





# THE TIPA

Occoneechee Lodge #104 Newsletter

September 2014

## The Trade-O-Ree, A Huge Success

By: Greg Grimes, *Patch Committee Advisor*

The Occoneechee Lodge NOAC Fundraiser Trade-O-Ree (TOR) was a huge success!

The TOR netted the 2015 NOAC contingent over \$7,000.00!!! If you were not there you missed out on a fun filled 2-days of fellowship and patch trading! There were lots of needs filled by both our folks and those visiting from North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. Our goal was to sell 40 tables for this event and we did it.

There were 27 different dealer/vendors at the event. The new NOAC sets went on sale and they went fast! Folks love the "Hunger Games" design. As a side note these will be available at Fall Fellowship too and in the Lodge's on line Trading Post. Our cook crew kept us well fed with good food as always and they received numerous comments about both heaping portions and delicious tasting food!

Everyone wants to do this again so if you missed out this time you will not want to miss it again!

Thanks to the brothers that served on staff! If it were not for you guys, this would not have been the success that it was!



Pictures from the 2014 Trade-O- Ree

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# Food Drive & Flag Retirement at Camporee

By: Kenny Ferrari, *Camporee Chief*

Camporee is almost here! The staff is so excited about the neat programs happening at this year's Council Camporee. You've heard about the Challenge Trail, our afternoon adventurous mud run, but have you heard about Dawn Breakers? Dawn breakers is our Saturday morning all-interactive scout experience, designed to broaden scout's horizons. In addition, we have a couple of cool programs happening at the same time. See information about the Food Drive and Flag Retirement Ceremony below:



## **Food Drive:**

Donations going towards the Food Bank of Eastern and Central North Carolina to benefit local communities.

### **Goal of two pounds per scout and scouter attending event**

1. All troops are asked to bring items (Listed below) to Camporee and to be turned in at check in for Camporee on Friday evening. All items will be weighed and the total will be recorded for the Unit
2. Two award categories for the food drive will be given (Awarded at the Saturday evening Show)
  - Unit with the greatest amount of weight
  - Unit with the highest weight per registered member at camporee.

#### List of most needed items

- Diapers,wipes,formula
- infant cereal
- sugar-free pudding cups, granola bars, popcorn
- crackers, juice boxes
- nutritional shakes & drinks
- adult hygiene products
- Canned fruit, vegetables, meat, beans & soup
- Cereal, Whole Grain Pasta and rice, peanut butter
- Hygiene items
- Household items & paper products
- pop top can and Microwave cups

*Please no glass items*



Check out more information - [www.foodbankcenc.org](http://www.foodbankcenc.org)

**Flag Retirement:** Troop 214 is hosting the flag retirement ceremony during Dawn Breakers on Saturday morning. All troops should bring flags with them to camp that should be retired. More information to come regarding the flag collection.

# Fall Gathering Preview

As many of you know, the Lodge hosts four events a year. In the past, these four events have been Spring Pow-Wow, Spring Inductions, Fall Fellowship, and Winter Banquet. This year the Executive Committee decided to change the calendar by replacing Winter Banquet with a new event called Fall Gathering. This October 17-19, the lodge will gather for a weekend of fun and fellowship. During Saturday morning an American Indian Affairs (AIA) Expo will take place near the Sullivan Training Center, Dance Arbor, and Campfire Arena. There will be time for chapters to work on their ceremony rings during this time and for you to learn more about ceremonies, singing, and dancing. Our AIA Chairman Stephen Nuttall is excited for new people to learn more about how much fun can be had while singing and dancing with other Arrowmen.



In the Afternoon a set of quest events will be held for the Chapter's to compete in and show some spirit. The dinner on Saturday night will be catered for all in attendance. All of the awards that the Lodge's members have earned will be given out at that dinner and because of this all of the forms must be turned in by the end of Fall Fellowship. Fall Gathering is lining up to be another great event and I encourage everyone to attend. Keep on the look out for more information about all of the fun to be had at Fall Gathering. I hope to see all of you there!

