



The Tipi

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Occoneechee Council #421, Boy Scouts of America

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"Occoneechee Rocks You Like A Hurricane!"

That is the cry, which will be heard at this year's Section SR-7B Conclave. This theme was chosen after the Carolina Hurricanes Hockey Team agreed for us to use their logo on the patch pictured at the end of this article.

For those who have never attended a Section Conclave, this is a jam-packed weekend of fun, competitions, and training. This year's event will be hosted by Nayawin Rar, Lodge 296, at their Camp Tuscarora, at Four Oaks N.C. They have been hard at work preparing for this great event, annually attended by over 1000 Arrowmen from all over the State and Nation. Due to Easter, Conclave is being held the second weekend of April (April 11-13)

Each year at the Conclave, each Lodge is responsible for certain activities and training topics. Occoneechee is primarily responsible for Indian Events. Arrowmen **Joe Cranford**, **Ian Ward**, and **Jeff Brewer** are working hard to insure that we put on one of the best AIA Dance Competitions ever. Topics which we have chosen to facilitate Training, are Patch Trading Ethics, and an Indian Cultural Exhibit.

Also featured are the competitions for Newsletter, Webpage, and Where to Go Camping Book. Items are evaluated by the national standards and judged by editors of local newspapers and websites. Occoneechee has strong hopes for our new website. **Cameron Bowe**, Technology Committee Chairman, has worked hard this past year, updating and improving the site.

For those who enjoy patch trading, there will be a designated area where like-minded individuals can trade all through the day (and night). There is also a patch auction on Saturday afternoon, where there are usually some hard to find issues up for the highest bidder. Profits are usually dedicated to one of many Scout Funds such as the Maury Clancy Native American Campership Fund.

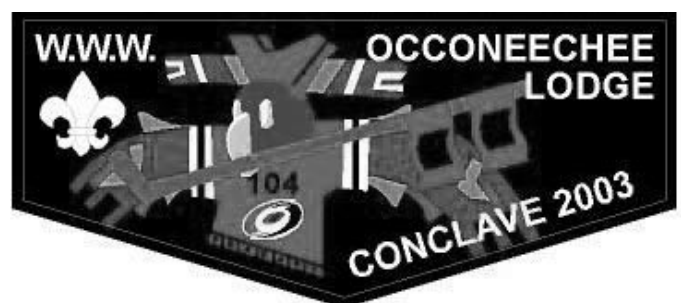
But the best part of Conclave is the fellowship! This is the only gathering of all the nearby lodges that is held on an annual basis. Many a friendship has started over a patch trade or during a training session.

Since our theme is centered around the Hurricanes Logo, bring your Hockey Sticks and Hurricane Jerseys. Let's have that same spirit as rocks the house at the RBC Center! Many thanks go to **Greg Grimes** who negotiated the use of that logo. **Chris Newton**, Conclave Committee Chairman and his Adviser **Terry McIntire** are working on new and improved "Spirit Items", to insure that everyone knows that 104 is there.

So bring your patches, your spirit, and some good old Occoneechee enthusiasm and join us at Camp Tuscarora. April 11-13. Cost is \$35. Registration is due at Spring Pow Wow. The registration and medical forms are enclosed in this issue or are available on the lodge website, www.lodge104.com. You can also send your registration to Rob Grau, Treasurer Advisor. His address is: 5200 Wood Valley Drive, Raleigh, NC 27613-6342

Pass The Word

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The Tipi is the official publication of Occoneechee Lodge #104, W.W.W., and Boy Scouts of America. This newsletter welcomes photographers and writers, but reserves the right to edit all submissions.

It is the purpose of **The Tipi** to support the mission of the lodge by providing timely information on Lodge and Scouting activities, and thus encourage and inspire lodge members to active participation and enthusiasm for Scouting and the Order of the Arrow.

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FYI – Occoneechee

Please check your address at registration at events. If you have not received a Tipi in some time it could be due to incorrect data in the Lodge database. Please check with Janet Rose.

