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EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Just in case you haven't heard yet, the Boy Scouts of America is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. While rarely, if ever, do you hear someone running around and shouting Extra! Extra! very much any more, rest assured that at some point in the history of this great organization, someone yelled just that and followed it up with information on the Boy Scouts of America! It seems more likely than not when you realize that William D. Boyce, the founder of the Boy Scouts of America, was himself a newspaper publisher.

As the story goes, Mr. Boyce was helped to his destination in London by a boy who stated while refusing a tip that he was "just doing his Good Turn as a Scout." Mr. Boyce was so impressed by this that he decided to investigate further. He was taken to Scout headquarters where he picked up publications about Scouting and studied them while on Safari in Africa. Six months later, on February 8, 1910, he incorporated the Boy Scouts of America. This "Good Turn" by an unknown Scout has led to countless

more by Scouts around the world.

While William Boyce is credited with founding the Boy Scouts of America, the true beginning of scouting goes back farther, even farther back than Robert Baden-Powell! The roots for the Order of the Arrow go back to that same time frame. Surprised? Read on!

Ernest Thompson Seton wrote a very successful

including bird identification, swimming and canoeing. Seton's early camp evolved into an organization known as the Woodcraft Indians. Over the next eight years, nearly 200,000 boys joined the group. The group's handbook was titled *The Birch-Bark Roll of the Woodcraft Indians*.

Also 1902, when Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell returned from

South Africa where he had been serving in the Army, he found British boys using an army manual that he had written called *Aids to Scouting* as a guide to outdoor fun. Baden-Powell was so shocked by this that he spent the next four years

studying boys' programs, including Seton's *Wild Animals I Have Known*. In 1906, Seton sent a copy of *The Birch-Bark Roll of the Woodcraft Indians* to Baden-Powell. Later that year the two men met in London and in 1908 Baden-Powell published *Scouting for Boys* and formally launched the Boy Scout movement.

"How", you ask, "does all this tie into the Order of

the Arrow?" In 1915, E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson were both tapped to lead Treasure Island Scout Reservation near Philadelphia. Goodman had read about a camp honor society that helped maintain camp traditions from season to season. Edson had heard Ernest Seton talk about the Native American traditions underlying his Woodcraft Indians. The young leaders combined those ideas with the lore of the area's Lenni Lenape tribe to create a society they called Wimachtendienk Wingolauchsik Witahemui - Lenni Lenape for brotherhood, cheerfulness and service!

So you see, Goodman and Edson tied the basics of their program that would become the Order of the Arrow back to the beginning of scouting with Seton's books on the outdoors and the traditions of Native Americans.

Jay Taylor
Advisor, AIA Committee



book in 1898 titled *Wild Animals I Have Known*. With his earnings, the English-born Canadian built a small estate in Connecticut. One day in 1902, some neighborhood boys tore down part of his fence. Seton decided to invite the boys to camp on his property during spring break. Rather than seeking to have them punished, he taught the boys outdoor skills

BARBECUE!

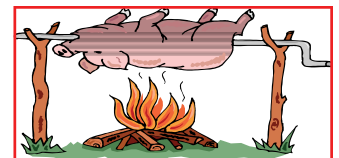
ARE YOU READY for the biggest event in North Carolina?! That's right I'm talking about CON-CLAVE! Conclave, for those of you who may not have been brightened by the experience yet, is a giant party that is attended by around 1000 Arrowmen every year. This year, our section's conclave: the SR7B Cardinal Conclave will be held in Camp Boddie, the council camp of the East Carolina Council and Croatan Lodge, 117. Like always, Occoneechee Lodge is plan-

ning to rule the competitions that normally occur during Conclave. Occoneechee will have at least one representative in each of the Ceremonies Competitions, Dance Competitions and Singing Competition. BUT, that is not all that goes on at Conclave. While we are not electing a new Pope at our Conclave, we are having fun, something that I am assuming the Cardinals do not do when electing the Pope. Occoneechee plans to win the Ironman and the Quest

events again this year. We also plan to win the spirit award with our amazing theme of BARBEQUE! Of course there will be the Order of the Arrow eXperience or OAX that everyone is encouraged to attend. There are all sorts of things available at OAX, from Dutch Oven cooking to GPS devices and Police Helicopters, who knows you may even get to fly the helicopter! Occoneechee is attempting to really bring in a humongous amount of people this year. Drum Roll

please.... FOUR HUNDRED BROTHERS! That's right, you read correctly! The two text messages that I just received from our Lodge Chief contained only one thing: 400. So I can't wait to see you at Camp Boddie! We're number ONE!!!

