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Winter 2012

## Balancing School with Scouting

John Taylor

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# CONCLAVE SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

2013 Conclave is rapidly approaching and we need your help! We will need more and more volunteers over the coming months to give cheerfully in service in order to put on a great conclave for our section. Here is our schedule of workdays for the next year:

December 2012

December 1st

January 2013

January 5th

January 12th

February 2013

February 2nd

February 9th

February 23rd

March 2013

March 2nd

March 15th – 16th

March 30th

April

April 13th

There is a \$5 fee to attend each workday to cover the cost of lunch and the workhorse patch. To register for the workdays today visit <http://www.lodge104.net/committees/sr-7b-conclave/workdays/> and click on SIGN UP NOW. I hope to see you there! If you are in need of a ride to one of the service workdays, feel free to contact me or our Service Committee Chairman, Matthew Kane, at [mattcamping@embarrmail.com](mailto:mattcamping@embarrmail.com) and we will do our best to organize transportation for you.

See you There!

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# GET INVOLVED WITH INDIAN AFFAIRS AT THE CAROLINA INDIAN SEMINAR

If you are interested in dancing and singing, there is an incredible opportunity coming up. The Carolina Indian Seminar hosted by Eswua Huppeday lodge is a great opportunity for anyone to learn more about the Native American traditions of singing and dancing.

The event will occur the weekend of January 25th – 27th in Statesville, NC. Participants will enjoy training sessions on how to sing and dance, be able to watch and participate in powwows, and meet arrowman from all over the east coast. This event is perfect for everyone from experienced dancers and singers to new arrowman looking for a fun way to get involved.

For more information, visit <http://eswau.org/wp/?p=222> or contact our Dance Sub-Committee Chair, David Lynn at [grahamlynn@centurylink.net](mailto:grahamlynn@centurylink.net) or our Singing Sub-Committee Chair, Andy Wilkins at [awilkins95@gmail.com](mailto:awilkins95@gmail.com).

## JOIN A CEREMONIES TEAM

Ceremony teams are an important part of the ordeal and brotherhood experience. Not only do team members have the ability to make an impact on incoming arrowman from their chapters, but also to truly understand the purpose of ceremonies in the Order of the Arrow and the symbolism behind each ceremony's lines. If you are interested in starting or joining a ceremony team, please contact your chapter's Vice Chief of Programs, or our Ceremonies subcommittee chairman, Daniel Ayscue at [theultimatehunter1187@gmail.com](mailto:theultimatehunter1187@gmail.com).



# A word of welcome from Vice Chief of Administration Daniel Salgaod

The 2012-2013 year is here, and I thank you for allowing me to serve as your Vice Chief of Administration! I look forward to serving in this position for the second time, but the Lodge needs your help. We've got a big year ahead of us, being the Host Lodge for the 2013 SR-7B CARDINAL CONCLAVE! For those of you not familiar with Conclave, every year the six lodges of our Section meet for a great weekend of fun, friendly inter-lodge competition, and brotherhood. Every year, a different lodge in the section has the opportunity to host this awesome event, and this year, it's our turn! We need all hands on deck this year, as we will be welcoming hundreds and hundreds of brothers from other lodges in the section into Camp Durant on April 19-21. There are tons of ways that you can get involved in helping prepare for this event. If you're interested in getting plugged in on one of our various Conclave committees, contact Jonathan Boggs ([jmboggs0311@email.campbell.edu](mailto:jmboggs0311@email.campbell.edu)), our Conclave Chairman.