The special Lodge Building Fund Raising patch is still available. They are \$5 each. Contact **Sharon McDonald** (919) 471-3908 if you wish to purchase. There are a limited number still available.

Those interested in working on the Lodge Building Committee, please contact Chief **Seth Asbill** or Adviser **Rodney McDonald**. An ad hoc committee will be appointed at LLD this year. It is hoped that our financial campaign will begin very soon. This 10,000 square foot training facility will be an asset to all of scouting.

The Lodge desperately needs artistic individuals to design patches for events and fund raising. If you are interested in working on the Patch Committee please contact **Greg Grimes**, Adviser to the Patch Committee.

2003 Conclave registration is due to **Rob Grau** by Spring Pow Wow. Individual registration & health forms are enclosed in this issue. Please encourage all fellow arrowmen to attend.

Chapter Election teams should get their results to **Janet Rose**, Adviser to the Secretary as soon as possible. This has been a major issue in the past. Also all adult nomination forms should be submitted to Lodge Adviser, **Rodney McDonald**. **This information is due by May 1!** This will enable all data entry to be completed before Spring Inductions

2003 Lodge Calendar

Spring Pow Wow.....March 14-16

Section SR-7B Conclave.....April 11-13

Spring Inductions.....May 16-18

Indian Summer.....Aug. 2-7

Section ArrowHEADS.....Sept. 12-14

Fall Fellowship.....Sept. 19-21

Vigil Gathering.....Oct. 11-12

LLD.....Nov. 14-16

Winter Banquet.....Dec. 6

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Inductions Corner

By Lindsay Putnam
VC Inductions

Here is a few things that need to be made known throughout the lodge:

1. The Inductions & Ceremonies page of the Lodge Website is now up and running. It is in the growing stages so go take a look at the Lodge site and click on the Inductions & Ceremonies section. We have contacts for those who want to serve as Elangomats, information about the upcoming Inductions, and information about the Brotherhood Conversion. More links and information will be added in the near future. <http://www.lodge104.com>

2. The use of personal two way radios in camp during the Inductions events has become a safety issue. Their use during events is interfering with the communications between ceremony and inductions staff. Recently we had two incidents in which there were injuries and the medical staff could not be reached, because someone was playing with a two way and would not stop. In order for us to maintain a safe environment, we are asking that the use of these radios be limited to channels not being used by staff. This issue will be brought up with the Lodge Executive Committee.

3. All ceremony teams are reminded that before you perform a ceremony, you are to pick up an Indian pump at the Inductions desk at the activity field. **You are NOT to perform a ceremony without a pump and an adult present!**

4. We are asking that any Brother who attends an Inductions event please wear a uniform, it is very difficult to tell who is a Brother and who is an inductee. If you are out of uniform and are asked if you are a Brother or a candidate, please do not be offended it is the only way we can tell. To avoid this it is an easy task to wear the uniform, after all it is an OA event!!!

5. We are trying to compile a list of all ceremony teams, team personnel, and team advisors and are asking all to contact Chris Newton at 910 424-7780 to update this information for your chapter.

Winter Banquet 2002

"Oh, the weather outside was frightful!"

Winter Banquet 2002 stood the test of time and weather as 109 Arrowmen and family members gathered for the annual recognition dinner. The meal was catered by Ron's Barn and the festivities were held at the First Baptist Church in Sanford. The food and the facility were exceptional and everyone had plenty to eat. The speaker for the evening was our own Bob Hilmo, accompanied by his two sons, Mike and Eric. Bob, a retired Colonel in the army, spoke of his experience the day of September 11, 2001, when the Pentagon was attacked. Bob was stationed at the Pentagon at that time.

The highlight of the evening was the awards presentations. Four Arrowmen received the 104 Service Award, 27 received the Arrowman Service Award, 4 received the Troop Service Award, 15 Arrowmen received the Summer Camp Durant Staffer Award and 3 dancers received the Gentegen Patch. In addition, recognition for Elangomat service and Ceremony patches were awarded.

