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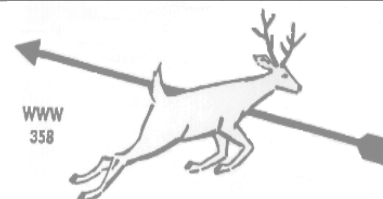
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Fall Fellowship
Every year the Lodge as a whole gets together for a time of friendship and fellowship at Camp Benjamin Hawkins just outside Macon. This year the date is set for November 7-9. There are chapter competitions, OA training, ultimate Frisbee, and much more.

Mr. Ed Trust and Dan Trust are planning on holding a Indian pow-wow type event, with Indian dances and the like. This would be a great opportunity to learn more about dancing and possibly joining our lodge dance team.

One of the most important events held at the Fall Fellowship is that of the election of

lodge and chapter officers. This is where you decide who holds the unit elections (chapter chiefs) and who plans lodge events (lodge officers and chapter chiefs). This is an important opportunity for arrowmen under the age of 21 to either run for an office or just plain choose good arrowmen to fill the positions. I encourage you to come and vote for your 2009 Lodge and chapter officers!

I hope you will come out with an attitude ready for fun. There are different reasons to show up. You might come to fellowship with other arrowmen or to learn more about the Order of the Arrow. You may come with the sole purpose of getting a great game of ultimate frisbee going...whatever the

A National Quality Lodge

reason come ready to have fun and to participate in as many events as you can. With this kind of attitude you will have

FALL FELLOWSHIP REGISTRATION

COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM ON PAGE 11 AND RETURN IT TO THE SERVICE CENTER.

a blast!!

Luke van Loenen

Lodge Secretary

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From the Lodge Chief

To All Arrowmen,

Hello everyone, I am Billy Phillips, the Echeconnee Lodge Chief. So far we have had a great year and the way things are working out, it's just going to keep getting better and better.

73 new members were inducted over the course of two ordeal weekends. We decided to do brotherhood on the second induction weekend instead of on both weekends and with that we had six arrowmen cross over into brotherhood. For the candidates that went through the ordeal on both weekends, they did a lot of work during the day and made many improvements at Camp Benjamin Hawkins. One really cool thing we did at the second ordeal was that we used an old OA ring which hadn't been used in at least 14 years. Even though the weekends were hot, everybody made it through with out any major problems or issues, which we were all happy about.

Coming up in September, the OA is suppose to help out at the Ocmulgee Indian Mounds. The OA goes

out there every year to help out and by preparing and delivering lunch to all the vendors and dancers. This is a great opportunity to let people know about the OA and to let them know that we are willing to help out. We are out there for two days and we need people for both of those days. Let all the OA arrowmen know that there are plenty of things we could use their help with and that we could use them on both days. We are only out there for a few hours each day on Saturday and Sunday. The date of this event is September 20 and 21, 2008. We need and could use all the help we can get so please get the word out and around to everyone that you know.

The Fall Fellowship is November 7, 8, and 9, 2008. This is a big and important weekend. I hope that everyone can make it out because there will be plenty of fun and games, and not too mention good food. But the most important thing, is that we elect new officers for the lodge for the coming up year. We

need everyone to be there to help make sure we get the right people that we want to lead the lodge in the right direction. We also need arrowmen from all chapters to be able to make it so they can represent their chapters. Whose chapter can get the most people there? How about you help your chapter be the biggest!

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Lodge Chief,

Billy Phillips

Arrowmen and Fall Round-ups

It is Fall Round-up time once again. You may wonder why that should matter to you as an Arrowman. The truth is, it matters a lot. The future of the OA lies with the Cub Scouts who are recruited now. Your Districts need your help to make round-ups successful. You can help by conducting opening ceremonies, assisting with games, or teaching boys Bobcat

requirements while the Pack adults conduct the round-up. You can also assist with talks and walk throughs at the schools, if they are held in your district. The Cub Scouts benefit from your involvement because you are a role model to them. They learn that they can be an Arrowman when they are a little older. The OA benefits when you demonstrate leader-

ship and cheerful service. You can have the good feeling that a Cub Scout wants to be like you. Most importantly, you help assure the future of Boy Scouting by getting Cub Scouts excited about it!