John Taylor
Occoneechee Lodge 104
Vice Chief of Programs
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CHIEF's MINUTE

Exactly ninety-four years ago E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson created a program that would hopefully improve the summer camp experience. They both felt that there should be more to summer camp than just learning to tie knots or earning a merit badge. Urner and Edson realized that the best way to keep older boys coming was a "camp fraternity." Some aspects of the college fraternity were used to create this organization such as rituals, brotherhood and commitment of new members to the organization. This fraternity would later be called the Order of the Arrow.

Fast-forward ninety-four years later. Across this great country, there are OA chapters, lodges, sections, and regions that continue Mr Goodman's and Mr Edson's legacy. Occoneechee, our lodge has been considered one of the top 20 Lodges in the nation. This year starts a new chapter in our lodge's history.

This year Occoneechee we have a new start, a new year, new faces, and new opportunities. My fellow Arrowmen, before I continue I would like to introduce myself. I am Nathaniel Duncombe, a member of Troop 335 in Raleigh, NC, and a member of Neusiok Chapter. My friends, a chapter in our history has ended, and a new one has begun. This year we start new. We start fresh. This year we Occoneechee Lodge 104, embark on a journey of getting back to the basics. I have many goals for our lodge. To get back the basics, we must remember why this organization was created. Those reasons are brotherhood, and cheerful service. So I say to you my fellow Arrowmen: go out and meet your brothers in the other chapters and give back to our respective communities. My fellow Arrowmen, I ask you to join me in a journey to change and reshape our lodge for the better.

I am an Arrowman just like you. This year you have elected me to serve you. I plan to serve Lodge 104 to the best of my abilities. I am looking forward to this year. I see many challenges, but these challenges will make achieving our goals even more worthwhile. Let's start the 100th year of Scouting in America with a bang.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Nathaniel Duncombe, Lodge Chief njdthelifeguard@yahoo.com

I would first like to thank the outgoing lodge leadership for their legacy. Over the past several years, Occoneechee Lodge has built an outstanding reputation; in many ways the new leadership has a tough act to follow. Fortunately we have good help, including our incoming chapter chiefs, chapter vice-chiefs, and committee chairmen. Just as a troop depends on its patrol leaders in order to function successfully, so your enthusiastic efforts are crucial in maintaining a top-notch lodge.

I also thank our legion of adult volunteers—from lodge-level advisers to chapter advisers to the cook crew members to the fathers and mothers who drive their kids out to camp and back. Whether you are a long-time veteran or you are taking on a completely new position (like me), I hope you recognize the value of your cheerful service and continue to gain deep satisfaction from it.

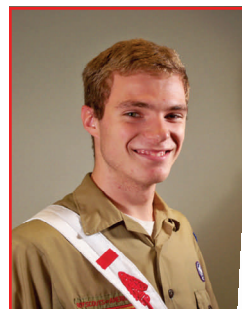
To all brothers and Arrowmen: if you also want to be active in the lodge but you don't know where to begin, start by coming out to lodge events! Winter Banquet is right around the corner on December 4th. We will again be enjoying a barbecue dinner and a guest speaker; and for the first time, the event will be held in the new Grand Lodge at Camp Durant. Tickets are on sale for \$18 apiece from your chapter adviser (or \$20 at the door, if you're willing to eat last). If you didn't make it out to Fall Fellowship in September, don't miss this last opportunity in the year to reunite with old friends, make new ones...and argue over the relative merits of vinegar- versus tomato-based barbecue.

