

CROA-TALK

The Official Newsletter of Croatan Lodge 117, Order of the Arrow



September Ordeal– The weather can’t dampen our spirits

The Fall ordeal took place last month at camp boddie. It was not the “super ordeal” that was hoped for, but it put a dent in the to– do list at our still damaged camp.

All weekend the weather persisted. And if there was one thing that stayed the same over the three

day period, it was the rain. When it wasn’t raining, it was drizzling, when it wasn’t drizzling, it was sprinkling, and well you get the point. Regardless, the brothers of Croatan Lodge were not discouraged by the precipitation. It will take a lot more than a little rain

to keep us from achieving our goal of restoring camp to its former glory.



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Chapter Responsibilities–Fall Ordeal

Friday Night Cracker Barrel	Coree Chapter
Saturday Night Cracker Barrel	Wiccacon Chapter
First Two Meal Set-Up/Clean-Up	Neusiok Chapter
Second Two Meal Set-Up/Clean-Up	Tanugahi Chapter
Executive Committee Meeting Set-Up/Clean-Up	Toisnot Chapter
Garbage/Recycling	Tearora Chapter
Shower House	Tau Chapter
Reception Center Clean-Up	Arapahoe Chapter
Lodge Meeting Clean-Up	Natsihi Chapter

Fall Fellow– the year is winding down and its time for fun.

The 2011 year is almost over, and now its time for the members of croatan lodge to get together and have an all around good time.

There is something for everybody. There will be ceremony and dancing competitions for all areas of expertise. For you athletic types we have the famous

Croatan Lodge Volleyball game. Maybe you like trading patches. Well there will be many opportunities over the course of the weekend, and there will be a patch auction at the Saturday night cracker barrel. Don’t forget to cheer for your

chapter or participate in the quest for the silver arrow events. Also, don’t forget to go to the training sessions during the day. Lastly your chapter spirit over the course of the weekend, will help determine the winner of the spirit award at the lodge banquet.

Chiefly Speaking

Brothers,

For those of you who are new to the Order, Fall Fellowship is an opportunity for friendly competition, training, and fellowship. Chapters will compete in the Quest for the Silver Arrow, a series of group games as well as the rivalry-infused volleyball tournament. This weekend, a conclave theme will be selected, if you have input to share, attend the brainstorming session Saturday morning. Training sessions are being led by very knowledgeable brothers and I'm sure they will be valuable to everyone. I look forward to seeing each of you this weekend, come ready for some fun and fellowship.

In Brotherhood,
Jordan Byrum



Vice Chief of Camping Promotions

Vice Chief of Inductions

Hey Guys,

It has been an absolute honor and privilege to serve alongside of each of you during my tenure as VC of Inductions for these last couple of years. I've found out that working in a lodge position has been inspiring and therapeutic. I've been fortunate to have a special lodge in which I can count on as well. I'm going to miss the nerves and anxiousness a week before events, the search for

Elangomats, the uncertainty, the logistic work, the forward momentum of each ordeal, the dynamism, the thinking outside the box, the improvising, and all of the energy from special people who has helped me along the way. It has definitely been quite the journey of a lifetime,. Although I may be separated by time and distance from Croatan Lodge and Camp Boddie as follow my college education, nothing will diminish the important

role that Order of the Arrow has played in my life. This isn't "farewell" nor the end of my journey but it is a little write-up and thank-you note that describes how I will miss but remember my experience thus far fondly as I leave Eastern North Carolina to pursue my future goals.

Yours in Cheerful Service,
Dalton Barrett
VC of Inductions



Vice Chief of Service

I have planned some fun events for Quest for the Silver Arrow:

Fish and Chips, Spear throwing, Toothpick Tower, Pong Palooza, Buried Treasure Relay,

and the ever (un) popular Spam Toss. Don't forget about the volleyball tournament, be sure to come prepared for some serious competition. I

look forward to seeing you all this weekend.

YITB,

Matt Williamitis



Vice Chief of Indian Affairs

Hey Yall,

This weekend there will be craft sessions, drum sessions and ceremony sessions so if you have been having an itch for some IA then

come and enjoy these fun training sessions. There will also be the Dance and Ceremony Competition so everyone get ready.

YIBH,

Brett Cronkhite



Secretary

Fellow Brothers,
I have been having some trouble with my email, but that has now been

resolved.

I am hoping that now I can get the lodge communication back on track.

