



THE LEGEND



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NATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF SCOUT HONOR CAMPERS
EASTERN ARK. AREA COUNCIL • BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

FALL FELLOWSHIP PLANNED

The 11th annual Fall Fellowship will be held Nov. 20 and 21 at Bear Creek Methodist Church Camp near Marianna. Registration will be from 8:00 to 10:00 on Saturday morning, but you may come on Friday night if you wish. The camp will hold only 100 people, and registration will be on a first come, first served basis. The cost will be \$4 not including the Fellowship Patch.

Due to the new Conclave policy (Conclave will now be held in the early spring instead of summer) our Lodge will have dance competition at the Fall Fellowship rather than Service Day. If your Chapter would like to represent the Lodge in large or small group competition, be ready to dance at the Fellowship.

Also at this year's Fellowship our Lodge will conduct a Bicentennial Forum. At the Forum you will have an opportunity to answer opinion questions about the problems facing our nation today.

The schedule for this year's Fellowship, as planned by the Lodge Executive Committee, is as follows:

Saturday — November 20:

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| 8:00 a.m. | Registration |
| 10:00 | Opening Session |
| 11:00 | Bicentennial Forum |
| 12:00 | Lunch |
| 1:00 p.m. | Dance Team Preparation |
| | Bicentennial Forum Committee |
| 2:00 | Dance Competition & Pow-Wow |
| 5:00 | Dance Instruction |
| | Free Time |
| 6:00 | Supper |
| 7:30 | Allangomat Clan System |
| 8:30 | Break |
| 9:00 | Cracker Barrel |
| 9:30 | Executive Committee Meets |

Sunday — November 21:

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| 7:30 a.m. | Breakfast |
| 8:30 | Worship Service |
| 9:30 | Camp Promotion & Closing |
| 11:00 | Home |

CONCLAVE HELD

The 1976 SC-1A Conclave was held August 6-8 at Camp Pioneer near Mena. The host Lodge of the Conclave was Lodge 232 Akela Wahinapay. Over 200 people attended the event.

Activities at the Conclave included the election of Section officers, dance competition and discussion groups. Discussion group topics ranged from costume making and Indian food to dance team organization and patch trading.

Our Lodge dance team took two first place trophies, one for small group competition and the other for solo dancing. The Intra Tribal Song Chiefs performed at the competition and judged the dances. Our Lodge was represented by the Dixie Chapter dance team.

Lodge 413 participation in the Conclave also included an all-day program by the Induction Enrichment Team. The Team was led by Rick Smith, Director, and Dave Abel, Adult Advisor. Representatives from each Lodge in the Section attended and participation was good. The program covered all aspects of the Induction process and presented many new ideas to the Section. We hope the Induction Enrichment Program will help other Lodges in our Section as much as it has helped ours. Great job team!

The next Conclave will be held near El Dorado, Ark., at Camp Pioneer. This is in southern Arkansas and will be another long drive, but hopefully our Lodge will have another good turn-out. The host Lodge of next year's Conclave will be Aboo-ikpaagun.

NEW BROTHERHOOD QUESTIONNAIRE

A new eight-question study guide, which explains the customs and traditions of the Ordeal, has been created as part of the new requirements for Brotherhood membership in the Order of the Arrow.

This new guide replaces the current 31-question Brotherhood Questionnaire printed in the 1975 printing of the Order of the Arrow Handbook.

The eight questions for understanding the Ordeal are as follows:

Q. Who is Kichkinet? Nutiket? Meteu? Allowat Sakima?

A. Kichkinet is your guide in the Ceremonies. He symbolizes helpfulness and friendliness. Nutiket is the guard of the Circle. He upholds the tradition of Cheerfulness. Meteu is the medicine man and representative of Brotherhood. He reminds us of our need to "love one another." Allowat Sakima, the mighty chief, symbolizes Service. From him you accepted the Obligation of the Order.

