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CONCLAVE SPIRIT – GRIFFIN DUNCAN

Section E7 2024 Conclave will be hosted by Catawba Lodge at Belk Scout Camp April 26th – 28th. I joined the lodge in 2021, making the 2022 Conclave my 5th or 6th lodge event (as far as I remember). It was hosted at Camp John J. Barnhardt but more importantly, it was one of the first events where I realized I wanted to have an active role in our lodge. Since I was so new to the lodge, I still didn't know many people besides the few in my ordeal group. This made me extremely nervous. But on Saturday, everything changed. If you have ever been to a Conclave before then you know what happens on Saturday, but if you haven't, please allow me to explain a bit. The morning is filled with training cells and AIA competitions. Since I was so new to the lodge, I didn't really know what to do or where to go - so I just tagged along with a few lodge members that I knew. I distinctly remember going to a training session by David Boggs, an AIA training session, and a few others. Through these training sessions, I began to grow my connections with these lodge members. I didn't know at the time about the ceremonies and dances going on, but thinking back I would have enjoyed them, and strongly encourage everyone to attend a ceremony judging or a dance competition. As my bond grew with those around me, I began to finally relax and enjoy myself. It was a blast! The real fun started in the afternoon where we began with the quest events. I went to Spring Fellowship in 2022, so I was somewhat familiar with the types of games and excitement I was to encounter. But it was so much more than what I was expecting. I've always been a runner so I ran in the cross-country race for the lodge, I participated in ultimate frisbee, knot tying, basketball, tug-of-war, and many other fun games. Later on, the Gantts gave me the opportunity to experience patch trading.

Elliott and Kevin helped me as I was starting out on this journey. That is a big part of the OA. I traded for hours that night and while I did get some cool patches, the coolest part was meeting all of the people. I met people from our lodge as well as all the other lodges in our section. As the evening wound down, I began to reflect on the events of that day and realized that I had made a lot of new friends. I didn't realize this at the time, but those friendships would carry on past that event into future OA events and even outside of the OA. For me, the 2022 Conclave was a game-changer. Ever since I have looked forward to attending lodge events. This event encouraged me to learn how to take an active role in our lodge. Conclave is a truly wonderful experience where you get to bond with brothers and enjoy fellowship. I strongly encourage anyone who has the chance to go or anyone who is on the fence to go. You won't regret it.

This year, our theme is Disney and we are planning on going all out. Make sure when you attend to bring your favorite Disney costume, Disney memorabilia, and your spirit. Come prepared to chant and cheer as our lodge participates in trying to win the section spirit award. For more information, visit <https://section7.oa-bsa.org/conclave/>.

YOUR CONCLAVE HOW-TO GUIDE – GRACE FRANKLIN

As Conclave approaches, excitement and lodge spirit only increase. To keep that excitement high all through Conclave and beyond, lodges want to feel successful in all they do. You can help your lodge succeed in three ways.

The first thing a lodge must do to be

successful at Conclave should sound familiar: be prepared. Preparation can mean a lot of things, but if your lodge is looking to take home Lodge of the Year, it means ensuring all of your administration competition entries, as well as any other information, are submitted to the Section by their deadlines. The competition for Lodge of the Year is usually won by a very small margin, so making sure that everything is submitted on time can be the difference between taking home the plaque or not. However, this doesn't only apply to deadlines. You can also help your lodge by preparing for any events that you are participating in.

And that leads to the second way you can support your lodge: participate. As a section, we offer a wide variety of program activities. From ceremonies to quests, there is something for everyone. And for those who do not have a specific activity to participate in, spirit is a huge way to support your lodge. Know your lodge cheers and support your fellow lodge members as they participate in events all weekend.

However, the most important thing that *ANYONE* can do to be successful at Conclave is to HAVE FUN! Don't get so caught up in trying to be successful and make things work that you forget what our Order is about. For a Scout is Cheerful, and we are the Brotherhood of CHEERFUL Service. Conclave is one of the most fun events of the year. You have the chance to see friends from other lodges, meet new people, and participate in experiences not offered at the lodge level, so make sure you take those chances.

So remember to help support your lodge, prepare, participate, and HAVE FUN! With less than 30 days until Conclave, I hope you are as excited as I am. I cannot wait to see you there!



Leadership Opportunities in the Piedmont Council

UNLOCK YOUR LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL WITH NYLT – REBECCA DEWEY

Are you a young individual eager to hone your leadership skills and unlock your full potential? If so, the National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) program might be just what you need. NYLT is an intensive leadership development course designed to empower youth with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to lead effectively in various settings. Here’s a closer look at what NYLT entails and why you should consider participating.