Speaking of which, the other event we need to start thinking about is this year's BARBECUE CONCLAVE! This year's event—actually the SR-7B Conclave, if you want to get technical—will be hosted by Croatan Lodge #117

at the Boddie Scout Reservation. Our lodge theme is barbecue, and we intend to make the entire weekend one giant cookout! And don't forget about inter-lodge ceremonies and dance competitions, the Spirit Award, and the OA Xperience—a special-activities bonanza with offerings that range from glass-blowing to auto mechanics to bow and arrow making. So save the date—April 16-18—check www.lodge104.net for updates, and spread the word!

If you have questions about Conclave, or anything else, just send me an email at wdallen2@ncsu.edu.

Will Allen
V-Chief
Administration



On the Trail to Brotherhood

March 19th through the 21st. Do those dates ring any bells? Is there some event to attend that weekend? Are you still an Ordeal member in the Order? Well, that weekend in March should be ring-a-ling-a-ling quite a few bells if you've been paying attention. That weekend, the Spring Pow-Wow will be hosting a very important trail, if you have been mucking about as an Ordeal member for the last 10 months or more. The Brotherhood Trail is something that, until recently, I had no knowledge about. And you should know that you made a promise along with every Order of the Arrow member since 1915. You promised to follow the Obligation. Part of fulfilling that promise includes reaffirming your belief in "the brotherhood of cheerful service", and sealing your membership by earning Brotherhood. Do you intend to keep that promise? If you feel you are ready to reaffirm your membership, then come to the Spring Pow-Wow and participate in the Brotherhood Trail. I plan to achieve Brotherhood that weekend. Do you?

Chris Wolfe – Neusiok

Patch & Trading Post News

I hope everyone is looking forward to a great year in Occoneechee Lodge! The Patch & Trading Post Committees are working on several projects; several will be a first for North Carolina. One will be revealed at Pow-Wow and the other you'll just have to wait and see.

So what is the one project that we can tell you about? It's a Tervis Tumbler with a round Occoneechee Patch embedded in the tumbler. A Tervis Tumbler is a clear insulated plastic drinking tumbler, or mug that does not sweat like regular drinking glasses....Mom's across the Council are already happy! The tumblers are available in 16 and 24 ounce styles and we have a 17 ounce mug too. The patch inside the tumbler is a new "R" (round) issue for the lodge. I've heard some collector's already threatening to saw the tumbler apart to get the patch out cause the tumbler will not fit into their notebook. Do not be too hasty with this "sawing of the tumbler."

Why? Because we might have a surprise for you down the road!

Event patches for our 4-regular 2010 events, Pow-Wow, Spring Inductions, Fall Fellowship and Winter Banquet will be a puzzle patch design. The 4-piece design is that of an Indian shield. Start the year off by coming to Pow-Wow to get your first piece of the puzzle as the Pow-Wow piece is generally the hardest piece to complete the puzzle since fewer patches are ordered....hint, hint. The entire puzzle patch set will be available for your viewing in the Trading Post.

Conclave believe it or not is just around the corner too. The 2010 Occoneechee Lodge conclave "Trader" flaps will be on sale at the Trading Post during Pow-Wow. Also produced this year and available beginning at conclave will be a "Delegate" issue which is a different color border of the same design as the trader flap. In addition to the delegate flap, an "X" (odd-shape) "Give to the Troops" patch will be sold at Conclave. One of the odd shape patches will be in your delegate ditty bag and others will be available for purchase. This patch and the conclave flaps will be used for raising money through Occoneechee Lodge for the SR-7B conclave service project so please, buy in quantity.

And last but not least in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the BSA, we have a Centennial Lodge neckerchief. The embroidered neckerchief done in the centennial colors will be sold beginning at Pow-Wow. Be the first to get one of these collectibles and show your spirit in celebration of the 100th anniversary.

Remember there are more projects up our sleeve for 2010 and the National Scout Jamboree is just around the corner!

FOCAS



No, I didn't misspell a word. FOCAS is my acronym for the 5 promises of Scouting. If you go to page one of your Boy Scout Handbook, you'll find Scouting's 5 promises:

Friends-in Scouting, we make new friends that last a lifetime. Our peers and leaders have a permanent influence on us. And we have an influence on those around us, through our words and our actions.

