



The Fox's Tale

Fall Edition 2016

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Recap: NEXT 2016

Hunter Hackett, VC of Program



What a great week at Indiana University for OA NEXT. The contingent from our lodge included two adults and three youth. NEXT is an opportunity to meet arrowmen from all around the country, in an experience like no other.

Brainstorming ideas, sharing best practices, creating and innovating were all included. NEXT also serves as promotion for Indiana University, the site of NOAC 2018.

We left the Indian Waters Council service center on Saturday morning with an open mind. Upon arrival, we were split up into "crews" of 10-12 arrowmen. All of

our crew members were Arrowmen we had never met before. I could not have asked for a better group of guys to have in my crew. Lodge Chiefs, Section Chiefs, and a few insightful arrowmen made for a great team.

What a great week it was, learning and sharing ideas to take the Order of the Arrow into its second century. I met some new friends and hung out with some old ones. I look forward to bringing back these new ideas and practices to our lodge.

Looking Forward to the Fall Fellowship

Riley Dabbs, Lodge Chief

Mark your calendars and register online for the Muscogee Lodge Fall Fellowship at Camp Barstow, October 14th-16th. Our theme is "Fox Dynasty". The spirit award will have some tough competition, so make sure you have your beard, camouflage and duck calls to ensure your chapters domination. Friday night we will have an awesome campfire program, with music, games, and chapter chief competitions, as well as our vigil call out ceremony. Saturday will start off with an hour of service, after

we will go into training sessions. We have some neat classes planned and I'm excited for everyone to learn something new. After training we will go into our business meeting. This is an important one, the Fall Fellowship is where we pick our Dixie theme. I encourage everyone to be thinking of ideas. That afternoon will be packed with chapter competitions, be sure to bring your A game. I can't wait for such an exciting Fellowship, I hope to see you there!

Upcoming

September 10

Day of Service

October 14-16

Fall Fellowship (Postponed)

January 7

Lodge Banquet

Operation Louisiana Relief Taskforce Reactivated

Jeff Sedlacek, 2016 Southern Region Chief

From the Southern Region's website

In early August 2016, deep tropical moisture in combination with low pressure unleashed unprecedented historic rain on the State of Louisiana earlier this week.

Operation Louisiana Relief. The vision of ReliefCorps is to give aid to those affected by the recent natural disasters in the Southern Region. ReliefCorps is a Southern Region program sponsored by Section 1A in Louisiana and Mississippi.

Lodge should complete the Lodge ReliefCorps Report and submit it electronically by November 30, 2016, to the region at oareliefcorps@southern.oa-bsa.org. After the Lodge ReliefCorps Report is received, the patches will be sent to the Council Service Center for distribution.

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Additionally, a silver mylar bordered patch may be purchased for \$10.00 and the gold mylar bordered service project patches can also be purchased by those wishing to donate \$100 to the relief efforts. All proceeds from these sales will be given to the American Red Cross. There is no service requirement to purchase the fundraiser patches. Patches may be purchased and ordered online by November 30, 2016. All purchased patches will be mailed to the Council Service Center along with the patches from the service project. Please help reach out to the victims of these natural disasters by participating in this program and remember that "he who serves his fellows is of all his fellows, greatest".

Yours In Service,
Jeff Sedlacek
2016 Southern Region Chief

The American Red Cross says this is the worst natural disaster to strike the United States since Hurricane Sandy with over a dozen people dead, more than 40,000 residential homes damaged, and 10,000 people sent to emergency shelters. President Barack Obama has granted the governor's request for an emergency declaration to assist in response and recovery efforts. Gov. John Bel Edwards has deployed the Louisiana National Guard, which mobilized 1,700 soldiers to assist in search and rescue efforts. The governor said he expects to have close to 30 parishes declared disasters – nearly half of the state's 64 parishes. As a response to the disaster, Region Chief Jeff Sedlacek has tasked SR-1A to relaunch Southern Region ReliefCorps:

As previously sponsored by Section 5 in 2015, Section 9 in 2011 and Section 8 in 2013, this will be the fourth taskforce established. All lodges are encouraged to participate.

The program has two components: a lodge service project and a fundraiser. To commemorate our recovery efforts, a special gold mylar bordered patch has been designed and can be obtained by participating in a lodge organized service project. The only requirement for the lodge service project is that the project must benefit the community and not the BSA or any council. Any OA member who participates in the lodge service project and contributes 5 or more hours of service will receive the special patch. At the conclusion of the service project, the

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