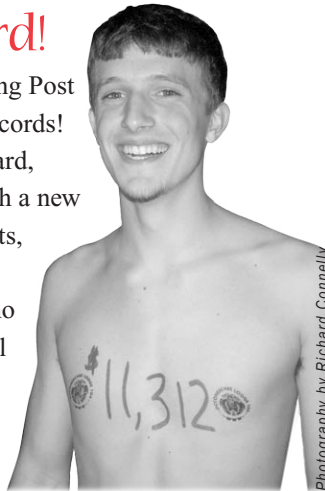


## Trading Post Breaks Record!

Brace yourself for this. At Spring PowWow, the Trading Post boasted sales of over \$11,000, breaking all previous records! It took a lot of hard work from Jeff Bailey, Adam Willard, and many others. We were able to accomplish this with a new inventory which included: Vigil chenilles, Lodge tshirts, mugs, an S-1 style back patch, NOAC memorabilia, Conclave flaps, Lodge CSP's and hats. For anyone who wants to make these types of purchases year 'round, all available items are located at the Lodge web store.

*Jonathan Stewart, Trading Post Chairman, removes his shirt to reveal his sales report to the Executive Committee*



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## Conclave – A Great Experience!

On a beautiful April weekend, Occoneechee Lodge's Irish-spirited Conclave contingent arrived at Camp Bonner in force. Calvin Terry Jr. led our contingent as we let SR-7B know that 104 is the greatest lodge in the section.

As usual, Occoneechee dominated the American Indian Affairs events. Congratulations to Ian Ward, who took First Place in the Senior Traditional Dance Category, as well as all of our other winners who took second and third in various categories. Our Quest Events team gave a valiant effort and came up just short of first place.



Congratulations to Jonathan Jordan who was chosen to serve this next year as the Recognitions Chairman for our Section.

Saturday evening was capped off by a very meaningful Founder's Award and rededication ceremony. The training events were excellent, as usual, with many Arrowmen taking part in these and the Camping Exposition.

Next year's Conclave at Camp Raven Knob is already shaping up to be fantastic, as we are already making plans to take the best contingent ever. Go ahead and make plans to go ... it will be a great time!

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# Your Lodge Executive Committee

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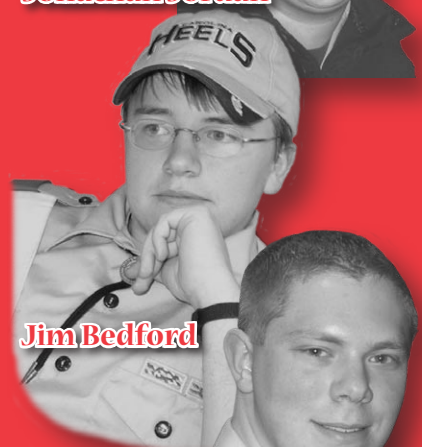
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**A.J. Phoenix**



**Jonathan Jordan**



**Jim Bedford**



**Chris Newton**




## The Chief's Corner

Spring is upon us, and new life can be seen in Occoneechee Lodge. With a new leadership structure in place, our Vice Chiefs and Committee Chairmen are off to a great start in leading this Lodge. We are past another great SR-7B conclave, this time at Camp Bonner. A fun time was had by all who participated in the event.

As many of you know, Occoneechee Council is pouring a lot of money into Camp Durant this year to further develop the property. We have been called on to do much of the service, and have willfully accepted the challenge. At this time, I challenge all of you to be a part of this year's service plan. Take part in this, and years from now you'll be able to come back to camp and say "I helped

to build that". Sounds to me like an opportunity too good to pass up.

It came to my attention earlier this year that our Supreme Chief of the Fire and Council Executive, Tom Dugger, has been called into service in a Council in Oklahoma. Mr. Dugger will be missed, as he has been a great friend of this Lodge. We thank him for his leadership and faithfulness to the ideals of our order.

I have nothing but excitement about the remainder of the year. With NOAC and Fall Fellowship coming up, the opportunities for fellowship and service are endless. Take advantage of them, make the most of them, and enjoy the calling we have as Arrowmen. 

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

*Lodge 104 — Home of the Thunderbird!*





# "Get 'em Hooked While They're Young!"

by A.J. Phoenix, Vice Chief of Program

When approached one day by Unlucky the Leprechaun and asked, "What would you do for a Klondike bar?" my initial response was, "I don't rightly know, but I *will* tell you what I'd do for a Quartermasters Shed full of usable tools ... *KILL!* ... just kidding (no I'm not," A.J. says while lurking in the shadows with the last usable sling blade in the Quartermaster Shed. See "*The Great Chapter Tool Tariff of 2004*" article.

