

Croa-Talk

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Michael Turner, Editor



Conclave

Nayawin Rar Lodge and your Section Leadership have been hard at work preparing for the 2009 SR-7B Cardinal Conclave. This year's Conclave will be at Tuscarora Scout Reservation in Four Oaks, NC from April 17th to 19th. Conclave will be a fun filled weekend consisting of the OA Xperience, a BMX Course, Skateboard Park, Indian Affairs competitions, Patch Trading, Shows, The Quest for the Golden Arrow, and the battle for the coveted Spirit Award. Will you be there? The Section Conclave Web Site is available at <http://conclave.sr7b.org> and will be updated with all the latest Conclave news. Ask at your next Lodge Event how you can register!



February Workday

Thank you to everyone that attended the February workday. We completed many projects including: replacing the ropes at the top of the campfire circle, cleaning up the main parking lot, removing rotten trees in the main parking lot, disassembling unusable loading docks, and reinforcing the campfire circle seats. Several projects were started but not completed including: repairing the bridge at Tuscarora campsite, and the campfire circle walls. These projects should be completed at the March ordeal.

In Service,
Joe Edwards



NOAC

Do you want to go to NOAC? If so it is not too late to sign up for this great and exciting adventure.

NOAC 2009 (August 1-6) will be held at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana.

Join over 8,000 of our fellow Arrowmen for Shows, Competitions (Ceremony, and Dance, etc.) Trainings, Contests, Sports, Exhibits, TOAP, Trading Post, etc. Fun for everyone.

We will be leaving July 30 and getting back on August 8. Total cost is estimated to be approximately \$600—\$650, this includes NOAC registration (\$395) and travel expenses (lodging & transportation) this does not include personal expense.

If you want to go, do not delay to send a deposit of \$100 to the Council Office A.S.A.P. The remaining NOAC fee (\$295) is due by May 10 and payment received after this date may be subject to the national stated \$45 late fee.

So sign up now and join us for NOAC 2009. For tracking purposes, upon submitting your registration and payments to the council office, send an email to Roland Lanoutte (Rlanoutte@suddenlink.net), NOAC contingent leader, informing him of payment.



NLS

Brothers,

In November 2008, we sent five youth members to NLS at Camp Bethal Va. Those members were; Joe Edwards, Dalton Barrett, Brad Dickens, Michael Turner, and Christopher Mercer. These members spent a weekend conference focusing on the skills and characteristics of leadership. It is nice to know that four of your lodge officers attended this event, and have worked hard in completing their contracts. Only 35% of attendees complete their contracts, and your CROATAN brothers have a 100% completion!

If you are interested in attending NLS, the next nearest to our lodge will be March 27-29. In order to attend you must be approved by your advisor and have a class 1 medical form. Cost is \$190. Cost includes: lodging, food, materials, and FUN. This is a southern region event, and you will have the opportunity to make new friends that are part of their lodges leadership. Lifetime friendships can be made at NLS.

If interested please contact me at Duallines@embarqmail.com.

Yours in cheerful service,
Steve Mercer



Officer Reports

Hey Y'all

Welcome back to another Croa-tastic year with Croatan Lodge. I think it can be one of our best years to date. We've already had a little bit going on starting with our Lodge Leadership Development Conference where we set our goals and the scene for the entire year. We also had our February Workday at Camp Bonner which was a great success. We knocked out a lot of work trying to get stuff ready for Summer Camp, National Camp School, and Conclave 2010. We got some big events coming up with the March Ordeal and Conclave. Please remember to turn in your Conclave registration form with \$35 to Scott Byrum by March 9th. I hope to see y'all there, and Coree's underrated.

Croatan Power,
Ben Averitt
Lodge Chief, WWW

SECRETARY

Hey Guys,

I hope all of you are ready to kick off another year with Croatan Lodge. I feel we will have a very successful year full of fun, service, and fellowship ahead of us. If anyone has any pictures from any past events please email them to me at: mturner@croatan.org. I look forward to seeing you all at the March Ordeal. Also, when submit your Croa-Talk articles if you could submit them in a Microsoft Word Document that would be a great help to me.