NYLT is a leadership program offered by the BSA and is open to youth ages 13 to 17. The program is a week-long course in an outdoor setting, providing participants with a hands-on learning experience in a dynamic and immersive environment. One of the key

components of NYLT is its focus on the principles of servant leadership. Participants learn to lead by example, prioritize the needs of others, and work collaboratively to achieve common goals. Through a combination of classroom instruction, team-building exercises, and practical leadership opportunities, participants develop essential skills such as communication, problem-solving, decision-making, and conflict resolution.

What sets NYLT apart from other leadership programs is its emphasis on youth-led leadership. Participants take on leadership roles within their patrol groups, planning and executing various activities under the guidance of trained youth and adult staff. This approach not only fosters personal growth and confidence but also instills a sense of responsibility and accountability in participants.

Moreover, NYLT provides participants with valuable networking opportunities and lifelong friendships. By interacting with

peers from diverse backgrounds and experiences, participants gain a broader perspective and learn to appreciate the strengths and abilities of others. These connections can be invaluable in both personal and professional settings, opening doors to new opportunities and collaborations. Participating in NYLT can also enhance college and job applications. Employers and admissions officers value candidates who have demonstrated leadership potential and a commitment to personal development. By completing NYLT, participants showcase their initiative, dedication, and ability to thrive in challenging environments, setting themselves apart from their peers.

In conclusion, NYLT offers young individuals a unique opportunity to develop their leadership skills, expand their horizons, and make a positive impact on their communities. Whether you aspire to lead in scouting, school, work, or beyond, the lessons learned at NYLT will serve you well throughout your life. So why wait? Take the first step toward unlocking your leadership potential and sign up for NYLT today! The 2024 NYLT course is scheduled for June 30, 2024 to July 05.

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Chiefly Speaking...

CALEB MULHOLLAND



My dear brothers,

I hope you’ve been well since our last newsletter release. March has been a busy month for our lodge! Earlier this monthly, we held our annual Camp Day of Service (Beaver Day), which was attended by over 300 scouts from across the Piedmont Council! Through our hard efforts, we managed to set up every single campsite, and work on other projects throughout Camp Bud Schiele to prepare it for Summer Camp. Thank you for your hard work on making that possible!

This past weekend, we held our Spring Fellowship, and it was a blast! With over 140 people in attendance, we spent the weekend learning valuable skills, participating in fun activities, and enjoying time in brotherhood together! I hope to see you all at our Fall Fellowship for an even better event! Looking forward, a reminder about Conclave! Eswau Huppeday is

going to be determined to win the Spirit Award, so bring your energetic spirit and enthusiastic cheers! We will remember 2024 as the year Eswau Huppeday came and knocked the competition out of the water! I know that with YOUR help, we can accomplish this goal! I encourage you to dream big, and arrive at Conclave prepared to WIN!!!

To close out this edition of the Chiefly Speaking, I want to say thank you to all our lodge leadership for making events like these possible. Without the dedication and commitment these arrowmen make to creating and executing fun activities, we would have no lodge! It’s through the hard work and time that these young people (and advisers!) put into our program that we get to experience these amazing fellowships. Thank you to everyone who invests their time into this lodge and our scouts! Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui.



Event Spotlight:
BEAVER DAY

A SHOWCASE OF CHEERFUL SERVICE –
ALEX FLOYD

Photo taken by the one and only great Laci Smith (attribution added by Alex Floyd)

On the weekend of March 2nd, Eswau Huppeday hosted Beaver Day - the Piedmont Council’s Camp Day of Service. At this event, scouts from all over the Piedmont Council came and spent a weekend in cheerful service. Some members of the OA - some not. This event is an example of the virtues that define the OA - cheerfulness and service. Brothers and non-brothers worked together to make the world a better place. Cheerfully, they sacrificed their weekend to provide service to others. Let’s learn from the example set by these people, and give our all to providing cheerful service in everything we do. Both inside, and outside of scouting.

Ask Nabby
NOAC

Hey Nabby! So I was wondering if you know when the next NOAC will be taking place, and how much it would cost me to participate in it. Sincerely, “An Eager Arrowman”

Hello “An Eager Arrowman”, I hope this newsletter finds you well.

