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## JUNE ORDEAL INDUCTION

The next Lodge event for Echeconnee, will be the June Ordeal weekend. Held June 5-7 at CBH. Unit elections have already begun as of March to search for candidates. Therefore the Lodge will need help in every way at camp. Last year we succeeded in the number of Elangomats that showed up to lead the 5 clans. As Lodge members There are several tasks to accomplish at an Ordeal; Ceremonies, Elangomats, Torch Bearers, Volunteers to help set-up. If you think you can help, don't hesitate to register for the Induction. Also, At this June Induction, there will also be Brotherhood Conversions for the eligible. If you were inducted last year (June or August) or before, we challenge you to seal your membership and become a Brotherhood member. Note that as an OA member at the Induction, you are setting an example about how much fun the you have in the Order. Let them know how fun the OA is as you provide a weekend of cheerful service.



Ordeal Induction  
June 5-7 Camp Ben Hawkins  
Registration Form on pg. 6

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## SEPTEMBER INDUCTION WEEKEND

After the June Ordeal, the next event will be the second Ordeal, September 11-13, at Camp Benjamin Hawkins. As mentioned in the article above, we need as many Lodge members as possible.

In the previous years the second Ordeal Weekend was held in August. The LEC felt it would be better to delay the August induction one month due to the heat. Several Lodge

members feel the same way. Also, if you are eligible for Brotherhood it will also be held in September. See you there.



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**2009 LODGE BANQUET**

Echeconnee Lodge gathered at the Riverside United Methodist Church February 20th, earlier this year to gather for the Annual Lodge Banquet. Jacob Walton opened the evening with an opening invocation. During a delicious dinner prepared by the Echeconnee Cook Team, the SR-9 Section Secretary, Dan Trust spoke on NOAC which falls this year; August 1-6. Unfortunately Scout Executive, Garrett Williams was not able to attend due to a last minute conflict; on his behalf 2008 Lodge Chief Billy Phillips III presided over the installation of the 2009 Lodge and Chapter Officers. Jacob Walton presented the James E. West Fellowship to Mr. Hank Personius. Accepting the Lodge Advisers award were; David Lee, Andy Walton and Edward Trust. Ben Smith, 3rd Vice-Chief gave the

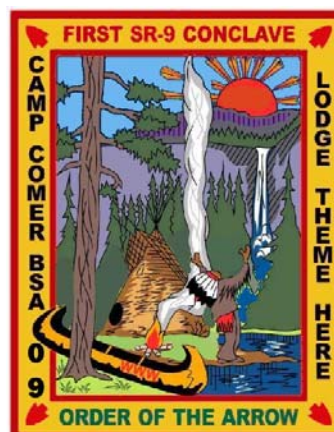
Founders Award to Billy Phillips III, And Billy Phillips Jr. Newly honored Lodge Chief, Derek Brown gave a State of the Lodge Address, speaking to the members of the lodge. To wrap up a great evening, Ben Smith recognized the 2008 Jim Proctor Vigil Class , honoring Gary Sparks, Tyler Stepanek and Nathan van Loenen. Derek Brown and Jacob Walton reviewed the years schedule. Then Dan Trust alongside guest Egwa Tawa Dee Lodge Chief, Rajpool Sagoo, promoted the SR-9 Conclave. With 60 members in attendance, the Lodge thanked the church by setting up the room for Sunday and cleaning up.



