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Brothers,

Welcome to the first of five issues of Section Updates preceding the 2015 Dixie Fellowship! I would first like to recognize our secretary, Nate Flowers, for putting these together and being dedicated to informing the Arrowmen in the Section. Furthermore, as my term comes to a close, I would like to thank each of you for touching my life and affecting my leadership skills throughout the past year. I have had a lot of fun, met some great people, and had life changing opportunities. It has been a personal pleasure, and honor, to serve the best Section in the nation.

I want to begin with an overview of the Section updates. In this issue and in future issues, the first article will be an introduction by me or Nate as to what the issue contains. Then, there will be an article on a national OA opportunity or even that each of you can participate in. Following this article will be a highlight on a new activity or program at the 2015 Dixie Fellowship that has never been at a Dixie before! Be sure to pay attention to this one. The final article will be on a lodge program that highlights a certain practice one of our lodges has that other lodges can use. Feel free to contact the other chiefs or your own lodge chief for information on how you can implement these programs in your lodge.

Please enjoy, and I hope to see each and every one of you at the 2015 Dixie Fellowship on April 24-26!
<http://www.sr5.org/dixie/>

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Dixie 2015 Features Indian Village

By: Nick Zanzot, Host Lodge Coordinator

The Order the Arrow was founded by Dr. E. Urner Goodman in 1915 and it was approved in 1934. The concept was based on the Lenni Lenape Indians. His idea was to incorporate Native American traditions, games, crafts, outdoor skills and camping into the Boy Scout program. He also wanted to incorporate leadership and service to others.

The Catawba Lodge Indian village is based on Dr. Goodman's concept for the O.A. In the village the volunteers provide you with the opportunity to go back in time, beyond the book and experience hands on activities. These activities include: a blowgun area where you will be able to blow darts at targets down range, a tomahawk throwing area where your instructor will teach you the fine art of tossing a tomahawk into a target. You will be able to throw the rabbit sticks, once used to teach young man how to take down small game. We currently have a volunteer in our village, that is a professional Flint Napper (A person that makes objects out of flint). He is very knowledgeable in the fine art of making arrowheads, ax heads, pipe bowls, knives and other Native American reproductions. There you will be able to sit down with this professional and actually take stone in hand and create authentic arrowheads yourself. We also have on hand choker making kits and a beading area where you can sit and make your own choker or other beaded crafts to embellish a costume or just to wear around camp. Visit our Blacksmith. You too can make something out of iron. Make and learn to play your very own flute in our flute making station. Wouldn't it be great to be able to taste authentically prepared Native American foods? We currently have on hand as staff members a group of cooks that are practiced in the art of Native American cooking. They will gladly let you sample their authentically prepared Native American cuisine. This is a hands on village. Visit while you're at Dixie and actually hold in your hands authentically crafted reproductions of war clubs, knives, blowguns and other implements used in the everyday life of ancient Native Americans. Please take the time and visit our shaman. She will be able to show you, natural herbs and compounds that were used by Native Americans for centuries. While you are there, you can make your own medicine pouch, created especially to meet your needs. Please take the time to step inside the village and step back to a time, to when the foundation of the Order the Arrow was beginning. Don't forget to sign up for afternoon games. Challenge yourself or others to games of chance and skill just like the Native American youth did. See something you like. Learn how to make it. Come visit the Indian Village at Dixie Fellowship 2015!

National Leadership Seminar

Greetings, brothers!

Just last weekend, I travelled to Orlando, Florida to staff the first National Leadership Seminar (NLS) of 2015. I have the honor of staffing all three of the NLSs that the Southern Region will host this year! It's a very exciting job, and a true privilege. This past weekend was a productive weekend of fellowship, quality leadership training, and some great shrimp gumbo on Saturday night! For the majority of the NLS, Arrowmen participate in interactive and educational training sessions led by fellow Arrowmen who have previously completed the course. The trainers have extensive leadership experience. These sessions range from pure training, to OA jeopardy, to movies that demonstrate the leadership techniques. The unique aspect of the OA's NLS program is the NLS Contract, which all graduates are expected to complete in order to learn leadership. The Contract is a description for 3 projects that the Arrowman can complete at home with the skills he has developed that weekend. In 90 days, the Arrowman is expected to complete his tasks in any organization (not just the BSA or OA), and make a positive change in that organization through the completion of those tasks. Given the combination of the interactive training and personal application that follows, the NLS has revolutionized my leadership style and played an integral role in my Scouting career. I would highly recommend it to any aspiring leader, no matter his age. However, the training is specifically geared toward youth in the OA, as they have the priority in registering for each session. The second training session of 2015—the 100th anniversary of the OA, by the way—takes place on April 10-12, 2015 in Claytor Lake, Virginia. The final event takes place on November 6-8, 2015 in Antioch, Tennessee. For all in Tsali Lodge, the closest NLS will be in Virginia in April. The total cost for the program is \$210, which pays for very comfortable accommodations, great food, unique training, and life-long skills. To register, please visit <http://southern.oabsa.org/nls/>

Thanks, and I look forward to seeing you in April!

P.S.- Did I mention that one will get to meet 2 OA National Officers when one goes? Furthermore, on Saturday nights, the host lodge provides a phenomenal cracker barrel!

-WWW Travis Broadhurst, 2014-2015 SR-5

Conducting an Ordeal - Tsali Style!

Hey guys!

Ever have that Ordeal weekend where nothing seems to go right? The food is burnt, the candidates are talking, your ceremonies team doesn't know their lines, and someone just got a heatstroke from working too hard.

One of the hardest weekends to conduct as a lodge is an Ordeal weekend. The event has to be put on without a cinch. There are many new Ordeal members to impress, and other Arrowmen that are expecting a great weekend. How then, can one have the time to even begin to think about the Elangomats? Yet, they are essential to the function of the Ordeal weekend. As the guides for each clan, the Elangomats must serve as a fantastic role model, holding true to the four tasks almost as well as the candidates themselves. They must be patient, selfless, and understanding. Overall, they must have a deep passion and understanding of the Ordeal and its significance.

Each lodge chooses, recognizes, and instructs their Elangomats differently, but Tsali lodge of Western North Carolina just recently published a section of their website that specifically talks about how they run their Elangomat program. Not trying to be biased, but after serving as an Elangomat, the Elangomat chair, and a lodge chief, it helps to have a group of guys in this part of any lodge that know what they are doing. On the page, they discuss the definition and meaning of being an Elangomat, give a description of the new Elangomat award that Tsali has created, offer answers to frequently asked questions, and even have a spot at the bottom to apply to be an Elangomat. Feel free to check it out at <http://tsalilodge.weebly.com/elangomat-program.html>

See you all at Dixie!

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