Outdoors-we have opportunities just about every month to be outside, sometimes in

places where very few of our friends outside of Scouting get to experience. We learn to be good stewards of our resources.

Character-The Scout Oath and Law are not just words but become a way of life. They become a solid guide when we have opportunities to make bad decisions.

Advancement-we set goals and have help to achieve them. The trail to Eagle prepares us to make decisions and to be leaders.

Service-for Scouting and the Order of the Arrow, we practice being servant leaders so that it is an automatic response to put ourselves second and to always seek ways to help others.

FOCAS. The five promises of Scouting. As Brothers of the Arrow, we strive every day to live the Obligation and to help those beside us to achieve these Promises. It is an Honor to serve with you in the Order.

Tom Wells,
Lodge Adviser

The Coming Year in CEREMONIES

2009 was a great year in ceremonies. With the help of around eight chapters of active ceremony teams, we hosted training sessions at every event, a successful ceremonies competition, and close to forty Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal, and Brotherhood ceremonies. Additionally, we had teams compete at conclave, and NOAC. Most notably, Eluwak Chapter and Netami Chapter Pre-Ordeal teams both won Honors in the NOAC ceremony competition and Netami's team was ranked among top ten in the country! Although, NOAC will not occur in 2010, the ceremonies committee is still looking to make this year even better than the last.

We are currently in the planning stages for Lodge 104's first ever Ceremonies Weekend. Currently we are planning to have an overnight event sometime in early May that will bring all of the lodge ceremonies teams and prospective ceremonialists together for 24 hours of training, practicing, and evaluation. We want to have events that will benefit everyone from members who don't know what "Regalia" means to teams that have been together for years. Stay tuned for more information on this exciting opportunity.

The other thing that the Ceremonies Sub-Committee has taken on this year is coordination of Cross-Over Ceremonies across the council. It is my belief that doing Cross-Over and Arrow of Light ceremonies for packs is one of the best recruiting devices we have next to elections and the ordeal itself. My goal for the lodge by next "Blue and Gold" season is to be able to provide Cross-Over ceremonies for every pack that requests one. This may require that every Chapter be equipped to provide this service when requested and I want to work with each one of you in the coming year to insure that that is possible.

In conclusion, be prepared for some awesome ceremonies teams and increased Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service from the Ceremonies Sub-Committee in the coming year.

Philip Snyder, Eno Chapter, Ceremonies Sub-Committee Chair



The ULTIMATE REWARD

Why are we in Scouts? Is it just to learn how to tie a taut line or first aid or to go camping? For some it may be, but for most of us, there are other reasons and rewards. We have the opportunity to learn and practice leadership skills and teamwork. We practice 'service to others' so much that it becomes an automatic response. In Scouting, we lay the foundation for strong character.

Too many times in Scouting, and most other parts of life, we see someone that sits on the sidelines and never finds a place to fit in the program and most of the time, those people will drop out. This applies to school, church, band, athletic teams, work and Scouting. For those of us that are excited about our participation, it would be an easy thing to walk over and reach out a hand to get those people involved. Not all of us can have the natural physical prowess of Seth Asbill or the good looks of Warren Pusak, so the rest of us have to work hard at getting involved and finding our niche. I believe all of us would agree that there is an opportunity for everyone in Scouting.

In his new book 'The Gold Standard', Mike Krzyzewski talks about what it took to form the 2008 Gold Medal Olympic team and one of those requirements was taking the time to form relationships. He says in taking the time for your team to bond, "you establish a foundation of communication, trust and respect in the way that you deal with one another. In developing those strong bonds, your team will share a uniquely satisfying experience. The friendships that last beyond the completion of your mission are your ultimate reward."

I encourage all of us to find a niche in the Lodge if you haven't yet and if you have found that special program, to look around the edges and take a minute to reach out to someone that needs some encouragement to get involved. I guarantee you will receive the ultimate reward.