Key Three chairs were given to AJ Phoenix and Kevin South (youth) and Jack and Anne Hendrix (adults), while the Founders Awards honorees were Josh Carpenter and Cameron Bowe (youth) and Ron Trowbridge and Sharon McDonald (adults).

The Roth Award was given to Kiowa Chapter for exceptional Lodge service and the Chief's Award was given to Neusalufta Chapter for the most improved chapter over the last year.

Lodge Chief Joe Cranford passed the Chief's bonnet to the new Lodge Chief, Seth Asbill.

Last, but not least, Joe Cranford was honored with the James West Fellowship for his notable accomplishment of taking 1st place in Northern Traditional Dance competition at NOAC 2002.

Yes, the weather was frightful, but the fellowship was exceptional. Mark your calendars for December 6 and come be a part of Winter Banquet 2003.

Liz Cranford
Adviser to Recognitions Chairman



VIGIL NOMINATIONS DUE AT POW-WOW

By David Mabe,

Vigil Committee Chairman

Vigil nominations are due at Spring Pow Wow. Those turned in after that time will not be accepted. Please remember that a picture is a MANDATORY part of the nomination. Please use the standard nomination form that is on the lodge website. Chapter chiefs and advisors also have nomination forms, or email drmabe@bulldog.unca.edu. Please take the time to fill out these forms as complete as possible. "If you care enough to nominate someone, care enough to fill out the form entirely."

Also, all youth vigil members are invited to attend the selection meeting, April 5 at Lew Boyles house in Durham. You should have received an invitation in the mail. Please confirm your attendance with Lew. Any questions, call David Mabe, (828) 255-7381 or email at the above address.

The Vigil weekend normally the third weekend in October has been moved to October 10-12 due to the Council Camporee.



Vigil Gathering cooks **Scott Allen & Calvin Terry Sr.** pose in a quiet moment at last year's event.

News from the Executive Committee

At the LLD Executive Committee Meeting the following new policies were adopted:

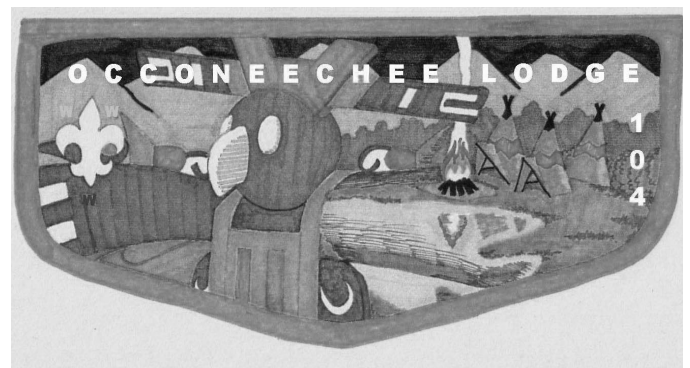
- Due to the large number of returned checks that the lodge is receiving, a service charge of \$10 will be added to any checks returned for insufficient funds. The Lodge will be considering other options available, to insure that these funds are collected. Such actions could be limiting access to special activities, restricting to cash only basis, and legal options.
- Establishing an ad hoc Long Range Planning Committee. Chief **Seth Asbill** is currently looking for Arrowmen who are interested in working with this group.
- The Committee voted to support the upcoming Section ArrowHEADs Training Seminar financially. This will be a Section event provided on years in which NLS is not held.

Patches, Patches, Patches!

Oconeechee now has two special edition patches for sale. One the 2003 Conclave flap, is featured on the first page of this edition. This patch, which we obtained special permission from the Carolina Hurricanes Hockey team is a limited run of 1000 patches. They will be sold at Spring Pow Wow for a cost of \$2.50 each.

The other patch is a special fundraiser flap for the Lodge Building Fund. Designed by Charles Wolf this patch also was made in a run of 1000 and are selling for \$5 each. The design is pictured below.

