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Upcoming Events

Spring Pow Wow and LEC
March 11-13, 2011
Bert Adams
Registration Deadline
March 2nd

LEC
April 10, 2011
Volunteer Service Center

SR-9 Conclave
April 15-17, 2011
Camp Thunder
Registration Deadline
March 28th

Woodruff Ordeal and LEC
April 29-May 1, 2011
Woodruff
Registration Deadline
April 20th

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Egwa Tawa Dee Lodge #129 *Official Newsletter*

Spring Pow Wow

Egwa's annual Spring Pow Wow is coming up on March 11-13! Spring Pow Wow is our annual event which is targeted towards ceremonies, dance, drum, and Native American culture. Activities ranging from spoon making to beading to moccasin making are all activities which have been offered at past Spring Pow Wows.

Ceremonies will be evaluated along with introduction classes for drum, dance, and regalia for anyone who is interested. Come out to learn

about what makes the Order of the Arrow so much fun!

Registration for Spring Pow Wow has ended.



Chiefly Thinking

Brothers, I'm proud to say we are on the right track to success. We need to strive for more and never settle for less than success. Please remember to turn in the Unit Surveys, the survey is a very important docu-

ment for council to determine the troops who are not going to summer camps and why.

Thank you
Scott Conner
Lodge Chief

Inside This Quiver

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=>Changes in the budget and in technology is allowing us to move away from paper printed Quivers and towards online registration and mailed post card reminders instead of the entire Quiver. Pg. 2

=>Conclave is coming up on April 15th-17th. You can find the sign-up sheet on our website, aacegwa.org.

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=> You can attend Northern Tier for just \$200. See how! Pg. 4

=> Look on our website under "forms" to find new documents ranging from sample scripts to links to videos for help on unit elections can be found here.

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Did You Know?

Our Lodge's Section, Southern Region 9 (SR-9) has had three lodges added to it since last year. Come out to Conclave to meet these new Lodges and have a great



Got Brotherhood?

Dear Brothers, Going through the Ordeal makes you a member of the honor society of scouting, but it is just the first step to becoming a truly outstanding scout. 10 months after your Ordeal, you are eligible to go through Brotherhood and "seal" your membership within the lodge. Why do this? What is the difference between a naked sash and a barred sash?

Going through Brotherhood serves many purposes. It states that you wish to serve others. Your troop elects you to go through the Ordeal, but you decide to go through the Brotherhood. Going through Brotherhood tells your troop that they made the right decision by electing you to the order. In many troops, going through Brotherhood is even announced at Court-of-Honors. I urge you, as a Brother and a friend, take the second step of the journey, seal your member-

ship and become an active member in the lodge. You can also check our lodge website for updates, schedules, and forms. In addition, you should sign-up for email blasts for the current OA news at the right hand side of the lodge website. If you have any questions, please e-mail me, Corey Yates, at: brotherhoodchairman@aaacegwa.org. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the Fall Ordeal YIB, Corey Yates Brotherhood Chairman

Changes in Communication

As the budget was balanced, the LEC discussed thoroughly where money could be more efficiently spent. One of the major places where we decided money could be cut from is the printing and mailing of the Quivers. The printing and mailing of the Quivers costs thousands of dollars each year. So, 2 of the printed and mailed Quivers were cut from the budget.

One of the major benefits of the printed Quiver is that the Membership and Event Sign-up form is put directly into our Brother's

hands so they do not have to go online and print it off and then mail it in to sign-up for each event. So, we decided that an easier way for our Brothers to sign-up for events was necessary. Luckily, just as we were looking into different possibilities, the Council has become more and more comfortable with online registration. Starting in the next few months, all Brothers will be able to register and pay online for dues and event sign-up. This will significantly cut down on all the behind the scenes work done to sign us up for events as well as taking away the burden which cutting the

mailed Quivers may have had on event attendance. Arrowmen do not have the event registration form in their hands. In addition, the Section is starting to push for online registration and is beginning to consider it for criteria in the website judging at Conclave.

