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From the Chief

Brothers,

School is out, and the summer is beginning. We have worked hard as a lodge to get to this point; our Winter Banquet and Spring Fellowship were great and we brought a large group to Conclave. We actually had about 100 arrowmen from our lodge at Conclave! We had three ceremonies teams compete; congratulations to the Echota team who received the top ratings!

There are still many events left to go this year. Spring Ordeal will undoubtedly be a success because of all the wonderful people that are working so hard to put it on. At Camp Buck Toms during Summer Camp, we have the OA-Everyday program where there is an OA sponsored event every day such as the Brotherhood Ceremony, OA Ice Cream Bash, Frisbee Tournament, and several others. I will be working at Buck Toms this year along with many other great guys from our lodge. If you come to Camp Buck Toms this Summer please go to as many OA events as you can and encourage other OA members in your troop to go as well.

(more from your chief on page 4!)

100 Years - 100 Miles

By: Joey Courtney

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, the Great Smokey Mountain Council is teaming up with the Daniel Boone Council to achieve a remarkable task. Both Councils are working on a service project with the Great Smokey Mountain National Park that would be one of the biggest projects the Boy Scouts have done with the Park. The project is going to work by assigning projects to individual troops based on their difficulty level. The Order of the Arrow has a very special role in this project, because we have been asked to be the leaders. The lodge is looking for a group of about 15-20 arrowmen to help lead troops on their service project. This will involve specific training so that our arrowmen can lead the troops effectively. In order to achieve this formidable task, the lodge really needs volunteers to step up.

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Were you at Conclave this year? Read about what happened on page 2!



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100 Years - 100 Miles

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If you are planning to volunteer for any OA High Adventure program this would be an excellent opportunity for you to learn some skills before your trip. If you attended Arrow Core 5 or any OA High Adventure program, you are highly needed. Those who are interested can contact Joey Courtney in person or by e-mail at jcourt404@yahoo.com. There are also positions left for chapters to volunteer their time in picking up some projects on their own. There is a sign up sheet attached, and I highly recommend that your chapter volunteers. It is important that the Order sets an example for the Council and steps up to the plate first. You can also take the sign up sheet to your troop, and have them volunteer as well. Please help us be the leaders in this project and successfully help out the National Park.

Yours in Service,
Joey Courtney

Editors Note: To learn more about the park, visit <http://www.nps.gov/grsm>. A registration form for chapters is available on page 6

OA at Summer Camp

By Kenny Jacobs

It's that time of year again! School is done (finally!), the days are warm, the sun rises early, and the birds sing merrily from sun up to sun down! It's Summer!

For scouts, summer means getting outside and camping, hiking, backpacking, canoeing, climbing, caving, swimming, and more! But above all of the short trips that might occur, summer means going to summer camp, a scout's home away from home.

(more on the OA at Camp on page 3)

Conclave 2009 Report

By Ben Pomy

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended this year's Conclave at Camp Davey



Crockett. It was truly amazing. A youth from Pellissippi Lodge rests during the Conclave Pow-Wow Friday was spent mostly with registration but the dining hall staff prepared a cracker barrel to help us recharge for the next morning's events. On Saturday, breakfast was, to say the least, early. We got the morning started with training. There were many different training sessions available, all of which had an important message that can be useful to every chapter and the lodge as a whole. I challenge those of you who participated in the training to use what you have learned to better the lodge. The next event was the Ceremonies Evaluation (or as the Toqua and Echota teams see this, a competition). The Toqua "veteran" team received the revered Medalist honor, as did the Echota Team for the Pre-Ordeal evaluation. The Toqua "rookie" team received a Honor award, but still performed an outstanding Ceremony. Though I am a "Toqua boy", I must give my congratulations to the Echota team; as they were the recipients of the award for best team in the section. Good Job guys! In the afternoon there was the famous Quest for the Golden Arrow. Though we did get a few 2nd and 1st place awards, we were unable to defeat the other lodges. Better luck next year. As for publications; we received 3rd place overall. These included website, planbook, The Silver Fox, and the Where to go Camping Guide. Everyone please thank Kenny Jacobs for the time and effort he put in to these things.

