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Summer 2013

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SUMMER CAMP
PREVIEW
AND MORE

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Summer is coming near which means college students have finished their exams and the youth of the world are looking forward to their time off from school. It also means that it's time for Camp Durant to open its gates for over 2000 scouts and scouters this summer. We certainly hope that you will be able to come and spend a week with us and your troop; and if not this year then we'd love to have you next summer! Every year at camp we offer many exciting OA programs and this year it will be no different. Throughout the week we will be more than willing to offer a troop election for those troops that have not had an official election held this year. On Monday evening we will be holding an OA Ice cream social hosted by our three lodge vice chiefs on staff. On Wednesday afternoon we will hold a brotherhood trail for lodge members up to date on dues who are eligible. The big change to our program is that our Call-out and brotherhood ceremony will be held on Friday nights now. We hope you'll come see our ceremonialists put on a fantastic call-out. If you have any questions about the OA at Camp Durant this summer, please get in touch with either Will Rea or myself. Hope to see you soon!

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Nelson Blair
Program Director

A man with a grey beard and a blue beanie is walking on a dirt path. He is wearing a green and white plaid shirt over a yellow t-shirt, blue jeans, and brown work boots. He is carrying a large rake over his right shoulder. The background shows bare trees and a clear sky.

THE GIFT OF BROTHERHOOD

We all like receiving gifts—birthdays, Christmas, Hanukkah, graduation, Mother's Day! Give yourself a gift or give a gift to those around you! Hang around the right people and you are giving yourself the opportunity to accomplish your goals and to be better than if you were with those that only think of themselves or have an attitude that drags you down. Be a part of a group that encourages you and be one that encourages those around you. Together, you'll always be able to accomplish more than you ever could by yourself.

The Order of the Arrow is based on Brotherhood, Cheerfulness and Service, important building blocks of success. If you are new to the Lodge, find a place to get involved. Attend your Chapter meeting, help a Lodge Committee, volunteer to be an Elangomat or be on a Ceremony team! If you have been in the Lodge awhile, find some new ways to reach out and give the gift of Brotherhood.

Tom Wells

Occoneechee AIA at Conclave

Occoneechee represented well this year at AIA competitions during Conclave. Here are the results!

Pre-Ordeal Ceremonies

Overall 1st place – Occoneechee Lodge 104

David Hall – 1st place Allowat Sakima
Mark Goodrich – 1st place Kitchkinet

Eli Lamb – 2nd place Meteu

Andrew Wilkins – 1st place Nutiket

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Singing and Dance

3rd place – Occoneechee Lodge 104

Individual Dance

Senior Grass Dance
1st place – Dylan Taylor

Junior Grass Dance
2nd Place – Brandon Kelly

Senior Fancy Dance
2nd Place – David Lynn

Congratulations to all who participated! If you are interested in learning how to dance, sing, or participate in Ceremonies, feel free to contact our Committee Chairmen.

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Ceremonies: Daniel Ayscue
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Lodge Leadership Going Over The Edge

On June 8th, 2013 the Arrowmen of the Occoneechee Lodge have the opportunity to make their dreams come true. With your help, we can send your Lodge Chief, Todd Goldfarb, and Staff Adviser Seth Asbill over the edge of of an 11-story high rise in Raleigh. At more than 150ft in height, some safety equipment will be required (we'll actually be rappelling, rather than being thrown off) - ropes, harnesses and the like. Nonetheless, what a great opportunity!

What would inspire these two men, of seemingly sound mind (a debatable proposition at best), to participate in such an activity? The opportunity to support the scouting program!

Over the Edge is a program designed to generate much needed funding to support local scouting in the Occoneechee Council. Together with your help, we can bring our life changing program to more young people in our area.

So, I know you're asking yourself the question: "How can I help?"

The answer is simple... go to <http://OverTheEdgeOcconeechee.kintera.org/BSA/> and make a donation to Todd and Seth's campaigns. A gift of any size helps push us over the edge, and makes a difference in the life of our program. Thanks for your support!



Cheerfulness: Def.: adjective: full of good spirits (Webster Dictionary)

On my 3 hour drive home from Camp Durant on April 21, 2013, I had one thing on my mind. I was reliving the excitement, the thrills and the spirit of cheerfulness from Conclave. I could not stop smiling and laughing from the good times. It was like my first conclave experience, spending time with my friends, meeting new people and doing things I never thought I would. Specifically, narrating a rubik's cube race between an Occoneechee lodge member and the 2013 Order of the Arrow National Chief, Matt Brown. Like many others, cheerfulness was on my mind.