This past PowWow was very productive in terms of Program. I dunno about all these other areas though, but Program's where it's at.

## Service

First off, I would like to thank all those who have devoted their event and non-event weekends to the bettering of our camp. This weekend yielded the completion of two new staff cabins and a lot more to come in the area of long-range planning where we have decided to start a maintenance cycle of all the camp's buildings to be ready in time for Conclave. This plan will consist of two buildings a year and at least two work-days. In the nearer future we have three

cabins to finish, 40 tent pallets to construct, and some trails to clear before summer camp. So remember there's no WWW without the Witahemui ... unless you talking about a website.



## American Indian Affairs

At PowWow the "Get 'em hooked while they're young" campaign (Webelos Indian Day) was a great success. A sure sign of this was the screaming masses of sugar-reliant Ritalin Rangers (Cub Scouts) tugging at the pant legs of Jeff Brewer and Ian Ward asking, "Are you my daddy?" (among many other questions much more relevant to the events of the day).

This event was a great move for the Lodge; it put the OA out there for everyone to see and got the kids interested in what we do at an early age. This is *wicked* awesome because this is the future of our Lodge here, and by our hosting this kind of event, we



Photography by Greg Carpenter

ensure the future existence of *mankind* (the Lodge). Along with this great turnout for the Webelos Day, the PowWow went well.

All in all ... I've got a lovely bunch of coconuts ... there they are, a-standing in a row. Big ones, small ones, and some as big as yer 'ead.

This public service announcement was paid for by viewers like you ... so send

me money ... or Klondike bars ... *yes!*, lots and lots of Klondike bars! ▲



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## Chapter Reports

**Canotka, Eluwak, Eno, Lumbee, Natishi, Niganit, and Yamni** all reported on their District Camporees and the plans of their callout ceremonies.

**Wazeeyahtah** reported on storm damage service they gave at Camp Campbell.

For those who did not already know, Lodge 104 has expanded to include these new chapters:

**Amangi Newo** – reported that it is currently meeting in conjunction with *Netami*.

**Netami** – reported that it completed two Brotherhood ceremonies at PowWow with help from *Amangi Newo*.

**Impeesa** – reported that they are clearing a new campsite and that attendance is steadily increasing.

**Kato Hochuli** – reported that it would host a separate callout event since their district will not hold a camporee this first year. Pretty good for only being together about one month.

**Neusiok** – reported that they were running a trading post and teaching Indian Lore at their Camporee. They are hoping for Lodge dancers at their callout ceremony. ▲



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## Adviser's Minute

**A**fter a long Winter, it has been good to see everyone again. There is an excitement in the air this year.

With a successful Pow Wow, Conclave, and Inductions behind us, we go into our Summer anticipating the future. Besides seeing all the faces that are so familiar and dear to us, it is always exciting to welcome the new members each Spring.

The Brotherhood Committee is working hard. After last year's loss of Quality Lodge status due to low Brotherhood conversion numbers, our people are trying new things to ensure that we will once again be certified as the outstanding organization that we know that we are. For the first time, we will be offering the Brotherhood each week during this year's Summer Camp at Durant. With an outstanding Camp Staff, they will work hard this summer to offer more opportunities to obtain Brotherhood membership. Many thanks go to Kevin Wolfe and Dennis Nicholson from the Brotherhood Committee and to Camp Program Director Chris Ferguson for allowing us to try this new program.

Hats off also to the AIA group for hosting the Webelos Day at PowWow. If only you could have seen the excitement of these future Arrowmen as they took over the camp building bird houses, making chokers, dancing, and learning about the Order of the Arrow. Hats off to Ian Ward, Jeff Brewer, and all those who worked on this activity. This event will be held again next year and should prove to be even more successful. We look forward to working with the

Council in hosting the Cub Camporee this coming September. We will be working by assisting with parking, registration, acting as runners during the day on Saturday, as well as running the Indian Village with dancing demonstrations and other AIA activities, and hosting the Scout show that night. Stay tuned for future developments. Give us a hand in sponsoring this unique event.