As your Vice Chief of Administration, my responsibilities normally concern a wide variety of things. One of my responsibilities is to the Ordeal process. Went through your Ordeal in the past year? Well, there's a good chance that I may have yelled at you through a megaphone. Don't take it personally. I assist the Ordeal committee in successfully setting up and running the Ordeals at Fall Fellowship and Spring Inductions. We are always looking for brothers to serve as Elangomats for the Ordeal candidate clans, and if you are interested, please contact the Ordeal Committee Chairman, Pat Seelinger ([patseelinger@yahoo.com](mailto:patseelinger@yahoo.com)). This year, we will be holding a special third Ordeal at Spring Powwow in an attempt to promote active involvement in the Lodge upon completing the Ordeal by being able to attend Conclave. This is a perfect opportunity to serve as an Elangomat if you have not yet, and I would highly recommend you do. Even if you aren't up for serving as an Elangomat, we are always looking for brothers to help us with service projects during ordeals.

Another one of my responsibilities is to Brotherhood. If you've been in the OA for ten months since your ordeal, you are eligible to seal your membership in the Lodge and walk the Brotherhood Trail. For more questions concerning the Brotherhood Trail, contact the Brotherhood Committee Chairman, David Helbig ([eaglescoutdavid@yahoo.com](mailto:eaglescoutdavid@yahoo.com)).

This is a big year for the Lodge, and I am really looking forward to it and excited to serve as a Lodge officer. If you ever have questions or suggestions, never feel hesitant to talk to me at Lodge events or contact me. I hope to make this year one of our best in the Lodge, and I hope that you will join me! Don't forget to register for Conclave and get connected in one of the committees, because we need everyone's help, but it will be a blast!

Sincerely,

Daniel Salgado  
Vice Chief of Administration



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# An Introduction from new Vice Chief of Communication Brandon Kelly

I am honored and very excited to serve the Lodge as the Vice-Chief of Communications. I have realized that this will be an extremely busy year for the Lodge since we are hosting the SR-7B Conclave! Because of this the Lodge will need all of the help it can get in order to put on the best Conclave the Section has ever seen. I encourage all members to get involved in the OA because it will change your life forever in the most positive way I can think of. I know it has changed my life and will continue to change it. So what are you waiting for? Get involved and have fun! The OA is an organization that has something for everybody. Whether it's dancing at Pow-Wows, performing ceremonies, service projects, or photography, there is something for everybody.

You might be wondering how I got involved in the Order of the Arrow. Well the first thing I did that got me involved was I attended my first chapter meeting. Going to my first chapter meeting was the most important step because it allowed me to understand what the OA was all about; Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service. As time passed I became Chapter Chief for Yamni Wakpa. My involvement increased from that point on and still hasn't stopped. I've been involved with ceremonies and dance. I've even been involved in accidentally hit past Lodge Chief John Taylor's car with an egg (I'm still very sorry about that John). But throughout my time in the Order and have made very fond memories of every event and life long friendships that will stay with me until my last breath all because I decided to get involved.

I am currently a sophomore at Northwood High School. I love to study martial arts and wrestle whenever I'm not getting myself involved in something scouting related. I have worked on Woodbadge staff in 2011 as well as Camp Durant Staff for the past two years and have enjoyed every moment of it. I am currently working very diligently on my Eagle Scout project. I have attended: the 2010 National Scout Jamboree, the Philmont Scout Ranch, and the 2012 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). However, I feel that the most important thing I have picked up throughout my scouting career is to make new friends and keep those friends you have close. I have had terrific experiences in and outside of scouting and I look at bringing those experiences to the Lodge to make it better.

Thank you to all of those people who have supported me throughout the years and elected me to be your Lodge VC of Communications. I can't wait to see all of my brothers at the upcoming events, especially Conclave!

We're number one! OH FOUR!

Brandon Kelly  
V.C. Communication



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# CHIEF'S CORNER: MAKE YOUR MARK

My name is Todd Goldfarb and I became a Boy Scout of Troop 236 in November of 2007. Exactly 5 years later, I am writing this article as the 2013 Occonechee Lodge Chief.

A few things about myself; I am currently a tt sophomore at NC State University studying Industrial Engineering. My hobbies include scouting, playing tennis and stained glass. In addition, I like working with people and using Google Documents to collaborate! My past two summers were spent working with the best Camp Durant Staff ever. They seem to get better every year. I enjoy being at camp and working on improvement projects.



