THE TIPI

Occoneechee Lodge #104 Newsletter NOAC Edition

NOAC 2015
IT STARTS WITH US

Theme: It Starts With Us

By: Gray Barnhill, *Vice Chief of Communications*

"It Starts With Us" was the theme that was chosen for the Centennial NOAC. This theme was a little confusing at first because the Order of the Arrow did not start with us, it started with E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson 100 years ago. Throughout the week many speeches were made talking about how this theme came to be and why it made sense. The first century of the Order has ended and now the second century begins. The second century begins with us as a brotherhood. During a show, the national chief, Alex Call, talked to all 15,000 of us and gave us a dare. The scout slogan is to "Do a Good Turn Daily." As members of the order, we are to expand on that and Alex gave us the #DareToDo Challenge. This challenge is to do something good for someone or for the community for 100 days straight and tweet about it everyday using #DareToDo. Alex said, "This is the service we must do to show the world, "It Starts With Us."

Officer Reports

Thoughts from the VC of Program

It's hard to believe NOAC is already over! It was definitely an event I will never forget. The shows were incredible, the competitions were amazing, the exhibits were out of this world...but most importantly, the brotherhood was special. One of the highlights was sitting in the dorm room every night with my brothers and talking about what we had done that day. It was great hearing everyone's favorite part of NOAC and then discussing ideas to bring back to the lodge!

I'd like to give a special shout out to all of those who competed in AIA competitions. Our lodge had five Grass dancers, one Straight dancer, and a Drum team! Occoneechee definitely left a mark on the American Indian Activities.

I would like to thank everyone who made it to NOAC this summer! I'm excited to hear everyone's favorite part. I hope everyone who didn't get to go to this one considers going to NOAC in 2018 at Indiana University! I hope you've all had a great summer and let's get hyped for Fall Fellowship!

W.W.W.

Stephen Nuttall
2015 VC of Program
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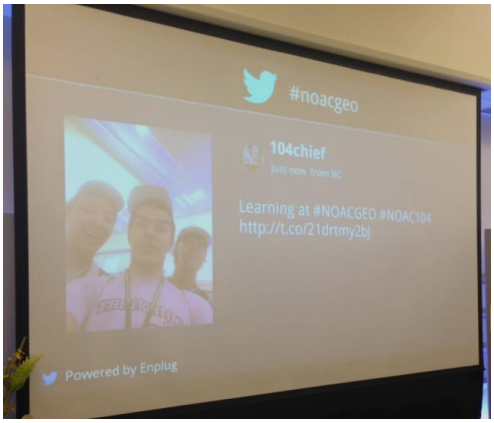
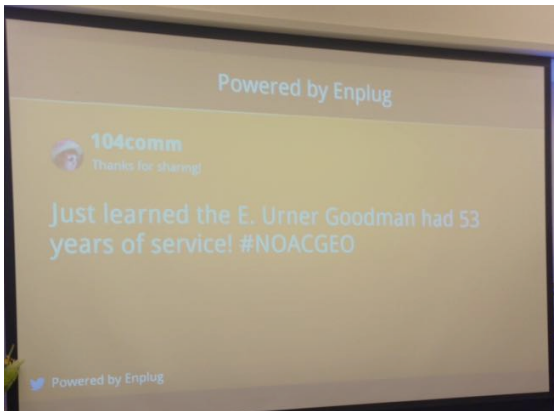
Thoughts from the VC of Communications

The Centennial National Order of the Arrow Conference was an event like no other and it is hard to believe that our Order has made it 100 years and is still pushing hard into the future. The spirit was strong, the patches were colorful, the free stuff was exciting, the love in the air was strong, but my favorite events were the shows and NOAC GEO. At all of the shows, great keynote speakers came and talked about how everything pertained to the theme of “It Starts With Us,” and how exciting life as a scout can be. NOAC GEO was a history museum which helped me see where our Order came from and where it will go in the future.

