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EHECONNEE LODGE

CENTRAL GEORGIA COUNCIL, BSA MACON, GEORGIA

LODGE WINTER BANQUET

After a great year in 2009, our lodge starts of the new year with the annual Lodge Winter Banquet. At each Banquet, there are many things to enjoy; great food, patch trading, and many more. This is a great one night event to attend for any member. Please join us at Riverside United Methodist Church. We would like to have everyone who can make it come to a great night. The planning has began for our banquet, we hope for a great turn out. Also the night of the event, our new 2010 Lodge & Chapter Officers are sworn in to serve as the lodges leaders and officially begin office. If you are interested in trading your old set of scouting patches, bring them with you and meet a friend to trade with. The banquet will include giving out several awards for the past year and the Vigil Class of 2009 will be recognized as well; the outgoing lodge chief will give his STATE OF THE LODGE report and highlight the accomplishments of the lodge for the past year. We hope to see you there.



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EHECONNEE SERVICE PROJECT

September 19th and 20th the annual Ocmulgee Indian Festival was held at the Ocmulgee Indian Mounds in Macon. The Echeconnee Lodge offered its service to the festival by assisting the vendors with food service and delivery. The OA Southern Region has a program called "One

Day of Service", where each lodge in the Region provides service to their community by helping out at public events and charities. Our lodge has the opportunity every year to be involved in Cheerful service by assisting local vendors with serving food to the attendees and

participants at the festival. Over the two days that the festival went on, the service our lodge provided enabled us to qualify for participation in the Region's service program while allowing the arrowmen of our lodge to serve cheerfully in providing this service to the community.

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THE SEPTEMBER INDUCTION

September 11-13 at Camp Benjamin Hawkins, the Lodge held its 2nd Ordeal Weekend. The weather was great since the LEC decided to move the weekend one month later closer to fall instead of the traditional August date. The Lodge inducted 33 new members Saturday evening. Also, on Saturday night four members sealed their membership in the Order of the Arrow by becoming Brotherhood members.

Please welcome the following members to our Lodge; Troop 21: Austin Riley, Brandon Parham; Troop 51: Logan Crosby; Troop 66: Samuel Hughes, Troop 86: Zachary Jarrard, Andre Nussbaum, Troop 87: Ty Kennedy, Kevin Sweat, Robert Sweat, Troop 159: Jason Rozar, Wesley Smith, Tyler Holt; Troop 170: Cook English, Cameron Dorn, Califf Smith, Mr. Paul English, Mr. John Dorn; Troop 220: Allen Bullock, Ms. Danielle Goins, Salaam Goins; Troop 222: Joshua Dittman, Troop 235: Dennis Shipp, Carter Braxton, Mrs. Debra Sowell; Troop 243: Michael Randles; Troop 316: Tylan Eunice, Sean Hodell; Troop 400: Jesse Bowling, Jordan Bruntjen; Troop 560: Drew Nabors, Jusin Nichols, Mr. Devin Nabors; Troop 566: Dakota Price. These new Ordeal members kept their silence, slept under the stars, ate little food and helped out around camp completing service projects to benefit Camp Benjamin Hawkins.

And please congratulate our new Brotherhood members for sealing their membership in the Order of the Arrow; Troop 566: Hank Harrison, Saadiq Goins, Mr. Hinton Harrison.

Also, don't forget our faithful Elangomats who served the new members through their ordeal: Cody

Del Solar, Hank Harrison, Cole Rowland, Ben Smith, Mr. Thomas Rowland, Mr. Paul van Loenen, and Mr. Jim Proctor.

The Ordeal & Brotherhood Induction Numbers are looking good for the Lodge to obtain National Quality Lodge. The Lodge sets goals to reach to become better, and with the participation of the members of this lodge, we can easily become one of the best lodges in the section.

How can you help? Easy, if you are a member with unpaid dues, pay them. If you have been an Ordeal member for 10 months or longer, become a Brotherhood member and seal your membership in the Order of the Arrow. If you are seeking to serve the lodge more actively, ask about joining the Ceremonial Teams, Set-up, and possibly becoming a Lodge Officer.

With little help, effort and support from each member, the Lodge will grow bigger and bigger and become more successful. We thank you in advance for attending events and rechartering every year. New members, study your handbook and review the brotherhood section. We challenge you to become full members in our brotherhood next year and become more involved with Echeconnee Lodge.



