



# The Quiver

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## LLD and Winter Banquet Are Coming Up Fast!

Come out to Egwa's Winter Gathering! On December 7th, the Lodge will have its Lodge Leadership Development and its annual Winter Banquet. All Arrowmen are encouraged to come out and join in this full day of fellowship.

On that morning, starting at 9am, the Lodge will start training cells. Arrowmen can participate in Elangomat Training, OA Troop Representative Training, Elections Training, and more. Each chapter has been asked to send at least two Elangomats to the Elangomat training so that they can be utilized as the next Ordeal in 2014 (also a requirement for the newly revised Honor Elangomat award, more information can be found at the link at the bottom of the page.). All OA Troop Representatives are highly encouraged to attend their own training as well. All Chapter Elections chairmen also need to be present at the Elections training so that they can receive their Elections paperwork for the coming year.

The final cell of LLD will be a special presentation and discussion of the newly proposed Lodge Rules.

And stick around after LLD for the annual Winter Banquet! Join us for a night of fellowship, awards, and great food. Registration closes for the Winter Banquet November 27th, so sign up early!

For more information on the Honor Elangomat award, go to <http://www.aacegwa.org/programs.htm>.



### Writing A New Set Of Rules

The newly elected officers of the Egwa Tawa Dee Lodge didn't waste any time putting their new ideas into action. At the LEC following Fall Fellowship, only one day after he had been voted in, the new Lodge Chief, Ben Milner, stood up and announced the formation of a new committee with a very special purpose: the rewriting of the Lodge Bylaws. The Bylaws act as the Constitution of the Lodge; they outline the powers, responsibilities, and organization of the Lodge and its officers, chapters, and individual members. The officers felt that it was time for the formation of a new, revised set of rules for the Lodge. The new committee was made up of a single youth representative from each of the 16 chapters of the Lodge and was chaired and overseen by our VC of Administration, Christian Goerner. The committee met several times, each time getting closer to having a new governing document for our Lodge. Christian commented that this whole process "has shown that our Lodge when faced with a problem can act to fix it." The committee is done with the writing of the new "Lodge Rules" and the vote for ratification will take place on December 7th.



### Save the Date: Conclave 2014

This past April, Egwa hosted the largest conclave in Section history. Over 1000 arrowmen from Georgia and Alabama came to enjoy a weekend of competition,

learning, and fellowship at Bert Adams Scout Reservation. In 2014, Aracoma Lodge, located in the western part of Alabama, will be hosting Conclave on one of the most beautiful sites that it has ever been on. The Conclave will take place April 25th –27th at the Moundville Archaeological Park in Moundville, Alabama. But this is no ordinary park. The park is located on the site of one of the largest and most complex ancient areas of Mississippian (Native American) culture. What better place to hold an Order of the Arrow Conclave? Aracoma is working diligently to prepare for another great section Conclave.

We are still looking for a Conclave Contingent Chairman. If you are interested in leading our contingent at Conclave, email Lodge Chief Ben Milner at [lodgechief@aaacegwa.org](mailto:lodgechief@aaacegwa.org).

We're also looking for ideas for our contingent theme and patch design. If you have any ideas or designs, contact Ben at the email above.



## OA High Adventure Opportunities

The Order of the Arrow offers arrowmen a unique opportunity: the chance to spend a couple weeks doing service in one of BSA's four National High Adventure bases. The National OA has five different programs that allow you to experience all that Boy Scouts has to offer. You could maintain backpacking trails at Philmont Scout Ranch, build portage trails at Northern Tier, do underwater conservation projects at Sea Base, or maintain trails around the new Summit Bechtel Reserve. The first half of each program is service, and then the second half is a full trek at the High Adventure base. Each program costs only a fraction of what it would cost to go to a High Adventure Base with your troop and is almost twice as long as a normal troop High Adventure experience. Don't miss out on a fantastic opportunity to join in Fellowship and Cheerful Service with arrowmen from across the nation at some of the most stunning locations imaginable. To find out more information about the Order of the Arrow's High Adventure Programs, go to <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/>.