Q. How was the Arrow revealed to you in the pre-Ordeal?

A. Allowat Sakima praised your dedication to the Scout Promise, noting that this dedication prompted your companions to elect you to the Order. Meteu went on to point out that this dedication would also be greatly needed in the future. Confident of your firmness of purpose, he symbolized your strength by shooting an arrow on a straight upward course, noting that it would take you directly to the Order's goal. You then tested the bow he had used to shoot the arrow in token of your willingness to make the journey which lies ahead.

Q. What are the tests of the Ordeal, and what do they illustrate?

A. The night alone focuses attention on your need for courage and self-reliance on the trail ahead. You must be willing to accept individual responsibility for your thoughts and actions. You will find that your course will set you apart from your friends, to the extent of isolation — but you must act according to your resolution regardless of what others do or fail to do.

Your pledge of silence emphasizes the continuing need for you to spend time in thoughtful silence. Difficult decisions will face you now and in the future, and you will need to deeply search your heart and spirit to find the resolution that will guide you onward successfully.

The scant food test illustrates self-denial. You will often find it necessary to abandon mere personal comfort or desires in order to fulfill your Obligation.

The day of work indicates your willingness to give service, even when this service involves hardship and toil. In the Ordeal, you worked with the help and cooperation of other candidates and members, but now you must be ready to serve without the help and cooperation of others.

Q. What are the three symbolic preparations for the Obligation?

A. Before you enter the Circle, you placed your hand on the shoulder of the candidate ahead of you to indicate your intention to continue in service to your own Scout or Explorer unit. Kichkinet, seeing that you had the same purpose, symbolized this band of Brotherhood by binding you all together with the rope. Finally, upon Allowat Sakima's direction, Kichkinet asked you to advance before the fire of cheerfulness.

Q. What is the tradition given us by Uncas, as described in the legend?

A. The legend relates how the peaceful lives of the Lenni Lenape Indians were threatened by neighboring tribes and distant enemies. Chief Chingachgook's call for volunteers to go and alert other villages of the tribe was met with apathy and indifference from tribal members. Uncas cheerfully offered his help despite the negative attitudes of everyone around him. He cared enough for others that he was willing to face hardship and danger to protect them from harm. Uncas clearly saw a high vision, and his desire for his brothers was that they could see it, too. The self-sacrificing service given by Uncas and Chingachgook is said to have saved the tribe from annihilation.

Q. What is the significance of Allowat Sakima's description of the Arrow in the Ordeal ceremony?

A. The Chief stated that the various qualities attributed to the Arrow are ingredients of leadership. His discussion is a continuation of Mateu's comments about the Arrow in the pre-Ordeal. The Ordeal asks each one to act according to his highest sense of right, regardless of the attitudes or actions of others. The four tests and the Obligation point the way, and Allowat Sakima revealed his way as one of real leadership. Any member who understands his Obligation and is striving to fulfill it inevitably becomes a center of strength in his troop or Explorer unit. His example

sets the pace in cheerful service, and his dedication has a rich effect on those who know him. Although wearing the sash identifies a Scout or Explorer as a member of the Order, it is his efforts to fulfill his Obligation that truly distinguishes him and provides others with glimpses of the Arrow.

- Q. What is Ordeal membership?
- A. Like the Ordeal, it is a time of trail, during which your understanding of the traditions of the Arrow will be put to the test. In the Ordeal ceremony, each advancement you made into the Circle was challenged, but your resolution and faithfulness in time of testing enabled you to go forward. You will find this to be true also in the experiences ahead. By striving to fulfill your Obligation, you will provide the higher vision of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service to your fellow Scouts or Explorers, even as Uncas did for his tribe.
- Q. When are you ready to accept Brotherhood memberships in the Order?
- A. Successfully meeting the demands of the Obligation is usually rather hard for the first several months. Gradually, however, your dedication to it will bring about changes which will make it easier for you. Eventually, the Spirit of Cheerful Service will become almost second nature to you, and you will be fulfilling the Obligation as a natural part of your daily life. As this experience develops, you are beginning to SEE THE ARROW, and you are ready for the Brotherhood.