- Overall,
- 1) The Quiver will be available only online and email
 - 2) Post card reminders will be mailed as needed to remind Arrowmen to sign up for events
 - 3) Event registration will be done online



Conclave

Conclave is quickly approaching! The Sr-9 Conclave will be held at Camp Thunder (less than an hour and a half south of Atlanta) from April 15th through 17th. To sign-up for this go to our [web-site](#) and look under Conclave and print off and mail in the form. Egwa's theme will be "Knights Who Say Dee." This year, in addition to Pre-ordeal, Brotherhood and Vigil judging, Ordeal will also be added this

year. Conclave is a weekend in which Lodges from all of Georgia and most of Alabama meet for games, fun, ceremonies, dancing, elections, and to just increase overall excitement for the Order of the Arrow. If you have never attended an Order of the Arrow event, this is a great one to start with. This year Conclave is hosted by Ini-To Lodge at Camp Thun-



der in the Gerald I. Lawhorn Scouting Base. If you have any questions concerning Conclave, email Ben Dell'Orto at conclavecontingentleader@aacegwa.org.

More information will be communicated out with email as the section updates the Lodge.

Officer Reports

Vice-Chief of Program

Brothers,

I'm happy to report that this year's program is going very well so far. Since my last report, Egwa Tawa Dee has participated in Scoutfest, and held an Ordeal, LLD, a "Winter Wonderland" Brotherhood Trail, several work days, and the annual Winter Banquet. I would like to thank Tyler Azar, Bradly Jacquet, and Corey Yates for all the hard work and preparation they put into those events. I also want to thank Mark Harris for organizing the catering for Winter Banquet – dinner was delicious!

And now, as things quiet down, I set my sights forward. On Saturday, January 22nd, I attended SR9's Winter Leadership Retreat with our lodge's contingent to help plan for Conclave. Conclave will be on April 15-17 and will be hosted by Ini-To

Lodge at the Lawhorn Scout Reservation. I am also working on the Where To Go Camping Guide to get it in shape for the competition at Conclave. Spring Pow-Wow is coming up on March 11-13. VC of Indian Affairs Jeremy Lohr is doing a great job planning that event and I am keeping in touch with him to make sure he has what he needs for program. Of course, this event is still in the planning stages – if you have an idea that you'd like to see there (an activity, a theme, etc.) please don't hesitate to email Jeremy at vcindianaffairs@aacegwa.org. I hope to see you all at Conclave and Spring Pow-wow!

Looking a little farther into the future, I am pleased to report that three Arrowmen have stepped up to the plate and volunteered to be event chairmen. Justin Camp will take on the responsibility of OA Day chairman up at Woodruff while Christian Goerner will handle OA



Day at Bert Adams and Allen Buford will be our Fall Fellowship chairman. I wish these chairmen the best of luck and thank them for volunteering. While they work hard to plan and carry out their events, I will work with them to make sure their programs are excellent.

I still need a Summerfest chairman! If you are interested in serving your lodge in that position, please email me as soon as possible. As always, if you have any ideas, suggestions, or remarks about Egwa Tawa Dee's program, I'd love to hear them and incorporate them into our events. Don't hesitate to email me at vcprogram@aacegwa.org.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Josh Buchsbaum



Important!

We are asking that the "Unit Summer Camp Survey" form be filled out by each Chapter's Election Team as they visit each Unit. If they have already visited a Unit and did not complete the form they can call the SM of the Unit and complete the survey over the phone. Each Chapter should contact every Unit in their District and complete the survey even if they

Vice-Chief of Administration

As the election season rolls around it is very important to stay organized with your elections. The Guide for Officers and Advisors has the official election ceremony, procedure, and a sample unit election report

form and can be found on the National website (www.oa-bsa.org). There is a form on our website that needs to be completed with your final election report. The deadline for chapter election submis-

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sions is April 10th, 2011. If you have any questions please feel free to e-mail me at vcadministration@acegwa.org. WWW, Alexander Leach

Vice-Chief of Communications



Brothers,
Thanks for attending the Winter Banquet. There was great food and I think we all had a good time. I hope that you all register for Spring Pow Wow and for Conclave.