YITB,
Michael Turner
Secretary

VC INDUCTIONS

Hey Guys,

I hope all arrowman are as thrilled as I am to kick off yet another assuring year with Croatan Lodge. I'm looking forward to see what the greatest lodge in all of the Order of the Arrow can do as far as fellowship, service and fun. I also look forward to seeing new faces as well as remembering the old ones. Lets make 2009 one of the greatest years Croatan Lodge has ever had! Also keep in mind that when those 10 months have passed since you went through your ordeal, you need to come and seal your membership.

CROATAN POWER!!!

In Service,
Dalton Barrett.

VC CAMPING PROMOTIONS

Hey my brothers,

Just wanted to let each chapters VC of Camp Promotions know that I need what promotions have been done, with what units, and where they are located. I'm ready to see 100% of promotions completed so let's reach that goal soon!

YITB
Brad Dickens
VC Camp Promotions

Treasurer

Hey Guys,

If anyone has any ideas for fundraisers please contact me. I look forward to seeing you all at the March Ordeal, it's going to be fun like always.

YITB
Matthew Williamitis
Treasurer



Chapter Responsibilities

Friday Night Cracker Barrel	Neusiok
Saturday Night Cracker Barrel	Tanugahi
First Two Meals	Toisnot
Second Two Meals	Tearora
ECM Setup and Cleanup	Tau
Garbage and Recycling	Arapahoe
Shower House Cleanup	Natsahi
Reception Center Cleanup	Coree
Lodge Meeting Cleanup	Wiccacon



Committee Reports

Hey brothers,

March induction weekend is fast approaching. We need your help in making the weekend a success, by remembering to honor the candidates, by NOT talking around them. The ceremony teams put in a lot of work in preparing and we need to show our support by attending the ceremonies. Ordeal members need to attend to learn what the ceremony says and to start to understand what the Order of the Arrow is all about. This is one of the ways to start to prepare for sealing your membership.

I also need Brotherhood members to become elangomat. See me or Dalton at the March Induction weekend.

I also have to ask for a head Nimat, and a Brotherhood master, as we have a vacancy in these positions.

Please contact Steve Mercer at Duallines@embarqmail.com.

YITB,

Chris Mercer

SCOUTREACH

Hello Croatan Lodge,

It is a new year and we have a lot of things to do. The Scoutreach committee was formed last year and is still working hard to help our Council's Scoutreach units. We kicked the year off by doing a training session at LLD in January. This year we are building our committee by asking for each chapter to provide at least one member to serve on the committee. The Section is also sending our Scoutreach units to Conclave this year free of cost. This is a great way for the units to get to see what the OA and scouting is all about. We are also starting a uniform drive this year. Any old uniforms that are in decent condition are wanted. We would like shirts, shorts, pants, socks, and belts. These uniforms will be given to Scoutreach units that cannot afford uniforms so please bring your old uniforms to camp in March. We still need plenty of mentors so please fill out an application and find Ben Averitt, Carlos Soto, or myself at any lodge function. If you have any questions about Scoutreach or what OA mentoring is, visit the Lodge website www.croatan.org Scoutreach is under the programs sections. You can also get an application from there or from me at the ordeal. Feel free to email me as well at sdelliot@ncsu.edu. Remember your old uniforms, and I hope to see everyone in March.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Steven Elliott
Scoutreach Committee Chair
Croatan Lodge
<http://croatan.org/index.php?>

TROOP REPRESENTATIVE

Hey Guys,

I need each chapter to send me the name of the person responsible for the troop representatives of each unit in their chapter. I also need the troop representative forms completed for all the troops by the May induction weekend. If you had any questions, please email me at scoolbusdude@embarqmail.com.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Chris Mercer

TRAININGS AND NOMINATIONS

Brothers,

I hope each of you are doing well and are achieving the goals that you are setting for yourselves. The Spring Ordeal is right around the corner and as we reach each ordeal weekend we get closer for our 2009 Fall Fellowship. It is never too early to start thinking about running for office for the 2010 OA year. Also it is never too earlier to start brainstorming training session ideas for the Fellowship this year. If you have any concerns that you might want to be addressed in training please email me at robert.dail@gmail.com.

Yours in the Brotherhood,

Robert G. Dail

Trainings and Nominations Committee Chair

CEREMONIES

Hey Y'all,

The March Ordeal is coming up fast, this is the time for all of you ceremony teams to be working out the final kinks in your ceremonies. Make sure that you pay special attention to timings, movements, voice level, and clarity.