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We are sending a small but spirited contingent to the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) this summer. With 36 members participating in ceremony and dance competitions, leadership development, sports, and just having fun, this is always a great time. This year's event is being held at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. If you are not making this year's trek, plan on being part of the next one to be held in 2006 in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The fundraising campaign for the proposed Lodge Building/Training Center is about to begin. We are working with a firm to promote the effort with pamphlets, pledge cards and other resources that will assist us in rais-

ing the required funds. We need people to get involved and help us with this campaign. Current plans are to host golf tournaments, dinners, special sales, and donations. We are also looking at selling specially engraved bricks that will be used in sidewalks and patios on the exterior of the building. Wouldn't it be great to have the building completed by 2007, which is not only the year we next host the Section SR-7B Conclave, but also our 70th anniversary?

It is with great regret that we say farewell to our Supreme Chief, Tom Dugger. Tom was not only a great Scout Executive, he was a friend, and huge supporter of the Lodge. He was a great part of our success of the past few years and he will be truly missed. On the other side of his departure is the arrival of our new Executive, John Ackerman. John has served as the Area Director for Southern Region. We look forward to working with John to take the Lodge to the next level.

Again, I wish to thank our Tipi staff and all the Communications Committee. The new Tipi looks wonderful and their efforts are greatly appreciated. Take time to thank Steven Hoyle, Jim Bedford, Richard Connelly, and Cameron Bowe. Thank them and all the others who take the time to serve and assist us in running this great organization.

In closing, I am proud to serve as Lodge Adviser to Occoneechee Lodge. It is not only rewarding, but I actually am having fun doing so. Join us in the fun, fellowship, and service as we build not only a better Lodge but better Scouting.

***Yours in the Brotherhood,***  
**Rodney McDonald. 🏹**

## Great New Opportunity ... Earn Your Brotherhood at Summer Camp!

Did you miss Spring Pow Wow for your Brotherhood conversion? You do not have to wait until Fall Fellowship! For the very first time, there will be a Brotherhood opportunity at all 5 weeks of this year's summer camp at Durant. The fee is \$15, which will cover the cost of your Brotherhood sash, Brotherhood flap, and a new membership card.



### ***How do I sign up for this program?***

During the Monday night OA crackerbarrel, find the Summer Camp OA Rep, give him your name, pay the fee, and he will give you the pertinent information. The Brotherhood Trail will be held every Wednesday afternoon. The Brotherhood ceremony will be held later that evening. Please take advantage of this opportunity! 🏹





# Finance Committee News

by Chris Newton  
Vice Chief of Finance

WOW! That's all that I can say about the wonderful job the finance folks have done so far in 2004. At Spring Pow Wow, the finance team was out in force. Registration was quicker and more efficient than ever before. And what can I say about the patch folks? Occoneechee is now developing some of the best patches in the nation, and there is no end in sight.

On that note, let me address a concern that has been raised in recent months. Some Arrowmen are concerned that the Lodge has become overly commercialized, that we are selling too much, too quickly. As Vice Chief of Finance, let me assure you that the finance team and I have taken time to examine these concerns and can see where this may be disconcerting. However, we stand by our trading post and patch committee and agree that it will be our policy to continue to support their endeavors to finance the Lodge in any Scout-like manner. We would rather have someone voluntarily pay large sums of money than be forced to raise prices for events. With the increase in the quality of food and other aspects of event weekends, the cost of attendance is rising. The finance team and I do not wish to increase our fees and hurt the Arrowmen who would be most affected, so instead we will continue to make every effort to finance the Lodge through patches and Lodge merchandise.



Photographs by Richard Connelly



*Occoneechee Brothers proudly hammer and nail, push and pull, lift and strain to build Staff cabins and shelters at Durant in preparation for this year's summer camp.*

## Vigil News

First of all, apologies for inadvertently leaving Wayne Anstead's name from the list of Vigil Honor recipients in the January *Tipi*. Congratulations to you! Also, our congratulations go to Mark Quakenbush and Derek Staincliffe for being the newest Vigil Honor members of Occoneechee Lodge! They completed their Vigil at Spring PowWow.

All Vigil nomination forms were collected at PowWow for the upcoming year, and on April 3rd the Vigil Committee met to elect Occoneechee's Vigil Class of 2004. Those elected will be notified at a call-out ceremony following the Lodge campfire at Fall Fellowship in September.

All Vigil members, mark your calendars for October 15-17 for the annual Vigil Weekend, where the year's Vigil Candidates complete their Vigil. Also of recent news and interest are the Vigil Chenile patches that were on sale at Spring PowWow to help raise money for the Vigil Committee. The money raised goes to all the recognition supplies and insignia for each Vigil Candidate from the Lodge. Also, any youth Vigil members interested in joining the Vigil Ceremonies Team beginning next year are strongly encouraged to contact me (drnabe@bulldog.unca.edu).

