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From the Chief:

On October 12, 2008 the new lodge year starts. This new year holds many possibilities for everyone--maybe going to a Conclave for the first time or learning a part in a ceremony. I would like to see everyone getting involved and trying something new this year. There is plenty to do; chairmen need you to be on committees their to help make decisions and get thing done. Now is a great time to get involved.

If you are going to OA events and having a great time, don't be selfish. Go back to your troops and tell them about it. Get your friends who are in the OA, but not active, and bring them to an event.

I have learned over the years that the Order of the Arrow has a great property: the more you put in the more you will get out. Besides an incredible amount of fun, you will get friends that will last a lifetime and experience that will help you in in the real world. Nike advertising campaign puts it well, "Just Do It." Don't be afraid to do something just because you don't have any experience with it. We all have to start somewhere.

WWW,

Ian Turnbull

The New Fox is Here!

It has been quite some time since our lodge has seen an issue of the Silver Fox. Yet thanks to the efforts of many different arrowmen, we now have the priviledge of publishing this newsletter The hope is that the Silver Fox will be an accurate and timely news source for our lodge, keeping arrowmen informed and interested in the events of Pellissippi Lodge.

Each issue will contain several regular articles and several feature articles. The "In this issue" column to the left should serve as your guide for navigating this newsletter. If you have a story you would like us to cover, send an e-mail to silverfox@pellissippilodge.org. We look forward to publishing many more issues of the Silver Fox in the year to come!

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Chapter Chats

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Echota Chapter

Chief: James-Michael Ussery

Hi, I am James-Michael Ussery, the chapter chief of the Echota Chapter. I would like to introduce my vice-chiefs: Jay McFalls and Steven Gibson, and my secretary: Bryce Ewing.

The Echota Chapter meets on the second Sunday of every month (unless special occasions occur). We meet at Powell Presbyterian Church at 2:00 p.m.

The upcoming events we have are as follows:

11/9 --> Chapter Meeting
11/15-16 --> OA/Webelos Pow-Wow
12/14 --> Chapter Meeting
01/9/09 --> Echota district Winterfest
01/11/09 --> Chapter Meeting

If you would like to tell the lodge about what your chapter is doing, send your info to silverfox@pellissippilodge.org!



Were you at Fall Fellowship?

In case you weren't, look what you missed! A genuine low country cajun boil! Complete with crawfish, shrimp, corn, potatoes, rice, and it was all so delicious!

Sequoyah Chapter

Chief: Zach Carideo

The Sequoyah Chapter is currently forming a Ceremonies Team. If you are interested please be at the meetings. We had a great turnout at the Fall Fellowship at Camp Buck Toms with 12 arrowmen attending. We won the kickball tournament!!

The Sequoyah Chapter OA Trading Post was a hit at the Sequoyah District Fall Camporee. The proceeds will be used to purchase regalia.

Our meetings are on the third Sunday of the month at Seymour United Methodist Church at 3pm. Be there.

Toqua Chapter

Chief: Joseph Stombaugh

Business Meeting: 2nd Thursday's. Arrowmen meet each Thursday at 7 pm at Concord United Methodist Church on Roane Dr. Afterwards, we gather at Sam & Andy's for the best food in West Knox!

Upcoming Chapter Events!

Annual Fall Cookout!

(Concord UMC)

11/6/2008

Webelos Advancement Day

(First Farragut UMC)

11/22/2008

Christmas Party & Roundtable

(Grigsby Chapel LDS Church)

12/18/2008

These committees still need Chairman. This is one way to get active with Toqua OA.

Camp Promotions Chairman

Drum/Dance Chairman

OA Troop Rep Chairman

W-W-W

Joseph Stombaugh, Chapter Chief (742-4843)

Jacob Stombaugh & Gabe Green, Vice Chiefs



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NOAC

By Jacob Haskew

NOAC is coming and will be here before you know it! So i bet all you new arrowmen are wondering what all what this event NOAC is, right? NOAC is the National Order of the Arrow Conference and it is this upcoming summer. It will be held at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana on the dates of August 1 to 6. Going to NOAC is a great experience for any arrowman and is some of the most fun you will ever have. There are many things to do at NOAC where you will never get bored, and you would definitely get your moneys worth if you choose to do so. There are many competitions that our lodge compete against other lodges in such as Ultimate Frisbee, dodgeball and many more. You can also compete individually in dance competition or you can gather up your chapter, form a team, and be evaluated in drum or ceremonies. If you don't like cooking, this is the trip for you. You don't have to cook, it is done for you. You don't like tents, no problem. We stay in dorms on the campus.

