

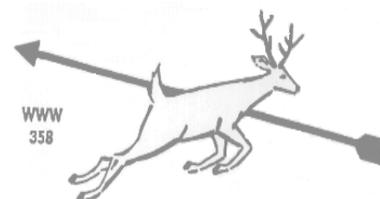
The Deerpath

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A National Quality Lodge

2008 Section S6-S Conclave

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60 Years of Service

The annual OA Section S-6S Conclave is scheduled for April 18-20 at Camp Sidney Dew in northwest Georgia. The fee for the event is \$27 and should be received by the council service center no later than March 15, 2008.

If you decide to attend after the registration deadline, late registration of \$35 will be accepted through April 11, 2008. The walk on fee is \$50.

There will be dance and ceremony competitions, patch trading, exciting shows, training sessions, and field events during the Conclave. Chattahoochee Lodge is our host lodge for the weekend.

Adult Arrowmen planning on attending the event will provide transportation for youth members. Without this support, our youth members will not be

able to participate in the Conclave.

Detailed information with a map to Camp Lumpkin will be mailed to delegates at a later date by the Lodge Chief.

If you have any questions about the next Section Conclave feel free to contact the Lodge Adviser at Chip Greene 478-714-6236 or Ross Adams 478-952-2497.

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2007-2008 Lodge Officers

The Saturday night of the Fall Fellowship arrowmen elected our 2007-2008 lodge officers. The following Arrowmen were elected by their peers to serve our lodge during the coming year.

Billy Philips III was elected to serve as lodge chief. He is a member of troop 331 out of Monticello

Derek Brown was elected to serve as 1st vice-Chief for program. He is a member of troop 87 in Milledgeville and can be contacted at 478-452-3811

Dan Trust was elected to serve as 2nd Vice-Chief of Indian affairs. He is a member of Troop 127 and can be contacted at 479-922-2951

Ben Smith was elected to serve as 3rd Vice-Chief of membership. He is a member of troop 87 in Milledgeville and can be reached at 478-968-5891

Luke van Loenen was elected to serve as Lodge Secretary. He is a member of troop 74 in Sandersville GA and can be reached at 478-364-6960
Tyler Stepanek was elected Big Indian Creek Chapter Chief. He is a member of Troop 550 of

Warner Robins and can be reached at 478-987-2220.

Nathan van Loenen was elected Oconee Chapter Chief. He is a member of Troop 74 of Sandersville.

Philip Lee was elected to serve as Ocmulgee Chapter Chief. He is a member of troop 101 of Macon GA.

Andy Hull was elected to serve as the Robert L. Scott Chapter Chief

Please join us in congratulating these fine young men on their election as Echeconnee Lodge Officers.

10th Annual Lodge Patch Auction

The Dining Hall was a place of exhilarated bidding on Boy Scout memorabilia. There were many great items available.

Dennis Collier and Bill Jones served as auctioneers Saturday night. Tyler Stepanek, and his adviser kept track of winning bids and collected payment for items sold.

The patch auction raised \$337 for the lodge and provided some excellent buys for our members. The money will be used to partially fund the James E. West Award that the lodge will award at the 2007 Banquet.

Thanks to those members who contributed items.

2006 Fall Fellowship

Seventy-seven Arrowmen participated in the 2007 Fall Fellowship held at CBH during the weekend of October 12-14, 2007. Friday night began with a lodge business meeting. The youth of the lodge approved the 2008 Lodge Budget. A copy of the approved budget will be printed in the 2008 OA Planbook.

Later Friday night, the lodge ceremony team called out nine Brotherhood members and challenged them to keep the Vigil.

Friday night was the beginning of the chess and checkers tournaments.

Arrowmen also got a chance to play Clue, the BSA Monopoly game, Dominoes and various card games.

Randy Sherrill also led a service project Saturday morning.

The attending arrowmen were divided into 3 teams which competed in field events on Saturday. These included Archery, Rifle shooting a canoe relay and soccer challenge. There was also chili cook off, although I am not sure as to

the outcome of it. Thank you all who helped make these events possible.