Last year was a great year for the programs group, especially in AIA. This summer Occoneechee Lodge attended the National Order of the Arrow Conference, or NOAC, which was a huge boost to programs, but I'll get to that in a second. First, we'll start with Spring Powwow in programs. At Spring Powwow Occoneechee held competitions for Dancing and Ceremonies. The ceremonies competition was quite heated, but at the end the Eluwak Pre-Ordeal team won the Lodge Competition. The dancing competition ended with Kevin Pusak in first place for Straight Dance. Dylan Taylor won first place in Senior Grass Dance at Spring Powwow. The next great stop for the Programs was Conclave and did Occoneechee perform? You bet we

did. At the Dance competition, Kevin Pusak won First Place Senior Straight Dance against the soon-to-be National Champion. John and Dylan Taylor won First and Second Place respectively in the Senior Grass Dance and Tom Neas won fourth. In the Ceremonies competition Occoneechee placed Second in Pre-Ordeal and First in Brotherhood and Individually Occoneechee earned 6 First place honors and 2 second place honors in Competitions at Conclave. The next event was Spring Inductions, where we had tons of great Service by candidates and brothers. At NOAC, Occoneechee produced two teams that won honors, and Netami placed in the top

ten of the entire country! Ethan O'Brien made it to the second round of the Grass Dance competition and John Taylor, Kevin Pusak and Dylan Taylor all made it to the semifinal round of their respective dancing competitions. Occoneechee also produced the 6th best drum team at NOAC, a team that won Conclave. At Fall Fellowship we had another great weekend of service as we got Camp Reeves ready for Nat-E-Con. At LLD we had a great weekend of Training put on by Will Halligan and James Spratley.

And now, for this year! Programs group is in for another good year especially with our committee chairs. The AIA chairman for this year is

Davis Tapp and his sub-committee chairs are Tom Neas as Dance Chair, Philip Snyder as Ceremonies and Will Morris will be the Singing chair. Will Halligan will be the Training Committee chair, Tim Driver will be Service Committee chair and Marc Seelinger will be the 12th Point Committee chair. Our main goals for this year are to build actual committees and to find Youth Trainers for LLD.

**GO TO
CONCLAVE!!!**



Hi, my name is Dylan Taylor and I am the new Vice Chief of Communications for the Lodge. I have some big ideas to improve communications in the Lodge. But first, let me tell you a little about me. I am 16 years old and a sophomore at South Granville High School. I am a Life Scout in Troop 416. I am Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and Eluwak chapter.

Last summer at NOAC, our Lodge began using Twitter to provide daily updates from the big event. Going forward, we plan to use Twitter to send up to the minute updates on what is happening at our events. Imagine finding out a surplus of ice cream cones has been discovered and they must be eaten because the freezer is broken at the Grand Lodge! With just one tweet, you would know to get there, post haste!

I'll bet a great number of you already have a Facebook account. So does the lodge. The Lodge's Facebook page will be used to post news of recent events as well as a listing of future events. There is a section for open discussion. Also, lodge

members lodge members will be able to post their comments on the page. Our Lodge website committee will moderate the Facebook content.

If you have an interest in recording videos then you're in luck! The Lodge is going has purchased a video camera to document our events. If you feel you would like to be a part of this then express your interest by contacting me.

These things we hope to expand on as the year progresses to improve communications within the Lodge. I look forward to seeing and hearing from you at our next event.

P.S. If you would like to write an article to be included in the Tipi, go ahead and write it and send it to me.

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Honor Campers Host Annual Awards Banquet!

Order of the Arrow Recognizes Outstanding Youth and Adult Volunteers—Will Allen

DEC. 5—Over 300 Scouts and Scouters packed the main hall of the Grand Lodge at Camp Durant for the 2009 Winter Banquet, hosted by Occoneechee Lodge 104. It was a record-breaking attendance figure for the event, which traditionally marks the end of the Lodge year. The cold, rainy evening did not dampen spirits inside the festively decorated hall, where members enjoyed a barbecue dinner and placed bids in both a live auction and a silent patch auction.

