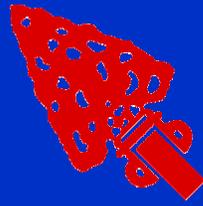




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ATLANTA AREA COUNCIL

SUMMER 2012

Upcoming Events

Sumerfest

July 14, 2012

Bert Adams Scout
Reservation

Registration Deadline

Wednesday July 4

Noac

July 30- August 4 2012

LEC

August 12, 2012

Volunteer Service Center

Fall Fellowship

September 14-16, 2012

Woodruff Scout Reservation

Registration Deadline

Wednesday September 5

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Egwa Tawa Dee Lodge #129 Official Newsletter

Come out to Summerfest!

Summerfest 2012. Now is your chance to have the most fun that you can possibly have in Boy Scouts in just one day. This chance is called Summerfest, it is a one day event (no camping) at Bert Adams scout camp. At Summerfest you can learn about all of the fun things that you can do in the Order of the Arrow during the morning sessions. Then in the afternoon all of the fun starts happening, with multiple sports games

and amazing activities. Summerfest will be occurring on July 14th, at Bert Adams. You better sing up fast so that you don't miss out on all of the fun



Chiefly Thinking

Brothers, I would like to congratulate all of the new brothers on their completion of the Ordeal. We expect great things of you and hope to see you strive in the Order of the Arrow. Now that summer has come around and a lot of you are going to summer camp I encourage you all to get your friends who are in

the OA active again since a lot of chapters are going to be doing fun summer activities. I also would ask of you to go to your Troops and bring them to the Chapter meetings as well as the OA Days that are at summer camp. I hope you all have a great summer. See you at Summerfest on July 14!

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Alexander Leach

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Did You Know?

You can attend one of the OA

High Adventure

Bases for two weeks

for only \$200! See



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. Brotherhood is a great honor and it allows you to learn more about the OA. I personally achieved it at spring powwow and I can say it was one of the most meaningful things I have ever done. I challenge you to prove you are dedicated.

Important NOAC Info

This year we have 36 people attending NOAC as well as 9 staff members. I want to remind everyone that is going to PLEASE update your online profile as well as make sure that you chose the classes you would like to attend, if you haven't done so already. This is to insure that we have all of your medical, dietary, and contact information in the case of any incident as well as to ensure that you are able to attend all of the classes you would like to attend as each class has a limited amount of space. Also don't forget to lookout for emails in the upcoming weeks with information about the trip (such as personal equipment list, rooming , ect.) so you can begin to prepare yourselves to get ready. Lastly, all participants with high risk diseases such as diabetes, heart disease,

asthma, ect. will need to receive a letter from their doctor's stating that they can go, this is to insure that you can go to NOAC.

Trader patches are still available for anyone. You can purchase them online at <http://www.aacegwa.org/> or at an upcoming event, but hurry because patches are selling fast.

We still need goods to fill up our goodie bags for NOAC. Anyone can donate anything, and donations can range from items such as pencils and buttons, to small knife sets or a game/toy which we can offer off as a give away for one of our Founder's Day Booth's games.



Welcome our New Brothers!

It is an exciting time for our Lodge! How can it not be exciting when hundreds of new Brothers just joined our Order? It is our responsibility to welcome them into our Chapters and Lodge and encourage them to get involved. There are many places for new Brothers to get involved whether it be in ceremonies, administration, or as a troop OA representative.

All chapter chiefs should have an OA representative program working so that every single OA member in the Atlanta Area council hears announcements about the OA at every single one of their Troop meetings. Imagine how much stronger our Lodge and Chapters could be if this happened. Please strongly encourage new Brothers to be their Troop's OA Representative.

Officer Reports

Vice-Chief of Program

Summerfest is coming up very soon (July 14th to be exact) and we would strongly like for all brothers inducted at the last 3 Ordeals (Allatoona, Woodruff, and Bert Adams) too attend as this event is focused particularly for you (Chapters please stress this at chapter meetings).

Also look forward to attending Fall Fellowship this upcoming September. Some of the events expected at this year's event is a Soapbox Race. EVERY CHAPTER is allowed to enter their own

cart and race against fellow chapters from our lodge. Feel free to search the web for designs and ideas. Also remember that this is also the event where we elect new lodge officers so if you would like to run for any position, start building a name for yourself by meeting different youth from all over the lodge

Last but not least, follow our lodger's mascot "The Brown Bag" on Twitter @BROWNBAG_EGWA and like him on Facebook at [The Brown Bag _ egwa](#).

If you have any questions, feel

free to email me at vcprogram@aacegwa.org





Vice-Chief of Indian Affairs



Have you ever tried patch trading? It is a fun way to meet new people and it is cool to see all the patches you get. Stop by the OA trading post to

What great Ordeals we had at Woodruff and Bert Adams. I would like to especially thank Tela Qualla Boundary, Wachtsu Chuppecat and Cvmpe Vekiwv for their tireless efforts in performing both the PreOrdeal and Ordeal ceremonies. I would also like to thank both TQB and Cvmpe for performing and sealing numerous Arrowmen to their Brotherhood. These ceremony teams and their logistic teams have earned our respect and gratitude.