ARROWMEN KEEP THE VIGIL

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, Order of the Arrow, Scouting, or their Scout camp.

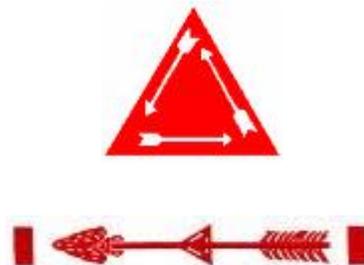
Candidates for the Vigil were called out by the Lodge Chief, Jake Walton and Vigil Chief, Ben Smith Friday night during the Fall Fellowship. Sean Tighe, 2nd Vice Chief, Mr. Garrett Williams, Central Georgia Council Scout Executive, and Mr. Larry Choate were selected this year to receive the Vigil Honor. The candidates were

escorted from the Fall Fellowship camp fire into the midst of Vigil members of Echeconnee Lodge and during the early morning hours of Saturday, the two of the candidates successfully kept the Vigil. Mr. Larry Choate was unable to hold his Vigil on Friday night due to medical reasons and will do so at a later date.

A reunion of Vigil members was held during a breakfast of steak and eggs (which all of the attendees enjoyed!) on Saturday morning and the 2009 Vigil Class was honored at a public recognition ceremony presented Sunday morning in front of the Trading Post.

The Vigil Class was named for Brad Shimmel and he shared with all those present the legend of the three trees which were planted by

three Echeconnee Arrowmen back in the late 1940's when CBH was a new scout camp for Central Georgia. Billy Jones, Carr Jones, Billy Philips, Ben Smith and Jake Walton served as the Ceremonialists for the public recognition ceremony and Larry Mobley provided the Vigil Class naming ceremony to honor Brad Shimmel.



FROM THE OUTGOING LODGE CHIEF

Hello my fellow Arrowmen I would like to address you one final time. I have thoroughly enjoyed being your Lodge Chief this year. I hope that everybody who attended the annual lodge fall fellowship enjoyed themselves. I know that I had a blast we played games, got to shoot rifles and archery, and learn some new information through training sessions from some of our section officers. I hope that knowing this more of you will attend next year. Our Lodge Banquet is coming up in January and I expect to see you all there. There will be good food, fellowship, awards given, and a raffle conducted by yours truly. And remember you can pay your dues, visit our trading post, and meet your new LEC

members. I just want to let everyone of you know that I owe the success of my time as Lodge Chief to you the Arrowmen. Thank you so very much.

Yours in scouting, Jacob Walton, Lodge Chief 2009

FROM THE 2010 LODGE CHIEF

Dear Echeconnee Arrowmen,

I would like to thank all of you for electing me as your Lodge Chief for 2010. I have many goals for our Lodge this year, the primary being to achieve National Quality Lodge. In order to achieve this goal, it will take the efforts of all Arrowmen in the Echeconnee Lodge.

As Lodge Chief, I am making every effort to include all of you in more activities throughout the year and to keep you informed of what is being planned as it happens. Communication with our members will be our main focus this coming year. I will outline all of my goals and ideas in greater detail at our Lodge Banquet on January 23rd.

Yours in WWW

Tyler Stepanek



NEW 2010 LODGE & CHAPTER OFFICERS

The 2010 Lodge Chief is now Tyler Stepanek of Troop 550. (Left bottom corner)

Tyler Johnson of Troop 264 is now the new 1st Vice Lodge Chief. (2nd row on far left)

Sean Tighe of Troop 87 is to serve again as 2nd Vice Lodge Chief. (2nd from left bottom)

Jacob Kraft of Troop 127 is the newly elected 3rd Lodge Vice Chief. (3rd from left on 2nd row)

Seth Lowery of Troop 87 is the new Lodge Secretary. (2nd from right on 2nd row)



2010 Lodge Officers & Lodge Advisors

Nathan van Loenen of Troop 74 is the new Lodge Treasurer. (3rd from right on 2nd row)

Robert Sweat of Troop 87 is the new Oconnee Chapter Chief. (3rd from left on 1st row)

Sid Grigsby of Troop 51 is the new Ocmulgee Chapter Chief. (1st on right on 1st row)

Cole Rowland of Troop 159 will serve again as the Pine Forest Chapter Chief. (2nd from left on 2nd row)

Hank Harrison of Troop 566 is the new Robert L. Scott Chapter Chief. (2nd from right on first row)

Mr. Ross Adams will be the Lodge Adviser for the coming year.