The food was delicious and plentiful. The cracker-barrels were superb. Bill Jones coordinated the food purchases and the cooking team. Steven Corkery, Gary Martin, Scott Martin, Bill Hall, Bob Curry, Bill Brewton, Andy Walton, Phil Nelson, and Fred Bongiovanni served as cooks.

Many thanks to our cooking team.

Vigil Ceremony Team

JP Personius, and his advisers Hank Personius and Larry Mobley, planned and coordinated the Vigil activities at the Fall Fellowship. They did a great job.

Tyler Adsit did a fine job conducting the Vigil Call-Out and Pre-Vigil Ceremony.

Thomas Christian, Tyler Adsit, Fred Bongiovanni, Dennis Collier, Carr Jones, Jonathan Personius, Hank Personius, Billy Phillips Jr., Billy Phillips III, Ben Smith, Ed Trust, Luke van Loenen, and Trey Weaver served as brotherhood guides

JP Personius conducted an excellent Vigil Honor Ceremony Saturday morning.

Tyler Adsit, conducted an impressive Public Recognition Ceremony Saturday afternoon in front of the Trading Post.

Hank and JP Personius, Dennis Collier, and Billy Phillips Jr. and III. selected and set up the Vigil sites.

Thanks guys, for your help in making this an excellent experience.

Arrowmen Keep the Vigil

Phillip Lee, Danny Bumgardner, Derek Brown, Jacob Walton, Andrew Walton, Sheila Sweat, John Griggs, Andrew Patrick kept the Vigil under the watchful eyes of the Echeconnee Vigil Ceremony Team during the Fall Fellowship. Phil Ham also kept the Vigil. He was from the class of 2006.

The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to the lodge, council, and Scouting. It is a mark

of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position or office to one of the following: their lodge, the Order of the Arrow, or their Scout camp.

Each candidate was called out Friday night by the Chief of the Fire, Trae Weaver. The candidates were escorted out of the Din-

ing Hall into the midst of Vigil Honor Recipients of the lodge. During the early morning hours of Saturday, the candidates successfully kept the Vigil.

A reunion of Vigil Honor members was held during the Vigil recognition breakfast on Saturday morning at Fall Fellowship. The food was delicious.

Family members of the new Vigil Honor Arrowmen witnessed an impressive public ceremony on Saturday afternoon in front of the Trading Post.

Lodge Banquet

The annual lodge banquet was held on January 26 with a number in attendance. The Lodge Chief Billy Phillips III welcomed those in attendance and the 1st vice Chief, Derek Brown gave the invocation. A dinner of chopped beef, Texas toast, corn on the cob, a Salad, and Cake were enjoyed by all in attendance. The Section Chief James Tarbox was then introduced by the 2nd Vice Chief, Dan Trust. After a few words give By Tarbox, He Installed the 2007-2008 officers (for list see pg 2). Billy Phillips

III then gave the state of the lodge address. The Lodge Chief's awards were then given to Nathan van Loenen, Derek Brown, Carr Jones, and Billy Phillips III. Then the Lodge advisers award was given to Sheila Sweat, Kathleen Cooper, Ross Cooper, John Harrison, Randy Sherrill and Devlin Cooper. Bob Boyd then gave the History about the founders award after which Randy Sherrill presented Nathan van Loenen, and Ron Wagner with the founders award. Next Ed Trust presented us with a

slide show presentation on the Vigil Honor. The 2007 Vigil inductees were then honored (see pg 3 for listing). Daniel Trust then presented us with two Fancy dance routines which were inspiring. Next James Tarbox then spoke to us on ArrowCorps5 along with a video presentation given by Ed Trust. At this time Bob Boyd came foreword and presented Ross Cooper with a plaque for his service to the lodge over many years. Billy Phillips III then closed after reminding us of upcoming events.

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Treasurer:

Tyler Stepanek
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C.C. Oconee:

Nathan van Loenen
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C.C. Robert L. Scott

Andy Hull

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From the Lodge Adviser

Hello Fellow Arrowmen,

We have some big shoes to fill with all of the success over the previous years, but I know that we are up to the task. We began the year with an exciting Lodge Banquet and we were able to recognize the accomplishments of some dedicated Arrowmen. I would like to challenge each of you during this coming year to become more dedicated to our Lodge's numerous responsibilities and events.