David Mabe  
Vigil Committee Chairman

## The Great Chapter Tool Tariff of 2004

### Objective:

Conduct a contest in which each Chapter collects as many hand tools as humanly possible to replenish the supply at the Quartermaster Shed at Camp Durant. The Lodge Service Committee is keeping track of the competition which will officially end after Fall Fellowship.



### Tools that are needed:

- Shovels
- Metal Rakes
- Pick Axes
- Swing Blades
- Bow Saws
- Lobbers
- Post Hole Diggers
- Water Hoses

— Thanks!

 Lodge Service Committee

# Administration Annotations

by Jonathan Jordan  
Vice Chief of Administration

Spring Pow Wow is gone but the Admin guys of Occoneechee Lodge will not forget it. The event was very successful for the six committees that make up our Administration Department.

The Health and Safety Committee is making progress under the leadership of Chairman Joshua Henderson. They are asking that every chapter appoint a Health and Safety Chairman who will serve on the Lodge Health and Safety Committee.

I cannot say enough about the Food Committee. They were out in full force at PowWow and the food was AWESOME. My thanks go out to Matt Goodman, the Food Committee Chairman, and his crew. If you see someone from the Food Committee let them know how much we appreciate the awesome food they prepare. Make sure we support them as a Lodge and remember they can always use an extra hand in the kitchen.

Eighty-five ... that's how many new Brotherhood members we have in our Lodge; that's twenty-two more than we had at Pow Wow last year. Kevin Wolfe and his Brotherhood Committee put together a good Brotherhood Conversion at Pow Wow and are now working hard to make Brotherhood Conversion at Summer Camp a successful event.

Noah Asbill and his Recognitions team are working hard to make this year's Winter Banquet the best yet. They are currently working on selecting a site and caterer for the event.

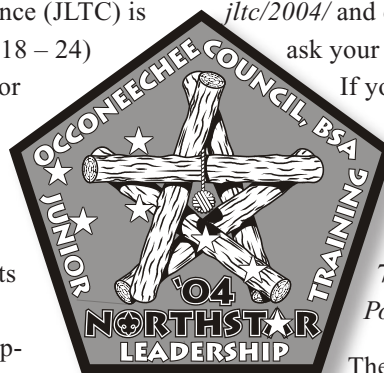
My thanks go out to all of the brothers who are making this year a great success so far in Administration. I hope to see you all at Spring Inductions. 🏹

# Council Junior Leader Training Conference Still Has Openings



Occoneechee Council's 2004 Junior Leader Training Conference (JLTC) is a weeklong course (July 18 – 24) designed to help the junior leaders in your troop develop leadership and outdoor living skills while experiencing the patrol method with Scouts from other troops in the Council. There are still approximately 15 openings for participants, but the course is filling up fast, so sign up today!

*We also have a need for additional youth and adult staff.* Please apply right away if you can help. For more information and to download your application for the Junior Leader Training Conference,



go to [www.campdurant.com/Training/jltc/2004/](http://www.campdurant.com/Training/jltc/2004/) and download the PDF files or ask your Scoutmaster for copies.

If you have any questions about the course, please feel free to contact the JLTC Scoutmaster, Richard Connelly at (919) 779-6784 or by email at [PoorWretched@nc.rr.com](mailto:PoorWretched@nc.rr.com).

The Lodge is offering scholarships for Arrowmen who need financial assistance. For information about the availability of and requirements for the Lodge's scholarship program, contact our Adviser, Rodney McDonald at [rodneymc@gte.net](mailto:rodneymc@gte.net) or at (919) 471-3908. 🏹

## Taking the Holiday 50-Miler Challenge

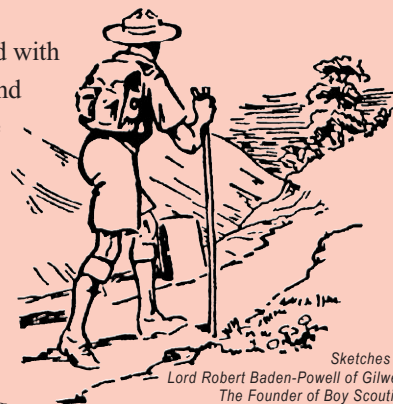
by Nelson Dollar

It happens every December 26. You're finished with the shopping season, tired of crowded malls, and feeling the onset of cabin fever. Well, friend, we have the cure: an outdoor adventure to restore your spirit and get your mind and body in shape for the New Year. The annual Holiday 50-miler is a great winter adventure set in the heart of the Uwharrie National Forest.

