

Are You Up To The Challenge, Brother?

Are you up to the challenge of being a ceremonialist?

The ceremonialist publicly recognized your advancement in the Order of the Arrow. The "ones who chose you" sent you to Skyuka Lodge to give you a greater opportunity. The ceremonialist challenged you at the Summer Ordeal to test yourself and so discover your readiness for being an honor camper. The ceremonialist welcomed you to Skyuka Lodge with a handshake and a sash. After the fun of the Fall Fellowship, the feast at the Banquet, and the opportunity to compete at the Southern Region 5 Dixie Fellowship, you were invited to assist us further. The ceremonialist affirmed your Brotherhood membership with a different handclasp and another sash.

The ceremonialist is a Scout like you who willingly takes on the role of Kitchkinet your guide, Nutiket the guardian of our circle of brothers, Meteau the keeper of our history, or Allowat Sakima our chief. The ceremonialist is motivated by wanting to honor your commitment. The ceremonialist practices often. The ceremonialist takes a leading role at our camporee campfires. To enhance your experience, he hones himself by competing at the Dixie Fellowship. In November 2014 he will attend a SR-5 ceremony workshop. In August 2015 he will present himself for critique at NOAC 2015.

The ceremonialist is a Scout like you who teaches survival skills in a Pioneering Program, in an Indian Village, or in a Leave No Trace hiking and camping class. The ceremonialist is a Scout like you who does the work of an Elangomat, engineer, fireman, stage hand, water carrier, flutist, or drummer at our recognition ceremonies. He

works both on stage and behind the scenes to give you the best experience possible. He volunteers to get on-the-job training. He accepts further training in SEALS, NYLT and at the NLS, the Venture program, the Powder Horn experience, at Dixie Fellowship, and at NOAC 2015.

The ceremonialist is a Scout like you who carries on the added responsibility of being an American Indian dancer, both as an individual dancer and in group dances. The ceremonialist is a Scout like you who learns to sing and beat the drum for dancers in the American Indian manner. He begins his learning in lodge workshops and pow wows. He accepts advanced training at the Indian Seminar each January in Statesville, NC. He gains experience by participating at pow wows, giving demonstrations, and inviting outfit critique in the Parade of Braves, and in dancing and singing competitions at the Dixie Fellowship.

He, too, will be putting his best dance foot forward, and testing his voice, at NOAC 2015.

The ceremonialist is a Scout like you with schoolwork, committee and council involvement, athletics, band or chorus, church observance and youth group, family meals, trips and chores, a part-time job, a weekly commitment to his troop, and a leadership role in his chapter and lodge. The ceremonialist is a Scout like you who enjoys challenges, enjoys learning, and enjoys fellowship with the brightest and best in Boy Scouts:

- in Palmetto Council at our Skyuka Lodge fellowships,
- with eleven lodges in SR-5 at the Dixie Fellowship,
- with more than 300 lodges from across the USA at NOAC 2015.

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NOAC 2015 committee

Look at the listing of items in the grid to the right that we need to plan for to excel at the 2014 Dixie Fellowship. Needs still exist in Training, Quest and Administrative areas.

This is a chance for all Skyuka brothers to jump in and make a difference by participating in Skyuka's success at the upcoming 2014 Dixie Fellowship.

Dixie 2014		
Chairman: Dylan Harllee		
Adviser: Jimmy Summers/Troy Roberts		
Event	Youth Leader	Adviser
Spirit Training	Joseph Kovas	Jimmy Summers
American Indian Affairs	Daniel Watson	Randy Wells
Ceremonies	Ryan Hobbs	Doug Chambers
Dance/Parade of Braves	Brent Lowney	David McArthur
Team Dance	Brent Lowney	David McArthur
Sing/Drum	Coty Robbins	John McArthur
Quest for the Golden Arrow	Joseph Kovas	Troy Roberts
Egg Toss	NOT Steven Long	
Arrow/Softball Throw		
Knot-Tying Relay		
Chariot Race		
Canoe Race		
Fire Building		
Tent Pitching		
Cross Country Run		
Rifle Shooting		
Rope Throw		
Archery		
Tug-of-War		
Ultimate Frisbee		
Administrative	Steven Long	David Simmons
Lodge Display		Bob White
Lodge Newsletter	BJ Helms	Britt Helms
Lodge Plan Book		
"Where to go Camping Guide"		
Totem Pole	Justin Rhodehamel	Roz Simmons
Web Site	BJ Helms	Britt Helms

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Skyuka Lodge

CALENDAR



AWARDS BANQUET

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

LODGE GAMES

March, 21-23, 2014 at Camp Bob Hardin
 Online Registration Opens 02/07/14
 Registration Closes 03/07/14



Treasurer
Ryan Hobbs

Secretary
Britt Helms, Jr.