From Monday night to Friday night shows, they all were completely different and they all had something special about them. Every pre-show began the same with Karaoke and Simon Says, which was one of my favorite parts because it was so cool being a part of 15,000 people singing “Let It Go” from Disney’s Frozen all at once. Going into the Monday evening show, I wasn’t sure what to think because the theme confused me a little. After the first show, I completely understood, “It Starts With Us.” The keynote speakers included Donnie Stevens, National Vice Chief, Robert Gates, BSA President, and Alex Call, National Chief. As a whole, all of them spoke about how it started with us, but the one speech that really stuck to me was from Alex Call, the national chief. In his speech he issued us a dare, a Dare To Do. The dare was to do a small act of service everyday for the next 100 days. This service brings us back to our roots in the Order of the Arrow as well as our scout slogan, “Do a Good Turn Daily.”



NOAC GEO, also known as the NOAC Goodman Edson Observatory, was a history museum that was interactive and informative. At the beginning were posters that showed past NOACs with questions that were to be answered over Twitter using #NOACGEO. Up the stairs was a movie about the future in the Order and what each of us can do. The staff then welcomed us to Treasure Island as we walked into the giant room that included Goodman’s uniform, his awards, and many pictures. The museum also included Patches from every lodge that had ever been in existence. This was all very cool, but my favorite part had to be the Twitter board. Any tweet that was posted using #NOACGEO came up on a screen. It gave me the feeling of fame for just a moment.

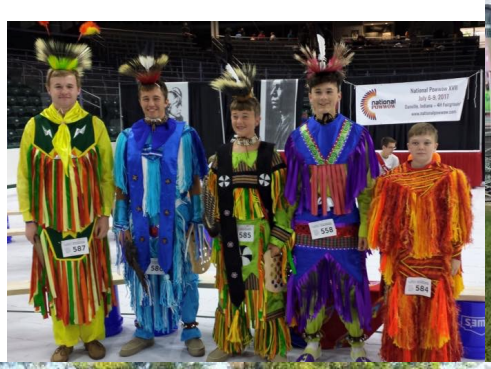


Thank you to everyone who made NOAC the best experience I have had in a long time and if you did not get the chance to go, make plans for 2018! I can’t wait for Indiana University!

W.W.W.
Gray Barnhill
Vice Chief of Communications

NOAC Competitions

During NOAC, many national competitions occurred. Occoneechee Lodge participated in many of them and did incredibly well. The 104 soccer team did an exceptional job coming in second place in the entire nation, losing by only one goal. The game was extremely riveting. Our own Tim Cameron won the national Shot-put competition for the 21+ division and Tyler Perkinson won the 1600-meter dash for the 21+ division. Occoneechee had one straight dancer, Drew Bain, and five grass dancers, Stephen Nuttall, Brenton Cameron, Dakota Cameron, Joey Cimadamore, and Raymond Tomczak. All of them danced their hearts out. Drew Bain went to the second round for straight dancing and Joey Cimadamore got to the second round for grass dancing. In other AIA competitions, our lodge drum team was very strong and competed as well. The Occoneechee Lodgeball teams also played very well and won a few games before eventually being eliminated.



"We're Number 1....

Oh 4!!!"

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Chief's Corner

Thank you,
With our centennial NOAC now behind us I would like to thank each and everyone of you for making this experience truly unique and individual! Together we set a standard for future Occoneechee contingents; in pride, spirit, and countless other ways you set us apart from other contingents and truly embodied the principles of what it means to be an Arrowman! I hope you all follow the movement we started to this past week and #DareToDo for the next 100 days. I know I will and be posting them @104chief. Remember all you learned this week and I hope you truly enjoyed yourselves and never forget "It Starts With Us!"

Yours In brotherhood,
AJ Raulynaitis
104 chief
P.s. See you at the Trade-O-Ree on August 28-29 and Fall fellowship September 18-20

Adviser's Moment

The OA's Centennial Commemoration

The Order of the Arrow is no accident. Our success over the past one hundred years is the product of more than a million Arrowmen's devotion, work and service. Last week at NOAC, we celebrated that success and we used it to inspire the next generation of servant leaders. Today, we create tomorrow.

The sobering fact is that our actions define what the next century looks like. Without a refreshed commitment to serve Scouting and the world, our first one hundred years will also be our last. Today, we take our first step into our second century of service through the birth of the #DareToDo initiative. Now, it's up to you to grow this movement, and affirm the Order's place as an organization that works for the good of others.