NOAC has been some of the most fun and most rememberable moments i have had as a scout. I would hope every arrowman would take me up on this great opportunity to go on this adventure with your fellow brothers. I hope you see everyone there!

(See the article on page 5 for more information!)



Newly elected chief Ian Turnbull at Arrow Corps 5!

Arrow Corps 5

By Ben Pomy

This summer the Order of the Arrow worked in conjunction with the US Forest service on a conservation project whose scale simply dwarfs recent projects. The project was estimated to provide 250,000 total man hours and provide over 50 years worth of conservation work. The Order's goal was to provide 1,000 Arrowmen at each of the 5 site projects; each site's project was one week long. Arrowmen from all over the country came together in 5 national forests: Mark Twain, Manti-La Sal, George Washington and Jefferson, Shasta-Trinity, and Bridger-Teton. Pellissippi Lodge sponsored a contingent of three youth, Gabe Green, Ian Turnbull, and myself, and one adult adviser, Mr. Bill Shanks. This contingent traveled to George Washington and Jefferson National Forest in Goshen, Virginia. Once at the site, the staff made a quick job of separating groups of people from the same lodge; thus, we were all placed in different crews. The crews were each assigned a specific work area and task. My crew left Goshen Scout Reservation (the headquarters of this particular project) and ventured into the forest where we camped for 4 days and nights. Our task was to complete 6 camping pads. A 16x32 foot rectangle dug 6 inches into the ground and filled with soft fill gravel. We had one other crew with us for assistance (our crew likes to think we did more work than the other, this opinion has found little resistance from the other crew). The crews back at Goshen were assigned a task to complete several miles of trail trough the steep, rocky hills of the Appalachians. My crew, after completing our task, set out to assist the other crews on finishing their trail systems. By the end of the week, this site had saved the Forest Service about 1 million dollars and roughly seven years of labor. Our project was featured on several news television shows, radio shows, and a few front page stories in the local newspapers. This project was a chance of a lifetime. I met, worked with, and bonded with 17 other Arrowmen from different parts of the country (story continued on page 4).



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Arrow Corps 5:

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I left Goshen with 17 new friends that I had never met before, and in less than a week on site I would rather have hung out with them in camp than the friends I came with (sorry guys). I went into this project thinking the Pellissippi boys would stick together and work together and dreaded hearing that I would have to spend the week with 17 kids I knew nothing about. But, I assure you, at the end of the week that was my favorite aspect of the trip. If you decide to go on trips like this in the future, such OATC or OAOA, you may find yourself thinking you don't have anything in common with your crew members. I assure you, you do. You are all members of the Brotherhood. If given the opportunity to do that again, I would take it in a heartbeat.



Fall Fellowship

By Will Kronick

This year's Fall Fellowship was great. We celebrated our 65th Anniversary with a fun Cajun theme and boil. Not only did we enjoy great food, but also we had the pleasure of competing in Alex Fagg's Quest. This year, Toqua won the ultimate Frisbee tournament and Tuckaleechee won the kickball tournament. It did not matter if you won or lost, everyone had fun. We were also entertained with Michael Brill, Spencer Grieco, and Kenny Jacob's Fellowship Show. I do not think anyone will forget John Shanks's hilarious, but bizarre performance. In short, everyone at our lodge's Fall Fellowship had a good time. Last of all, as Fall Fellowship Chair, I would like to thank all of the chairmen who devoted their time and effort to make this event happen.



Vigil Nominations Due!

Brothers, Vigil Nominations will be accepted through November 15th. In order to be eligible, an arrowman must have been brotherhood for two full years. The applications are available at www.pellissippilodge.org.

Native American Seminar

December 6th

Instructional Opportunities on Native American Crafts, Drum, Dance, and Ceremonies.

