

# Between Summer Camp and Summer Fellowship, I'll be at NOAC 2015

Doug Chambers

From the concrete floor to the metal tiers near the rafters of the MSU Breslin Coliseum, fifteen thousand Order of the Arrow Scouts and Scouters will cheer on the 'wave' of arms, the 'bounce' of large air-filled balls, and the 'blast' from T-shirt cannons. Rock music will blare from ceiling mounted amplifiers. Camera closeup views of 'wild-and-crazy guys' will be projected on the multiplex screens. The sights and the sounds will be 'felt' - there is no other way to describe it. This will be our experience of the lead-in to the Monday Opening Show. This will be the first of the evening shows, and a Southern Regional Gathering, at the 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference.

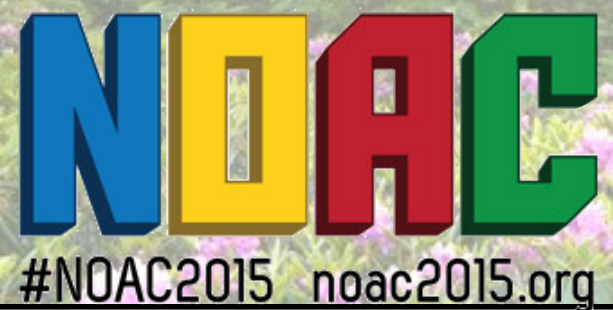
One of our 'wild-and-crazy guys' may be chosen to view a show from the Very Important Arrowman box. One of our contingent will march in with our Skyuka flap banner as part of the opening show. One or more of our contingent may dance on the coliseum stage later that week as an individual AIA national winner. One or two of our contingent will dine with our National OA leaders. Who will it be?: Braden Cambell, Doug Fast, Carter Floyd, Greyson Floyd, Addison Fox, Ryan Hobbs, Andrew Hospodar, Joseph Kovas, Matthew Lifsey, Alex McKenzie, Harrison Morgan, Max Robinson, Noah Rose, Austin Shumate, Dallas Shumate, Jacob Stroud, Cole Taylor, Daniel Watson.

Our Skyuka Lodge contingent thanks you for buying our NOAC promotional patches, and bidding on patches at the auctions. You paid for the charter bus, most of the travel expenses, and saved the

families of participants roughly \$300 each. You proved the theme of the conference "It Starts Wit Us" to be possible and true.

We are going for the training, ceremony evaluations, and American Indian Affairs competitions. As time permits we will tour an OA museum and an International Scouting Collectors Association museum, visit an exhibition hall of camping-hiking-high adventure equipment (many with hourly give-aways), and view the Centennial displays from all the lodges (afterwards our lodge 'rock' will have a permanent home at the Summit site in WV; and our lodge 'History Book' will be available to all at a to-be-announced cloud site).

Then, there is the experience of being on the campus of Michigan State University from Monday, August 3, through Saturday, August 8. Staying in a dorm room and eating in our cafeteria. Riding air conditioned busses to classes, halls, the coliseum, and sports fields. Sampling the student center recreation activities and restaurants. Shopping in the stores: campus, OA, and with AIA traders. On the buses, between classes, along the sidewalks, in the break rooms, and after the shows we will trade NOAC patches, too!



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Skyuka Lodge Calender

Summer Ordeal  
August 14-16, 2015 at  
Camp Bob Hardin  
Online Registration Opens  
07/04/15  
Registration Closes  
08/04/15



## Chiefly Speaking

Dear Brothers, I would like to welcome everyone to the 2015 Skyuka Lodge Spring Fellowship. Skyuka Lodge had a great showing at the 2015 Dixie Fellowship. Despite the weather, Skyuka Lodge filled Camp Belk with spirit through the weekend. During the Dixie, the section hosted a rededication ceremony for all the lodges in SR-5. This past year's Dixie Fellowship was dedicated to commemorating the centennial of the Order of the Arrow. As each lodge was rededicated, a segment of lodge history was read aloud to remind everyone of the unique stories that lie in the heart of each lodge. As Skyuka Lodge's history was presented at the ceremony, I was reminded of the rich heritage of cheerful service that our lodge has embodied since 1944. Skyuka Lodge has provided cheerful service to our local communities, troops,



council, Camp Bob Hardin, and the section for the past 70 years and will continue to soar to new heights in the second century of the Order of the Arrow.

