



*Mowogo is the best !!!*

Volume 3

# Pow-Wow

August 17th 2007

## Summa been good ?

Reaching a new record in the ever so long lasting heat wave, Georgia reached a new record of temperature of 99 degrees. That's just the numbers talking, I'm sure you all felt like it was 150 ! Other than the blazing heat the 2007 summer has

been a great one. A lot of Chapters are perfecting there methods and tactics to claim the prize at Pow-Wow. But only one will become victorious in the battle for the black bear. Although up to 7 chapters will be competing for the black bear, the win

will not be easy. The games are made to test knowledge, strength, agility, and overall the working as a Team to complete your goals.

-Jordan Smith

## Special points of interest:

- ♦ You can still sign up for Pow-Wow, which will be held on September 14-16th
- ♦ Christmas Banquet will be on December 1st in Athens at the UGA, Tate center.



## Christmas Banquet coming already ?

Just when you thought the summer wouldn't cool off the end of the year event we have is coming up on December 1st. This banquet will be our final event of the year until March of the next year with Spring Fellowship. The UGA Tate center is

where we will be holding the spectacle. Delicious food, along with rewarding all the hard working members of the lodge and inducting the new officers as well. And don't forget our end of the year slide show which is probably the biggest and funniest

thing you may ever see. So come on over to Athens and enjoy a good meal along with friends and family. These things only happen once a year so sign up as soon as possible.

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## Arrow Points

# An Open Letter from the Lodge Chief

Brothers,

It has been a very busy year so far, and I hope that you have had the opportunity to join us for many of our lodge's incredible events. As you enjoy our incredible training opportunities and fun competitions this weekend at Pow Wow, I hope that you are also beginning to think about our LLDC (Lodge Leadership Development Conference) which will be held on November 3, 2007 at Camp Rainey Mountain.

I want to extend an invitation to all Arrowmen to attend this event. While some of our training will be devoted to equipping our new lodge leadership for the coming year, we will also have exciting training opportunities for those Arrowmen who will not be part of the official lodge leadership including but not limited to training on Indian Affairs, Adult Involvement, and Elangomat Training. The weekend registration fee will be \$35, and checks should be made payable to the Mowogo Lodge.

We elect leaders to help lead our lodge, but they need your voice in setting our vision and the goals of the lodge for next year! After all, you each play a vital role in helping carry out our lodge leadership's vision of success and the goals by which they hope to achieve that success. I hope that you each will make plans to attend this phenomenal event!

Your humble servant,  
Payton D. Bramlett

## NCLS Contingent Report

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Ron Hamlin, AGG Chapter Advisor

The National Conservation and Leadership Conference was held July 28 through August 1 at Indiana University in Bloomington. The conference provided two tracks for instruction: Lodge Leadership, where the main goal was to roll out the Order's strategic plan for the next five years; and Conservation, where instruction was provided to crew leaders in preparation for ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup> next summer. Participants in the conservation track received training in the new *ConservationUSA* program, which is a program developed by federal land management agencies for leaders of volunteer groups working on public lands. Four of us from Mowogo participated in the conservation track.

On Saturday, the main activities were check-in, orientation and the opening gathering. On Sunday, those of us on the conservation side were broken up into our crews for classes. We were trained in a variety of areas including project management, environmental awareness, Leave No Trace principles, conservation and restoration methods, and tool safety and proper use. Monday, we met our buses at 5:45 a.m. and were taken out to the Hoosier National Forest to apply the principles we learned the day before. The crews were each

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assigned a section of trail where they built water barriers on many miles of horse trails to reduce erosion and improve the recreational opportunities in the forest. On Tuesday morning, we had an opportunity to visit tables set up around the campus lawn where displays and demonstrations were set up to further discuss invasive species, wild land fire prevention and suppression, Leave No Trace, woodland tools, and so forth. Later in the afternoon, we met with the leaders of the forest project that we each planned to work with next year. Tuesday night was the final gathering and ice cream social.

I am looking forward to the chance to work next year at the Washington-Jefferson National Forest in Virginia. This will provide me with an opportunity to serve the Order, serve my country and the citizens of the U.S. I hope the Arrow Corps<sup>5</sup>

**What in the world is it you ask?** It's the largest conservation project ever undertaken by the Order of the Arrow or Boy Scouts of America. Think of it as the Philmont Trail Crew, OA Ocean Adventure and OA Wilderness Voyage on a mega scale!

**Okay, you say, but what is it, really?** It's five projects, five weeks, five thousand Arrowmen in service, fellowship and leadership! Take your pick from one more of these opportunities:

- Mark Twain National Forest in Missouri, June 7-14, where we'll be removing invasive species (that's stuff that doesn't belong there) to restore wildlife habitat.
- Manti-La Sal National Forest in Utah, June 14-21, where we'll be removing some more invasive species.
- Washington & Jefferson National Forest in Virginia, June 21-28, where we'll be doing some trail restoration work putting in water barriers, building a new campground and a new trail.
- Shasta-Trinity National Forest in California, July 12-19, where trail maintenance on the Pacific Crest Trail is going to be the main project.
- Bridger-Teton National Forest in Wyoming, July 26-August 2, where the crews will be removing old fence, opening up habitat for wildlife.

**Sounds like a lot of work, eh?** Well look at some of the fun stuff you'll get a chance to do, too:

- River Rafting
- Fly Fishing
- Rappelling and Rock Climbing
- Mountain Biking
- Swimming
- Hiking
- Canoeing

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- The opportunities are endless! Plus you'll be in some of the nation's most beautiful lands!

**I'm not sure it's for me... How do I qualify?** You'll need to be at least 14 years old by June 1, 2008, a registered Scout and member of the Order. You also need to meet the Philmont weight to height guidelines and be in good physical shape. Youth and adult members are encouraged to participate!

**All right, what's it gonna cost me?** The registration cost is \$250, and that includes food, insurance and activities that you'll have access to. It doesn't include the cost of transportation, though transportation will be available from nearby airports.

**Well, you got me hooked. Where do I sign up?** Whoa, hoss! Mowogo Lodge will be putting together a contingent and help you get registered to the project you want to help with. Watch for more information coming your way at Pow Wow and the Christmas Banquet and you'll consider joining us at Arrow Corps for this once in a lifetime experience!

## Indian Events

If you ever would like to get into Indian Dancing, Ceremonies, or just flat out working to create an environments to help with the Ceremonies just contact Ryan Bender and he will point you in the right direction. Mowogo is always in need of young men to fill in the spots when the older guys have to leave. This as become a problem before and it need not happen again. If you are ever interested in the events or just want to help out E-mail him at [lodge.vca@mowogo.org](mailto:lodge.vca@mowogo.org)



## What's a Lodge Leadership Development weekend ?

For all those who get elected into a new office for 2008 year, they will be needed at Camp Rainey Mountain on November 2nd –4th to go through a quick weekend of planning for the next year. This weekend will be where the Lodge makes many of its important decisions like our Plan Book, and our Lodge Goals. Even if you are not a officer or a committee member of a chair do not be discouraged, all are welcome to this weekend if you want to learn leadership skills, tactics, and how to run stuff smoothly. This is a great time to meet your new chapter or lodge members who hold positions like yours, and to discuss the importance and flaws we have and to improve on them. More details will be released at Pow-Wow