Will you "Dare to Do" the things that the world needs to make it a better place?

We can say that we will serve others all we want. The impact, however, comes when we actually do those acts of service. Words merely constitute our pledge, but actions demonstrate a living commitment of service to others.

The legacy of our next century won't be defined by the magnitude of the projects we undertake, but rather by the feelings of love, kindness, and understanding that we share with others through our service. It starts with each of us and every individual that watched the live broadcast of NOAC from around the world as we recommit ourselves to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others.

Tomorrow starts with you.
Kevin Blackwood, Adviser
Occoneechee Lodge

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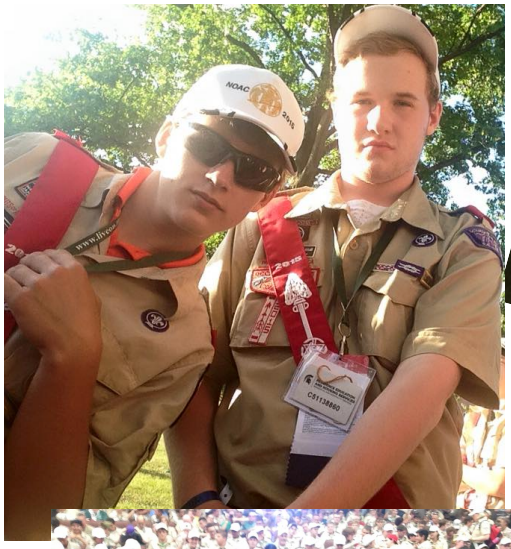
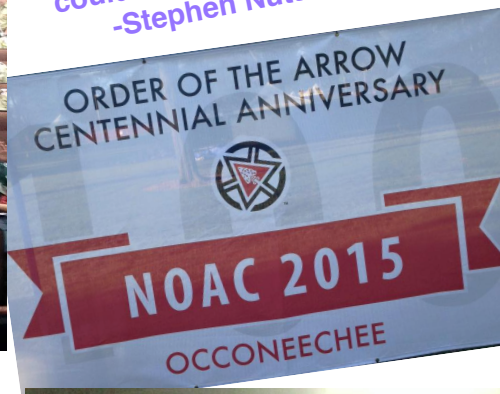
"Best Chocolate Milk!"
-Adam Screws

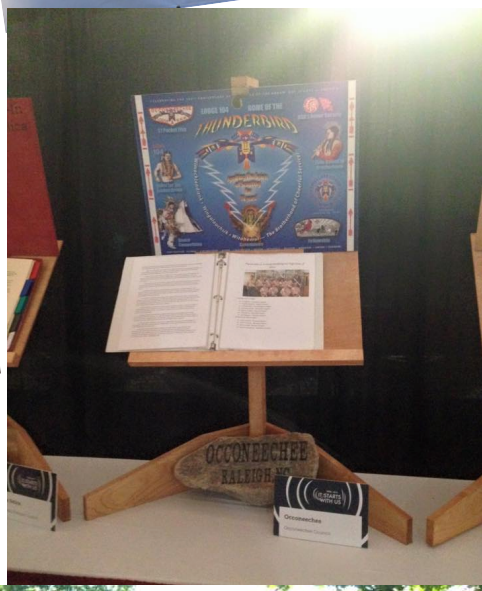
"The strongest feeling of love I have ever felt!"



"So much brotherhood, I couldn't control myself"
-Stephen Nuttall

"The Patch Trading was awesome!"
-Ben Wester





"Looking forward to the next 100 years!"
-Evan Dean

"The closing show was great!"
-Nicholas Anderson

The Next Century

Looking forward, there are many things in the Order's future. In the summer of 2017, National Order of the Arrow is looking for people to add to the OA Corps at the Summit during the National Jamboree. If you are interested, you can sign up online! Those apart of the core will assist in leading treks, participating in the Indian Village, and Service Corps. Then, in the summer of 2018, NOAC goes to Indiana University. If you missed this past NOAC, 2018 is not one to be missed. The event will be extremely exciting and Occoneechee will have a contingent heading up there! Be sure to begin planning now!

Check out more from the 2015 NOAC here: http://www.noac2015.org/

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