Many thanks to the Patch Committee for their efforts. Led by Chairman **Thomas Grimes** and his adviser **Greg Grimes**, the committee is working hard to insure that we have designs for all our events, plus assisting in fundraising activities. They would like to encourage all interested to contact them with any ideas they might have for future patch designs





AIA Spotlight

American Indian Affairs Report

By Ian Ward

Vice Chief of AIA

Dear Brothers,

Last year was a knock out year! I plan to have an even better year in 2003. First I must congratulate Kevin South, Daniel Harris, and Mark Cusik for the Gentgeen award. Way to go guys. This year we have a number of new programs we are going to do. First this year we have C.I.S. This year is starting to look and sound good! I hope to see you all there. Then at spring Powwow we plan to hold our annual powwow. I hope to see some new dancers out there.

Right after that, at Spring Inductions we are planning to hold Gentgeen 101. This is a way for new dancers to get a jump-start on their regalia. On Friday night we are taking whoever is interested into town and buy some supplies for the next day. On Saturday we are going to have a construction day. We will have people there to help and teach anyone who comes. Then, you can wear your new regalia and dance at the Saturday night Pow Wow. You must sign up in advance. If you are interested please call Ian Ward or Jeff Brewer. I hope to see everyone at these events. That's the new news from the AIA corner.



Former Lodge Chief and National Champion Traditional Style **Joe Cranford**, shows he has the right stuff on stage at NOAC 2002, at Indiana University.

Indian Summer



Do you like fun? Do you like learning? Do you like Indian lore? Well if you do, the Order of the Arrow has the perfect conference for you! It is the National Order of the Arrow Ceremony and Native American Indian Conference, or in short, Indian Summer.

All Arrowmen with an interest in learning more about American Indian culture and Arrowmen who wish to expand their skills and understanding of the Order's ceremonies are invited to participate in the conference.

A primary objective of this event is to elaborate and expand a participant's understanding of American Indian culture at a pace in which the students can learn more. Arrowmen will have a hands-on experience with American Indian crafts, singing, dancing, customs, traditions, Indian games, and conducting a pow-wow.

Need to improve your skills in producing a successful Call-out, Ordeal, Brotherhood, or Vigil Ceremony? Well you are in luck because Indian Summer participants will also have the opportunity to delve deeper into the ceremony world of settings, props, understanding the ten induction principals, symbolism, memorizing lines, and the development of low-cost ceremonial outfits. The last national OA ceremony and Native American Indian conference was held in 1995. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about American Indian culture and expand your knowledge in Order of the Arrow ceremonies!

Gail Barker (**Eno**) has agreed to be the adult contingent leader. If you are interested, please contact her at your earliest convenience. Deadlines for registration are March 1st. This is sure to be a great event, which is being held at nearby Ridgecrest Conference Center near Asheville, NC. Conference dates are August 2nd through 7th.



Adviser's Minute

Friends,

Happy New Year! As we begin this new year, we have much to celebrate. 2002 NOAC was a rousing success, with **Joe Cranford** leading our Dancers, by taking first place in Traditional Dance, to **Chase Pattillo**, Niganit Chapter, for winning 1st Place in the "Best Design" category of the Goodman 500 competition. We are financially sound. Our new website and electronic messaging system is up and running. Our Tipis are getting out to our membership again. At year's end we once again earned the designation of **"Quality Lodge."** Thanks go to all who contributed their time and effort this past year.

But we must not rest on our merits. There are many areas in which we need improvement. Chief **Seth Asbill** is committed to leading an effort to look into the long term operation of the lodge with an Ad Hoc Long Range Planning Committee. It will examine how we operate and how we can improve those operations. If you are interested in participating, please contact Seth.

This will also be an exciting new year. We will officially begin our own capital campaign for the new Lodge Building/Training Center in conjunction with the Council's efforts. We will send a large contingent to Indian Summer, a National AIA training event, hosted in Asheville, NC. In April we look forward to Conclave hosted by Nayawin Rar Lodge 296 at Camp Tuscarora. Then in September, the first ever, ArrowHEADS, a section training event, being sponsored jointly by Klahican and Occoneechee Lodges.