## Do you want to be a Lodge Officer?

### *Things to know before running for a lodge position*

By: Gray Barnhill, *Vice Chief of Communications*

Lodge 104 is made up of ten chapters in Occoneechee Council. We need arrowmen from our Chapters to help lead the Lodge. The Lodge will be having elections at Fall Fellowship for the following positions: Lodge Chief, Programs Vice Chief, Administration Vice Chief, Communications Vice Chief, and Finance Vice Chief. Have you considered running for a lodge position? There are no pre-requisites or prior positions necessary to run for a Lodge position. The question is, are you ready for the commitment it takes to be successful as a lodge officer? Here are a few things to consider:

1. Working at the Lodge level is a big commitment. You should expect to work at least one hour a day on Lodge planning and event execution. There are many deadlines that must be met in order for everything to operate smoothly.
2. You have to be a people person. Many people from the Lodge will reach out to you and ask you questions about things that you may not know the answer to, but you have to be able to find out the answer and get back to the person in a timely manner.
3. Every Lodge position has an adviser. Communication with your adviser needs to be completely open. You, the officer, need to communicate with your adviser on a regular basis to make sure that they understand what is going on and gain their support and help when needed. If communication with your adviser is not open, things may not run as smoothly as they should.

Are you ready to commit to a busy year? Are you ready to plan Lodge events and provide cheerful service? Then running for a Lodge position is for you. Section B of our Lodge Planbook will provide you with specific officer duties. Please feel free to talk with any current lodge officer if you have questions about the responsibilities and commitment you will need. As an officer, you will work hard, be busy providing cheerful service to your fellow arrowmen, and attend regular meetings. But even with all the hard work required, being a Lodge officer is also a lot of fun!! See you all at Fall Fellowship!



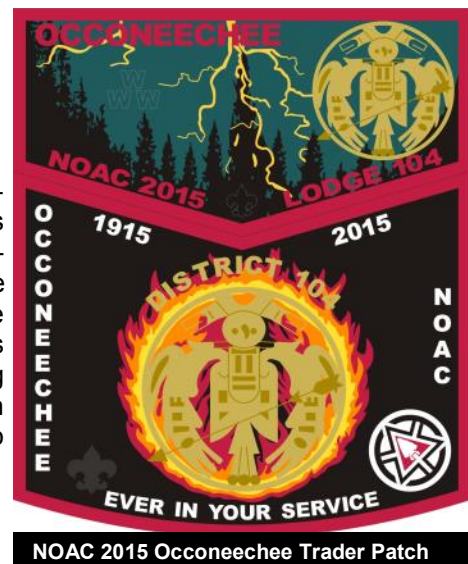
# Let's go to Michigan!

By: Ryan Biegert, *Vice Chief of Finance*

Coming up in 2015 is a once in a lifetime event, National Order of the Arrow Conference on the 100th Anniversary of the OA! Have you been to Jamboree? NOAC is Jamboree for the OA with all your friends in the Lodge coming with you. Held at Michigan State University from August 3rd to the 8th, you will wish that there was more time to experience all that NOAC has to offer. Those attending will receive a unique red sash only available for this momentous event. American Indian Affairs flourishes with dance, singing, and competition on a national level. Do you have a hankering for patches too? Imagine seeing patches from all over the nation to trade and learn about. Lodge 104 has pledged to bring 104 people, so come join us on our way to make memories!

Contingent Information: <http://www.lodge104.net/committees/noac2015/>  
National NOAC Website: <http://event.oa-bsa.org/events/n2015/conf/>

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Ryan Biegert



# Order of the Arrow Programs at Camp Durant!

By: Eric Fitch, *Editor in Chief*

The Order of the Arrow (OA) had an important role at summer camp this past year. Check out all of the fun we had with campers attending summer camp!

On Monday nights, Occoneechee Lodge hosted an ice cream social for brothers from all lodges who came to socialize, trade patches, and, of course, eat ice cream. Wednesday afternoon, the lodge offered a brotherhood trail in the Charley Sullivan Lodge Building and Training Center, followed by a Brotherhood Ceremony. This summer, over 50 Occoneechee arrowmen completed their brotherhood trail! Finally, as part of the Friday night campfire, lodge brothers and staff members helped facilitate the call out ceremony. Over 100 new members were called out, from several different lodges. A special thanks goes to all Arrowmen who helped make these events possible! We hope to see you next summer at Camp Durant!



# It's time for the 4th Annual Occoneechee Holiday Challenge!

Join us November 29-30, 2014 in Raleigh! It's fun and a "cool" event!

This year, the challenge begins at 2:00 PM on Saturday afternoon and continues until 2:00PM on Sunday. Your path will follow Section 27 of the NC Mountains to the Sea Trail from the Falls Lake dam and continue west for 25 miles towards Creedmoor road where you will stop for a midnight snack and then return to the starting point. All along your path, you'll have the support of other Occoneechee Scouts, manning checkpoints, meal stations and providing first aid.