Early Registration (by 11/28) -- \$10

Late Registration(11/29 - 12/5) -- \$15

Walk-Ons --\$20

(10 years old and under \$5.00, 5 years old and younger are free)

Lunch will be available for \$3 a plate and dinner will be available for \$5 a plate. Additional craft fees may be required. Evening Intertribal Pow-Wow featuring Lead Drummer - Little Big Mountain will begin at 7:30 pm. Visit www.pellissippilodge.org for more information and registration forms

Lodge Leadership Development

November 1st

All Arrowmen are invited to attend the Lodge Leadership Development at Camp Pellissippi! Courses will be offered in communication, leadership, organization, and much more. Registration begins Saturday morning at 9:00. The event costs \$5 and (covers lunch Saturday). No dinner will be provided, but chapters are encouraged to stay over either the night before or the night after (A brotherhood ceremony will be offered Saturday night. Candidates need to bring \$15).



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Webelos Pow-Wow

November 15th - 16th

Have you ever made your own arrows to shoot? What is regalia? How do you do a fancy dance? Can you make a beaded belt or weave a belt? Who were the Cherokee Indians? Join the OA in a Pow - Wow just for Webelos and a parent. Bring your tent, uniform, and a parent to find out the answer to: Why do I want to join the Boy Scouts?

Visit www.pellissippilodge.org or contact Chris Ussery at dwarfrugby@hotmail.com for more information!

Winter Banquet

By: Will Kronick

Although Winter Banquet seems as if it is a year away, it is quickly approaching. This year's fifties and sixties theme will truly bring out some fun. Winter Banquet will be held on February 7, so mark your calendars. All of you who want to have fun and eat really well, come on down to the Winter Banquet, which is tentatively at Crown College.

Upcoming Lodge Events:

11/01/08

LLD

@ Camp Pellissippi

11/15-16/08

Webelos Transition Event

@ Sequoyah Brithplace Museum

12/06/08

Native American Seminar

@ Powell Presbyterian Church

02/07/09

Winter Banquet

TBA

More on NOAC!

The cost for NOAC 09 will be \$500. If you are interested in attending NOAC in Bloomington, IN, you need to get your deposit turned in ASAP at the scout office. The dates are August 1-6. The lodge is chartering a bus that will leave on July 31 and return on August 6. If you have any questions contact Trey Ussery at trey_ussery@hotmail.com or 865/556-3898

OA Trivia Corner

Each issue, one section will be devoted to Order of the Arrow Trivia. The topics can range from Order History to current Order events to present and future Pellissippi Lodge events, or any other fitting topic! To find the answers, you may need to consult the National Website (www.oa-bsa.org), the Pellissippi Lodge website (www.pellissippilodge.org), or an issue of the Silver Fox (available on the Lodge website). So here we go!

1. What lodge event is taking place on March 14th, 2009?
2. What website does one go to apply for OAOA?
3. Who won quest at Fall Fellowship? (Be careful how you answer...)
4. What is the name of the national OA publication?
5. What famous drummer will be performing at the Native American Seminar on December 6th?

Submit your answers to silverfox@pellissippilodge.org with your name and chapter. Those who answer questions correctly will have their name printed in the next issue of the Silver Fox!

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High Adventure!

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THE EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

Pellissippi Lodge Members,

I wanted to take a second to introduce you to an opportunity you may have never heard of before. It's called OA High Adventure. Many of us have heard about the amazing experiences fellow scouts have had at the BSA's high adventure bases (Philmont Scout Ranch, the Florida Sea Base, and Northern Tier Canoe Base) but very few arrowmen know about the incredible opportunity every youth member of the OA has to go to these bases and participate in an OA program focused on providing service, forging new bonds of brotherhood with arrowmen from across the nation, and saving a lot of money compared to going with your council or going with your troop. Each of these programs (OA Trail Crew at Philmont, OA Wilderness Voyage at N. Tier, and OA Ocean Adventure at Sea Base) are two week programs that you can attend by yourself or with a few friends from your lodge for a relatively low cost.