VC Inductions
Douglas East

VC IA
Dan Watson

VC Program
Joseph Kovas

Lodge Chief
Steven Long

Skyuka Welcomes Our New Supreme Chief Of The Fire

The Palmetto Council recently named Greg Leitch as their new Scout Executive. Mr. Leitch began his duties in our council on October 7th, 2013.

His past roles were to ensure that all members of the Scouting program have safe camping facilities, superior training support, renewable financial resources, and ample opportunities for advancement.

Mr. Leitch is an Eagle Scout and a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow.

The Palmetto Council and the brothers of Skyuka Lodge are excited to have Greg and his family with us in the Upstate area.



We welcome Greg as the Supreme Chief of the Fire for Skyuka Lodge and look for continued growth and success under his leadership.

CBH 2014 - Better Than Ever

Planning for Camp Bob Hardin 2014 is in full swing and space is filling up fast. There will be exciting new programs in 2014 - a

week-long backpacking trek and Rock Lobsters, which will allow campers to experience the best of high adventure at CBH. And there will be enhancements to existing programs, including mountain biking (more trails) and COPE and climbing. But probably the most exciting addition for OA members is

the new OA Indian Village and OA University. Located in the middle of camp at the old Upward Bound area, scouts will be able to experience activities like drum and sing, dancing, regalia, ceremonies, as well as how to run chapter and lodge meetings. Younger scouts will be able to take Indian Lore merit badge, and all scouts will be able to learn about and experience native American culture. Skyuka Lodge will play a key part in making this new feature a success. With the Lodge's help, CBH 2014 will be the best ever!

Chiefly Speaking



Brothers of Skyuka Lodge, Thank you for all of your hard work over the last couple of months. Our lodge was able to complete several much needed projects around camp including erosion control, campsite remediation, electrical installation, bike trail expansion and more. At the Fun With Son campout the Spartan Chapter OA members helped set up and teach classes for Cub Scouts at Camp Bob Hardin. A few weeks later the York

Chapter helped run the program for the York District Gold Rush. The Lodge also provided crucial support at the Palmetto Council Fall Camporee. You have provided a lot of service for our camp and council recently and I appreciate your help. To celebrate our success, this weekend will be strictly FUN!

At the Summer Ordeal the Lodge elected to have a theme reminiscent of the Capital One Vikings as our 2014 Dixie theme. Dixie will be here soon and it's time to begin to preparations. If you haven't signed up for a competition, I hope you will take a look at what competitions there are (page 4 of this issue) and consider which one you'd like to compete in or advise. Last year we won the Quest for the Golden Arrow, lets do it again!

I would like to welcome Palmetto Councils new Scout Executive and Vigil Honor member Greg Leitch to our Lodge. I look forward to working

together to improve our Lodge, Camp, and Council.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Steven

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A "Farewell" and a "Welcome" from York Chapter

Terry Boan recently stepped down as advisor to the York Chapter after much time and devotion to its success and the success of Skyuka Lodge. We appreciate all of his efforts in the past and wish him the best. Stepping up into the advisor's role is the familiar face of Dan Malphrus who will, no doubt, keep York Chapter on the straight and narrow in the days to come. Welcome Dan!



Lodge Advisor's Corner



This weekend will bring Skyuka Brothers together for a great fellowship of food, games, learning and recognition.

I would like to welcome our most recent members who completed their Ordeal at our last fellowship, and all old

Brothers please take time to answer any questions these folks may have about the lodge. We will be conducting great learning sessions on Saturday morning about everything you want to know about the working of the Lodge, so be sure and fill these seats and increase your experience and O.A. knowledge.

I hope all eligible brothers will solidify their membership in the Order of the Arrow by completing their brotherhood requirements. This is a very important step in your Lodge growth.