For 46 years Occoneechee Council has sponsored this 50-mile wilderness backpacking experience. Rising early on chilly mornings, you venture into the stark beauty of the winter landscape, groves of deep green holly, cedars and pines set against gray trees and boulders and royal blue skies. Hiking down the swift streams and quiet brooks, and climbing up the sharp ridges and knobs, you become part of these ancient mountains ... tested, as you will be, by time and the elements.

In the evenings, you'll cook around the campfire telling stories and making new friends. An outstanding volunteer staff provides full logistical support for the trip. At the end of the trail you'll receive a patch, a T-shirt and a welcomed feast, but the real reward will be new friendships, confidence in your outdoor skills and a great sense of accomplishment.

Talk to your crew, troop or patrol and mark your calendar now for next winter's Holiday 50-miler. Be prepared for an outstanding challenge and a great Scouting experience. 🏹



Sketches by  
Lord Robert Baden-Powell of Gilwell,  
The Founder of Boy Scouting





## Records Committee

The Records Committee had a great start this year at March Pow-wow. We had a lot of people pay dues and become Brotherhood Members. A lot of you however have not yet paid dues. Dues are \$10 for 2004, or \$104 for Lifetime Dues. If you pay lifetime dues, you receive an attractive hat pin. Dues can be sent to Rob Grau, or you can pay on-line using the new web site members.Lodge104.com.

You can also do many great things on this site such as update your address, print a

temporary membership card, and access rosters and other important information. You can also enter your unit election results on this site which is a great way to get your information to the Lodge.

If you have any information needs or records requests, please contact me at [willhi1979@yahoo.com](mailto:willhi1979@yahoo.com). 🏹

**William Highsmith**  
*Lodge Records Adviser*

## Philbreak 2004

**By William Highsmith**  
*Lodge Records Adviser*

I took the opportunity this year to participate in the second year of Philbreak. Philbreak is a weeklong National Program that is a joint effort between the Order of the Arrow and the Philmont Staff Association. The goal of the event is to bring in registered Scouts between the age of 18 and 26 during March and have them hike certain trails at Philmont with the intent to perform trail maintenance. The weeklong event only cost me \$100, plus transportation.

Here is my summary of how things went down at Philbreak 2004. I arrived at Albuquerque airport Saturday afternoon and was at Philmont by that night. The next day, we hiked the Urraca Trail, the one we were supposed to be working on. Unfortunately, a few days before we arrived, it snowed,



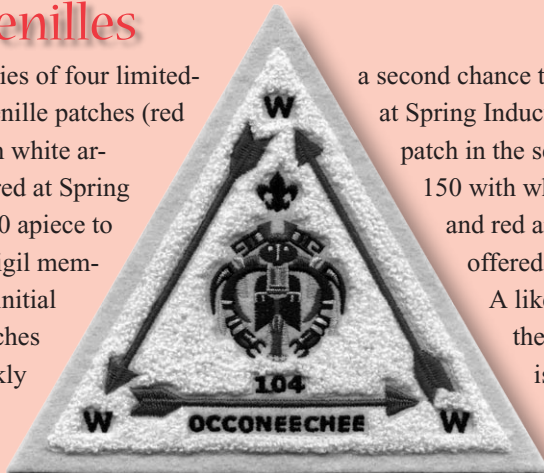
preventing our trail work. So, we switched tasks and helped out in other places around Philmont.

We completed trail maintenance on a horse trail used for emergencies and we moved furniture into staff cabins along with other small tasks.

As you can imagine, Philbreak was not all work. Thursday was a day where we went hiking and skiing around Philmont. We also got a chance to see the Philmont museum and tour the Villa Philmonte. Most nights, after listening to a speaker during dinner, we hung out, played games, and watched movies. I enjoyed the chance to meet people from all around the nation and serve Philmont with them. It was also cool to see Philmont at a time when most people don't see it, with snow capped peaks. If any of you have any questions about this program, please let me know. 🏹

## Vigil Chenilles

The first of a series of four limited-edition Vigil chenille patches (red background with white arrows) were offered at Spring PowWow for \$20 apiece to finance future Vigil members. Since the initial issue of 100 patches sold out so quickly (much to the dismay of several brothers), an additional 50 were ordered to give members who had not heard about them



a second chance to purchase them at Spring Inductions. The next patch in the series (an issue of 150 with white background and red arrows) was also offered at Inductions. A like number for the remaining two issues (black background with white arrows and white background with black arrows) will be issued at future events. 🏹

## Communications Corner

**by Jim Bedford**  
*Vice Chief of Communications*

I hope everyone is enjoying the redesigned and revamped *Tipi*. If you have any comments or suggestions, we are glad to hear them. The *Tipi* is also looking for Arrowmen to write articles, draw some graphics, or submit photos of recent events.