Our first responsibility is to conduct successful unit elections in each Chapter. Your Chapter Chief will be contacting you soon to assist in these unit elections. I would encourage each of you to take a leadership role in this vital aspect of our future growth.

Next, is our Section Conclave at Camp Lumpkin in LaGrange, GA on

April 18-20, 2008. Our goal is to have 75 Echeconnee Lodge Arrowman to attend this exciting function. You will each need to pre-register by March 31. The cost is \$25.00—what a deal. After March 31 the price goes up to \$35.00. Let us show the Section that we are a Lodge that is taking charge.

Another opportunity is Arrow Corps 5. This is a tremendous opportunity for you to make a lasting improvement for our country. We already have 5 Lodge members signed up and 2 others (Ed and Daniel Trust) who will be on staff at Mark Twain National Forest in Missouri on June 7-14, 2008.

Our first Induction Weekend is fast approaching as well. It will be on conducted on June 6-8, 2008 at Camp Benjamin Hawkins. Please mark your calendars.

Lastly, I want to encourage each of you to visit our new

Lodge website at <http://members.cox.net/www-oa>. Ed Trust has done a really great job in designing this for us. Please visit it frequently as new information will be posted on a regular basis. You can also learn about the Section Conclave, Arrow Corps 5, and many other opportunities.

Chip Greene and I look forward working with each of you during this coming year. Your active participation in all events will determine just how high we can soar. We are the Echeconnee Lodge of the Central Georgia Council. Let everyone see our pride and dedication. If you have any comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to give us a call: Chip Greene 478-714-6236 or Ross Adams 478-952-2497.

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Echeconnee Lodge Calendar

LEC workday

March 8th

Section S-6S Conclave

**April 18-20
Camp Lumpkin LaGrang, GA**

June Induction Weekend

June 6-8 2008 CBH

Arrow Core 5

Your Summer of 2008

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 next summer? No problem! For the first time ever adult Arrowmen will have the opportunity to participate 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.

What is *ArrowCorps⁵*?

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,

that 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 (determined by the "Philmont Weight Limits for Backpacking & Hiking"), made up of youth and adults, will participate. The national Order of the Arrow committee and key sponsors will fund the projects. Participants will pay a reasonable fee to help pay for accommodations, meals, and a full day of recreational activities during the projects.

All sites will be filled on a first come, first serve basis

For more information Look up on the national OA site

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

Unit Elections

We will be trying a new way (for some of you) of electing Arrowmen. Representatives from the chapters in a unit's district will be conducting the elections at each troop's meeting place. We are planning to recognize the candidates that are elected by the troops at each district's camporee in April.

Chapter Meetings

Another change will hopefully be the start of chapter meetings. This will consist of the OA representatives from each troop in a chapter meeting once a month (suggested during round table) to discuss chapter issues etc. think be thinking about this and contact your chapter chief with any ideas.

From the Lodge Chief

Hello everyone, my name is Billy M. Phillips III and I am the new lodge chief for the Echeconnee Lodge. It is a great privilege to serve this lodge and its Arrowmen. In this coming year I am eager and ready to build up this lodge and make it great with the help of my staff and of course with help from you too. This year has a lot going for it and I believe that we together can make it great. With the help of my staff at our Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) that was held on the 8th of December, we have put forth a few goals for 2008 that I think we can accomplish and enjoy.

First off, we plan to increase the membership of active participation by at least 50%. Now this is not going to work without your help. If you know anyone who doesn't attend OA functions but like once a year, or maybe not even that many, it would be awesome if you could talk to them and try to get them coming back!

Second, we are going to get the chapter meetings back up and operational. We're

planning on getting word around through the round table and also out through the chapter chiefs to all the chapters and see if we can't get some kind of plan working. With that, we need all Arrowmen to work with their chapters on this; it's going to take all of us to make this happen.