OA Trail Crew and OA Wilderness Voyage participants spend the first week at the base repairing and building trails and portages in their respective areas and then during their second week, get to plan their own trek and go anywhere they want. That is something that

no council or troop EVER gets to do. Your crew can pick which back country camps they want to go to at Philmont or how many miles of paddling you want to do at Northern Tier. Perhaps even plan a trip that ends at Lake Superior!! It's all about what you and your crew members want. OA Ocean adventure is a bit different in that you have the opportunity to Scuba dive but that requires that you become PADI Scuba certified so that everyone stays safe and has a great time. Don't worry though, that certification (which could cost you over \$350 if taken separately) is included in your fee. Okay so now that you know a little bit about what we do, here is how much it costs. OA Ocean Adventure is only \$500, OA Trail Crew is only \$200 and OA Wilderness Voyage is only \$150. Transportation cost is separate which is why we encourage troop members and lodge members to go together so they can coordinate transportation. If you were to go with your troop or your council you could be paying well over \$1000 and that is only for a 10 day adventure. Why not make your parents happy and save a few bucks. Now, here are some key points. These programs are physically and mentally challenging and because of that you must meet Philmont height and weight requirements and you must be at least 16 years old by the time your trek starts but not yet 21 by the time it ends. These programs fill up faster than slots in Jamboree troops and if you want to go, you need to get your

application in now!! OAOA space is very limited and because of this we give preference to those arrowmen who are past participants of OATC and OAWV. So perhaps you can go to two this summer and then OAOA next summer. What an adventure!!

It's hard for me to describe to you how meaningful and special my experiences at OATC and OAWV were and I want all of you to have that same experience. I know that planning a trip like that can be somewhat intimidating but I promise I can help you with anything you need. Whether it's finding an affordable plane ticket, making sure you have the right equipment or helping you fill out your application, I can help you out. For program dates, more info, promotional resources, applications, and info for your parents, visit www.adventure.oa-bsa.org. Make sure to ask your lodge chief Ian Turnbull or Joey Courtney and Todd Dawson about their OA High Adventure experiences. Between the three of them, they have been to all of the programs. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you might have. Lets show everyone how dedicated and motivated Pellissippi arrowmen are.

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Parting Thoughts

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Lodge Adviser Corner

Welcome fellow arrowmen to a new year in the Order of the Arrow. I hope everyone has their calendar marked with all the dates for the activities planned for the remainder of 2008 and looking forward to 2009. All the dates for the activities are listed on the lodge website. 2009 is a NOAC year and you don't want to miss an opportunity to attend NOAC, Trey Ussery is the adult in charge and he is already taking reservations for the bus ride to NOAC.

Once again we will be utilizing the universal registration form to allow you to pre-register for all events for the 2009 activities. You will realize a \$20 savings by registering and paying in advance for all 5 activities scheduled on a local level; ie. ordeals, fellowships and banquet. This will be available pending LEC approval at the LEC meeting on Oct 12.

Let's have another great year in the O/A and thank you for all your cheerful service.

WWW
Randy Stevens
Lodge Adviser

A Final Thought

My brothers,

Just as the Scout Law puts great emphasis in its last point, a Scout is Reverent; I believe the Order of the Arrow puts a good deal of focus on its last principle, Service. Looking through this edition of the Silver Fox we are reminded how important service is to this lodge. We have sent Arrowmen across the country to participate on service projects with OA High Adventure and Arrow Corps 5. We have faithful lodge officers and advisors who work for countless hours preparing to help our lodge grow, and we have thousands of man-hours spent in service with fellowships, ordeals, and work days. I believe it is our devotion towards service that separates the Order from other organizations. It amazes me that one of the largest youth run organization is made up of brothers who push and encourage each other to not just serve but to serve cheerfully. It is, indeed, service that binds us all together in brotherhood, and it that will continue to be the core of our Order for years to come. Our lodge has successfully survived for 60 years based on a tradition of service, and I hope that in 60 years it will persist as the foundation of our lodge. Every time we hear the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony we are reminded by Allowat Sakima, our leader, "He who follows such a pathway in unwavering cheerful service will be seen by many others and, by inspiration, lead them."

Yours in Service,

Joey Courtney