The main event, however, was the awards ceremony. 24 Scouts and Scouters earned the Troop Service Award, recognizing the fulfillment of an Arrowman's primary duty cheerful service to his troop. In addition, Gail Barker, Greg Grimes, Paula Batton, and Vern Unruh earned the 104 Service Award for devoting at least one hundred and four hours of service to Scouting.

The Honor Troop certificate was awarded to Troop 236 from Neusiok Chapter, Troop 212 from Netami, Troops 10 and 444 from Amangi-Newo, and Troops 740 and 787 from Lumbee Anilorac. On the chapter level, Eluwak Chapter earned the Roth Award for service to Scouting as a whole. This year's banquet also featured a recognition for Quality Chapter Status, the first in recent memory. Chapter Chief Jonathan Boggs was on hand to accept the certificate for Amangi-Newo Chapter. Amangi-Newo also received the Chief's Award from outgoing Lodge Chief Nelson Blair; the award is given to the chapter which, in the judgment of the Chief, has improved the most over the past year.

Two awards, the Key 3 Award and the Founders' Award, recognize youth and adult members for extraordinary dedication to the Lodge. The Lodge Key 3 (the Chief, the Lodge Adviser, and the Staff Adviser) recognized Tyler Grant, Bryan Underwood, Patricia McCoy, and Keith Biegert. The Founders' Committee chose Andrew Sedore, Kevin Biegert, Joe Cranford and Eddie Wessell.

2009 was a banner year for our Lodge's longstanding involvement in the Occoneechee Council summer camp program. A total of 85 Arrowmen were recognized for working on the staff of Camp Durant this year, up from 58 in 2008.

In the course of the evening, we paused to honor those members who have died in the previous year. The Lodge drum team performed a memorial song for Patrick McLaughlin, Jr. of Troop 524 in Neusiok Chapter; Dr. Monte McCaw of Troop 200, the former adviser for Netami Chapter; and Dante Webster of Eluwak Chapter, a longtime member of the Lodge cook crew.

The American Indian Affairs (AIA) Committee presented awards to our most accomplished dancers and ceremonialists. Many of these—including Kevin Pusak, Davis Tapp, Philip Snyder, John Taylor, Dylan Taylor, Chris Grice, Matt Gardiner, Ryan O'Keefe, and Robert Edmiston—achieved national standing in this year's NOAC competitions. Other awards included a Gentgeen patch to Tom Neas and ceremonies patches to Kris Cassell, Patrick Davis, Graham Lynn, Sean McNamara, and Ian Niemeyer.

Last but not least, Terry McIntire received a surprise recognition for his longtime service as the Lodge Staff Adviser. Terry, who will remain active in the Lodge, yields the position of Staff Adviser to Seth Asbill. The evening closed with a reminder to pick up a ticket for next year's **!!BARBECUE CONCLAVE!!**—that is, the SR-7b Cardinal Conclave at Camp Boddie (formerly Bonner Scout Reservation). The fun-filled, competitive gathering of the six Southern Region OA lodges is scheduled for April 16-18; download registration forms now at www.lodge104.net. Hope to see you there!



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LODGE TO HOLD ELANGOMAT TRAINING AT SPRING POW-WOW

Every new Arrowman deserves a trained clan leader! That's why Lodge 104 is proud to offer a new Elangomat Training program at this year's Spring Pow-Wow, March 19-20th. There is no better way to serve your fellow brothers than by acting as a mentor and example during their Ordeal; and there is no better way to prepare for such a leadership role than by going through the Lodge Elangomat Training. PLUS as an elangomat participating in the training, you will receive a \$5 discount off the weekend fee for Pow-Wow. Register online at elangomat.eventsbot.com; enter the password "elangomat" to receive access to the event.

The Elangomat Training will prepare both youth and adult participants to serve as clan leaders for the 2010 Spring Inductions. You will have the chance to develop leadership skills and practical knowledge of the Ordeal; topics covered include the ceremonial importance of the elangomat (a Delaware word for "friend"), means of communicating with your clan, your role in the Ordeal trials, and a preview of the clan service projects around camp.