Encourage your fellow troop members and chapter members to attend Spring Pow Wow. For those who have not sealed their membership by taking the Brotherhood, ask them to attend and take the Trail. National OA now has a section on their website for assisting members in the quest for Brotherhood. Go to <http://www.jumpstart.aa-bsa.org>.

But, none of this can be successful without your support! We have a great core group of adults and youth. Please join us for the fun and fellowship which makes Lodge 104 the great Lodge that it is. Get involved with a committee or assist in a service project. Be a part of the tradition that surrounds the Thunderbird!

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Rodney McDonald
Lodge Adviser

Chief's Minute

Dear Brothers,

With the New Year upon us, our plans are under way for an exciting and challenging year in the life of Occoneechee Lodge. With an excellent LLD under our belts, I feel confident that our Leadership is charged and ready for a fun filled season.

Spring Pow Wow is just days away, which gives brothers inducted last spring their first opportunity for brotherhood conversion. With all the winter weather the season has afforded us, there's sure to be plenty of service opportunities for every chapter. Also, look forward to a number of AIA events and a Dutch oven Cook-off that all are invited to participate in. Our annual quest events will provide a taste of competition in preparation for our Section Conclave in April. So come out, bring another Arrowman with you, and join us in fellowship.

With Conclave just around the corner, preparations are under way at Camp Tuscarora for what is looking to be an exciting event for all. In typical Occoneechee fashion, our projected numbers for the event are 104 Arrowmen. With everything from Lodge competitions and training to exhibits on a number of different topics, Conclave is a blast. Be sure to come out and help show off what Occoneechee is all about.

Are you over the age of 18, under the age of 25, and looking for a low-cost, yet awesome experience for your Spring Break? How would you like to go to Philmont and serve on the Philmont Spring Break service crew? I have, in my possession, applications in the event that Arrowmen are interested in taking advantage of this great offer. Please get in touch with me ASAP if you are interested.

Applications for Indian Summer are still being taken. This program, conveniently hosted right in our back yard (at the excellent Ridgecrest Conference Center in Asheville), will provide individuals interested in almost any aspect of American Indian Affairs the opportunity to learn and develop new skills. This event is great for both the seasoned dancer or ceremony participant and the new comer with no idea of how to get started. For more information about Indian Summer or an application, feel free to get in touch with me.

Occoneechee Lodge has partnered with Klahican Lodge to provide a training event for Arrowmen in the area Arrowheads, which is planned to occur on off years of the National Leadership Seminar, will focus on three



Training Corner

By Kevin South

Training Committee Chairman

LLD 2002 has been the best training the Lodge has experienced in several years. I would like to again thank everyone who made it possible. I thank the entire Training Committee team for everything they did. Thanks goes to Canotka Chapter for hosting the event, and Mr. Quakenbush for his arrangements with Cambell University. Last, but certainly not least, a special thanks goes to Anne and Jack Hendrix; you were the backbone of the entire event.

I think this past LLD was a great success. Besides great training, the facilities -- and food -- were excellent. From the feedback of participants at LLD, in overall, everyone enjoyed the training and think it to be very useful. There are only a couple of areas to be fixed. So from here, there's nowhere to go but up; and next year will be even better.