Thirdly, we want to increase the presence of the OA within and throughout the council. It would be wonderful if we could host and/or help out with ceremonies and camporees and outdoor activities. Also we can plan on doing community service projects and other things that could help out.

Next would be to increase the communication throughout the lodge and its Arrowmen so that everyone knows what's going on and isn't left out of the loop. For all of you out there that like Facebook, we are working on getting a Facebook site. This is not totally set in stone just yet so this is not final, but we are trying. We are also going to try and get our website up and running with up-to-date information and news. Last is that we are going to make

sure that everyone gets the Deerpath and make sure what needs to be in there is in there so everyone knows what's happening and going on.

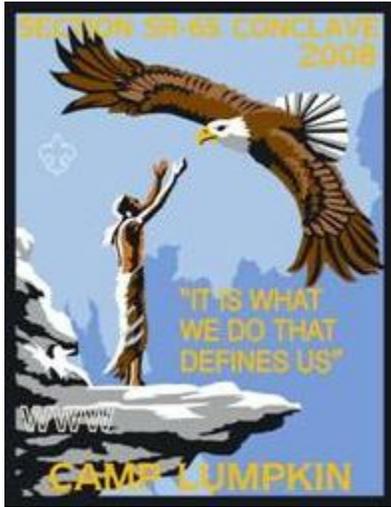
Lastly, we are going to increase the youth leadership throughout the lodge. That's what the OA is all about! This is where we step up and show everyone that we can do this and that we can do it right. This is a big thing so it's not going to be up to one person because one person cannot do it all by themselves. It's going to take all of us to work together for this to be successful.

This year and the rest to come are going to be a blast with your help. We encourage everyone to get active with the lodge and help out wherever there is help needed. We have a lot to look forward to and a lot to do this year. With the help from our lodge officers and their advisors I believe we can accomplish these goals and make the lodge that much better. None of this is going to work without your help so again, we encourage everyone to come out to the OA events so that we can build it up and make it great and just have some fun!

Editors note

Hello I am Luke van Loenen, a Vigil member of the Echeconnee lodge. With the help of Mr. Chip Greene and Mr. Ross Adams I will be publishing the Deerpath. Please let me know what you think of this issue. As it is my first I would appreciate any feedback. You can reach me at luke_sw2@yahoo.com. Let me know of any typos and I will try to get it in the next issue. I would now like to thank those who helped me put this issue together. First I would like to thank Mr. Ross Cooper for giving us format he used to make previous issues, and also for getting me the information on the Fall fellowship. Also Mr. Hank Personius for getting the information I needed on the Fall fellowship Vigil ceremony. Mr. Ed Trust was helpful in getting me different facts as well as with various suggestions. And finally my advisors, Mr. Chip Green, Mr. Ross Adams, and Mrs. Sheila Sweat for their help in getting this issue out. Thank you all for your help — Luke

SR-6S Section Conclave April 18-20, 2008



The SR-6S Section Conclave will be held April 18-20, 2008 at Camp Lumpkin near L Grange, Georgia. Highlights will include the Quest for the Golden Arrow, Admin Events, patch trading, food, and fellowship with brothers from around the section. This year’s conclave theme is “It is what we do that defines us.”

Cost for the conclave is just \$25.00 Pre-registration received by March 31st. The cost goes up to \$35.00 if paid after the 31st and received by April 11th. After that date the cost goes up to \$50.00.

You can register by mailing this form to the council office or by calling the council office for credit/debit payment. For more information go to the Echeconnee Lodge website at <http://members.cox.net/www-0a>.

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Echeconnee Lodge 358 SR-6S Section Conclave Registration

Participant Fee ⇨	
TOTAL ENCLOSED =	

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Telephone: _____ Unit: _____
 Youth () Adult () Honor O () B () V ()
 Email: _____
 Chapter: () Oconee () Ocmulgee () Pine Forest () Robert L. Scott

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Please make checks payable to “Central Georgia Council, BSA” or call the council office at (478) 743-9386 for Credit/Debit Card Payments (ask for instructions on faxing or emailing this form to the council office).

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