

NEW MEMBER GUIDE

What is our purpose?

Our main purpose is to give "cheerful service" to anyone who needs help. That can be a District, the Council, or our community. Occoneechee Lodge is responsible for building most of the structures at Camp Durant, and many of our Chapters sponsor a section of highway under the State's "Adopt-a-Highway" program as well as serving entities such as Habitat for Humanity and other non-profit organizations in our own communities.

We promote camping - *all kinds of camping*. Occoneechee Lodge strives to make Camp Durant the best and encourages all members' troops to attend summer camp, either at Camp Durant or elsewhere. We want all scouts and scouters to take advantage of camping programs wherever you go. Your learning experiences should then be put to use by teaching good camping skills to the members of your troop - those who have elected *you* into the Order. *The first priority of an Arrowman is his troop.*

Hopefully you continue to grow in your knowledge of the Order, but you still owe your loyalty to your troop. You owe your attendance at troop events. You have a responsibility to see that your troop succeeds in its programming for youth in your community. The Order of the Arrow can foster skills development and leadership development, but you have the obligation to utilize what you learn in the support of your unit.

A Brief History of Occoneechee Lodge

Occoneechee Lodge began as an idea when Mr. Claude Humphreys recognized the potential of the Order of the Arrow at the 1937 National Jamboree. The national organization approved our application August 30, 1937.

Early in 1938, the new lodge members voted to take on the name of the council; thus we became Occoneechee Lodge, the one hundred and fourth Lodge in the Order, adopting the Thunderbird as our lodge totem. You may hear members yelling "Pass the Word-Thunderbird" or "We Are Number One---O---Four" at lodge and section events.

After World War II, Camp Durant became the council's first camp. Occoneechee Lodge has continued its role in leadership with youth and adult members in key positions on the Section, Regional and National level. Today youth and adult Arrowmen work together to keep Occoneechee Lodge a strong member of our section, Southern Region-7B.

Communication

Keep up-to-date by visiting our website where you can read the latest edition of the Tipi, pay dues, register for events, and find links to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.

www.lodge104.net

About Our Lodge

We are a Youth led organization. That is, the youth members have full control of the program of the Lodge. Youth members are the only ones who have a vote on any matter of Lodge business - adults have no voting privileges.

Occoneechee Lodge has elected officers consisting of a Chief and four Vice-Chiefs; Program, Administration, Communication, and Finance. Each of these officers has an adult Adviser who is responsible to see they succeed. We have a Key Three just like other Scouting divisions. Advisers are appointed annually by the Council Executive.

The Lodge is governed by an Executive Committee (LEC) that is made up of the Lodge Officers and the Chiefs from each of our ten chapters; one per district. You met the current Lodge officers at the Forum and you attended your first Chapter meeting just before your Induction Ceremony. The LEC meets a minimum of four times a year to conduct the Lodge's business. These meetings are few and far between, as most issues can be acted upon by the LEC with input from our Chapters through their Chiefs.

The best way to get involved in the Lodge is by serving on one of our standing committees. As you become more aware of the Lodge program, you may bring a special interest to the Lodge by serving on a committee of your choice and possibly serving as the Chairman of the committee.

Lodge Leadership and Committees – 2015-16

Position	Chief	Adviser
Lodge Chief	Gray Barnhill 919-763-5378 chief@lodge104.net	Kevin Blackwood 919-900-0673 adviser@lodge104.net
Vice-Chief of Programs	Stephen Nuttall 919-932-0267 vcprogram@lodge104.net	Nelson Blair 919-454-1404 vcprogram@lodge104.net
Vice-Chief of Administration	Drew Bain 910-580-4412 vcadmin@lodge104.net • Ordeal, Brotherhood, Vigil • Health & Safety	Stuart Thomas 504-957-6577 vcadmin@lodge104.net • Recognitions • Ordeal Process • Food
Vice-Chief of Communication	Nicholas Anderson 919-397-9274 vccomms@lodge104.net • Newsletter - Tipi • New Member Development	Arthur Bisbee 910-391-1844 vccomms@lodge104.net
Vice-Chief of Finance	Tyler Brezina 919-348-6768 vcfinance@lodge104.net	Keith Biegert 919-481-0764 vcfinance@lodge104.net • Event Registration • Trading Post

GET on the TRAIL to BROTHERHOOD!

JumpStart: A guide for new Arrowmen that has everything you need to know to get started on the Trail to Brotherhood...



THE CHALLENGES of BROTHERHOOD MEMBERSHIP

Your completion of the Ordeal sets you on the path of an exciting adventure. After 10 months of service to your unit and fulfilling certain requirements, you will be able to seal your membership in the Order of the Arrow by taking part in the Brotherhood ceremony. Brotherhood membership marks the completion of your induction into the Order of the Arrow.

You must meet five challenges before you can enter the Circle of the Brotherhood. The first of these you should meet now. The next three require steady effort over a period of months. The last challenge you must meet after you are satisfied that you are accomplishing the first four.

Go to http://www.jumpstart.oa-bsa.org and get started TODAY!!

The password to get started is "obligation". Use the menu links in the blue and gold bands to navigate as you learn more about the Order of the Arrow and prepare to seal your membership through the Brotherhood.