I thank everyone that came to LLD and participated in the event, but please remember that the Training at LLD reaches its full potential when it is carried back and used in your Troops and Chapters. Remember:

*"EVERY ARROWMAN DESERVES A TRAINED
LEADER"*

Kevin

Upcoming Training "Opportunities"

Trainer Development Conference, 3/8/03, Sony Ericsson Building, Research Triangle Park, NC

Spring Pow Wow 3/14-16/03, Camp Durant

SR 7B Conclave, 4/11-13/03, Camp Tuscarora

Indian Summer, 8/2-7/03, Ridgecrest Conference Center

ArrowHEADS, 9/12-14/03, Location TBD

LLD, 11/14-16/03, Campbell University

Publication Notes

By Clay Gibbons
Chairman Publications Committee

My name is Clay Gibbons and I am the new Editor for the Tipi, I am looking forward to a new year for the Lodge both in the Tipi and in the events. Although I don't plan to make many changes to the content of the Tipi, but mostly in the time in which it produced to make sure that is out closer to on time each issue. I am out of Natisihi and Troop 8 from Robbins, NC. I was inducted into the Order in 1999, that summer and the following summer I worked at summer camp and served the Lodge by playing the role of Meteu in the call-out ceremonies. In my chapter I served as various positions over the years and I in 2001 I served for the Lodge as Vice Chief of Camping Promotions.

As an Eagle Scout, I also successfully took part in creating a new Venture Crew for Moore County, Venture Crew 898. I am a junior at North Moore High School, and I am active in many clubs, a few of which are the drama club, SGA, and cross country. Also I attend the Acorn Ridge Baptist Church and am active in the youth group.

Last of all I would like to extend an invitation to all fellow Occoneechee Arrowmen, in that I am asking you if have an idea or article that you would like to submit to me or Sharon then I am encouraging you to do so. We always need a different article or picture that is out of the ordinary for the Tipi so please do not hesitate to send them into us. You can contact me by phone at 910-948-3484 or by email at cliff082004@yahoo.com or if you so choose you can send me a letter at 3796 Bethlehem Ch. Rd. Carthage NC 28327. Also you can approach me at any lodge event, if you have any comments or articles.

Article Deadlines

(As Listed in the Lodge Planbook)

Issue	Articles due:
February/March	January 15
May/June	March 15
August/September	July 15
November/December	September 15





Chief's Minute & ½

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If you are interested in participating in Arrowheads, please discuss your interest with your Chapter Chief and Advisor.

The year is ours for the making. We have the ability to shine among our section at the Cardinal Conclave. We have the ability to shine at our council camp this summer and in our times there during the year. We have the ability to shine in our districts as chapters committed to service and training. We have the ability to do many things. The time to start is now. I challenge every Arrowman in our great Lodge to aim for new heights this year. Help us to be a lodge that is willing to move forward, "Glowing Ever Brighter".

In Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service,
-Seth Asbill, Lodge Chief

Brotherhood Conversion

At this years LLD, the Executive Committee voted to return to the Brotherhood Trail method for conversion, while incorporating some of the features of the Nimat program which we experimented with last year.

Chapters are still encouraged to work with new members to assist them with the memory work required. Also for the first time National OA has the new Jumpstart program up and running on their website. Details are being worked out at this time to also keep portions of the reflective part of the Nimat program. **Ben Tucker**, Brotherhood Committee Chairman will be working hard to insure the success as we return to the Trail.

Please encourage all in your troops and chapters to come to Pow Wow and Fall Fellowship to seal their membership with the Order and the Lodge. A percentage of our membership must convert from Ordeal to Brotherhood to achieve Quality Lodge status. Last year we struggled with our Conversion numbers, running the Trail at Vigil Weekend and LLD. Thanks to all who came out and made the extra effort. We did make our number and once again were designated as a "Quality" Lodge."



Lodge Building Report

Over 6 years ago the Lodge did a study as to what features our members wanted in a Lodge Building. Some of the things brought up were a conference room, classrooms, a museum, small kitchen, space for ceremony gear, and other items. Although we do not have plans yet, we are set to begin a capital campaign in conjunction with the Council's effort. Preliminary estimates for the proposed 10,000 square foot facility are between \$350,000 and \$500,000.

We are off to a great start with the donation from the L. C. Goodman estate. We also have added roughly \$10,000 over the last 2 years through different efforts in either patch sales or auctions. This was all done without a formal campaign. It will take a great deal of effort to raise these kind of funds. We now need Arrowmen to assist us in this effort. If you have interest in assisting with either organizing fund raising events such as golf tournaments or dinners, or are interested in working with product sales or seeking pledges, please contact Lodge Adviser, Rodney McDonald.