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Many scouts start as Cub Scouts and work their way into Boy Scouts. I was not one of those people; I was not interested until a good friend encouraged me to attend a troop meeting. Soon, I met amazing people, youth and adults. As a new scout, I received a lot of training and support from scouting. As I learned and experienced what scouting has to offer, I could return the training and support right back into scouting. After joining the Order in May of 2009, I started as Lodge Vice Chief of Program about a year later. I learned through many scouting experiences such as serving as the Camporee Chief for Neuse River District and working on the section level supporting NOAC, the website and newsletter. This past September, the lodge members voted and decided I was to serve them as lodge chief for the next year.

Your take away message from this story is no matter who you are or how long you have been around, YOU can make your mark on this organization. Everyone has the power to do their best in whatever they do. Think about what you want to do and how you will get there every day. Leadership is a lifetime commitment, not something acquired in one day. We may have not been in the lodge as long as others have, but we have the same opportunity to affect others in a positive way and make a difference. Seize the day and do not wait to get involved. It is a lot of fun and you will make friends that last a lifetime. See you soon.

Best,  
Todd Goldfarb  
Lodge Chief



# A word of Joe Lally Vice Chief of Finance

Hey Brothers! First off let me thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Vice Chief of Finance for 2013! We have had a fantastic start to the year so far and I can't wait for what the year still has in store! This year is going to be great and it's going to be great because of YOU! in 2013 we have an opportunity that doesn't come along but once every six years. We get to show the section what an excellent lodge we are this April at the SR-7B Cardinal Conclave! My goal is to get as many arrowmen to come to Conclave to volunteer and make it the best event the section has ever seen! I hope you are all excited and ready for this coming year and I know you are up to the task of making conclave amazing!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Joe Lally, Vice Chief of Finance  
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## THANK YOU WILL ALLEN FOR YOUR SERVICE AS 2011-2012 LODGE CHIEF





# A Recap of this Year's Lodge Leadership Development

On November 10th, we held our annual Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) on the beautiful campus of Campbell University. Thank you to everyone who came out to be a presenter or participant! In total we had over 70 people in attendance who were trained in everything from leadership to how to Join Grandma's team in preparation for 2013 Conclave, where our theme will be Southern Hospitality. Special thank you to our cook crew volunteers for planning all of the delicious meals enjoyed by attendees! Overall, it was a great event! If you are interested in being a presenter for next year, or would like to join the Training Committee, feel free to contact our Training Committee Chairman, Ryder Best, at [ryderknowsbest@gmail.com](mailto:ryderknowsbest@gmail.com).

## 2013 Webelos OA Day

Next year at Spring Powwow, Occoneetchee will again be hosting the Webelos OA Day event at Durant!

Webelos from across the council will come down on Friday night and camp into Saturday where they will enjoy a campfire program put on by Occoneetchee Arrowmen, and various fun activities such as archery shooting, a powwow of singing and dancing, and making traditional Native American necklaces called chokers.

This event allows cubscouts to experience what the Order for the Arrow is like and get interested in what we do. As with any program, this is only possible if we have enough staff to help out with the event.

If you would like to participate on staff or learn more about the event, contact our Webelos OA Chairman Brenton Cameron at [TCameron@moorecountync.gov](mailto:TCameron@moorecountync.gov).



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# A word of introduction for new Vice Chief of Program Stephen Frein

I am honored to have been elected as your new Vice Chief of Programs for the 2013 year!

In case you don't know me, I am a senior attending Raleigh Charter High School where I serve as the Green Club President, and as the Co-President and Founder of the RCHS Jazz Band. Some of my favorite activities include playing the string bass, hiking, camping, knot tying, lashing, and pretty much anything else related to scout skills.