After the tornado-like conditions and unexpected power outage on Friday night, our lodge overcame the huge challenge of feeding everyone and putting on a show in the dark. But we rallied together and made the best of the situation- that's why we call ourselves boy scouts and arrowmen. As the weather lifted, our moods brightened into a cheerful state, ready for a great day. We ended on a high note with a sky full of fireworks, finishing with a memorable closing show.

Now Conclave has past and won't return to Camp Durant until 2019, but in its wake, Lodge 104 had grown and stands ready to take on the next challenge. We will continue to serve with a cheerful spirit of service to our camp and to each other. The lodge thanks those who invest their time, support, and expertise to help us grow and develop. Next year, at Camp Bowers, it's our turn win the Spirit Award or Honor Lodge or even Quest for the Golden Arrow!

The Spirit of Conclave 2013 was a catalyst for the Occoneechee Lodge as we came together in record attendance and delivered a wonderful weekend experience. As we remember the good times and challenges we faced this year, we wish the best to Klahican lodge, who will serve the section next year in preparation for Conclave. The theme for Conclave 2014 is Forever in Spirit. Let's remember the spirit of cheerfulness we shared at Conclave as we look to the future and pass it on.

In the Cheerful Spirit of our Order,
Todd Goldfarb
Lodge Chief





THE EXPERIENCE OF CONCLAVE

Conclave was, to say the least, awesome! More than 1700 arrowmen gathered at our very own Camp Durant this year and we were terrific hosts. Right now I would like to take this time to thank everyone for all of their hard work with everything from helping out with the workdays to showing the best hospitality as possible, and from planning an event to executing an event. The lodge's theme this past Conclave was "Southern Hospitality" and we did an outstanding job when it came to upholding the theme well before Conclave started and well after it ended. Once again, thank you for all of your hard work.

For me, my Conclave experience this past year started well before April. Leading up to the event itself I needed to do a large amount of planning for Cardinival. The planning was not just coming up with a physical layout for the event, but also included building the Cardinival staff and reserving all of the necessary for the event. It's fair enough to say that I was fairly busy before April just like the rest of the committee chairmen.

On Friday I set up a tent just like everyone else and checked in with registration at the Grand Lodge. If you forgot already, Camp Durant received a spontaneous thunderstorm. What a great way to start Conclave, right? As a result the Friday night show was moved to the Grand Lodge where I ended up meeting up with some of my buddies from other lodges and had a few conversations with them.

Saturday was where all the "roller coaster riding" fun was. I took a few trips down through OAX after breakfast. I went to a few meetings and went rock climbing shortly before lunch. However, after lunch I had to start getting prepared not only for Cardinival, but also for the dance competition. This was my first time competing at Conclave and I think I did pretty well, but I got very close to not

being able to compete because I couldn't find my regalia. I ran around frantically throughout Camp Durant trying to find my regalia. I went everywhere from the dance arbor to Maple campsite, then the trading post and back up to the Grand Lodge. I eventually couldn't run anymore and made my way back to the dance arbor and just when I thought I wouldn't be competing my regalia was found! The say the least, it was a very stressful moment for me. But I enjoyed dancing and the frantic hunt was well worth it in the end.

After the dance competition I ate dinner and then I had to gather my staff together and start setting up CARDINIVAL!!! For the rest of the night I was up at the Grand Lodge. After set up it was all about managing and making sure everything went smoothly during the event. Of course I had some fun myself, especially when I convinced Jake Orr, 2012-2013 Section Vice Chief of Training, to enter the hot wings eating competition. He would only do this if I sat down beside him and entered the competition myself; so I did!

Cardinival was the highlight of Conclave for me because I got to see that all of the hard work and planning that my advisor and I did before hand paid off. Nonetheless, the time eventually came to where we had to shut everything down and go to sleep. Take down wasn't that hard and went a lot smoother than the stressful set up. Due to how late it was I released everyone to go to sleep and finished clean up Sunday morning. I can only imagine what Conclave 2014 will be like now!



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Brandon Kelly

OCCONEECHEE DAY OF SERVICE

Our organization is built heavily on giving cheerful service. It is a part of what we do, but also what we continue to strive for. Every year we put countless hours of service into our camp whether it be for hosting a conclave, or for summer camp. Since November of last year, we have given over 5,000 hours of service to our council! That is quite an accomplishment to be proud of!

On August 17th, we will be having our Lodge One Day of Service. This is an opportunity to go out into the community and give service. Our theme for this year is water conservation and will involve cleaning up litter and debris dumped around Falls Lake, Jordan Lake, and the Cape Fear River. Be on the lookout for more information over the next few months!

“He who follows such a pathway in unwavering cheerful service will be seen by many others and, by inspiration, lead them”

-Allowat Sakima

(Pre-Ordeal Ceremony)