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OA at Summer Camp

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There, in just one week, we can work on advancement, spend time outdoors, and maybe even learn a bit about ourselves. It is a pivotally important part of every scouting journey. Now if you are reading this newsletter, chances are you are a member of the Order of the Arrow, so let me ask: why was the Order founded?

One of the reasons given on the national website (<http://www.oa-bsa.org>) is "To promote scout camping ... both year round and in the summer camp." With the summer camp season starting in just a week, most of us will begin making trips down to camp, be it with a troop, as a staff member, or just as a scout. In light of the above mission statement, it is important for us, as arrowmen, to both promote summer camp in our unit and to promote the activities of the Order at camp.

Yes indeed, the Order of the Arrow plays a vital role at Buck Toms. The program OA Everyday, instituted a year or two ago, offers arrowmen a daily opportunity to participate in the OA. There's an ice cream bash, a brotherhood ceremony, an ultimate frisbee tournament, and more! Your Summer Camp Chief, Ian Turnbull, will give you all the details when you arrive! Don't miss out on these opportunities for food, fellowship and fun.

But being in the OA at summer camp is MUCH, MUCH MORE than going to these events. It's about helping the new scout get his stuff settled into his tent. It's about helping lost scouts find their way to classes, or picking up the candy wrapper the person ahead of you dropped. It's about showing another scout how to properly clean up his mess after dinner. It's about cheerful service, at all times and to all people.

So every time you wear that sash, but especially at summer camp, be ready to serve!

Conclave 2009 Report

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Lastly was the Section Officer elections. As I'm sure most of you have heard, Taylor Clark did not win re-election. Instead, Don Combs is your new Section Chief. Please also thank Taylor for a year of hard work and dedication; and most of all for a great Conclave. Overall, this conclave was one of the better I have been to. If you were not able to attend, please talk to an Arrowman who did to see how much fun these events truly are. I urge you, leave this time open for next year's Conclave.

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Ben Pomy
Pellissippi Lodge Conclave Chairman



The Echota Ceremonies Team was selected as the best Pre-Ordeal team in the Section!
Way to go, guys!



OA Trivia!

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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 new program will be offered at NOAC 2009 to help lodges and sections plan ArrowCorps like events in their lodges?
2. One issue of the NOAC "News you can use" newsletter contains the quote "We all have ability. The difference is how we use it." Who is the quote by, and what issue of the newsletter was it in?
3. Who was the first scout to become our nation's president? (Hint: <http://www.bsartn2008.org>)
4. Seven Pellissippi Lodge members achieved the Vigil Honor at this year's Spring Fellowship. Name them.
5. The OA has four purposes, according to the official website. What are they?

Adults and youth are encouraged to submit their 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!

OA Trivia Responses

The following arrowmen correctly responded to the trivia from the last issue:

Andy Hickey, Catoosa Chapter
Taylor Clark, Toqua Chapter

Lodge Dues!

Have you paid your dues for the current lodge year (Sept 2008 - Sept 2009)? If your ordeal was Spring or Late Summer 2008, you are up to date. If you attended Fall Fellowship 2008, you're up to date.

If not, **your dues are due!** Follow [this link](#) to download the renewal form! Do this soon!

Answers to last issue's trivia:

1. What is the slogan for this year's NOAC?
A. The Power of One
2. The OA has a new high adventure program. What is it called?
A. The OA Canadian Odyssey Program for 2009
3. In what year was NOAC first held in Knoxville? What was its theme?
A. 1977, A Thing of the Spirit
4. How many counties does the GSMC serve?
A. 21 counties!
5. When did the OA officially become a part of Boy Scouting?
A. In 1934 it became a part of scouting. In 1948, it became a part of the national camping program

From the Chief

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Several arrowmen from our Lodge are doing OA High Adventure including myself; I am super excited about going to OA Ocean Adventure at Sea Base. It is too late to sign up for OA High Adventure this year, but in the fall look for the 2010 applications and get yours in early. Late this Summer is the pinnacle of OA activities, NOAC! The National Order of the Arrow Conference will be at IU in Bloomington, IN.