Sheila Sweat

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Chapter and Lodge officer responsibilities

There are 2 parts of the elections at the Fall Fellowship. One is the elections of the Chapter Chief, and vice chief. In our Lodge there are 4 chapters each with their own chief, who's main responsibility, is to go from troop to troop doing OA elections. The assistant Chapter Chief helps with this responsibility. The Chapter Chief also attends the LEC meetings.

The other set of elections is that of the lodge elections. While with the Chapter elections only those from each of the chapters can vote for their own chiefs, every arrowman in this lodge under the age of 21 can vote for the lodge officers

The Lodge has about 6 offices. These are Lodge Chief, 1st Vice chief of Ceremonies, 2nd Vice Chief of Indian affairs, 3rd Vice Chief of Membership, Secretary, and Treasurer. Most of these should be kind of self explanatory but I will

still go over their responsibilities.

I will start with the treasurer. The treasurer handles most of the money. He is there with the secretary, handling the money end of registration at events. He also is in charge of the trading post and whenever it needs to be open, he is there.

The Secretary's job is to take minutes at all the LEC meetings. He also helps with the paper part of registration. One of the Secretary's most difficult jobs is the quarterly publishing of the deerpath. For this the secretary must come up with people to write articles or write them himself.

The 3rd Vice Chief of Indian Affairs is as you might have guessed in charge of membership. He at times works with the secretary as well as with the chief of events. He is closely associated with the Elingomates, and picks the head EL at the Ordeals.

The 2nd Vice Chief of Indian Affairs is an important role. The 2nd Vice in charge of making all the ceremonies which you have taken part of and more. When there is a dance team, which there is an attempt to put one together now, he has a hand in that.

The Second in command is the 1st Vice chief of Events. This office is also important because the 1st Vice has to make sure everything is ready for each lodge event. The 1st Vice has to work with the various LEC members and advisers to make sure each part of the event will be done right and the right people do it.

The Lodge Chief's job is to make executive decisions and make sure everything is running smoothly with the other LEC members. He attends council meetings and has many other jobs.

While I might not recommend the position of Lodge chief to new members, I would encourage you to try for any position you feel you

can do. Don't be shy, go ahead and go for it. Just remember before you run for the position, make sure you can do everything the job calls for. All but the assistant should try to make the LEC meetings every month at the scout center in Macon. The responsibilities of this job are serious, but you can have fun and learn a lot while doing them. Thankfully you don't have to do it all by yourself. There are adult advisers who help you, still you shouldn't lean on them too heavily. Alright I think I've done enough informing, now for you to make that important choice, "To run or not to run, that is the question," lol until next time.

Luke van Loenen

Lodge Secretary

Southern Region SR-9 News

Regional OA Gathering

By Dan Trust

Earlier this month, as SR-9 Section Secretary, I had the opportunity to attend the Section Officers Seminar held in Charleston, SC aboard the USS Yorktown, a WWII aircraft carrier. The three day event was a gathering of section officers from the Southern Region. Ben Stillwell the

National Vice Chief who many of you met at the Section Conclave back in April was there along with many members of the National Committee. I had the opportunity to talk to some of them about the 2009 NOAC. There will soon be more information coming out this month about NOAC on the National OA website, www.aa-bsa.org. The dates are 1-6 August 2009. These dates present a problem with many of the school schedules and there

will be a letter sent out from National explaining the leadership opportunities gained from attending a NOAC. This letter is intended to be used to convince school districts to allow excused absents for arrowmen attending NOAC.