FROM THE LODGE ADVISER

Hello Fellow Echeconnee Lodge Members,

We have had a very busy and productive year! We have a new slate of officers for 2010, who have a lot of energy and great ideas. It is my wish for the New Year that you join in their enthusiasm and participate in each and every Lodge event beginning with the Lodge Banquet in January 2010. Some items to keep in mind, please go online to our Lodge website at www.echeconnee.com. You will find information about the events of the year—Lodge Banquet, SR-9 Section Conclave, Induction Weekends, etc. Registration for the Conclave will start very soon.

One way to have full participation in all events is to first of all pay you 2010 dues, if you have not already done so, and secondly purchase an Event Pass for the entire year at a discounted rate—you will also get a special patch for this. The final time that you can purchase this pass is at the Lodge Banquet. If you have further questions about this, please contact Tyler Stepanek, 2010 Lodge Chief, at LodgeChief@Echeconnee.com. I look forward working with each of you in 2010.

Ross Adams

Lodge Advisor

JAMBOREE

The Order of the Arrow is looking for staff to help with OA functions at the 2010 National Scout Jamboree. The fee for regular participation is usually high, the price for staff is only \$395.00. Everything is provided except transportation to and from Fort A.P. Hill. The program the OA is running at Jamboree is Mysterium Compass. They are also looking for staff to help with OA Shows, props, costumes and makeup. If you are interested please do not hesitate to signup. The fee is as low as it gets, so signup soon.



ARROWCORPS₅ PHOTO AWARD

In 2008, the Order of the Arrow teamed up with 5 National Forests to complete National Service Projects. Arrowmen from around the Nation came together at the Mark Twain, Manti-La Sal, G. Washington & Jefferson, Shasta-Trinity and the Bridger Teton National Forests. This event happened once, and no confirmation on happening again soon. However, in Missouri, at the Mark Twain National Forest on June 7-14, 2008, the Echeconnee Lodge sent 3 members, Dan Trust, Sean Tighe, and Mr. Ed Trust as event staff.

While at the event, our own Sean Tighe, 2nd Vice-Chief,

took photos of members and arrowmen who were at the event working. Luckily one of his pictures placed 1st for best scenic vista photo and was awarded a \$200 prize by BSA

National which was presented to Sean at the September Council Executive Board Meeting. Please congratulate Sean on this award



2009 FALL FELLOWSHIP

The Echeconnee Lodge held its last event of 2009 and had a great time doing it. Friday evening, lodge members signed in and set camp for an awesome weekend. Officially starting the weekend was the OA Campfire and Vigil Call-out. 2009 Lodge Chief Jacob Walton and arrowman Cody Del Solar were the masters of ceremonies for the campfire. After the campfire everyone met in the dining hall for the Friday night cracker barrel.

Saturday Morning the lodge members woke to a great meal cooked and prepared by the Echeconnee Cook Team. Then after the youth and adults were offered Training Sessions led by special visitors and trainers Egwa Tawa Dee Lodge Chief, Rajpal Sagoo and Dan Ryan also from Egwa Tawa Dee lodge. We would like to thank them for spending Saturday with us and sharing their knowledge and experience with us.

Following lunch, 2nd Vice-Chief, Sean Tighe then led members to the Quest/Sports events in the parade field where the youth enjoyed softball, football, etc. And also during this time Mr. Grier Sowell opened the Ranges for

shotgun and blackpowder shooting for any interested members.

Saturday Evening started with the Brotherhood Trail led by Carr Jones. Our Lodge inducted seven new Brotherhood members who



sealed their membership in the Order, and they are; Jonathon Ferguson, Mason Tumlin, Taylor Tumlin, Charles Aleckson, Seth Lowery, and Alex Swaine. Please Congratulate these members and new brothers.

Saturday Night started with the Officer Elections. Running for Lodge Chief were Sean Tighe and Tyler Stepanek. After a close race, Tyler was

elected; Sean was reelected as 2nd vice chief. The complete slate of new officers is on page 2 of this issue.

The elections were followed by a great Patch Auction conducted by

Lodge auctioneer Mr. Dennis

Collier. Sunday morning was breakfast cooked to order and after a short chapel service, everyone departed for a safe trip back home.