VIGILS RECOGNIZED

This year at our annual Service Day, held on June 5th and 6th, eight Arrowmen were inducted into the Vigil Honor. At this time we would like to recognize and congratulate these outstanding scouts and scouters. They are:

Donnie Edwards	Rueben Stubbelfield
Don Belk	Bill Tomerlin
K. C. Brown	Chris Jordan
Rick Smith	Jim Rogers

Congratulations and keep up the good work.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED

On Sunday, Sept. 12 the Lodge Executive Committee voted to take the first steps toward building a new addition onto the O.A. Lodge at camp. The proposed building plans would enlarge the Indian museum to accommodate more artifacts. Lodge Lay Advisor Roy Carden is looking into the financial aspects and will report back to the Executive Committee at a later date. Funds for the proposed project would be raised by the Lodge.

SUMMER CAMP NEWS

At camp this summer our Lodge held five Brotherhood ceremonies and inducted over 50 new Brotherhood members. The ceremonies, held each Friday night during the camp season, were both impressive and meaningful to the candidates who became Brotherhood members. Many O.A. members worked to make the ceremonies a success, but the Lodge officers would especially like to thank Max Chesser, Mo McMahan and Tim Richards for their help during the summer. The attainment of Brotherhood is an important step within the O.A., and we can all be proud of these Arrowmen who have taken that step. Congratulations to the new Brotherhoods!

Also at camp this summer our Lodge was responsible for the Indian campfire each Wednesday night. The campfire followed a different format from those of past years in that the dances were tied together with speaking and acting parts to portray a story. The story showed how an Indian tribe debated and finally reached a decision to fight the white man rather than surrender, and how they and their way of life were finally defeated. The campfire was a big success and added a great deal to the camp program.

It was announced at the Business Meeting last spring that the Chapter with the greatest percentage of Scouts attending summer camp out of those registered within the Chapter would receive a \$50 award. The winning Chapter this year, with 35.1% attendance at camp, is Shawnee. Congratulations to Shawnee for supporting our summer camp program so well!

BROWNSEA ADVENTURE

During the week of June 6th-12th, a Brownsea Double II course was held at Pine Trail Reservation. This activity was a portion of the "All Out for Scouting" program that EAAC has undertaken. In essence the Brownsea Adventure was intended to bring the council's Senior Patrol Leaders together to enjoy scouting the way our founder, Lord Baden Powell, saw it when he held the first scout camp on Brownsea Island.

The Senior Patrol Leaders got a taste of many exciting outdoor activities. Campfires, large pioneering projects, outdoor cooking and the perfect troop meeting are just a few things the SPL's participated in. One of the outstanding activities held was the Brownsea feast, which was enjoyed by all.

At times the work was hard, but all in all there was a lot of fun, learning, and fellowship gained by the participants.

We would like to thank the Council for sponsoring and the Brownsea staff for conducting this great outdoor experience.

ARE YOU IN?

Are you registered in a local Scout troop or post? If not, then you are not a registered member of the Scouting program and therefore not a member of the Order of the Arrow. Our first duty as O.A. members is to the troop, so make sure your dues are paid in your troop or post as well as in the Lodge.

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FROM THE CHIEF

So far this year things have gone well. We have had several successful Ordeals, a great Service Day and an outstanding Conclave. We also had a good Summer Camp program. Participation at all of the activities has been good and it appears that everyone is working hard.

I would like to express my appreciation for the excellent participation and effort that those Arrowmen, who attended the Conclave, put forth. We came back with several awards that wouldn't have been achieved without hard work.

Now we are asking for participation again. The Chapter Chiefs and the Lodge Officers have met and planned an exciting Fall Fellowship. We think that everyone who comes will have an enjoyable experience.

See you at the Fall Fellowship - until then I respectfully remain

Yours in Brotherhood,
Brad

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