

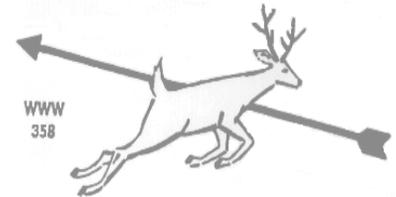
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The June Ordeal

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Editor

It will soon be time for those elected by their peers to be inducted into the Order of the arrow. As well as those who have already been elected to come to help with the ordeal, and fellowship with their fellow arrowmen.

OA members, we would like to see you come out and help with the ordeal. We have a great time and you will actually get some food to eat! Also it is an opportunity to earn either the Elingomat, or Ceremonies patch. To earn these you must participate at least 3

times in one or the other.

One new thing we are trying to do this year is getting each Chapter to fix one of the meals. You will need to get a menu together as well as make sure you have the right people attending to fix it.

Another thing you should bring is a medical form. We need to have a medical form on record for every arrowmen. It would be great if you could bring it to turn in when registering.

I look forward to seeing a lot of you out there however you need

to come prepared to do some work. I'm not trying to scare anyone off but there are things which need to be done around camp and you will not be able to sit around the dining hall playing cards. If you want to do that you need to come to the Fall fellowship.

Finally I hope that you arrowmen bring as many candidates as possible, and encourage them to come!

Luke van Loenen
Lodge Secretary

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The Last SR-6 Conclave....

We had a great time at the S6-S Conclave on April the 18-20th. We had 42 arrowmen attend 20 of which were youth. This was up from 15 total arrowmen, 6 adults and 9 youth in 2007.

The Conclave was held at Camp Lumpkin near LaGrange Georgia. We enjoyed excellent training, and facilities.

Some training events offered were Lodge Communication, The Cloth Craze (patches), Lodge events (planning lodge events), Inductions, How 2 B an A+ Mentor, and OA high

adventure.

Among the events were the dance and ceremonies competitions.

Quest events, included Frisbee Golf, a tug-a-war, and an egg toss, more on pg 3.

There were great cracker barrels w/movies shown each night.

While they seemed a little thrown together the arena shows, had lots of great video (including our lodge making a human pyramid). They put together a entertaining game show "are you smarter than a lodge

chief?"

As with most Boy Scout events patch trading and fellowship between arrowmen seemed a main event.

Some big news is that we are no longer part of SR-6, but will be losing one dodge and gaining 2 while becoming SR-9.

Also Dan Trust is now Section Secretary, While James Tarbox and Jonathan Stone (boulder) were re-elected Section chief, and Section Vice-Chief.

OA ELECTIONS FROM MY POINT OF VIEWVIEW

Lately I have been thinking about OA elections. Having been a chapter chief for 2 or 3 years I have conducted a few elections. One thing about these elections which seems contrary to the traditions of the Order of the Arrow is the voting. Having counted many ballots I have noticed that many just vote for all of the candidates. Now I'm not saying that its wrong to vote for them all. I myself have done the same on occasion however my troop,

being small has never had more than 5 eligible members. Now that's different from 10 or 15 eligible boys. Its not that I have a problem with electing a bunch of scouts into the OA, its just that you need to look at why you are electing them. As it says in the election ceremony, it is not a popularity contest. When voting you should look for the ones who would (and have) helped you when you needed it. "Who among you is a friend to all?" Now if you think that they all are eligi-

ble then by all means vote for them all, however if you think that one or two could wait a few years then don't vote for them. Remember the OA is there to recognize and honor those who uphold the traditions of camping etc. It is not a scouts right to be elected into the Order of the Arrow, it is an honor.

Luke van Loenen

Ceremony Evaluations at the 2007 Section Conclave

One purpose of an OA Conclave is to support lodge programs by providing training opportunities to the youth. Ceremony evaluations are a way for members of Lodge teams to gain knowledge about ceremonies and to improve their skills. This competition encourages teams to work together, practice their parts of the ceremony, and perform the best ceremonies possible for all candidates.