We would like to thank the Echeconnee Cook Team for their great efforts and amazing food during all of the lodge functions this year. Members of the cook team include: Mr. Andy Walton, Mr. David Lee, Mr. Alan Stepanek, Mr. Nick Sowell, and Mrs. Debbie Sowell. Thank all of you for your help in the kitchen and for the great food.



NOAC 2009! I WAS THERE! WERE YOU?!

Within the large campus of Indiana University of Bloomington, Indiana, seven thousand Arrowmen from all over the country have gathered for one special event: the National Order of the Arrow conference, NOAC. Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil members mingle and meet. Young and old find that they have something in common. All of the national officers are there, too. Many people got the chance to meet the National Chief, Jack O'Neill and the National Vice Chief, Dan Highman. Both were really nice and very cool. For many, their favorite part of this amazing event is the patch trading. Old and new patches, rare and

common, colorful and plain, they're all here. Over the week, one would see many switching of patches accompanied by a firm handshake. Training courses are taking place, too such as preparation for a new position, a course on the theme of NOAC (**THE POWER OF ONE**), a National Event Program Planning Workshop, and more! There were also quite a few fun things to do: Scuba diving, LODGEBALL, the 5k run, OA Shows, and the Founder's Fair! Shows take place each night during which FREE NOAC t-shirts are launched into the crowd via t-shirt bazookas, the important officers talk, and prestigious awards are

presented. One can also be selected as one of five people to sit in the OA Sky Box, which guarantees a good view and FREE REFRESHMENTS!!! All in all, the National Order of the Arrow Conference of 2009 was a spectacular event held every two years, one that every Echeconnee lodge member should attend.

Seth Lowery, Troop 87

Your brothers that made up the Echeconnee contingency were Cody del Solar, Sid Grigsby, Sean Tighe, Seth Lowery, Tyler Stepanek, Tyler Storms, Dan Trust, Jacob Walton, Ben Smith, Chip Greene, Curtis Storms, Edward Trust, and Alan Stepanek. Ask any one of them to tell you what a great event NOAC was and what a wonderful time they had!

2010 SR-9 SECTION CONCLAVE

The 2009 SR-9 Section Conclave was hosted by Coosa Lodge at Comer SR in April.

At the Council of Chiefs Meeting Friday evening, the 9 Lodges attended the event to schedule future Conclaves and what Lodges will host in the coming years. In 2010, the Alabamu Lodge will be hosting the Conclave at Camp Tukabatchee near Prattville, Alabama, April 16-18.

If your new to the Lodge, your probably wondering what Conclave is. Our Lodge is among eight others in section SR-9 (southern region area #9) that gather at one of the

affiliated lodge's council camp to fellowship, attend training sessions, eat great food, watch evening shows, and patch trade. Ceremony and dance competitions are judged throughout the day on Saturday.

Conclave is a fun, and economical way to participate in the lodge at a higher level. Also experienced and knowledgable arrowmen run for section office. Each Lodge counts as 1 vote for each section office election. Take my word for it, Conclave is a lot of fun. If you feel like you want to go, don't hesitate to register. This upcoming event we will need

your help in bringing up the numbers in attendance. The registration and memorabilia forms are included in this issue. Pre-orders (T-Shirts, Extra Patches, Hats, etc.) should be into the council office by January 28th. The cost for the conclave is usually about \$25.00.

To see for yourself what is happening in the section. check them out on the web at www.SR-9.org. There you will find any information upcoming section events including the 2010 conclave. We want a large contingency for the conclave this coming year from our lodge. REGISTER NOW!!



**2010 Echeconnee Lodge Winter Banquet
Riverside United Methodist Church**

January 23, 2010

Name _____ Unit _____ Age _____

Address _____ City, ST. _____ ZIP _____

Phone(____)-____-____ Email _____

- Lodge Member Fee**.....\$10.00
(If 2010 Dues are Paid)
- Lodge Non-Paid Dues Fee**.....\$20.00
(If Dues are NOT Paid)
- Event Pass fee (covers event fees for banquet, 2 ordeals, and fall fellowship)**.....\$65.00

**Check Fee that Applies to you*

MAKE CHECK OUT TO, BSA

Enclosed \$ _____

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2010 SR-9 Conclave

Participant Registration Form

April 16 – 18 Camp Tukabatchee, Warner Scout Reservation Service Lodge -Alibamu

Due Date: January 28, 2010 if ordering memorabilia below. For registration alone, due date is March 28 however January 28 is the preferred due date. A late fee applies after March 28. Please return this completed form with payment to your lodge at the address shown below.