Anyone who is not Brotherhood should seriously consider going through the Brotherhood trail at Pow Wow. I am looking forward to these next few months which will be filled with OA events so come out and join in the fun!

Due to the budget cuts there are going to be many changes in communications. Read on page 2 of this issue to find out more. Once again, if you have any ideas as we are changing all of this, please do not hesitate to email me at vccommunications@acegwa.org.

Andrew Bates

Vice-Chief of Finance

I apologize for not being at the Winter Banquet, but I know a lot of well deserved awards were given out. I also know that this will be a great year and with everyone's help we can make it even better. The budget for this year has been put together and looks to be balanced in every regard and while we are trying some different things with it, we will have the money we need for all of the great events and programs

that we are putting together for 2011. As always, please be sure to give any suggestions for trading post merchandise and possible patch designs. Yours in the arrow,



Douglas Waggoner
Vice Chief of Finance

Earn those bars!



Go Through Brotherhood at the Pow Wow or the Ordeal



OA High Adventure

Have you ever watched the Northern Lights dance across the sky over the Canadian Border? Carried a canoe a mile to see a spectacular waterfall? Worked to repair historic trails? Paddled forty miles in one day, seemingly chasing after a perfect sunset across countless still lakes? This summer, take advantage of an opportunity to have experiences like these at the Order of the Arrow Wilderness



Voyage or Canadian Odyssey at the Northern Tier High Adventure Bases in Minnesota and Ontario. On a two-week trek with one of these programs you can give service through trail building, make unforgettable memories, and canoe in beautiful remote country. During your first week, you will work with your crew to repair and restore portage trails. This crew is com-

posed of Arrowmen from around the country. During the second week you will embark on a voyage where you will explore pristine wilderness, make leadership decisions, and face up to the challenges of nature. The friendships and memories that you make in the North Woods will stand the test of time. You can attend one of these two-week programs for only **\$200**. Arrowmen must be between the ages of sixteen and twenty-one to attend. For applications and more information on the opportunities please visit adventure.aa-bsa.org.



Chapter Reports

Attention Chapters:

This is the easiest way for your Chapter to communicate to other Chapters and to the Lodge about what your Chapter has done or is planning to do in the near future. We strongly encourage every Chapter Chief or Secretary to submit a Chapter report to vccommunications@aaacegwa.org by the stated deadlines.

Achewon

Achewon is very busy! We are currently running our elections within our district. We are also getting our Troop Rep program really up and running. Our ceremony teams for Crossovers and Tap Out are very busy, as we will be conducting numerous crossovers in the next few months. Our Pre-O team is working hard for Spring Pow-Wow and we plan to compete at Conclave. Our drum team is practicing vigorously for Pow-Wow and Conclave and is performing at our district banquet this Thursday. We have

meetings on the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:30 at Canton First UMC. We have planned out our calendar for the year and look forward to 2011!
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Harpal Sagoo
Achewon Woapalanne Chapter Chief

Lockchau Talofau

2011 is here and Chapter Chief Ethan Sailors wants everyone in the chapter to pay their dues TODAY! Chapter VC of Administration, Ben Strickland sent letters

announcing elections to the Scoutmasters on January 18th, Brothers encourage your units to prepare for the election. Our Chapter plans to complete elections by February 28th. The Chapter will have our regular scheduled meeting Tuesday January 25th at 7pm to finish planning for the winter camporee. Please visit the Lodge website www.aaacegwa.org and mark the upcoming events on your personal calendars. Our Chapter wants maximum participation in Spring Pow Wow, Conclave as well as both Ordeals. Great work last year Brothers. Lets make 2011 even better.

YIB
Doc



Lowanne Nimat

We're starting our Unit Elections this month. We have a new ceremonies team. They will be performing arrow of light and crossover ceremonies this spring. We have a totally redesigned chapter website at www.lowannenimat.org. Our next meeting is February 11th 2011. We meet at 7:30 in Troop 87's scout hut.