**INAUGURAL SR-9 CONCLAVE**

The nine Lodges in the section gathered for, not only the annual, but the inaugural SR-9 Section Conclave at Comer SR in Mentone, Alabama, April 17-19, recently of this year, the Coosa Lodge hosted the event recently this year. Thanks to the Coosa Lodge, Section has one more great conclave to remember. The section had over 700 arrowmen in attendance, which nearly reached the goal of 900 or 1,000 for 2010. Echeconnee Lodge attended with 16 arrowmen. Mowogo Lodge, Egwa Tawa Dee Lodge, Ini-to Lodge, Alibamu Lodge, Waguli Lodge,

Aricoma Lodge, Coosa Lodge and Chattahoochie Lodge; also enjoyed the weekend. All 9 Lodges in the Section were in fact there and active. Next year it will be the Alibamu Lodge's turn to host the 2nd SR-9 Conclave. In 2012, Echeconnee Lodge will be hosting the Conclave. The ideas have already ignited, and planning has begun, no committees have been set, but you can expect a great Conclave. We enjoyed attending Conclave and so did others, youth and Adults. A great weekend enjoyed by all.



1st SR-9 Conclave Patch

## YOUTH RESPONSIBILITY IN THE ORDER OF THE ARROW

The Order of the Arrow as well as the Boy Scouts of America; is a Youth run Organization. How? If you see at Officer Elections why adults are not present there is a reason. Youth select Youth, Adults do NOT vote. Every Lodge event is put together by youth under 21. However, some adults have the right to give advise, Advisers of course. Below is an excerpt from the National OA Bulletin.

Voting in the Order: OA Policy related to voting on Lodge matters is clearly stated in the following citations:

*OA Handbook, pg. 41: Operation of Program by youth; states, "Members under 21 plan*

and operate the program of the Lodge. Members 21 and older may not vote."

*OA Handbook pg. 37, paragraph 3 says, "Each Lodge (and Chapter) is run by youth officers under 21 years of age. Only those younger than 21 may hold office or vote on any action."*

*Guide for Officers and Advisers, pg. 20 states, "No Lodge rule, policy or procedure may deviate or change in any manner a requirement in the current printing of any of the Orders Literature." And on the same page Lodge Rule VIII- Voting States, "Arrowmen under the*

age of 21 may vote in matters of the Lodge Business."

*Guide for Officers and Advisers pg. 31, Choosing Vigil Honor Candidates states, "In selecting Vigil Honor Candidates, the Lodge nominating committee may reach agreement through consensus, without a formal vote. However, if a vote is taken in order to select Vigil Honor Candidates, only those members under 21 may vote, as in all OA matters."*

***Youth empowerment and governance within a Lodge is the core of our order. All voting within the Lodge, not only decisions by the LEC, but also voting on any award or recognition must be done by only the youth members.***

## BENEFITS OF NOAC!!!

The National Order of the Arrow Conference is Scoutings second-largest national program event. The reason for its growing popularity can be attributed to be the fact that it is planned and carried out by arrowmen. Youth involvement ensures that the conference program will be exciting, relevant, and non-stop fun.

As you promote the conference to your lodge membership and plan the details for your lodge's involvement in conference activities, keep in mind the many benefits that are likely to accrue for your lodge and its members. Lodge members will return home with:

-A deeper understanding of the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Order of the Arrow Obligation, and what it means to "live" in ones daily life.

-A renewed spirit, pride, and enthusiasm for scouting and the Order of the Arrow

-Ideas their Lodge can use to better serve scouting in their home unit and Council.

-New program ideas, knowledge, and skills to improve the lodge.

-Increased leadership skills and a better understanding of how to carry out the work of the lodge

-The latest information on camping and high-adventure programming, including how to successfully promote boy scout camping

-New Friendships with fellow arrowmen throughout the country

-Memories that last a lifetime



"I'm There"

## FROM THE LODGE ADVISER

Hello Fellow Echeconnee  
Arrowmen and  
Arrowwomen,

We have started the year with a successful Lodge Banquet and just finished participating in a great SR-9 Conclave. For those that did not attend, you missed a wonderful weekend. We now have Unit Elections underway and candidate tap outs to follow soon. We need to make sure that this process flows smoothly. We have our first Induction weekend on June 5-7, 2009 and the second on September 11-13, 2009. Please put these on your calendar and plan to attend. We need your help and dedication to service. We will work side-by-side with

our new candidates, but we will also have great fun, food, and fellowship.