I am honored to have served as the 2014-2015 Skyuka Lodge Chief. It has been a joy to serve as the Lodge chief and to see the growth of an organization that strives to provide cheerful service to others while at the same time enabling arrowmen to become future leaders. I would like to thank our entire lodge for making Skyuka Lodge one of the greatest lodges in SR-5.

WWW,  
*Joseph Kovas*  
Skyuka Lodge Chief



# BROTHERHOOD

## Joseph Kovas

During my time in the OA, I have discovered that Brotherhood is not only one of the main principles of our organization but it is also a resource that is valued by arrowmen. I have come to see the great value in brotherhood while attending college. As a freshman at Presbyterian College, I have found that balancing my academics and serving as a lodge chief were challenging. At times I wanted to put down my busy course load and relax for a while. I asked myself where could I go that would provide for me a stress free environment that would give me the chance to un-stress before I returned to the world of academics. The perfect place I found for going to unstress myself was none other than a scout troop meeting. The first event I attended in Clinton, SC was the OA chapter meeting of the Allogagan Wulit chapter from Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge 185. While attending their local chapter meetings I rediscovered the fun of spending time together with other scouters. Because I was able to attend some meetings, I was able to provide for myself a time to relax my mind from school work. Not only did attending A&W meetings provide for me an escape from academics, it also reinforced my view on brotherhood. Although I was a member of another lodge, Allogagan Wulit welcomed me into their fellowship. I realized that spending time together with arrowmen in fellowship



*Pictured above SR-5 Section Chief Travis Broadhurst and Skyuka Vice Chief of Programs Alex Summers*

is one of the most important reasons behind brotherhood. It is in spending time together with other scouts that we find the most inspiration in life. The OA is really a community. Within this community of arrowmen, we are each called to provide for each other the opportunity to grow as servant leaders in not only our local troops, OA chapters, and lodges but also in our local communities. As an arrowmen we are each a part of the brotherhood of cheerful service. No matter where your travels take you, there will always be brothers around you who can support you on your life's journey.



## 2015 SR-5 DIXIE FELLOWSHIP SKYUKA LODGE 270

**WEBSITE: 1ST PLACE**  
**NEWSLETTER: 3RD PLACE**  
**OVERALL QUEST: 3RD PLACE**  
**CHARIOT RACE: 2ND PLACE**  
**KNOT TYING: 2ND PLACE**  
**CROSS COUNTRY: 3RD PLACE**  
**TOMAHAWK THROW: 3RD PLACE**  
**SING TEAM: 3RD PLACE**  
**FANCY DANCE INDIVIDUAL: 3RD PLACE (ALLEN GROOMS)**  
**FANCY DANCE PARADE OF BRAVES: 3RD PLACE (ALLEN GROOMS)**



## PROGRAMS

Alex Summers  
Vice Chief of Programs

Welcome to the 2015 Spring Fellowship! There are plenty of things to do while you're here, and I want everyone to get involved. Both nights, we will have a movie and cracker-barrel. Saturday morning and afternoon, we will have service projects going on around camp. I want everyone, adults and youth alike, to help out with these projects. We have Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies in the evening on Saturday. Please come out and support your brothers in their achievements. (Only Brotherhood Members can go to the Brotherhood Ceremony.) If you would like to support our NOAC delegates, you can come out and do that at the NOAC Auction in the Dining Hall at 5:00. Lodge Elections are right after dinner in the Dining Hall. I want all youth members to stay after dinner to take part in the elections. And last, but certainly not least, make sure to stay for the Executive Board Meeting and the Chapel Service on Sunday.

As my year of being Vice Chief of Program is coming to an end, I would like to thank you all for electing me. I wish luck to the next VCP, and I hope that next year is even better than this one.