Another topic of interest is the National Leadership Seminar. NLS is the Order's premiere leadership skills training program. The weekend seminar, held

about four times per region each year, provides an in-depth look at how leadership traits are developed and used in everyday life. The weekend format complements the more detailed Wood Badge and National Youth Leader Training programs, focusing on service within the OA toward Scouting. The next NLS is scheduled for October 3-5, 2008 in Canton, MS. There is still time to sign up for this event. I will be attending as a staff member, so if

Echeconnee.com Website Launched

By Dan Trust

We've done it! The Echeconnee Lodge website has been in development for almost a year now. It started out as a small temporary site on my Cox.net account at <http://members.cox.net/www.oa>. We were limited to a 10MG file size which gave us enough space for several pages and a few pictures. This was enough to get us by until we could come up with something better.

I had started working on web pages when I was the Vice Lodge Chief for Communications in Minnesota. We had 3,900 lodge members and 22 chapters. At that time we had a lodge web page that was part of the council's website and the information did not change much. We needed to get the word out to a lot of members about what was going on in the lodge. One of the first things I did was to video tape a message from the lodge chief and an LEC member talking about what went on at the LEC and placing it on the web site. It was just like a newscast for OA members. I want to be able to do the same thing when I moved to Georgia. The Central Georgia Council's web site is under a contract with company called Double Knot that does a lot of web site for scouting but the lodge would not be able to have access to building our own web pages on the council's web site. So that is why I created the temporary site.

Coming to our rescue was our 1980 Echeconnee Lodge Chief, Mr. Larry Mobley, owner of Mobley Consulting

in Jacksonville, Florida. Mr. Mobley donated a dedicated server for the lodge with 500GB of memory. My dad and I started working Mr. Mobley on a permanent Echeconnee Lodge website in early Spring. The website has now moved from its previous location at cox.net to Mr. Mobley's networking lab in Jacksonville. He also registered the Internet domain name "echeconnee.com" as our new Lodge website and can be accessed via www.echeconnee.com. In the next few weeks we will be getting the bugs out of a few of the pages as we have gone live!

Mr. Mobley said, "It will be up to you, the Lodge Officers, to create and maintain the content of our website. Mr. Ed Trust will be your advisor for the webpage. He knows everything that is necessary to maintain the webpage. Work with Mr. Trust so you can learn how to update and make changes to the Lodge webpages".

Mr. Mobley also said, "It will be my job to maintain the physical server in my lab and ensure its secure presence on the Internet. Should you be interested in taking a more active role in the technical support of the server, or if you simply have an interest in learning the technical details of how the Internet works - that is my area of expertise; I will be happy to give you the opportunity to learn."

As part of having our own domain name registered is that each of the of the Lodge Officers have their own email

addresses. They are:

LodgeChief@Echeconnee.com
 1stViceChief@Echeconnee.com
 2ndViceChief@Echeconnee.com
 3rdViceChief@Echeconnee.com
 Secretary@Echeconnee.com
 Treasurer@Echeconnee.com
 Editor@Echeconnee.com

This should make it very easy for any arrowman to contact any Lodge officer, for all the email addresses are very similar and easy to remember.

What do we want to do with the new web site? Well, we want you to be involved in it. We want to hear what you and your unit are doing in Scouting. Send me your pictures and news stories to Editor@Echeconnee.com. We also have the ability to show more video and promotions of lodge events.

Let me also give a plug for the new Section SR-9 website that I am in charge of since I am also the SR-9 Section Secretary. It has information for all nine lodges that make up SR-9. There is a link to the Section web site on the left hand side of the lodge web site.

transportation is an issue, we can work that out. We will be shooting a promotional video for the region to help promote NLS.

Turning to the SR-9 Council of Chiefs (COC) meeting held August 10, 2008 it was decided since we have realigned the section that a new rotation schedule was proposed and voted on. Echeconnee is scheduled to host the SR-9 Conclave in 2012. So this gives some more time to plan.

The 2009 Inaugural SR-9 Conclave will be April 17 - 19 at Comer Scout Reservation hosted by Coosa Lodge. We are planning for 900 Arrowmen in 2009 and 1,000 in 2010. Next to a NOAC this is the largest OA event most arrowmen will have the opportunity to attend. The fee is just \$27 for the weekend. This includes food and a patch. There will be more information on the Echeconnee website soon, www.echeconnee.com.

