

Adviser's Corner

Dan Wagner, Lodge Adviser

Recently, Muscogee Lodge sent 28 Youth, 7 Adults and 9 Staff (Youth and Adults) to join nearly 7,000 of their brother Arrowmen at the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. NOAC is the second largest gathering of Scouts in the country (National Jamboree is the largest) and takes place every 2 or 3 years. The emphasis at NOAC is on Leadership and Training. It is also the national level for competition in American Indian Activities.

This was my second NOAC, my first as your Lodge Adviser. Together with your Lodge Chief, Kevin Tidwell, I had the privilege of attending the National Council of Chiefs (NCOC). One statistic that was provided at the NCOC was that Ninety Percent of Youth in the OA will have their ONLY exposure to the OA at the local level – that is, their only experience of the OA will be within their own Lodge. Another way of stating that is that only ten percent of our Youth in the OA will have a chance to attend a Section, Regional or National event. There are a great number of opportunities at the Section/Region/Nation level.

Ninety percent of Arrowmen will have their only exposure to the OA through their local lodge. To me, this means two things:

1) We must do more to encourage our members to step-up to the next level. Have you attended Dixie, NLS, OA

High Adventure, NOAC? If so, spread the word! Share your experiences with your friends in the OA and especially with their families. Encourage them to attend! If you have not yet attended an event beyond our own Lodge, make plans to do so!

2) Even with encouragement, statistics tell us that most still won't attend a Section, Region or National event. That means, we need to make their experience here at Muscogee Lodge the best it can be. We are an organization based on service. What are YOU doing to serve your fellow Arrowmen. Are you

serving in a leadership position? Active in AIA? Participating in your Chapter's meetings and activities? This is YOUR Lodge, and it is up to you to make it a great one. Do what you can to improve Muscogee!

Will you be part of the 90% who never attend an event outside the lodge? Or will you take your participation in the OA to the next level.

Read more of this article online at www.muscogeelodge.org/leadership/adviser-s-corner



Upcoming Events

Oct 12-14	Fall Fellowship Camp Barstow
Jan 12	Banquet Lexington UMC
Mar 15-17	Spring Ordeal Camp Barstow
Apr 26-28	Dixie Fellowship Camp Bud Schiele
May 17-19	Spring Fellowship Camp Barstow



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Fall Fellowship AIA Focused

Caleb Barnes, VC Program

Come and join us for the fall fellowship. The theme for the weekend is American Indian Activities (AIA). We will be having activities that will consist of training and demos in American Indian Culture including sessions that will help lodge members grow their knowledge.

After a great National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) this is a chance for our lodges' Ceremony Team, Dance Team and Sing Team to grow and improve as we move toward competitions at the 2019 Dixie Fellowship. As always we will have Quest events, Brotherhood Ceremony, a Vigil Callout, Patch Auction, and Saturday night Video Game Competition.

So, come and join us for a great weekend of learning, fun, food and fellowship the Muscogee Lodge way. Members should register and pay \$30 before October 5th to ensure we have enough food and space to accommodate you for the weekend! More detailed information about the Fall Fellowship, including a schedule, will be posted at www.muscogeelodge.org in the coming days and weeks.



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Section Reflections

Hunter Hackett, SR5 Vice Chief

“What’s it like to be a Section officer?”, you may ask?

Being a Section Officer gives you a great opportunity to meet new people all throughout SR-5, plan Dixie, and promote better Scouting overall in the section. As Section Vice Chief, I have traveled the section and visited



our fellow Lodges. Whether it be giving service, conducting a training session, helping with a ceremony, or representing the Section there is always something worthwhile at these events.

The most recent section event

I’ve attended has been Santee’s OA Week at Camp Coker. This April, Eswau Huppeday will be hosting the Dixie Fellowship at their beautiful Camp Bud Schiele. As you probably know, the Dixie



Fellowship is our section’s largest and most important event every year. I have the chance to see the planning, workdays, weekends, and effort that goes into preparing and carrying out a great Dixie for everyone. An opportunity I had this past summer was serving on staff at the National Order of the Arrow Conference at Indiana University. Here I met many great Arrowmen and was able to directly impact their NOAC experience.

I urge you all to get involved. Run for a position in your chapter, in the lodge, or even next Dixie on the Section level. Join ceremonies, serve as an elangomat, do what you can to give back to your troop and community. Just DO something.

Staff at NOAC

Patrick Bailey

I was often questioned by people from NOAC (especially people from our lodge) about what went on for staff. While I answered what I could in what little time I had, I don’t think most people knew what truly happened while on staff. Speaking from my personal experience, I was the youth leader for OA Jeopardy and I was located in the Optometry building. However, most people knew it as the “Too far I’m not going” building. I arrived on Friday night at the University and had



some brief relaxation time the next morning with all the other staffers – then we got to work preparing. I was a part of the ARC team (Activities and Recreation), so I was partially responsible for all of the fun things delegates did. I helped to set up the escape rooms, ultimate frisbee fields, flag football fields, and worked OA Jeopardy. Once all of that was complete I, along with the few hundred other staff, got to experience a special show put on by all the National Officers that you can only experience if you worked at NOAC.

Over a period of the next 4 days, I would be working down in that building, we would run through more than 100 individual players and 50 teams in the first three

days for preliminaries, resulting in 25 finalists, and 10 Teams who would compete in the Championship on the last day of NOAC. I even ran into people from our lodge competing.

While you may think this to be just fun and games, you’d be wrong. I started every day with a meeting right after breakfast – sometimes at 8, and sometimes at 8:30. Here we would plan our days and determine what activities sector from ARC would need help with their area before all the delegates finished their daily training. Then, along with my advisor, I planned out the daily Jeopardy game, and how we would have to modify our system as constant improvisations were needed. All of this went to making NOAC better for the delegates; however, I had my own fun as well.

I was allowed to stay and relax inside of the Union building, or (as everyone knew it) the “Building with the best food on campus”. I associated with many of the national officers, scout executives, and chief staff – something both Hunter Hackett and Peter Stone from our lodge were also able to experience. I



was able to go backstage of the shows during the day, and when they were live at night, allowing me to meet the cast and crew, like our VC Communications Adviser, William McCormick, who worked so hard to help make the shows run smoothly. I even got to help mic people for their time on stage. But at the end of the day, one of the most important things I did at NOAC was help with the Southern Region gathering.

Everything about that event was set up and coordinated by ARC staff along with arrow corps people. We did everything we could to make sure people were entertained with the shows, music, activities, and their section gathering. To close out the week for the final show, staff were allowed to sit anywhere we wanted, but we weren’t supposed to tell the delegates. This was supposed to be a “Decide Your Destiny” activity, and it also provided us with front row seats to a concert.

Was it a hard week? Yes, but it was in service of others. Would I do it again? Absolutely. I found great joy in working on staff as it provided me with opportunities

to meet new people and attend different activities I wouldn’t normally be able to attend. I look forward to the next NOAC, and I hope to see some of you there on staff as well.



Chief’s Corner

Kevin Tidwell, Lodge Chief

Fall is upon us here in South Carolina and you know what that means; Fall Fellowship. The fellowship theme this year is (American Indian Affairs) centric and will be taking place at Camp Barstow on October 12th through the 14th. That weekend we will be voting on several patches for the coming year, including our Dixie Fellowship patches for



2019. If you have any design ideas please submit them to chief@muscogeelodge.org. As we come to the end of 2018, let us look upon the great work of our immediate past Lodge Chief Hunter Hackett, whom has been an excellent role model of our Lodge. On behalf of the Lodge, I would like to thank all of our excellent leadership this past year and look forward to seeing what the future holds.