Enclose payment (*payable to BSA*) and submit by the dates listed above to:

Your Council Name, BSA

Your Council Address

Your Council City, ST ZIP

Name: _____ Age: _____ Male Female
Circle one

Address: _____ City, ST Zip _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Please list any dietary or medical/disability needs that we need to know about:

» Please enclose a photocopy (*non-returnable*) of your current BSA physical form with parts A & C at a minimum.

★ **Conclave Memorabilia Pre-Order:** (*for use only if submitted by January 28, 2010*)

Item	Price each	Quantity	Total \$ for each item
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Section jacket patch	\$6		
Conclave luggage tag	\$5		
Conclave patch	\$3		
Conclave jacket patch	\$6		
Conclave super patch	\$15		
Conclave hat pin	\$4		
Conclave neckerchief	\$10		
Conclave lanyard	\$4		
Conclave t-shirt S, M, L, XL	\$10	Size	Qty
Conclave t-shirt 2X, 3X	\$12	Size	Qty
Memorabilia Subtotal =			
<i>(Enclose <u>only</u> if submitting by 1-28-10)</i>			
Participant Fee 0			+ \$ 27
Late fee (<i>Enclose only if submitting after 3-28-10</i>) \$13			
TOTAL ENCLOSED =			

2010 ECHECONNIE LODGE DUES CAN BE PAID

THEY WERE DUE
DECEMBER 31ST

FORM ON WEBSITE.
DON'T BE LATE !

HELP WANTED!!!

The Central Georgia Council will be holding Winter Camp at Camp Benjamin Hawkins on December 27-31. The council will appreciate much needed help from any youth or adult. Merit Badge Classes and other programs will be offered. If you are interested in helping as Volunteer Staff at Winter Camp 2009, please contact Nick Sowell. Volunteering on staff for our councils first camp in 4 years, is your responsibility as an arrowman to serve your council and fellow scouters. Spots are still available.



NEW BROTHERHOOD MEMBERS

At Fall Fellowship recently this year, the lodge held a very successful Brotherhood Conversion. A total of 16 members sealed their membership in the Order, and took on the challenge of completing the journey to Brotherhood. The following members are now Brotherhood members: From Troop 310; Charles Aleckson, Jonathon Ferguson, Mason Tumlin, Taylor Tumlin; Troop 550; Steven Goss; Troop 566; Alex Swaine and from Troop 87; Seth Lowery. These members have now sealed their membership in the Order, and Echeconnee Lodge.

We have had 23 members seal their membership in the Order of the Arrow, so the chances of 2011 National Quality Lodge

are looking good. Thanks to lodge volunteers, members and new Ordeal members. Echeconnee Lodge congratulates those on earning the Brotherhood honor. Though the might have completed they journey, the service they can give can never end. When you are an Ordeal member, you are entitled to all OA privileges. By becoming a Brotherhood member, you are officially in the Order of the Arrow.

New Ordeal members, we encourage you to take the Brotherhood challenge. Refer to your OA handbook and the national website for guidance and help. Also feel free to contact any Lodge officer if you have any questions.



ECHECONNIE LODGE CALENDAR

LLD Officer Training	December 12-13, 2009
Lodge Winter Banquet	January 23, 2010 Riverside Methodist Church
Winter Leadership Retreat	January 30, 2010 Camp Tukabatchee
SR-9 Section Conclave	April 16-18, 2010 Camp Tukabatchee Near Prattville, Alabama

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EDITORIAL NOTE

Lodge members, during certain parts of the year, the LEC is not able to write articles and spread news. Or simply are not able to take time from their busy jobs or school. It does not take on officer or adviser to be asked to give input to the lodge and that article be used in the newsletter or placed on the website. If you would like to write a review it would help us out a lot. If you are at events with cameras taking pictures, please do not hesitate to send them to us to place in the newsletter and website for other members to see themselves having fun. Your cheerful service helping the LEC, Advisers and other members will show in the future. The little help we can get goes a long way to make success in the lodge. Also, the lodges goal is to once again be a National Quality Lodge.

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