Please join with me in congratulating the new Vigil Honor members as they complete their journey and are presented on Saturday night. All of these Brothers are very deserving of this honor as they have been selected

by youth members for their contributions to the Lodge and Scouting.

We are having games in the afternoon and Halloween costume competition Saturday night making this a fun filled weekend.

Fall Fellowship begins Friday evening and is over Sunday morning after the Lodge Board meeting, so everyone should make it a priority to stay and enjoy the whole weekend. Remember this is your Lodge and your Fellowship; please take part in all of it.

Wimachtendienk Wingolauchsik Witahemui

David

David Simmons
Skyuka Lodge Adviser

A Word From The Vice Chief Of Program

Dear Brothers,

I am so excited that I am spending this weekend at Camp Bob Hardin for the 2013 Skyuka lodge Fall Fellowship. The Fall Fellowship is designed to give everyone in our lodge a chance to relax and enjoy the fellowship we share in our lodge.

There are a lot of fun events planed for this awesome fellowship. This weekend, the lodge will host the chapter games. Each chapter will compete against each other in activities such as ultimate frisbee, tug-o-war, and

a trivia challenge. Which chapter will win the gold and take home the title?

The lodge is also hosting our annual LLD (Lodge Leadership Development) and I strongly encourage all of our new ordeal members to attend and listen to the LLD. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the Order of the Arrow and how Skyuka Lodge operates.

We have so much to offer this weekend from the Halloween carnival to the chapter games, from working with our

ceremonies team to working on preparing for our Saturday night pow-wow. The only advice I can give to you is: do everything you possibly can do.

Enjoy the fun activities, enjoy the food and the beautiful autumn landscape of Camp Bob Hardin, but most of all, enjoy the fellowship.

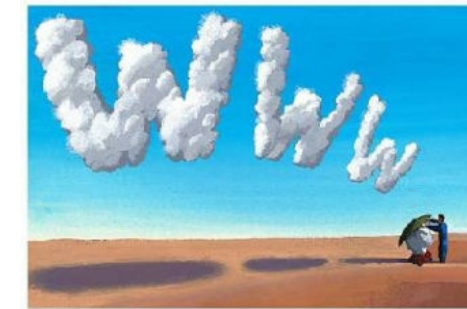
Yours in Brotherhood
WWW,

Joseph

Joseph Kovas
Vice Chief of Program

Smoke Signals From VC Of American Indian

Our American Indian Affairs program continues to grow and build a strong presence in the lodge as more brothers become interested and involved. This Fall Fellowship weekend will feature Dance, Sing and Indian Affairs instruction that will go on throughout the weekend. There will also be a pow-wow Saturday night that I'd encourage all to attend.



competitions at Dixie Fellowship are just a few short months away.

My goal is for us to build a reputation for having one of the best Indian Affairs programs out of all the lodges in SR-5 and what we need to accomplish that is YOU.

If you have any questions or are interested about the upcoming events or AIA in general please feel free to seek me out and ask me.

WWW,

Dan

Dan Watson,
Vice Chief of American Indian Affairs

There are many upcoming events to get Involved in Indian Affairs - one of them being Carolina Indian Seminar at Mitchell Community College in Statesville, NC in January. With two full-blown pow-wows and many workshops and instructions this is a great opportunity to get started in

Indian Affairs. I'd encourage all brothers in our lodge especially those who are newly inducted to become involved in Indian Affairs as we all work hard to build and improve our Group Dance team, Dance team, Sing team and, Ceremonies teams. The Dance, Sing and Ceremonies

Vice Chief Of Inductions Speaks

I hope everyone is having a good start to the school year and is enjoying the cooler weather now that autumn is upon us.

Can you believe that this past summer we inducted 125 new Ordeal members and elevated 30 Brotherhood members at the Summer Ordeal event in August?. We had a great group of Elangomats and accomplished a lot of things.

I would like to encourage any Ordeal members who are eligible to go through their Brotherhood conversion and seal their membership in the Order. The Brotherhood conversion process will give you a deeper understanding of what you experienced as you went through your Ordeal and will give you a vision of what lies before you as a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

If anyone would like to volunteer to be an Elangomat for any events in 2014, such as Spring Fellowship, we are actively recruiting, so please let me know. It is a very rewarding job and is necessary for the operation of the OA.

WWW,

Douglas

Douglas Fast
VC-Inductions