In addition to the hiking portion of the Holiday Challenge, it's an opportunity to raise funds for the Charley Sullivan Lodge Building and Training Center at Camp Durant.

See our website for more details: <http://104challenge.net/>



## Day of Service

Throughout the year, you, the Brothers of Occoneechee Lodge, have given service to the Lodge by helping complete projects at Camp Durant. These projects were important to help keep Camp Durant running throughout the year and helped improve the camp itself. Each year Occoneechee Lodge hosts an event known as the Lodge One Day of Service. This is a day where the members gather and give service for one day. This event is supposed to benefit our community much like an Eagle Project does. This year the Lodge will be returning service to Campbell University as a way of saying thanks. Campbell has allowed us to use its facilities for many years for Lodge Leadership Development. This November 15th, during LLD, the Lodge will complete a service project to benefit Campbell University. Be on the look out for more information regarding the Lodge One Day of Service. We hope to see you there!

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# Lodge Chief's Corner

By: Will Rea, *Lodge Chief*



It has truly been an incredible year so far, and it's not over yet! I would like to start by congratulating all of the new members that went through their ordeal this year. You may have found the Ordeal very tiring, but you proved yourself worthy to be a member of the Order of the Arrow. Every event you attend afterwards is more fun than the last and there are always more people to meet and friends to make. I would also like to thank everyone who has attended an event and helped serve the lodge in any way. Whether it be cooking food for the members to eat, performing ceremonies until late at night, setting up and taking down a giant dinosaur, or just helping out at the service projects, this lodge wouldn't be here without you, the arrowmen. Every job you do is important to the lodge and there are too many groups to thank them all individually. On behalf of the Lodge Leadership, and the entire Lodge, thank you. Thank you for everything you do, seen and unseen. You are the reason that Occoneechee Lodge is number One..... Oh Four. We hope to see you all at Fall Fellowship and Fall Gathering.

WWW,

Will Rea

Lodge Chief

## It's an Obligation

By: Kevin Blackwood, *Lodge Adviser*

Having been involved in all the different scouting programs, I've often thought about the different ways we open our meetings. Cub Scouts make a Promise (or at least they will until 2015). Boy Scouts and Venture Scouts say an Oath, but Arrowmen have an Obligation. I've come to realize that BSA never does anything by random chance and in my opinion, each of these different openings has a significance. Certainly, most young children understand the word promise, a simple commitment that is made about an expectation between people. As Scouts grow older, the word "Oath" bears more significance to them, becoming more formal as though making a commitment to a higher power. However, the word Obligation is different altogether. Obligation implies an inward sense of responsibility to do what is necessary for the good of a group.

As you enter the fall season of the Occoneechee Lodge, there are many events on the calendar and many opportunities for you to fulfill your obligations to your fellow brothers in the Order. I hope to see you at our next event and to hear what the Obligation means to you!



WWW,

Kevin Blackwood, Adviser

Occoneechee Lodge



## Reminder: Award Petitions Due at Fall Fellowship

Our end of the year banquet is less than two months away which means award petitions are due this fall fellowship by the conclusion of the executive committee. All paper awards must be turned in to Vice Chief A.J. Raulynaitis and our online ROTH award submitted through our lodge website [www.lodge104.net](http://www.lodge104.net) (Click *Downloads then Documents*). *It is very important that we have these awards turned in on time so that they may be considered by our recognitions committee.*

Awards are due by the conclusion of the executive committee meeting at fall fellowship or they will not be considered.



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## Chapter Campsite Assignments

Llau Machque: Ash • Eluwak: Hickory • Kiowa: Maple • Lauchoseen: Sassafras & Magnolia • Mimahuk: Beech • Netami: Red Oak & Poplar • Netapolis: Holly & Red Cedar • Neusiok: Sweetgum • Saponi: Persimmon & Loblolly • Tamakwe: Dogwood

## 2014 Lodge Calendar

Event	Date	Location	Details
Fall Fellowship	September 19-21	Camp Durant	Ordeal - Brotherhood Trail - Vigil Honor Call Out – Lodge Elections - Webelos OA Weekend
Council Camporee	October 10-12	Occoneechee Scout Reservation	
Fall Gathering	October 17-19	Camp Durant	Recognitions Banquet - Vigil Weekend
Lodge Leadership Development	November 14-16	Campbell University	
One Day of Service	November 15	Campbell University	
One Day 50 Miler	November 29	North Raleigh Area	