The COC also approved a new logo and named the section newsletter, "Nine Feathers". You can also view the section newsletter at either the section or Echeconnee websites.

June Induction Weekend

The first ordeal for 2008 was held June 6-8, 2008 at Camp Benjamin Hawkins. We had approximately 34 scouts go through the weekend and be inducted into the lodge. As always, this was an opportunity to provide service to the council by doing some things around camp that needed to be done. We had a paint crew that painted two pavilions in camp, a crew doing bridge repairs at the lake, clearing out and making repairs to moccasin trail, cleaning up fallen trees from the Mother's day tornado, and clearing out underbrush between the main parking lot and the administration building.

The ceremonies were held in a ring in Lodge Hill. Improvements have recently been made to it including a new elevated platform for the torchbearers. The ceremonies team did an outstanding job being prepared for this event, led by Derek Brown as Allowat Sakaima. Despite some last minute cancellations on some of the parts, a spirit of service was obvious amongst all those who participated in the ceremonies to insure their success.

Several of the arrowmen who were inducted during this weekend took part in assisting in various roles at the 2nd ordeals such as being elangomats and even taking on a role as one of

the ordeal ceremony characters. This is the best way to find out what the order is all about; be involved in the events.

This was the first lodge event that myself and Ross were involved in as advisors. We learned much about the details of these events and took notes from this event to apply to future ones.

Chip Greene

SUGGESTIONS FOR PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN O.A. EVENTS

The Order of the Arrow is a part of the Boy Scouts of America and as a result is bound by its rules and regulations. One of these is that there are no secret ceremonies in any part of BSA and as a result parental attendance at any event is allowed. However a significant part Order of the Arrow is the ceremonies and the liturgy and regalia that go along with them. Attendance by visitors other than arrowmen is discouraged as it can be disruptive to the youth enacting the various roles in the ceremonies. However, should a parent(s) choose

to attend, we request the following guidelines be followed:

- At ordeal ceremonies, the parent(s) may have NO contact with the candidate going through the ordeal until after the ceremony.
- No cameras or video equipment is permitted in the ceremony
- No coolers or other types of food/beverage containers are permitted at the ceremony site. Individual containers of a beverage are allowed, however, please make sure you take them back with you when

you leave the ring (leave no trace)

- Parents are encouraged to be at the site of the event at least 45 minutes prior to scheduled time of the ceremony to insure you get to the ceremony site prior to it starting.
- Please note that many of the ceremonies occur in remote parts of the woods and that under NO circumstances will vehicles be allowed back to the ceremony site.
- Small children and siblings of the scouts going through the ceremonies are requested not to attend the

ceremonies. One of them may be going through the ceremony later on as a scout or as an adult leader and it is important to maintain the mystique of the ceremony to everyone going through it.

Chip Greene



To be an Arrowman

Many of you have just been elected into the Order of the Arrow. Therefore I felt that this would be a good time to write about what it means to be an arrowman. Now in the pre-ordeal ceremony, Nutiket points out that your peers elected you to go into the Order because you showed great respect towards the high Ideals of scouting. At least this is what they were

supposed to do. So what does that mean, you might ask. Well, let me point to another part from a ceremony, this time the election ceremony. It tells us to vote for the ones who are a friend to all, pleasant and easy to get along with, helpful, the one who to a new scout would be a good companion on a hike or campout. He is cheerful despite hardships, smiles when he can, obeys promptly. Is he ready to give wholehearted, unselfish service to others? Can he forget his desires and interests for the good of others? The one who serves the unit year round, faithfully attending meet-

ings and helping with service projects? I could go on, but I think you get the point. So now you have heard what you should be as far as an arrowman, but how do you apply it to your everyday life? To start you should become more useful in scout meetings and on campouts or other troop activities, then extend that to when you attend Lodge meetings. Look for opportunities to serve. Remember, you are now an arrowman. This is a position of respect, because arrowmen exhibit the scout oath and promise better than anyone. It is a position of humble pride - you are privileged to bring honor to the order, by

cheerfully serving your peers and others. Being an arrowman does not mean you are better than them. I would hope you will enjoy doing this, it does not need to be a bad experience. Most of what I have mentioned you should be attempting already so you should have little trouble. I know that sometimes you may have trouble, I know I do, but you can do it!