## Trade-O-Ree Report, 2013

Our Sixth Annual Scouting Memorabilia Show and Trade-O-Ree was a great success! We rented all of the tables, as usual. There were 19 renters, mostly from Georgia, but also from Florida, Alabama, and South Carolina. One came all the way from Washington State. They all had good things to say and were happy with the crowds. The interest in the patch auctions on Friday evening and Saturday morning was lively. The food prepared by Mark Harris and John Schellack was excellent, as usual. In total, over \$3000 was raised for the Council Campership fund. Sales were good for the Egwa Trading Post also. We look forward to doing this again next year.

-Mr. Bruce Lafitte, Memorabilia Show Co-Chair

# Chapter Reports

## **Achewon Woaplanne**

Achewon Woaplanne is continuing drum and ceremony practice every third Thursday of the month in perpetration for spring ordeals and conclave. We are beginning preparation for unit elections, and are looking forward to fall ordeal and LLD/winter banquet.

-Brandt Webster

## **Echota**

Echota is currently working on keeping continued interest in chapter activities. We're working on creating a chapter achievement patch to increase interest, as well as preparing for the upcoming ordeal and winter banquet.

-Sam Porter

## **Seven Springs**

Seven Springs has been busy getting ready to have candidates go through ordeal in November and to have as many brothers as possible attend. We are in the process of planning our Spring Camporee in March. We would like to congratulate two brothers, Ben Milner and Austin Walker, from our chapter that have obtained a lodge office position. We also are looking forward to the coming year and to our chapter merger with Wachtschu Chuppecats.

-Austin Hibbard

## **Tella Qualla Boundary**

My chapter, TQB, has been moving along at a great rate. We had a chapter meeting and we are currently working on our plans for the spring camporee. We also plan to support fall ordeal with elangomats and other useful services.

-Kenneth Rice

## **Wesadicha**

We are currently working on our ceremony teams and are holding chapter elections next month.

-Jack Brinson

## **Wachtschu Chuppecat**

The Wachtschu Chuppecat chapter had been busy over the last few months. We had two vigils complete the Vigil Honor. We've attended Summerfest, Fall Fellowship, and are planning on attending Fall Ordeal. We've hosted our annual Interchapter campout with TQB and ran a booth at the 4th of July event at Lake Acworth. Our ceremony team will be performing both Pre-Ordeal and Ordeal ceremonies and are practicing hard for performing Brotherhood next year. As a ceremony team, we have decided that we want to help any ceremony team that is either having trouble starting up or just simply wants to practice. Please contact Trey Bodenhamer or Jesse Priest to arrange a time and place to meet. We look forward to helping any and all teams .

-Trey Bodenhamer

# Officer Reports

## Lodge Chief

Brothers,

This year I plan to lead the Lodge onward and upward. I would like to thank each and every member of Egwa for supporting the Order of the Arrow. We are here in this organization not only to help one another and council camps but we are also here to make ourselves better citizens, family members, students and co-workers. I want to thank each of you for following what our organization is built on. Brotherhood, Cheerfulness and Service.

We have a action packed and fun year ahead of us and I plan to see all of you at each of our events. Thank you for serving your peers and thank you for serving our Lodge.

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-Ben Milner

## VC of Administration

Recently, I have been working to update the lodges Elangomat and Troop Rep programs. Be looking for these changes very soon. I have also been working on our JTE form for 2013. Chapter JTE forms are due by the December LEC to me. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Winter Banquet.

-Christian Goerner

## VC of Communications

Thank you for reading this edition of the Quiver and staying updated on the happenings of the Lodge. I am very excited for the coming year and look forward to continue to work with the outstanding individuals who have been elected as Lodge Officers. I would like to thank my advisor Mr. Brooks who has patiently encouraged me to finish this edition of the Quiver and I apologize for its *extreme* tardiness. Anyways, I hope you like the new design for the Quiver and I hope you enjoy reading it.

-Joey Kilpatrick

No Chapter Report was submitted by the following chapters: Creek, Cvmpe Vekiww, Etowah, Kenesaw, Lockchau Talofau, Lowanne Nimat, Nagatamen, Quinigisi, Soquili Gvnagei, Thennethlofkee