Scouting has served as a major part of my life. I have been involved in the organization for twelve years serving as a troop guide, troop instructor, and JASM within the past four for Troop 214. In the Spring of 2009 I was elected into the Order of the Arrow and went through my ordeal. I immediately became interested in ceremonies and participated on my chapter's tap-out, pre-ordeal, and ordeal team as Nutiket. Since then, I have enjoyed serving as Vice Chief of Administration and Chapter Chief of Kiowa Chapter. My favorite parts of the OA are participating in service projects, participating in ceremonies, and contributing to my chapter's themes to win the Spirit Stick at lodge events.

As Chapter Chief, I was able to observe the workings of the lodge and develop new ideas, which I now hope to implement. One of my core beliefs is that in order to be a successful lodge, we need to have successful chapters. It is my personal goal to improve the lodge experience and membership by strengthening chapters through training, service, and AIA activities.

In order for this to happen, chapter members need to become involved. One of the greatest things about the Order of the Arrow is that it is Youth led. You have the opportunity to get involved with committees and activities learning how to form and execute budgets and maintain a clear form of communication. These are great skills that we are not often exposed to at a young age. The Order of the Arrow will not only strengthen you within the organization, but will give you the tools and knowledge needed to succeed later in life. Take advantage of it now while you can. I encourage each of you to join a program committee and develop your chapter programs.

Over the course of the next year, many program activities will be going on. Some of the things to look forward to are the Carolina Indian Seminar in January, The Webelos OA Day in March, and of course, CON-CLAVE in April! We need your help! Strive to actively serve cheerfully within the lodge and in your community.

I ran for Vice Chief of Programs to serve YOU and the rest of your fellow members in Occoneetchee Lodge. If you have any comments or new ideas, I would love to hear from you via phone or email at [stephen.frein@yahoo.com](mailto:stephen.frein@yahoo.com) or (919) 740-9996.

I look forward to working with all of you to make this year successful for our lodge!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Stephen Frein  
Vice Chief of Programs  
Occoneetchee Lodge 104  
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# Join us in honoring the life of Charley Sullivan Saturday December 1st, 3 PM at Camp Durant

Photo Courtesy of Richard Connelly

Charley Sullivan, 87, was Lodge Adviser of Occoneechee Lodge in the Raleigh area in the early 1970s and joined the National OA Committee in 1977 where he remained until his death. He was well known for his insistence that for Scouting to survive, it needed to be fun for the volunteers, as well as the youth members. One of his great contributions throughout his Scouting service was to use humor to help more serious leaders keep their perspective. Part of his fun was to find ways to playfully prod those who were a bit too intense in their worry about BSA rules (or lack of them). As a result he promulgated several schemes which he always told with a straight face to “get the goat” of those who were rule minded. Most famous of these was the “Vigil Raffle” which purposed to let youth get a better shot at Vigil by doing more service and adults by making more financial contributions. He also suggested a “Merit Badge Bonus” plan in which one month each year a Scout would be allowed to pick one bonus merit badge for every other one he earned. This helped weaker Scouts as they could choose an easy badge and use the bonus to get a hard one, like Life-saving. He once completely reversed the patches on a uniform shirt to get the patch hounds worried about how he was dressed. When finally confronted, he said it made sense to have a reversed uniform, since he was left handed! Yet Sullivan, was deeply dedicated to Scouting and understood all its good and challenging aspects and, like Dowe, committed his life to supporting and helping young men achieve the benefits of Scouting and the OA. He was recognized with the Silver Beaver, Vigil Honor, Silver Antelope and OA Distinguished Service Award.