Luke van Loenen

Lodge Secretary

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The August Induction

August the 16th started out a bright sunny day. The Ordeal candidates had spent the night in silent meditation along the road to the outpost. As usual this morning they were brought little to eat for breakfast, after being led to the scoutcraft shelter. Before long they had started in a series of tasks ranging from spreading mulch, to moving sand into the old OA ceremony ring used for this ordeal's ceremonies. These tasks, though sometimes difficult, especially with little food to help you, were just part of their first ordeal experience.

It all started for

the candidates the day before, Friday the 15th, when they first arrived at Camp Benjamin Hawkins and signed in. They were then told to set up tents in Kickapoo, after which they were to bring what they would sleep in back to the Chapel. After most had arrived a callout ceremony was performed for those who had not previously participated in one. At about 9:00 their Ordeal started at the pre-ordeal ceremony after which they began their night under the stars.

One change concerning the induction was that of supper. In the past they had eaten supper and

then had their ceremony, but to prevent the breaking of their oaths we switched the times of the Brotherhood and Ordeal ceremonies to before supper. I personally like this and though the candidates eat later, I think it makes sense.

Overall it was a good Induction weekend, with 39 candidates being inducted. While it was hot, it was cooler than expected, especially after last years 105-110 degree weather. I hope to see many of the new candidates at the Fall Fellowship on November 7-9. Despite the hardships our former candidates endured, I hope you (new members) will remember your experi-

ence for years to come. Remember what you learned, and ask about what you did not understand. If you have any questions or comments, send me an e-mail at luke_sw2@yahoo.com I'll be glad to answer any questions you have and would appreciate any comments. If I do not know the answer, I'll pass it on to someone who does. The Order of the Arrow has many opportunities for friendship, fellowship and fun. So get out there and experience it!!

Luke van Loenen

Lodge Secretary

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The Arrowman

The August Induction



2009 Inaugural SR-9 Conclave Participant Registration Form

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April 17 – 19, 2009
Comer Scout Reservation

Due Date: January 23, 2009 Please return this completed form with payment to your Lodge Adviser at the address shown below.

Name: _____ Age: _____ Male Female
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Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Please list any Dietary or Medical/Disability Needs that we need to know about:

☛ Conclave Memorabilia Pre-Order: (for use only if submitted by January 23, 2009)

Item	Price @	Quantity	Total \$ for each item
Conclave patch	\$3		
Conclave neckerchief	\$10		
Conclave Super Patch	\$15		
Conclave Hat Pin	\$4		
Conclave T-shirt	S, M, L = \$10 XL, XXL = \$12	Specify Size: _____ and Quantity: _____	
Conclave Lanyard	\$4		
Memorabilia Subtotal = <i>(Enclose <u>only</u> if submitting by 1-23-09)</i>			
Participant Fee ⇨			+ \$ 27
TOTAL ENCLOSED =			

- Please enclose a photocopy (*non-returnable*) of your current Class 1 BSA physical form
- Enclose payment (*payable to BSA*), and submit by January 23, 2009 to:

Your Council Name, BSA
Attn: OA Conclave
Your Council Address
Your Council City, ST ZIP

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SR-9 Memorabilia Interest Survey

The Council of Chiefs of Section SR-9 is in the process of determining what Section memorabilia to offer at Section events. In order to determine what items would be of interest to the Arrowmen of SR-9, this survey was created. If you would purchase any of the items offered below, please indicate the same by filling in how many of each you would buy. There is no obligation, as this survey is intended to gauge the interest in the items only. Note that this is not conclave memorabilia, just section memorabilia.

Please return this form to your Lodge Adviser ***THIS WEEKEND***. This information will be used to determine what Section memorabilia items will be offered at upcoming section events.