Seven Springs

The Seven Springs chapter is trying to rebuild after our time of absence in the lodge. We are working on becoming more active as a full chapter and also as a group who will serve higher for our love for cheerful service. As the host for the Covered Bridge Spring Camporee we are working to create a camporee to remember. We are also seeking service projects in the Smyrna area. We as a chapter are planning to make the year of 2011 a comeback year. We hope to see everyone out there!

Soquili Gvnagei

Brothers,
We're doing peachy. We are currently in the process of providing elections to the units in our district (Milton), developing a ceremonies team, and preparing for a joint Spring Camporee/Tap-out ceremony with Lowanne Nimat. In the near future, we will be conducting a Scouting for Food collection within our district, and plan to participate in a nation-wide day of service in March. The meetings have been focused more on keeping new members interested by including fun but obscure traditional Scouting or Native American games.

Tella Qualla Boundaries

TQB would like to welcome all of our new brothers from the Ordeal. We feel it has gone very well and we look forward to getting to know all of our new brothers better. Our Arrow of Light and Crossover teams are about to begin performing their ceremonies for the packs and troops in our district. In March we will be holding our annual BBQ with the proceeds going to fund children's cancer research.

TQB attended the Carolinas OA Indian Seminar in Statesville, NC on January 21-23 . Our drum team performed and many of our members danced in the pow wow. The weekend was spent learning Native American crafts and folklore, as well as participating in their incredible pow wow. TQB will be staffing the Button Gwinnett District's Klondike Derby at Woodruff on February 4-6. This is a great cold weather camping experience right out of

the old Gold Rush days. The TQB drum and dance team recently performed at Woodward Academy for the South Atlanta District. At the event we explained what the OA is all about and what Egwa Tawa Dee does for the Atlanta Area Council. Our presence also demonstrated the traditions and customs of the OA.

Fellow OA members can visit the TQB Facebook page at:

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/group.php?gid=2219626954&ref=ts>

Or visit the TQB website at:

<http://www.tellaquallaboundary.org/>

Sincerely,

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Tella Qualla Boundary Chapter

No chapter reports submitted from: Creek, Cvmpe Vekiwv, Echota, Etowah, Kenesaw, Nagatamen, Quinigisi, Thennethlofkee, Wesadicha, and Wachtsu Chuppecat



Unit elections

Local OA elections are now upon us. To assist your chapters on this, additional information has



been added on the website ranging from scripts to links to

videos. Even if your chapter has a set way that you have been doing elections for years, it can never hurt to explore new ideas and look into any ways which could help. Often times the first time a scout sees the Order of the Arrow is during elections, so make sure they are good!



Lodge Advisor's Corner

Congratulations to all that received awards and recognition at our Banquet, and thanks to all that came out in the bad weather to make it a successful event. Looking forward to the new year in hopes of having a greater participation by our Youth. Please ask a member that hasn't been active to attend the next Lodge event with you.

Fable of the Porcupine

It was the coldest winter ever – many animals died because of the cold. The porcupines, realizing the situation, decided to group together. This way they covered and protected themselves, but the quills of each one wounded their closest companions even though they gave off heat to each other. After awhile they decided to distance themselves one from the other and they began to die, alone and frozen. So they had to make a choice: either accept the quills of their companions or disappear from the Earth. Wisely, they decided to go back to being together. This way they learned to live with the little wounds that were caused by the relationship with their companions, but the most important part of it, was the heat that came from the others. This way they were able to survive.

Moral of the story: The best relationship is not one that brings together perfect people, but the best is when each individual learns to live with the imperfections of others and can admire the other person's good qualities

Yours in Cheerful Service
Tom Ogletree
Lodge Adviser
Egwa Tawa Dee

About Our Organization



The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's national honor society, its purpose, to serve the scouts, troops, and communities it is associated with. As you read this letter keep in mind that it is your obligation to keep cheerful service in mind.

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