie beginning at the entrance to Camp around to Murphy and up Cardiac Hill to the campsites.

Move forward to the 2014 Awards Banquet Tanawa and the notice of Eddie's death in January after a long battle with cancer.

A Memorial Fund has been established within the Palmetto Council in Eddie's name. Eddie's family has requested that remembrances be used for additional improvements to the Murphy bath building where handicraft facilities envisioned by Eddie and Walter Oates, who was then the chairman of Camp



Maintenance, were completed during Eddie's "watch" as camp ranger.

Additional memorials can be made to Palmetto Council-Skyuka Lodge by designating your contribution to go to the Eddie Rigdon Memorial Fund.



Plans Are Being Made for the 100th Anniversary Celebration Of the O.A. Will You Be There?

- Do you want Knowledge and Training about GPS orienteering?
- Do you want Quest Events experience in kayaking and scuba diving?
- Do you want to learn from the nation's best AIA dancers?
- Do you want to check out camping and hiking gear from Campmor, Coleman, Eddie Bauer, and R.E.I.?...and walk away with hourly giveaways?

Friday morning there is an outdoor course challenge. Friday afternoon there is a carnival of booths at the Founder's Day Field, and a concurrent Pow Wow.

We do all of the above in between Boy Scout skill training and AIA outfit classes, and competitions in ceremony presentation, singing, individual dance, and group dance. We attend shows in the coliseum almost every evening. We trade patches every afternoon under the trees, and every night in a gymnasium or in the common area back at our dorm.

You may do each of these, and more, Tuesday through Thursday, August 4-6, at NOAC 2015. Monday after we settle into our dorm rooms, you may choose to attend an International Scouting Collectors Association trade-o-ree, or shop at the NOAC store and the two AIA trading posts.

At the Skyuka Spring Fellowship we will have a meeting to prepare for our spirit items, our trading patches, and our Founder's Day booth. See Ryan Hobbs and/or Doug Chambers as soon as possible to reserve your seat on the bus to NOAC 2014!

NOAC 2015 committee



The 2015 NOAC committee is planning to hold a silent auction of items during the Spring Fellowship to help defray the cost of spirit items for the 2015 NOAC event.

There will be items of all types available to be bid on by Skyuka members.



Additionally, there are plans to hold a live auction of several very cool and collectable items with the proceeds going to help defray the cost of transportation to and from the 2015 NOAC.