Item	Approximate Price each	Quantity
Polo Shirt	\$25	
Ball Cap	\$12	
T-shirt	\$10 - 12	Size?
Belt Buckle	\$20	
Belt	\$20	Size?
Logo Patch	\$4	
Back Patch	\$8	
Frisbee	\$4	
Hiking Stave Medallion	\$4	

Brotherhood Offered At Fall Fellowship

Hey, to all of you Ordeal members who have been in the OA for over 10 minths you have the opportunity of becoming Brotherhood members in Echeconnee Lodge. Now for the record there are no ranks in the OA, just awards; anyway for those eligible members the last chance you have for becoming brotherhood members in our lodge for 2008, is coming up on November 7-9 at our Fall fellowship. I encourage to take advantage of this opportunity. If you miss it you will not be able to go through the ceremony until the next June Induction if it is offered then. It lasts only a few hours and is not as hard as the induction was. Wondering about the whole Fall Fellowship thing? Read about it in the articles from the lodge chief or lodge adviser —>

Hope to see you there taking advantage of this opportunity. Remember to fill out the registration form on page 10!!

Luke van Loenen

Lodge Secretary

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From the Lodge Adviser

Hello Fellow Arrowmen,

It is hard to believe the summer is over. It has been a very busy one, too. We have had 2 successful Induction weekends, in which we have brought in a lot of quality new members into the Echeconnee Lodge. We even had some of these new members from the 1st Induction weekend to participate in the 2nd Ordeal ceremony, take on the role of Elangomats, and inquire about running for office in the Lodge leadership for this next year. This is truly exciting. I would like to encourage and challenge each of you to think about how you might be able to become more active in our Lodge affairs.

Also this summer, the Key 3 attended the Section Council of Chiefs meeting in Anniston, AL. We have strong set of Section officers who will be leading the 9 Lodges

of Section 9 this year.

Among them is our own Daniel Trust who is Section Secretary. They are already making plans for the 2009 Conclave to be held April 17-19, 2009, at Comer Scout Reservation in Alabama. Preregistration for the Conclave has a deadline of January 23rd, 2009. The form can be found on our website at: www.echeconnee.com

Our next Lodge event will be the Fall Fellowship at Camp Benjamin Hawkins on November 7-9, 2008. I would like to encourage each of you to attend and participate in the many workshops and events that we have planned. We will be giving you further details in the coming month. We also plan to roast 2 whole wild hogs for our barbeque dinner on Saturday night. I look forward to seeing each of you there.

I mentioned earlier about our Lodge website. I would

ask that each of you log onto our site to find out the many things that are going on in our Lodge. We will be changing the name of it soon to better reflect our Lodge's name and to accommodate more information.

Yours in WWW,

Ross Adams
Lodge Co-Advisor

Echeconnee Lodge Calendar

Section S-6S Conclave

Fall Fellowship

April 17-19, 2009

Comer Scout Reservation

November 7-9, 1008 CBH Byron Ga

REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

MAIL THIS FORM, WHEN COMPLETED, AND YOUR CHECK TO:

Central Georgia Council, BSA
4335 Confederate Way
Macon, Georgia 31217
www.echeconnee.com

Name _____ Unit _____ Age _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Fall Fellowship Weekend: November 7-9, 2008

Participant Fee (waived if the below Brotherhood fee is paid)	\$28.00
2007 Ordeal Member Participant Fee	\$ 19.00
Saturday Night Participant Fee (covers supper meal & patch)	\$20.00
Lodge Flap	\$ 3.00
Lodge Hat	\$13.00
Extra Event Patch	\$3.00
2007 Lodge Dues (for non-dues paid members only)	\$ 9.00
Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____	

Brotherhood Registration

If you wish to seal your membership in the Order of the Arrow by completing the Brotherhood Challenge, fill out this form and mail it with your check to the address at the top of this form.

Weekend Brotherhood Fee	\$42
Saturday Only Brotherhood Fee (no camping or food included) (patch included)	\$30
I have enclosed a check for	\$ _____

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