The Ceremony Line-up is:

Pre Ordeal: 1st group Tau, 2nd group Coree

Brotherhood: Tau

The Tau and Coree Pre Ordeal teams need to be at camp A.S.A.P on Friday. As soon as you get to camp give me a call at (910)-581-6426.

The 2009 Cardinal Conclave is quickly approaching. As of right now two teams are competing in the Ceremony competition. Coree and Natisihi are signed up to compete in the Pre ordeal competition. If anyone is interested we can sign up more teams for the Pre Ordeal ceremony. We also need a team to compete in the Brotherhood ceremony. Anyone interested in competing should contact me at accrulers80@yahoo.com or call me at (919)-581-6426.

YITB,

George Romine-Mongo

Ceremonies Committee Chair



NC Indian Seminar

Hello Brothers,

I would like to say that the NC Indian seminar was a blast. As of now we will be starting the Croatan Dance Society, which will be open to all lodge members. See me at the March ordeal where more information will be given. Also we have planned a seminar at Bonner on March 28, if you are interested in Indian Affairs you should attend. If you have any questions about the dance society or the seminar please feel free to email me at jah0627@ecu.edu or Eddie Cahoon eca-hoon@aol.com
YITB,



May Ordeal

The May Ordeal (May 15-17) will be held at Camp Charles in Bailey due to the hosting of National Camp School at Camp Bonner the same weekend. More information will come at a later date.



High Adventure Opportunities

Do you need an escape from that 9-5 job, summer classes or the monotony of staring out of your bedroom window longing for something new? If your answer is yes, the Order of the Arrow has the answer for you.

Each summer, the Order of the Arrow offers a myriad of different High Adventure opportunities to meet your summer needs whether its wetting your appetite by going for a plunge in the Atlantic Ocean with the Ocean Adventure at the Florida Sea Base; maybe hiking is your passion, what better place to go than the Philmont Scout Ranch where you can hike the same trails as your Scoutmaster or Scouting ancestors as a part of your Trail Crew experience.

Have you ever given thought about what the Native Americans and early explorers did to be avid traders, maybe the OA Voyage is for calling. Whatever your summer aspirations may be, these National High Adventure bases have put together a multitude of options for you.

Along with your one week trek completely designed by you, each Arrowmen will be afforded the opportunity to leave their mark in history by helping to sure up portage trails, backpacking trails or coral reefs. Aside from providing a good deed to each of these high adventure bases, every participant will have the opportunity to work closely with Arrowmen from across the country, who have a similar interest in the future of both the program and the adventure base.

You may be thinking that this is a daunting task but it is an experience unlike any other afforded to you in scouting in that it takes you out of your world and places with people, who want to do something different. It's not everyday that you can tell your friends that you climbed into Cypher's Mine, watched the Northern Lights from a canoe or went scuba diving in the Florida Keys.

These programs help to insure that the future of scouting has a place to live, work and interact. This summer, try something new or do something you thoroughly enjoy, but do something with the Order of the Arrow High adventure opportunities.

For more information about these High Adventure programs, please visit <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org> or talk to your lodge chief. Your destiny awaits you...

2009 O.A. Service Express Card

This is your one and only opportunity to get in on a special deal. For only \$65.00 you can pre-pay for all four major OA events for 2009 (March, May, and September Ordeals, and also Fall Fellowship). This is a \$7.00 savings, but that is not the best part. As a benefit to pre-registering, you will receive a special events card which allows you to be eligible for "Express Check-In". At each of the four events there will be an "Express Check-In" table and all you will have to do is show your card and just walk in. You will not have to wait in the normal registration line with the others. This in itself is worth the price of the card. Of course this fee is non-refundable if you miss any of the events.

If you are interested in purchasing an O.A. Service Express Card, send in the registration form below along with your check made payable to **East Carolina Council**.

Mail your check and registration form to:

Deadline: March 21st, 2009

Phil Decker, Registration Adviser
2499 Irvin Drive
Kinston, NC 28504

O.A. Service Express Card

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Chapter: _____

March Ordeal
March 20-22, 2009
Camp Bonner
“Come Join the Fun!”

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