

The Arrow Points

Mowogo Lodge 243

Northeast Georgia Council

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OA Ocean Adventure



The Order of the Arrow, in cooperation with the Florida Sea Base is offering you an opportunity to cheerfully serve the greatest ecosystem on our planet; the ocean. Under the direction of the National Marine Sanctuary and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), experienced Florida Sea Base staff with strong Order of the Arrow backgrounds will lead participants on a two week scuba diving adventure in the beautiful waters of the Florida Keys.

The program is a 13 day experience in which participants will have the opportunity to explore and serve the undersea world. One-half of the Ocean Adventure program will be PADI SCUBA training and certification, which will be held at the Florida Sea Base. The remaining portion of the program will focus on rendering cheerful service to the ocean marine life and coral reefs of the Florida Keys.

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It's time to start preparing for the National Order of the Arrow Conference. The 2006 NOAC will be held at Michigan State University. Arrowmen from across the country will gather for a week to celebrate the traditions of the Order and fel-

Fun and Fellowship is here with Pow-Wow

With the ending of summer camp and the beginning of school comes the fun of Pow-Wow. There are a lot of exciting things happening this year. This years quest for the Black Bear competition will consist of the egg toss, cross country relay, tug-o-war, knot tying and chariot relay. Some say that last years winners, Canan-tutlaga, are the favorites for this year. Still it's reported that Anigatogewi threatens to bring the "X Factor", what ever that might be.

I would put my money on the new lodge officer's team.

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Pow-Wow Issue

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NOAC 2006 at Michigan State

lowship. The lodge has a limited number of spots for the next NOAC; however, there are quite a few of them. Remember that priority goes to those Arrowmen who are involved in Indian Affairs since there are ceremony, dance, and

drum competitions on a national scale. Mowogo routinely provides a strong showing in all areas such as our National Honor Pre-Ordeal and Brotherhood Teams, and our nationally ranked dancers.

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Who will win? The only way to find out is to be there. Besides the exciting Quest for the Black Bear there will be other enjoyable activities.

This year we are going to have some excellent training cells for everyone to attend. Some to look forward to are Prepare Yourself for Brotherhood and Ultimate Frisbee. Be sure to make it to Meet the Man where you can meet all the Arrowmen running for a lodge office. Returning as a favorite from last year is the photo scavenger hunt. A new edition that special events committee will be bringing you is the Hunt for Mr. Frisbee. It's a game much like Hunt for Mr.

Axe, where as the participants spend the day meeting as many people as he can. When he finds and meets the person who is declared "Mr. Frisbee", he then wins the game for his chapter. It's a great way to meet Arrowmen from other chapters.

For those who are interested in collecting memorabilia don't forget to bring your money. There will be a memorabilia auction for all to participate in. There will be things from rare collections to beginner sets. This is a great way for young collectors to get a start and find some great deals.

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PADI SCUBA certification requires a significant amount of independent study, which will need to be completed prior to arrival at the Florida Sea Base. The service will consist of a variety of projects, as defined by the National Marine Sanctuary and NOAA, some of which will be underwater cleaning or monitoring projects. In addition to SCUBA certification and undersea service, participants will strengthen leadership skills, learn more about marine environments, strengthen understanding of the Order of the Arrow, and explore the history of the beautiful Florida Keys.

Participant cost is \$275 for the 13 day experience. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required with this application. The balance of the fee is due at the time of acceptance as a participant in the program. This cost covers PADI SCUBA certification, food, housing, and all other program related expenses. Additional expenses, including travel to and from Sea Base as well as miscellaneous purchases, are the responsibility of the participant.

If this sounds like the kind of adventure for you then you can go to <http://www.oa-bsa.org/highadventure/oceanadventure/> and get more information about how to apply.

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Twelve Cubed

This year's National Order of the Arrow Show, 12^3 , was a hit at the National Jamboree. At the end of the run, the show had been seen by over 40,000 participants. The show was about a scout named Brian who had a chip implanted in his brain that was supposed to help him make the right decisions. After many stumbling blocks, the message of the show was driven home as Brian proved that values can't be implanted, they have to be acquired through the collective experiences the tag line being, "It's more than a game... It's your life."

Throughout the show, a group of colorful characters, based out of the physical comedy from *Cirque du Soleil*, came to life to assist in the telling of the story. These whimsical characters were called Cubits. The Cubits not only provided comic relief for the story, but they also helped to emphasize important points. As a Cubit, I had a unique opportunity to be a part of this production.

My experiences with OA Shows began about 10 days before the start of the Jamboree when I arrived onsite to begin rehearsals. I had no idea what I was getting myself into. We rehearsed intensely, sometimes going for fourteen hours a day, learning how to do things from tumbling and flips to juggling and unique improvisational skills. It was hard work, but once we started performing, it all paid off.

I think that the best part of the whole experience was hearing people talk about it after they had seen the show. The things that meant the most was when people told us how the show really made them think about their commitment to the values represented in the scout oath and law. It was great to think that we could have had a positive influence on so many different scouts in such a unique manner.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the next OA Shows Production either at NOAC or at the next Jamboree, you can visit their website at www.oashows.org. Also feel free to write me with any questions about who to get in contact with at jjl04a@acu.ecu.