Although Echeconnee did not have a team evaluated, the Lodge was well represented in this part of the 2008 Section Conclave. Devlin Cooper was the 2008 Section Ceremonies Adviser. Kathleen Cooper, Jeremy Stinson, Hank Personius, Paul Van Loenen, and Ross Cooper served as evaluators. Seventeen Ordeal teams were evaluated in the three Ordeal sites and four teams were evaluated in the two Brotherhood sites. Five youth ceremonialists competed in the Vigil competition. Honor Team Medallions were presented to sixty-eight ceremonialists at the Saturday night Arena Show.

Ceremony Team competition is available at every section conclave and also at the National OA Conference. Accept the challenge and prepare to compete next year. BROTHERS ARE YOU READY?

Cathleen & Ross Cooper

The Quest For the Golden Arrow

One of the highlights of the conclave are the Quest events and the quest for the Golden Arrow.

Now for those of you who have never been to a conclave I will explain. The Golden Arrow award is given to the "best" lodge. To determine the best lodge, each lodge competes in a series of events.

This year there were 5 events. These were Frisbee golf, an egg toss, dizzy bee, Culinary delight, and the one man tug-o-war.

Frisbee golf is pretty self explanatory, you throw a Frisbee and try to hit the post in the ground as in as few times as possible. There were 8 holes, most of which you had to navigate curves with. The wind was the most challenging obstacle here.

I am pretty sure you all know what an egg toss is, so all I'll say about this one is that even though we dropped the egg several times it stayed together long enough for us to get 2nd!

The dizzy bee in-

involved a 10 man relay to a bat which they then rest their head on one end and the other rested on the ground. They then proceeded to run around it at least 10 times. After this they must get back to and tag the next teammate. All I can say is that it was a funny sight watching them stagger back.

The Culinary Delight was also a relay. You had 10 team members who had to race to the end and eat the first of 10 items the found in a bag. These items included a bag of marshmallows, a bag of marshmallow peanuts, a plastic bag with 5 or 6 Vienna sausages, there was also a bag of sardines, a chunk of bakers chocolate (the kind with no sugar), a big hot sausage, 5 prunes, and a pepper. (one of the judges later remarked that they should have done the dizzy bee after this event.....) needless to say some of the items did not stay in the stomach..... We managed to get 2nd behind a team which ate their marshmallows the fastest lol.

The last Quest event was the one man tug of war.

Now in most tug-o-war you try and see which team is the strongest, however in this game each man was put on a crate and had top balance on it. If you fell off or let go of (lost) the rope you also last. Our team (Jacob Walton) won pulling every opponent off.

Overall we got 2nd this year. We were 4 points behind Egwa-Tawa-Dee. Hopefully we will have a better year in 2009 and be able to finally bring back the Golden Arrow.

Luke van Loenen
Lodge Secretary

Section Elections

James Tarbox was re-elected Section Chief. He ran unopposed.

Section Vice-Chief on the other hand was contested by 3 guys: Jonathan Stone (boulder), Daniel Terry, and Edward Fussell. In the end

Jonathan Stone was elected to the position of Vice Section Chief.

The position of Section Secretary was filled by Dan Trust, from Echeconnee Lodge!!

This is the 2nd Echeconnee member we

have had on the Section Executive Committee in the last year and we are very proud of Dan for getting this position.

We hope that this year's Section Executive Committee will be as much help to our lodge as

they have in previous years.

Luke van Loenen

Editor's note

I want to start out this column by correcting a typo from the last issue. I said in the Conclave column that this years conclave was to be held at Camp Sidney Dew. It should have instead said Camp Lumpkin. I got that right in the calendar but missed it in the column. Also Dan Trust is the 2nd Vice chief of Indian Affairs. I would now like to thank those who have helped me with this deerpath , mainly the Coopers, Ms. Sheila Sweat, Mr. Ed Trust, Billy Phillips III, Mr. Green, and Mr. Adams.

I would also like to say that I have started a Google group. To get in however you must be either invited by me or ask to be added. I will not add you without knowing who you are so please send me an e-mail @ luke.sw2@gmail.com telling me a little about yourself (and where you found out about it). If I am satisfied with what you have told me (or if someone I know vouches for you) I will add you. The purpose of the group is to communicate within the lodge better.