Annual Lodge Events

Occoneechee members are asked to participate in four official events. Three are hosted at Camp Durant by the Lodge and occur on the third weekend of the month. There are also several other events that you may participate in throughout the year.

	Date	Activity Features
Spring Pow Wow	March 17-19, 2017 Camp Durant	Service Projects, Quest Competition, Preparation for Conclave, AIA/LLD Training, Ordeal Inductions, Brotherhood Trail
SR-7B Section Conclave	April 17-19, 2017 Camp Raven Knob	Lodge Competitions, Training, Topic Exhibits, Council of Chiefs Meeting
Spring Inductions	May 19-21, 2017 Camp Durant	Ordeal Inductions, Indian Culture, LLD Training
Trade-o-ree	August 26-17, 2016 Camp Durant	Patch Trading, Silent Auctions
Fall Fellowship	September 16-18, 2016 Camp Durant	Vigil Call-out, Lodge Officer Elections, AIA/LLD Training, Ordeal Inductions, Brotherhood Trail
Lodge Leadership Development (LLD)	November 12, 2016 Campbell University	Executive Committee Meeting, Planbook adoption, Establish lodge goals, Officer training
Winter Banquet	December 3, 2016	Recognitions Banquet

Attendance Fees and Descriptions

You must pre-register online at www.lodge104.net for ALL events

	Fee	Event Fee includes these items:
Brotherhood Candidate	NO FEE	Candidate pays standard Event Fee, includes standard event items plus: Brotherhood sash, Brotherhood flap
Elangomats	\$20.00	Standard Event Fee Items plus: Elangomat Patch and t-shirt
Brothers	\$20.00	Event patch, Meals & Cracker Barrels
Late Fee	\$10.00	Added to the event price for those who register less than a week from the event start date.

Chapter Information

Chapter / District	Chief / Adviser	Monthly Meetings
Eluwak Mawat District	Christopher Radcliffe eluwakchief@lodge104.net John D. Rose eluwakadviser@lodge104.net	1st Thursday at 7pm Glendale Heights UMC 908 Leon Street Durham, NC 27704
Ilau Machque Black River District	Patrick Koenig ilaumachquechief@lodge104.net Bill Davis ilaumachqueadviser@lodge104.net	4th Thursday at 7 pm American Legion Post 6400 Johnson Pond Road Fuquay Varina, NC 27526
Kiowa Impeesa District	Dylan Skiscim kiowachief@lodge104.net Harold Liberty kiowaadviser@lodge104.net	2 nd Thursday at 6:30 pm Benson United Methodist Church 4706 Creedmoor Road Raleigh, NC 27612
Lauchsoheen LaFayette District	Alejandro Reyes-Arroyo lauchsoheenchief@lodge104.net Kevin Wolfe lauchsoheenadviser@lodge104.net	4th Thursday at 7:00-8:30pm Saint Patrick Catholic Church 2844 Village Drive Fayetteville, NC 28304
Mimahuk Highlander District	Whit Badgett mimahukchief@lodge104.net Tim Fletcher mimahukadviser@lodge104.net	4th Thursday at 7pm Camp Ground United Methodist Church 4625 Campground Road Fayetteville, NC 28314
Netami Crosswinds District	Ryan Francesconi netamichief@lodge104.net Bob Gamble netamiadviser@lodge104.net	2 nd Thursday at 7 pm First UMC of Cary – Log Cabin 127 Waldo Street Cary, NC 27511
Netopalis Dogwood District	Dakota Cameron netopalischief@lodge104.net Joe Cimadamore netopalisadviser@lodge104.net	1st Thursday at 7 pm St Luke United Methodist Church 2916 Wicker Street Sanford, NC 27330
Neusiok Neuse River District	Louis Kaufman neusiokchief@lodge104.net John Shore neusiokadviser@lodge104.net	1st Thursday at 6:50 pm Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints 1524 Jenkins Road Wake Forest, NC 27587
Saponi Shakori District	Colin Moore saponichief@lodge104.net Jerry Wells saponiadviser@lodge104.net	1st Monday at 7 pm Orange United Methodist Church 1220 Martin Luther King Junior Boulevard, Chapel Hill, NC 27514
Temakwe Awahili District	Trey Gardner temakwechief@lodge104.net Adam Van Stedum temakweadviser@lodge104.net	2 nd Sunday 2:00-4:00pm Louisburg United Methodist Church 402 N Main St Louisburg, NC 27549

RESOURCES for YOU

Your best resources for information on the Order of the Arrow, Occoneechee Lodge, and your Chapter are your Chapter Chief, his Advisor, and your Scoutmaster. Your OA Handbook also will provide you with lots of information as you start experiencing one of the most exciting programs Scouting has to offer.

Start asking now about annual Lodge and Section events such as Pow-Wow, Spring Inductions, Conclave, Fall Fellowship, service weekends and activities, National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) – and much more!

Find out when and where your <u>Chapter meets</u> – go to meetings, meet other Brothers in your Chapter, and *start the fun!* Go to the middle of this guide to find information on your Chapter and who to contact.

There are many resources on the internet also. Visit these pages:

National Order of the Arrow: http://www.oa-bsa.org/

Southern Region Order of the Arrow: http://www.southern.oa-bsa.org/

Section 7B: http://www.sr7b.org/

Occoneechee Lodge 104: https://www.lodge104.net/