So you’re curious about NOAC? Well, let me tell you, that is quite the event. Hosted every 2 years, the National Order of the Arrow Conference is the OA’s premier

scouting experience. From hundreds of insightful trainings to nationwide competitions, to 7,000 person arena shows, NOAC is an opportunity you don’t want to miss! This year, NOAC is being held at the University of Colorado, Boulder from July 29th to August 3rd. NOAC is so popular that all the spots are already filled up for this year! However, that doesn't mean you can’t still get involved. NOAC is offering a “Remote Delegate” program for just \$75. This gives you access to all the trainings, shows, and merchandise! Additionally, remote delegates will receive exclusive ‘swag bags’ full of special items!



If you’re determined to attend a NOAC in-person, the next one will be in 2027. Hopefully a little closer to home!

Sincerely, Nabby

REPORTS AND NOTICES

Interfaith Services Eswau Huppeday has begun a collection for the World Friendship Fund at interfaith services. Please bring spare money to the interfaith services at lodge events and remember that even a penny is a contribution. As of this issue, \$150 has been raised to donate.		Ceremony Team The Ceremonies Committee, better known as the ceremony team, is a committee of people who want to help serve their lodge by doing their part of cheerful service. The ceremonies are a vital part of the OA that must be respected. The current team our lodge has is very experienced with some having exemplar evaluating at Conclave and other national events. Our current active members of the team are: Laci S. who is our newest member joining back in early 2023, Camden M. who is our current AIA vice chief and has been on the team since late 2021, Ian M. who has been on the team since late 2021, Caleb M. who is our current Lodge Chief has been active since 2019, and our chairman Sam W. has been active on the team since 2019. We have people come and go, but this group of people has really put in the hours on the team. Currently, we are holding ceremony team practices every Thursday afternoon from 7:30 to 8:30 to get ready for Conclave. We would be more than happy to have more members as we need people who can be backup ceremonials for the team. If anyone is interested, please contact Sam W. and/or Ian M. Some of the members of the team are currently working on creating a way for people to join our meetings through Zoom! So hopefully more people will be able to attend soon.	
Communications Committee The Communications Committee is looking for new members. If you're interested, contact Alex Floyd. The committee needs: - Good writers - People good at graphic design - People to look for bugs on the website	Nv Ya O Sa Ni Chapter Nv Ya O Sa Ni chapter has been holding monthly chapter meetings, where we have been planning and preparing for our 2024 Spring Camporee coming up on April 12-14. The Camporee will be pirate-themed; members of our chapter have been coming up with ways to make it enjoyable for Scouts all over Iredell County to attend and will be serving as staff during the event. In addition to this, we have had 6 Brothers from our chapter seal their membership and get Brotherhood during Spring Fellowship!	Training Committee At Spring Fellowship, there were 9 cells in total. Hopefully, everyone enjoyed them. In the morning there were cells about strange BSA and OA history, Cherokee ceremonies outfitting, and brotherhood study. Later in the day, there was tie-dying, patch history, and Elangomat and Nimat training. At the very end of the day, the cells then were medicine bag construction, ceremonies, and lodge leadership. A big thanks to everyone who taught cells. Eswau Huppeday is taking a presentation to Conclave about E7 history and trivia.	
Tsungani Chapter On March 15-17, 2024, over 70 scouts and leaders from 7 troops descended upon the Patterson School in Happy Valley in Caldwell County for a weekend of fun and fellowship. On Friday the scouts enjoyed the cracker barrel and setting up camp. Saturday morning the scouts played basketball, kickball, soccer, and ultimate Frisbee in a round-robin. In the afternoon the scouts engaged in a service project by taking the sod off a hill where the school plans to plant an educational garden. The scouts didn't get the entire hill, but they worked hard. The scouts also had the opportunity to participate in a chess tournament. The Western North Carolina Sculpture Center was holding an iron pour and scouts had the opportunity to watch the pour or for an extra price they could make a tile mold and have a tile made to take home. Two troops had OA Unit Elections held and three scouts were elected to the OA. In the evening Tsungani Chapter put on a campfire where troops put on skits and songs. The OA also held a callout ceremony where five scouts were called out. In the morning the scouts gathered for a worship service. The scouts had a blast and made many memories. Thank you to all the leaders and Arrowmen who made it possible.		Training Committee Your question may be "What is our lodge training cell going to be?" Well, look here to find out. At conclave 2024, Eswau Huppeday will be doing a training cell about E7 History and Trivia. The cell will be instructed by using a presentation and a Kahoot or Blooket game. In the presentation, there will be a slide about some basic information and some..... But you'll have to come to learn the rest.	