We as OA members have a great opportunity this summer. It is the National Order of the Arrow Conference at Indiana University August 1-6, 2009. This is a truly great event that will create that will last a lifetime. I have attended two NOAC's and look forward to more in the future. The next NOAC will be in 2012 so sign up today now for this one. We still have slots available, so don't let it fill up without your name on the list.

Lastly, if you know of a Scout that is wearing an OA flap and is not active, please take the

time to tell them of our upcoming events and that we would love for them to join us in the Fellowship of our Lodge. They are missing a lot of good things and is not too late for them to remember to "regard the ties of Brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow as lasting."

Yours in WWW,

Ross Adams  
Co-Lodge Adviser

## FROM THE 1ST VICE-CHIEF

Hello My Fellow  
Arrowmen,

We are very sorry for our Lodge Chief not being able to write at this time. We are experiencing communication errors at the moment.

As far as Conclave goes, Our contingent had an awesome trip, while they did not place, they still had fun and did a great job. I've also heard good things about Camp Comer and hope to visit it soon myself.

The year has been going great; the kickoff at the Lodge Banquet was a success as well as the Conclave.

As I hope you all know the June Ordeal is quickly approaching and we need all the help we can get.

Thanks to all our regular helpers and to all our newer arrowmen, come on out and become one of our regular helpers.

I am your first Vice-Chief, Jacob Walton. Thank you for all you do.

Editor's Note: Jake Walton has assumed the position of Echeconnee Lodge Chief

# WHAT IS THE NATIONAL ORDER OF THE ARROW CONFERENCE ?

In the summer, arrowmen from around the country have the unique opportunity to gather for the National Order of the Arrow Conference commonly referred to as NOAC. NOAC's generally have over 7,000 arrowmen in attendance that are seeking many of the aspects you are looking for: fun, fun and more fun. Each time a conference is held, Arrowmen coming from around the world gather at a major university to share their ideas on lodge leadership, activities, ceremonies as well as participate in a large variety of competitions. This six day adventure is unlike any other event in scouting and is unique to just members of the Order of the arrow. NOAC is comprised of all aspects of the Order, which include ceremonial evaluations to learning about the latest in metalsmithing capabilities. A typical NOAC day consist of the following:

- Breakfast
- Morning training sessions
- Lunch
- Afternoon training sessions, athletic competitions and museums
- Dinner
- Evening Shows
- Evening activities which include bowling, patch trading, etc.

The training at each NOAC is world class because it brings together know ledged individuals in the area of your chosen topic. These trainers come from around the world to share their expertise with you so that you may be able to bring these ideas back to your lodge and also for personal enjoyment. The latest in bead weaving techniques will help you make your very own beaded items or Native American headdress. No matter what you are interested in, there is a training session that will create a fire within you. What would be a gathering of people from everywhere without competitions? The competitions vary in size but there is no shortage when it comes to breadth of opportunities available for you to showcase your talents. A wide variety in sports competitions take place at each conference. For those of you interested in native American aspect, we have ceremony evaluation and native American dancing to suit your fancy. Through these competitions, arrowmen are not only better their selves physically, but men-



tally. If these don't appeal to you, there are a multitude of other competitions that will helpful ignite your inner competitive juices. Also in the afternoons, the National Order of the Arrow Museum will be on display showcasing the national chief and vice chief bonnet, respectively. Much of the lore spoken of in the Order will be found will be found in this novel place. For many people, this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to see pictures of our founder, Dr. E. Urner Goodman and co-founder Carroll A. Edson. You will also have the opportunity to see the history of the Order of the Arrow sashes not found anywhere else in the world. You wont want to miss out on this chance. After Dinner, all participants and staff members gather in the university's arena for the nightly show. The first show is always one to remember as the national officers are introduced with their respective bonnet placed on their heads. These impressive young men will welcome each of us to the conference and will share memories of their past that have helped to shape the people they have become today. Some of the other evening shows have depicted messages like an awards evening where the order of the arrow bring in its latest class of arrowmen to receive the distinguished service award and lifetime achievement award. Other nights will feature the finals the of the disciplines involved with native American dancing. The final evening encompasses a theme show wrapping up the conference. After an exciting adventure like this, what more can a person do than SLEEP! Don't miss your chance at participating in history.





