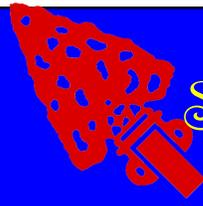


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Come to Summerfest!

By: Joey Kilpatrick, Event Chairman

Did you go through Ordeal this past March or May? Do you want to become more involved in your Lodge? Have you ever wanted to learn how to Dance or Drum or be a Ceremonialist? Then Summerfest is the place for you! On July 13th on the Jamison side of Bert Adams, you can learn how to do all of these things and more.

Whether you've been dancing or drumming for years or you've never attempted it, there's something for everyone at Summerfest. This full Saturday at Bert Adams doesn't include any overnight camping, but it includes tons of fun and fellowship for any member in the OA. Don't forget to register by July 3rd or you'll miss out on all the fun waiting for you at Summerfest 2013!

Fall Fellowship

By: Christian Goerner, Vice-Chief of Communications

This year has been a great year for Egwa! We started out with a very successful Ordeal! Then we moved into hosting the largest conclave ever at Bert Adams Scout Reservation. Now, we are ready to blow out our 75th anniversary with a huge bash that they'll still be remembering 75 years from now! Come out to Scoutings Paradise, Woodruff scout reservation September 13-15 for a weekend of fun and fellowship. You can expect an awesome time with a bash, games, and fellowship. You will also have the opportunity to vote for our next officers who will carry us forward for our next 75 years. You will also get a chance to see the Vigil Callout to learn of our brothers who have received that highest honor. This will be a weekend you sure will not want to miss! Make sure you register by September 4th! We will have an awesome weekend!

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

Egwa Needs your help...

Get back involved for our next 75 years

By: Jacob Schlies, Past Section Chief

It's Saturday afternoon of your Ordeal. After getting no sleep on the ground the night before and working hard all day and eating almost no food, you are ready to get that sash with the red arrow. Your elangomats tell you and the other candidates to go take a shower and put your class A uniform on. After everyone gets their uniforms on, you head into the ceremony ring and you go through the Ordeal Ceremony. After <indian> puts the sash on your shoulder, you say to yourself, "Finally, it's all over!"

That's where you're wrong, your membership in the OA has only just begun. Unfortunately, when a lot of our newly inducted members they hang up their new sash in their closet, sew on their lodge flap and they never come back to lodge events. We call these arrowmen "sash-n-dashers" because once they get their sash, they never come back. Some of these sash-n-dashers may not really know about all the fun opportunities you can experience in the OA. So who could blame them for not coming back? Although very meaningful and important, the OA ordeal weekend is possibly the worst marketing strategy for a lodge to use to retain members. It is difficult to convince members to come back to lodge events right after we made them work their butts off the day before. If you go home after your Ordeal and look around on the national OA websites and the OA facebook page, you'll see proof of all the cool experiences you can have as a member of the OA.

Many of the members of Egwa Tawa Dee were lucky enough to attend the 2013 SR-9 Conclave at Camp Bert Adams. Section conclaves are a blast and this year's was definitely one of the better conclaves I've been to. For those who didn't get to attend, the conclave is a weekend full of nothing but fun and fellowship with your friends. Ask your buddies who went to this year's conclave about how awesome it was. Once you're convinced about the pure "amazingness" of conclave, make an effort to attend the 2014 Conclave in Moundville, Alabama next year.

At conclave, hopefully you were able to see way to get involved in your chapter, the lodge and the OA. There are two ways to have a good time in the OA, the first is for people who just want to have fun without taking on responsibility. If you want to have fun, go to the lodge fellowship in the fall, look in to participating in OA High Adventure. OA High Adventure allows arrowmen under 21 the opportunity to attend any of the four BSA high adventure bases for a tiny fraction of the cost for non OA members. You can spend two weeks at Philmont for around \$200 and a round trip plane ticket.

The second way to have fun in the OA is to get involved in a leadership role. In a leadership role, you get to help plan chapter and lodge events or if you're an adviser, you get to help youth plan these events. Its simple, if you want to have fun at events, plan fun events. The OA also offers leadership training at events called National Leadership Seminar (NLS) and National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar (NLATS), and isn't just for lodge advisers!). These seminars are really fun! Participants get to learn from the best trainers in the Southern Region and get to play games and joke around with new friends in the process.

The ultimate way to have fun and see the maximum effort of the OA is to attend a NOAC. NOAC is short for National Order of the Arrow Conference. This event comes around every few years with the next one being held in 2015 to celebrate the OA's Centennial. At NOAC, arrowmen get to sleep in a college dorm room instead of a tent, and everyone gets to eat at campus dining halls, so the cook team doesn't have to clean dishes. Arrowmen get handed a map and other materials and are able to go around the entire conference doing whatever they want to do on the schedule. The shows at NOAC are a great example of the fun you'll get to have. When you get a chance, go on You Tube and look up videos from the 2009 and 2012 NOAC closing and opening shows.

There are so many more reasons to stay in the OA! I'm a junior at the University of Georgia and I stay involved in my lodge because of the friendships I have made and the cool experiences I have been able to have as a lodge chief and section chief. I want to share those experiences with other arrowmen and help them achieve all their goals. Some of the friendships I have made in the OA are long lasting and my friends have really helped me out on more than one occasion. As I look for internships, I often find myself networking with other former lodge chiefs and section officers. The Order of the Arrow truly is a brotherhood of cheerful service.

I want to encourage you to show up at your next chapter meeting and lodge event. Make an effort to meet new people and find something to do with the OA. Sign up for OA High Adventure, get involved with a committee and help make a difference in your lodge. The more you get involved with the OA, the more you'll get out of it. If you do all of this, you'll be able to look back on your experiences and smile about the good times you've had.