I'd like to thank all the Elangomats, Officers, administration staff and the Cook Teams for their diligence and hard work. A special thanks goes to our Ordeal Master, Ben Milner and his adviser Mr. Scott Filpeck for their continued efforts to put on a great ordeal.

A special challenge is issued to each chapter to provide a ceremony team. As you see above, there are three

seasoned teams that stand ready to assist in any way they can to help you establish your chapters team.

We look forward to seeing each new Brother at Summerfest. Hope to see you at summer camp at OA Days. (Bring your Sash).



A word to the Chapters

I would personally like to apologize for not asking for chapter reports but I hear things have been going well and I have seen lots of candidates at the ordeal who will make great arrowmen. Also I would like to thank Lowanne Nimat for sending in a chapter report without being asked. Way to be proactive guys! Again I am sorry for this but I want to thank everyone for coming out to events and having fun. Also as you know the summer can be an empty time at the lodge level, minus summer fest, so try to plan some fun chapter events like some chapters already have.

Lowanne Nimat Chapter Report

Lowanne Nimat is having a grand old time doing what we always do best, which is having fun. Currently we trying to gain a larger attendance at meetings so that we can make a bigger impact in the community. Also our ceremonies vice chief is trying very hard to have a better ceremonies team in place so that we can have a larger presence in chapter and lodge events. Our meetings are the second Thursday of every month behind Roswell baptist church. In July we are having our annual July cookout and party where we get to celebrate summer in the order of the arrow way. Come and join us.



Inspiring words.

Mr. Ogletree sent me the following letter that the TQB chapter Adviser, Dr. Sandlin, sent to his chapter. The words are so inspiring that they need to be read by all of the lodge.

The Summer I was on staff at Bert Adams is the reason I'm in the OA. My home troop didn't participate in Unit Elections, so I'd never heard of the Order until I got to camp. I remember asking what the pocket flap was all about and still not understanding what the OA meant. Through the summer though, guys I came to admire and respect were all in the OA. When camp ended, one of my fellow staff members encouraged me to stand for election if given the chance.

After some questioning, some asking, and eventually some begging, I got my Scoutmaster to contact the OA Adviser. My troop held it's first, and probably only Unit Election a few months later. With the exception of my examination to practice dentistry, I think the most nervous time of my life was waiting to see if I'd be tapped out. In those days, a troop could only elect one member each year and my cousin was also eligible and up for election with me.

I'm sharing this story because many of you are starting a Summer of Scouting. You're either at Staff Week, on your way to Sea Base, preparing to leave for Philmont, or will be with your troop at Summer Camp. This is a time when we should remind ourselves what it means to be an Arrowman.

As you're experiencing the challenges and pleasures of the outdoors this year, remember that we're supposed to be Leaders. Are your actions and words inspiring others to live out the Scout Oath and Law? Are you a role model for younger Scouts, like my fellow staff members were for me, "back in the day"? Do Scouts yearn to be in the OA because of YOU?

Here's some thoughts to consider this Summer as you put on your uniform:

- Followers just **show up**
- Leaders **capture** the moment and use the circumstance to teach, model, and serve
- Great Leaders live strategically and **create** the moment, so those who follow are served effectively

If you're not sure where you fall in these categories, here's a couple of things you can ask yourself:

- Anytime you put a group in a challenging situation, like your fellow Scouts in the outdoors, there's likely to be stress and conflict. When sparks fly, where are you? Do you help the group find solutions, or are you a part of the argument? A **Follower** is in the middle of the argument. A **Leader** is helping the group work towards a solution. **Great Leaders** anticipate the argument, they see it coming, and they use the stress to help followers grow in the situation.
- When that "moment of truth" happens, when the group needs a Leader, where are you in your head? A **Follower** plods through the tough patches and hopes he hangs on until it's over. (FYI, being clever enough to survive a crisis isn't necessarily leadership.) A **Leader** takes the reins and models successful behavior that the group can follow. A **Great Leader** was *Prepared* before the moment arrived, he was in control when the moment hit, and he's present in the moment - orchestrating the group's activity in the mist of the moment. Through it all, a **Great Leader** is able to live beyond himself and focus on OTHERS. "He who serves his fellows is, of all his fellows, greatest."

As Arrowmen, we're supposed to shine the light of Scouting to others, "...and, by inspiration, lead them." Are you striving to fulfill your obligation? Are you worthy to wear the Arrow?

You have heard these words before. Now, as the days grow hotter, as your fellow Scouts thoroughly test your dedication, remember our ties of Brotherhood. Develop a warrior's attitude, serving hands, and an inviting spirit.

Have a great Summer .

Dr Sandlin

TQB



Lodge Advisor's Corner

First, I would like to thank all the youth and adults that made the Ordeals at Woodruff and Bert Adams successful. Next, to all members of our Lodge, I encourage you to make a special effort by making all the new members welcome. Remember and practice the Scout Law by being **Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, and Kind**. Befriend them by showing you are interested in their becoming involved in your Chapter, nothing will discourage a person quicker than feeling they are not a part of the group. Let these new members see that there is more to the OA than work. Help them understand how they can seal their membership after ten months by completing the Brotherhood Ceremony.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable summer.

Yours in Cheerful service
Tom Ogletree
Lodge Adviser

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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