Please let me know what you think of this issue, and as always I would appreciate any feed back. You can reach me at luke_sw2@yahoo.com. - Luke

Hello All Arrowmen,

My name is Billy Phillips and I am the Echeconnee Lodge Chief. On the weekend of the 18-20 of April, 2008, our lodge when to Camp Lumpkin for the last SR-6 Conclave. There were eight lodges present including ours. We had an awesome and fun filled time there. While there we played in competitions between the lodges, met new and old friends, sat in on courses that would help benefit our lodge and our selves, and just had a wonderful time. It would have been so great to have had more people to go with us, but as I was told, we overwhelmingly doubled our presence since last year. From our lodge, we had a total of 41 people present, 20 youth and 21 adults. Next year I'm hoping we can double that score and also have more youth than adults, because of course... the youth are way better and cooler than the adults. But like I said, we had an awesome time there and I encourage everyone that can, to go to the next upcoming conclave in 2009.

From the Lodge Chief

In the coming year, we will no longer be part of SR-6, but we will become part of the new SR-9. We will loose one lodge, but also gain two more. James Tarbox was again elected as section chief, which is great, but there will also be a second chief as well who is from Alabama and was elected in his old section, together they will both become our 2008-2009 section chiefs in a co-owner partnership.

For all of the fellow arrow men who attended this past conclave, I, on behalf of our lodge, thank you for supporting the Echeconnee Lodge and working hard to make it better.

In the following weeks to come, we are planning on holding a ceremonies work day that I believe will be held at CBH. It will be held on May the 3 and I hope to see everyone who is part of the ceremonies team and also those who aren't on the team but maybe thinking of joining. It will be a great opportunity to help serve the lodge and be come more active.

Also something else

that is coming up will be the June induction weekend. So far, it will be held on June 6, 7, and 8. I encourage everyone in the lodge to be there and to help make it a great weekend for the new upcoming ordeal members. If you can't make it to this one, then I hope to see you at the next one this year.

For my final words to everyone, it is going to take a lot to make this lodge great. It is going to take a lot of help from all of its members to make it the way it should be. So in saying that, I only hope that you will try your hardest to make it to the next up coming events and help the lodge grow stronger and more efficient. Thank you all and I hope you all have a great upcoming summer.

Lodge Chief,
Billy M. Phillips III

Scout Extreme Games

The Scout Extreme Games were held at Herbert Smart Airport in Macon Georgia, March 28th-30th as part of the Cherry Blossom Festival.

When we arrived at the airfield, we were greeted by arrowmen who provided assistance with parking, directed us to the campsite and provided wristbands for Saturday's activities. Bright and early Saturday morning OA members manned the scouting information booth sharing information about the scouting program areas.

On Saturday, there was fun for everyone beginning with exiting hot air balloon ascension. From interesting displays and demonstrations to catapults, a rock wall, a Pinewood Derby and a rain gutter regatta. There was a chili cook off and a pie-eating contest. In the afternoon there was an opportunity to view an air show which included acrobatics by an awesome P-51 Mustang. Later in the afternoon, the weather stopped the show but didn't stop the scouts from camping.

The event was a good opportunity for arrowmen to demonstrate leadership in service. Join us next year to share in the service and fun.

www, Sheila Sweat

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Still Time for ArrowCorps⁵ Signup

What do you see yourself doing during the summer of 2008? Sitting at home, complaining you are bored, waiting for summer camp week to get here? Wouldn't you rather be a part of something big? How big you ask? How about 5 US National forests, over 5 weeks with 5,000 Arrowmen? *ArrowCorps⁵* is the largest, most complex, most challenging conservation project ever conceived by the Order of the Arrow. Over 8 days you will have a chance to participate in a variety of activities that may include trail building, brush removal, cleanup activities, reconstruction, and one fun-filled action packed day of adventure. These projects will have a lasting impact for generations allowing tens of thousands to enjoy the efforts of *ArrowCorps⁵*.