UNIT ELECTIONS

It's that time of year again! Time for all Chapter election teams to get out and do their thing. Troops all across Occonechee Council are waiting to hear from the OA for their worthy members to be elected into the Honor Society of Scouting.

Chapter Vice Chiefs of Inductions should be contacting Scoutmasters and setting up times when the teams can go to the meetings. Teams should practice the Election Ceremony and be prepared to talk about camp promotions or answer questions scouts might have about the Order and the Lodge. This is an excellent opportunity to promote attendance at our own Camp Durant. There are still openings available for most weeks of camp. So if a troop has not made a decision we can assist them in getting on the schedule.

Please make sure that all election results are into Janet Rose by the first of May. It is really difficult for Janet and the rest of the Lodge Administration staff to get things set up when election results are turned in at camp on Friday night of Inductions. Make every effort to make this the best year in your chapter for elections.





NOAC 2004

The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is held every other year on a college campus somewhere in the United States. The 2004 Conference will be held in Ames, Iowa at Iowa State University. NOAC is a week long event that encompasses all facets of the Order of the Arrow program.

Activities are varied. There is something for everyone. AIA has competitions in regalia, dance in each style, and drum/song. There are Brotherhood Ceremony "Evaluations". For those who are athletic, there are volleyball, basketball, road races, and ultimate Frisbee events. On one day there is usually what is called Founders Day, where lodges that chose to participate set up booths that feature something from their area.

Participants are housed in dormitories and eat in the campus dining halls. There also seems to be a tradition of late night pizza delivery among certain Chapters.

Gail Barker (Eno) has agreed to be the Adult Contingent Leader for 2004. For those of us that know Gail, it will be a well organized and fun trip. Occoneechee has a tradition of sending large and spirited contingents. We sent 96 members in 2000 and 78 in 2002. It is our goal to break 100 in 2004. Deposits are being accepted now. The National fee is usually around \$250. That covers the conference itself. Due to the length of this trip we are unsure of the cost of the contingent fee. Depending on how we travel, the cost could go higher than last years. We will know more as time gets closer. Future Tipi articles will provide information as we have it.

Pictured below is the 2000 Contingent to NOAC. Held at the University of Tennessee, in Knoxville. Occoneechee had the largest Contingent in the Nation.



Recognitions/Awards

This is one of a series of articles to promote awards and recognitions available to Occoneechee Arrowmen.

The SR-7B Trail Crew Award was created by Occoneechee Lodge 104 to assist the trails in the state of North Carolina, and introduce our Arrowmen to outdoor clubs across the state. A minimum of 100 hours of trail service will earn you a back-patch chenille by giving cheerful service to what we all love – a good hiking trail.

Requirements for the award:

1. Youth and Adult Arrowmen are eligible.
2. The award applies to the trails of North Carolina only.
3. A minimum of 100 man-hours of trail service must be performed. Written documentation with locations, dates and signatures are required and due to Occoneechee Lodge #104 three weeks prior to Conclave.
4. "Trail Service" is defined as flagging, construction or maintenance on a North Carolina trail.
5. Hours done on BSA property will NOT be counted as trail service.

There is no limitation to the number of times the award can be earned (e.g. If Johnny Scout does 300 hours of service he can apply for three awards).

"The Order of the Arrow is a thing of the outdoors rather than the indoors. It was born in an island wilderness. It needs the sun and rain, the woods and the plains, the waters and the starlit sky."

- E. Urner Goodman

A Limited Edition of 100 Chenille's are being sold for \$50.00 each to fund this project. This very simple but symbolic design will be a chenille to show your support for the SR-7B Trail Crew Program. The six chains at the top represent the 6 Lodges within SR-7B and how we are "weld tightly every link." The fund raising chenille will be slightly different from the chenille that will be given out as the award. Once there gone, they are gone!

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