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JOIN STAFF TODAY**

Sign up for a Host Committee at:  
<http://www.lodge104.net/committees/sr-7b-coclave/>

And register for Conclave  
online at

<http://www.sr7b.org/register/>



# Balancing School and Scouting

## By John Taylor

I am certain that most of you have had this experience, “how do I balance school, sports, friends and Scouts all at the same time?” Well if you have not already been told, let me tell you that it is possible and it has been done before! When I became Lodge Chief I was in my senior year of high school. This meant that I was applying for colleges and financial aid while at the same time balancing the Oconeechee Lodge budget and still trying to graduate high school! While in high school, I always liked to overstock my plate and this was just the tip of the iceberg of the responsibilities that I had. As tough as it seems – and as I look back, I catch myself wondering how I was able to balance everything – it is possible to manage all these responsibilities. If you are attempting to be Lodge Chief during your senior year of high school, balance a girlfriend, an athletic responsibility and schoolwork all at the same time, the reality is that one of the parts will suffer. Unfortunately, I did not always make the best choices, but I learned from them so you do not have to make the same mistakes!

Any position in the Boy Scouts of America, and specifically the Order of the Arrow, is more demanding than most high school students ever experience. You and I both know this very well, however

outsiders will not. Therefore, even if you are not Lodge Chief, Chapter Chief or a chapter committee chair, you still have more responsibilities than most of your peers. How is it possible to balance everything? When I was in my final two years of high school, I was attending the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics. While I was at NC-SSM, they told us that we had three choices in life, called the three Ss. Study, Socialize, and Sleep. As is true in most high school situations, you can only choose two of those. Yet for you and I there are actually four Ss, Study, Socialize, Sleep and Scout. So which of those do you choose? Choose Scout over socialize and you do not get to keep that cute girl around that you like so much. Choose study over sleep and you probably will not do as well on the test as you could have, had you slept the night before. I am here to be a standard breaker and tell you that it is actually possible to do each of these. It starts with time management.

Scouts for me obviously took a lot of time; I was balancing the Lodge Budget, visiting Chapters, planning the next event and working with my Vice Chiefs to ensure that they had everything done that they were accountable for. I managed this by planning months in advance what to prioritize. Obvi-



ously planning for the next event was a very important task to complete, so the bulk of that I handled with a Key 11 meeting at least a month before each event so that filled up a slot, and I would go from there. This may not be the same in your case, but for me OA plans were the first thing on my calendar.

After that came tests. The first thing you should do when you get the semester syllabus from your teacher or professor is figure out when your exams are. This is because you will need days (sometimes) to prepare before the exam, and you will need at least a few hours of relaxation time following the exam so that you can get back into the swing of things. Believe me, taking a break after exams has made life so much more manageable, giving your mind that little bit of time to compose itself will make all this time management possible.

Then came the rest, I knew I would have practice and other events every night, so I just snuck the girl in wherever I could squeeze, and whatever weekend that I wasn't at Camp, I let her figure out what I would be doing. I also knew that I could not function without sleep, so I had to get more than enough of that when I could. However, even with all this planning, some of my grades did begin to suffer. I still made it into the college that I wanted to attend, even though it can be said that I walked the line.

Another major part of being able to manage everything is to not be afraid to say no. Sometimes there really is too much to do and you will have to say that you cannot go. Even if

the new James Bond movie is THAT awesome – which it is.

The final step I used to balance all of these responsibilities was having a support group. I filled the socialize S using my support group. My closest friends were each major parts of the support group whether they knew it or not. Also in my support group were my brother, my parents, my advisors Tom and Seth, and you guys, my OA brothers. That's right, each and every one of you were part of my support group, because through you I could listen to what others are doing with their lives. I could learn ways to balance my own time and I could share a laugh with people that I would not normally get the chance to spend time with. After all of these steps to surviving school and scouts, my support group was and still is the most important part of my balancing act.

It is possible to balance all the demands in your life; the first step to this balance is through time management. Manage your time correctly and you can do it all, maybe even Section Chief! One of my roommates is balancing college, Section Chief and a girlfriend, proof that while these things may be hard, they are not impossible! Next, do not be afraid to say no, which may have been the hardest part for me. Follow these simple instructions and you will be a super hero, or at least a super cool dude. If you need help with surviving, talk with your support group, even if they do not know they are part of the support group. You can do it! I believe in you!