Wait? What? You are going to be over the age of 21 by this summer? No problem! For the first time ever adult Arrowmen will have the opportunity to par-

ticipate in a high adventure like atmosphere with the youth Arrowmen. No it is not Trail Crew, nor Wilderness Voyage, but *ArrowCorps⁵*, our largest conservation project.

The Order of the Arrow has had a long-standing interest in coordinating a national service project, utilizing the infrastructure and leadership established over many years of success at the Boy Scouts of America's high adventure bases. Working closely together, the United States Forest Service and the OA have chosen five project sites, spread across America, which will be the focus of our combined efforts. *ArrowCorps⁵* (pronounced Arrow Corps Five) will provide a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for each participant to set an example of leadership in service to those who treasure our national forests.

Five thousand physically fit and able Arrowmen, made up of youth and adults, will participate. Over 50% of the councils in the nation have made a commitment to *ArrowCorps⁵* to be a part of the largest, most complex, most challenging conservation project ever

planned by the Order of the Arrow. **Four sites still have space available**, Mark Twain National Forest, Missouri, June 7-14, 2008; Manti-La Sal National Forest, Utah, June 14-21, 2008; George Washington-Jefferson National Forest, Virginia, June 21-28, 2008; Shasta-Trinity National Forest, California, July 12-19, 2008; but a \$100 deposit per person, per site, must be submitted to the national office immediately. Do not be left at home this summer.

Echeconnee lodge members are attending the Mark Twain site the week of June 7-14, 2008. Dan Trust and Mr. Ed Trust are on the staff for the event. MT is the first in the scheduled and as a result will have more special guests and national OA leadership in attendance for you to meet. If you have never been to a national OA event, this promises to be a once in a lifetime opportunity. If these dates do not work out, you may attend any of the other three remaining sites.



Arrow Corps 5	
Mark Twain National Forrest	June 7-14, 2008 Missouri
Manti-La Sal National Forrest	June 14-21, 2008 Utah
George Washington & Jefferson	June 21-28, 2008 Virginia
Shashta-Trinity National Forrest	July 12-19, 2008 California
Bridger-Teton National Forrest	July 26– August 2, 2008 Wyoming

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From the Lodge Adviser

Hello Fellow Arrowmen,

I'm Chip Greene and along with Ross Adams, am the lodge lay advisor for the lodge. While very active in the lodge as a youth (lodge chief 1980-81) I have not been active for many years and am finding that as one might expect, scouting in general and the O.A. especially has experienced a lot of change in the last 25 years. I cannot help but think how great it is that today's OA officers and members have access to so much information through the national OA website (www.aa-bsa.org) that they can use to plan events and get resource materials.

The conclave hosted by Chattahoochee lodge was held at Camp Lumpkin at the end of April. My hat is off to them for a well run conclave. Also, James Tarbox and the section officers also did a terrific job of providing quality training sessions during Saturday morning as well

quality training sessions during Saturday morning as well as great "campfire" shows on Friday and Saturday night. The first Ordeal is quickly approaching; the Lodge Executive Committee has been making preparations to make sure this is a successful event. Work projects have been planned, ceremonies teams have begun to rehearse their lines, and the details for the weekend are beginning to come together. All arrowmen should keep in mind that while working with the candidates this weekend, it is important to remember that they are expected to work in silence during the day and that while on the work crews with them, we should make an effort to keep conversation to a minimum. This will send a strong message to the candidate that as arrowmen we have all been through what they have and respect its significance.

There will be many service opportunities in the coming months. O.A. is encouraging the lodges to actively participate in all facets of scouting, whether it be camporees, cub scout events, scout camp, etc. Much of this will be done at the chapter level. When you are asked to participate, please make every effort to; "*He alone is worthy to wear the arrow who will continue to serve his fellow man*".

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Echeconnee Lodge Calendar

LEC Meeting

May 22, Scout Center

June induction weekend

June 6-8, CBH

August Induction weekend

Aug 12-14, CBH

Ocmulgee Indian Festival

Sept 20-21, Ocmulgee Indian Mounds

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