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The Lodge is particularly excited for the Ultimate Frisbee tournament as we look to finally claim the top spot in the country after last years emotional second place finish. If you are interested in going to the 2006 NOAC, get involved in Indian Affairs immediately so that you can better your chances of getting a coveted slot. The best place to get involved is the team dance. Look for more information about NOAC and the team dance soon.

If you are interested in taking this great opportunity please be sure to talk to me, Brett Lacy at Pow-Wow. The estimated cost for the whole trip is \$500. There will be a \$100 deposit due at Pow-Wow. This might seem like a lot of money but it's an experience like no other. It's defiantly worth every penny.

Written by Brett Lacy



New Vigil Members!

Alertness to the needs of others is the mark of the Vigil Honor. It calls for an individual with an unusual awareness of the possibilities within each situation. The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to lodge, council, and Scouting. Membership cannot be won by a person's conscious endeavors. The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position of office.

This past Pre-Camp, we had the privilege of bestowing this honor on 12 of our brothers. They were Mike Kien, Billy Orr, Ryan Young, David Lott, John Wells, Kallan Williams, Mark Keefer, Tom Young, Bill Orr, Ronnie Nelson, Josh Stowe, John Haynes. Congratulations gentlemen!

Thoughts on Servant Leaders and The Great Outdoors

The vast forests, fields, oceans, and mountains of the United States have become our most vital resources in the Boy Scouts of America and the Order of the Arrow; they are, for us the staging grounds to learn life's most precious lessons for every scout and scouter. As an Arrowman, one of our central obligations is to be mindful of our duty to the outdoors, to not only preserve them but also to interpret the deeper messages that nature leaves behind.

We are charged to be servant leaders and as such must strive toward leaving an everlasting legacy of cheerful service. In doing so, each of us defines what our own dreams are and with every breath drawn and every mile tread come closer to the ultimate pinnacle. The domain of our leadership though, is the future. It begins as a single spark within and becomes a roaring flame so intense that all around are enveloped by it. However, we must keep in mind that as we dream and look toward the future, a fire must be built in steps.

There is a natural progression of life around us, soaring through the air, rushing through the rivers and rising from the earth. Every great achievement by our natural surroundings has taken time to develop and grow from its own modest beginnings to an awe inspiring presence. The giant redwoods of Sequoia National Park, the deep gorges of the Grand Canyon, the breadth and power of the Mississippi River and the eloquent beauty of the Great Smoky Mountains took millions of years to become some of the most beloved natural treasures within our nation's borders. Each built upon past successes and accomplishments because the natural world we live in knows that great undertakings take time. It is from this simple observation, that we can learn a valuable lesson.

Leaders are meant to be authors of great ideas and wild dreams, taking a simple problem and applying a unique form of creativity to imagine the possibilities. As the dream takes shape, a leader must also determine and define for themselves and for their group how success will be measured. If we only defined success as achieved after we had reached and perfected our dreams, no one would ever feel that deep sense of accomplishment. Never knowing the taste of victory can demoralize and dishearten those you serve. Within little goals and aspirations can a group find the will and energy to continue serving their ultimate purpose; it is through those "baby steps" that Mother Nature perfected the natural world and that we will come closer to reaching our own summits. Cont. on pg 5

Pow-Wow Schedules

Friday, September 23, 2005

6:30 pm Member Check-in at Holder Hall
 9:00 pm Pie-Eating Contest in Holder Hall
 10:00 pm Cracker Barrel
 NOAC Presentation in Holder Hall

Saturday, September 24, 2005

7:45-8:45 am Breakfast in Holder Hall
 9:00-9:40 am Training Cell 1
 9:50-10:30 am Training Cell 2
 10:40-11:30 am Training Cell 3
 11:45 -12:25 pm "Meet the Man" in Holder Hall
 12:30-1:30 pm Lunch in Holder Hall
 1:30 pm Founders Award Committee meeting at Chapel on the Hill
 2:00 pm Quest for the Black Bear at ?
 6:00 pm Broken Arrow Ceremony in Holder Hall
 6:30-7:30 pm Dinner Served in Holder Hall
 7:30 pm Lodge Elections
 8:15 pm Chapter Meetings around Holder Hall
 8:45 pm Pow-Wow in Holder Hall
 9:15 pm OA Jeopardy! in Holder Hall
 10:30 pm Cracker-barrel in Holder Hall

Sunday, September 25, 2005

8:00 am Breakfast at Holder Hall
 8:30 am Devotional Service at Holder Hall
 9:00 am Departure
 LEC in Holder Hall

Sleeping Arrangements	
Ani-Gatogewi	Bridges
Jutaculla	Demorest and Cornelia
Machque	Powell
Lau-in-nih	Russell
Canantutlaga	Jutaculla, Monroe, Sartain
Yona-Hi	Alto
Japeechee	Clarksville and Lavonia

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As a leader, celebrate victories often. Always seek out and learn to identify the building blocks that become the foundation of a truly great achievement and with every block placed, have a party. Observe the world around you and see that even the largest tree in a forest was once a sapling, the deepest canyon, a shallow hole, the widest river, a trickling stream and the oldest mountains, a modest hill. A servant leader can look beyond the horizon of tomorrow and believe that although what they do today may seem small and insignificant, they too will someday realize their ultimate dream.

By David Dowty, 2004 National Vice Chief

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