During the training, we also want you to have fun! There will be a movie showing and plenty of chances to get to know your teammates on the 2010 Spring Inductions team. Serving as an elangomat is not an easy or trivial duty; but it can be very rewarding, and we think you will find it more than worthwhile—for yourself, your clan members, and the rest of the Lodge.

The program will begin Friday night, Mar. 19th, and run until noon on Saturday, Mar. 20th—giving you plenty of time to enjoy your other favorite activities at Pow-wow. Participants will be expected to attend Spring Inductions weekend, May 14-16, barring unforeseen circumstances. Register for the Lodge 104 Elangomat Training Program today—and we'll see you at Pow-Wow!

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me at wdallen2@ncsu.edu.

-Will Allen

Vice-Chief of Administration



2010 LODGE EVENTS

Spring Pow-Wow	March 19-21
Inductions Patch Design Due*	March 21
Tipi Articles Due	March 21
SR-7B Conclave	April 16-18 (Camp Boddie, Croatan)
Spring Inductions	May 14-16
Fall Fellow. Patch Design Due*	May 16
Tipi Articles Due	May 16
Executive Committee Meeting	June TBA
Fall Fellowship	September 17-19
Tipi Articles Due	September 19
Winter Banq. Patch Design Due*	September 19
Vigil Gathering	October 16-17
National One Day of Service	October 16
Conclave Patch Design Due*	November 21
Executive Committee Meeting	November 19-21
Lodge Leadership Development	November 20
Winter Banquet	December 4



CALLING ALL CAMPERS!

We are writing to ask for your help in providing an important new service to the Scouts and Scouters of the Occoneechee Council.

Starting this year, we will publish an annual Where to Go Camping Guide, which will contain the following information:

- Descriptions of Camp Durant and other Council camping programs
- Basic information about the BSA's national high-adventure bases (Philmont, Florida Sea Base, and Northern Tier).
- Copies of national and Council forms for units (e.g. tour permits)
- Detailed entries about locations for weekend trips. This is where you come in! We need to know about the best trips your troop or crew has taken in or near the Council. Tell us all about your favorite spots for camping, hiking, boating, biking, fishing, climbing, backpacking, and day-tripping. Download the form from the Lodge web site or see just what sort of information we're looking for; if you can, make copies and distribute them to your troop or crew.

Entries should be emailed to gocamping104@gmail.com, or you can mail a hard copy to the address shown on the form. We will also be available to collect entry forms at Spring Pow-wow. Photographs are also welcome (remember, Scout-appropriate).

Become a part of Lodge 104's newest tradition of service—tell us where you go camping today!

In Cheerful Service,
Will Allen, Larry Williams
Camping Promotions Committee
Occoneechee Lodge 104 WWW





Go Out and Be BOLD

Occoneetchee Lodge is strong because many Scouts and Scouters have worked hard to make it strong. With more than 270 new members from Spring Inductions, another 160 new members at Fall Fellowship and new Lodge Officers, we have the membership and leadership to develop new programs and activities. I encourage all Lodge members to **GO OUT AND BE BOLD**.

Not just in Lodge activities, but also school, your Scout troop and at home. Pursue lofty goals and set higher standards, not just for yourself but for those around you. Set a goal to raise your grades or help someone that needs a hand.

Try new ways of doing things. We learn from our successes, but don't be afraid to fail. Successful people make lots of mistakes and they just keep working harder to be successful. Thomas Edison failed several thousand times before he got a light bulb to work. He said "I have not failed. I've discovered ten thousand ways which don't work. Without mistakes, we wouldn't have Frisbees, x-rays, post-it notes, penicillin, microwaves or the light bulb.

Remember that the only thing to fear is the regret of living a life that could have been better.

I want to thank all of last year's Lodge officers for their dedication, hard work and commitment to making Occoneetchee a great Lodge. Nelson, Marc, Kevin, Matt & John-thank you for your leadership. We had many successful weekends & ceremonies plus great times at Conclave and NOAC. We have many challenges and opportunities ahead of us including the renovations of the Sullivan building. We have new officers that are energetic and full of ideas.

Let's **GO OUT AND BE BOLD**.