## JUNE ORDEAL INDUCTION WEEKEND

JUNE 5-7, 2009 CAMP BEN HAWKINS

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, ST. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(\_\_\_\_)-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge Member Weekend Participant Fee (Waived if Brotherhood Fee is Paid).....\$15.00

Lodge Saturday Night Only Fee.....\$8.00

Brotherhood Weekend Fee.....\$27.00

Brotherhood Saturday Only .....\$21.00

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MAY 15TH !!!**

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**“I’M THERE!”**

**ARE YOU ???**

**NEW UPDATED CLASS 3  
PHYSICAL FORM REQUIRED**

**HAVE FUN !**

**10 MONTHS AS AN  
ORDEAL MEMBER?  
WHAT’S NEXT?**

At both Induction Week-ends, there is going to be Brotherhood Conversions for those of you who are ready. And seek higher knowledge of the Order. *The more new Brotherhood member we convert, the better our chance for Quality Lodge.*

While at the Induction, why not pass the time by being an Elangomat? How? At event registration find the 3rd Vice-Chief, Ben Smith.

**BROTHERHOOD**

At three upcoming events, Brotherhood conversions will be held. For those members who were inducted at the last August 2008 Induction, you may take part in the Brotherhood Ceremony at any Lodge event that is offered. The following is a checklist that you may follow to complete the Induction to the Order.

1. Memorize the signs of Arrow Membership

- A: Memorize the OA Obligation
- B. Memorize the OA Song
- C. Know the Admonition
- D. Know the sign of the Ordeal
- E. Know the Arrow Handclasp

2. Advance your understanding of the Ordeal

(Refer to “The Customs and Traditions of the Ordeal” Questions and Answers, on pages 52-54)

3. Serve Your Unit Faithfully for

10 Months.

Maintain active status in your Troop. Must be at least 10 months since your Ordeal

4. Plan for Service in your Lodge

Insure your dues are paid up through this year. Think about how you can fulfill a pledge of service to the Lodge.

5. Review Your Progress

Write a letter to the Lodge Secretary. Make this letter one typewritten or neatly handwritten page on lined-notebook paper. Date it at the top, and sign it at the bottom. Be sure to cover the points requested in items 5 on page 50.

Send your letter through e-mail.

To:  
SECRETARY@ECHECONNEE.COM

**ECHECONNEE LODGE CALENDAR**

**June Ordeal Induction**

**June 5-7, 2009**

**CBH**

**NOAC!!!**

**August 1-6, 2009**

**National Order of the Arrow  
Conference**

**Indiana University**

**Bloomington, Indiana**

**September Ordeal Induction**

**September 11-13, 2009**

**CBH**

**Fall Fellowship**

**September TBD, 2009**

**CBH**

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## OUR NEW SECTION OFFICERS

April 17-19, at Comer Scout Reservation the Coosa Lodge hosted the inaugural SR-9 Conclave. Saturday afternoon James Tarbox, former SR-9 Section Chief, called Section Elections to order. Few officers were not present to make speeches or witness there results. The results are outstanding. Lets Congratulate the new Officers that were elected to serve offices 2009-2010

Jordan Hammons was reelected

as the SR-9 Section Chief, from Coosa Lodge. For a three year streak

.From Egwa Twa Dee Lodge, Rajpool Sagoo is the newly elected SR-9 Section Vice-Chief.



From Echeconnee Lodge, Dan Trust has been reelected to serve as the SR-9 Section Secretary for a second term.

WE ARE ON THE WEB  
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