In website news, the *Members* section project is up and running. Once you set up an account (if you do not know your member number, you will need to email Cameron Bowe for it), all officers will have access to their chapter rosters, Brotherhood eligibility reports, while everyone can access an update form for your personal contact information and the searchable Lodge database. You can even print out an up-to-date membership card. We are also encouraging each Chapter to submit their unit election results online this year, which is also possible to do from [members.lodge104.com](http://members.lodge104.com). Don't forget about the online store either, [104store.lodge104.com](http://104store.lodge104.com).

I would also like to ask the new Chapters from Districts 1-5 to email their new officer contact information to me as soon as it is available. You can use page C-15 of the Planbook as a template (available in the *downloads* section of the main website). Thanks. 🏹

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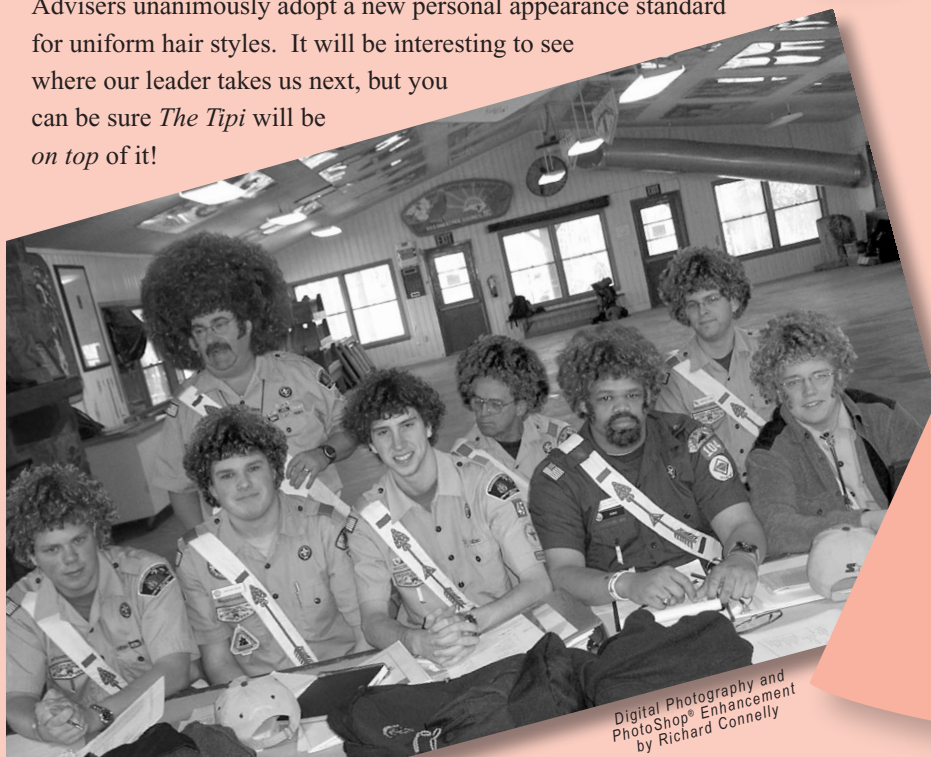
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## Setting the Example ...

In an exceptional show of support and admiration for our mighty Lodge Chief, Seth Asbill, the entire Executive Committee and Lodge Advisers unanimously adopt a new personal appearance standard for uniform hair styles. It will be interesting to see where our leader takes us next, but you can be sure *The Tipi* will be on top of it!



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## Calendar of Events

July 15	Tipi articles due
July 18 - 24	Council Jr. Leader Training Conference at Camp Reeves
July 31 - August 5	2004 National OA Conference (NOAC) in Ames, Iowa
September 17 - 19	Fall Fellowship at Camp Durant (Tipi articles due on 19th)
October 16 - 17	Vigil Gathering at Camp Campbell
November 6	National One Day of Service
November 19 - 21	Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) at Campbell University
December 4	Winter Banquet
December 26 - 31	Holiday 50-Miler