This Summer is packed full of great OA activities that I hope you can do, but whatever you end up doing I hope you have a great Summer!



Closing Thoughts

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Adviser's Corner

By Randy Stevens

Well, the time is rapidly approaching when we will once again expand our circle of brotherhood to receive new Ordeal Members. May 29-31 will be the spring Ordeal and we need every brother to help this year. We have been challenged by the wet weather this year during our service days. Summer camp is just around the corner and we need to help Ranger Dave to get camp in order; that's what we do. Ordeal candidates will be busy doing their part during the day but because the service day was so lightly attended, the work scheduled still needs to take place. And yes, tents still need to be put up and platforms still are in need of repair. Please check your calendar and if possible let's have a big turnout. We will work side by side with our new brothers and show them a cheerful spirit even in the midst of irksome task. That's the oath we took when we completed our ordeal.

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Randy Stevens
Lodge Adviser

Upcoming Lodge Events:

5/29 - 31/2009:

First Ordeal
@ CBT

06/07 - 07/18

Summer Camp
@ CBT

8/01 - 06/2009:

NOAC
@ Indiana University

8/14 - 8/16:

Second Ordeal
@ TBA

9/18 - 9/20:

Fall Fellowship
@ TBA

A Final Thought

By Joey Courtney

Now that school is finally out, it is summer time. As you might have read, the Order of the Arrow offers many opportunities for summer fun. There are Ordeals, Summer Camp activities, Smoky Mountain service projects, and other great chapter programs which are great to get your summer started off well. Whether you are an old member or new, now is the perfect time to start getting involved with the OA on another level. There are so many great opportunities that this organization has to offer, and it is one of the best leadership training organizations in the world. It is never too late to pitch in and join arrowmen across the country in brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. Take this chance to get to know the arrowmen around you. Get involved with your chapter or lodge. Make a difference in the lives of those around you, and let the Order of the Arrow make your summer memorable.

WWW,

Joey Courtney



Registration: 100 Years - 100 Miles

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Unit Sign-Up Sheet Pack/Troop/Crew _____ Den ____ Patrol _____

Please use a different form for each Den or Patrol doing separate projects or for each project if a unit wants to do more than one project.

Project Request: (check those desired)

Total miles desired to hike: _____ Total time desired: _____

Length:

Activity:

____ No hiking

Inspect, inventory, photograph signs

____ Short day hike

____ Clean Trail Head/Regulation signs

____ Long day hike

____ Paint Trail Head signs

____ 1 night

____ Trail inspections and clean-up

____ 2 nights

____ Carry Mulch to privies

____ 3 or more ____

____ Replace trail signs

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Comments: _____

Please return by July 1st, 2009 – First come first served

Please email requests to thomastr911@yahoo.com or mail to the Council Office:

Great

Smoky Mountain Council

Program Director

100th Anniversary Service Project

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Each unit will have a window of 6 weeks to complete there project(s) from September 15th through November 1st. Therefore, units may complete more than one project if they desire to do so. Please fill out a different form for each project desired. This sign-up sheet is for the Fall of 09 only. The Great Smoky Mountains National Park will provide the necessary tools and equipment to complete the projects. Units will be notified by August 15th of their project assignments and will be forwarded all necessary paperwork from the park. It is the individual unit's responsibility to apply for a Local Tour Permit. Individuals and small groups may sign up and be paired together as needed. Please note this if you would like to combine with another unit. An OA Flap and a Council Strip are being designed for this event and some of the proceeds will go to help the Park by the wood for the signs. Forms for these patches will be forwarded at a later date.

Yours in Scouting

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