YITB

Harvey Hoopes IV

Treasurer

Hello Croatan brothers, I am extremely pleased to say that the car stickers design is finished. I will present the design during the

next ECM. I appreciate all the support. The t shirt design is in process, so that is upcoming

In Brotherhood,
Connor Davis

Chapter Reports

Natsihi

YITB
Jack Kittrell

-“Natsihi is ready for volleyball!”

Tanugahi Chapter

Hello Everyone,

Tanugahi has had a great year, and there is still much to do. We have done all of our camp

promo and OA elections, and we will be holding the W.O.R.D. Webloree this November

YITB
-Wil Hoopes IV

Arapahoe

Possum Power

The Arapahoe Chapter will be at the Fall Fellowship in Full Force

and will be full of Spirit.

Good Food---Steak---

Good Fun----Win the Volleyball—

We are planning the for Clean Sweep at Fall Fellowship

Gilbert Respass

Arapahoe Chapter

Gene Elks

Arapahoe Chapter Chief

Training Schedule

	Tipis	Bat Cave	Health Lodge	Reception Center
9am	<i>Various IA crafts, dance, drum, ceremonies</i>	<i>Prospective Officer Training</i> Scott Byrum	<i>Lodgemaster Training</i> Phil Decker	<i>Nimat/Elangomat</i> Dalton Barrett
10am	<i>Various IA crafts, dance, drum, ceremonies</i>	<i>Camping Promotions</i> Duncan Patrick	<i>High Adventure</i> Gavin Call	<i>Youth Leadership</i> Stan Talton
11am	<i>Various IA crafts, dance, drum, ceremonies</i>	<i>Chapter Communications</i> Harvey Hoopes	<i>Conclave Brainstorming</i> Dal Newbold	<i>Nimat/Elangomat</i> Dalton Barrett

Committee Reports

Health and Safety Committee Report

Brothers,

Do not forget to bring in your Annual Medical Forms for all chapter members present at the upcoming Fellowship. Remember, this has become a requirement and we would appreciate it if all chapters would follow this guideline. Thanks in advance for your help!

In Brotherhood,

-Health and Safety Committee

Web Committee Report

Do you have any experience working on websites? Do you enjoy spending time on your computer at home trying to learn about how things work? If so, consider working with the Web Committee on the Lodge website. If interested, please speak with Randall Spence at the upcoming Fellowship!

-The Web Team

Advisor's Minutes

Dear Brothers

It is hard to believe another Fall Fellowship is here again. This year we are fortunate to not have to worry about membership or Brotherhood conversion because we have hit our targets. We do need to focus on putting together each chapter's service and contribution report. This is very important to ensure we document the value our lodge provides to our local communities and our council. Chapter chiefs and advisers should be preparing this report for submission by lodge meeting on Sunday.

I would like to remind everyone that we have officer elections coming up at Fall Fellowship. As a voting member you should be thinking about how the candidates up for election have performed their duties in the past. Do they represent Croatan Lodge well? Are they committed to doing their job? Are they living the Scout's Oath and Law? These are the minimum qualifications for the job of Lodge officer. I encourage you to look closely at each candidate and ask yourself, is this guy going to make our lodge stronger? Will he assume responsibility for the tasks he is charged with; putting forth the time and effort to ensure the job is done correctly? If you feel as though a candidate cannot meet the expectations of the job, then you should not vote for them. Lodge office is not a popularity contest, but the foundation to ensure Croatan Lodge remains the BEST Lodge is Section SR-7B.

2012 Lodge Officer Candidates

Chief	VC Inductions	VC Service	VC Promotions
Matt Williamitis	Jack Kittrell	Duncan Patrick	Grey Peedin
Travis Dunn		Gavin Call	
VC Indian Affairs	Secretary	Treasurer	
Joshua Griffin	Harvey Hoopes	Chris Wagner	
		Charles Pfeiffer	

Croatan Lodge #117
Fall Fellowship Schedule

Oct 21-23, 2011

Camp Boddie

Friday

6:00pm – 8:00pm	Registration	Reception Center
8:00pm	Opening Show	Reception Center
9:30pm	CB/Patch Trading/Fellowship	Reception Center
9:30pm	ECM	Health Lodge

Saturday

8:00am	Breakfast	Dining Hall
9:00am – 9:45am	Training Block I	Training
10:00am – 10:45am	Training Block II	Training
11:00am – 11:45am	Training Block III	Training
12:00pm – 12:45pm	Lunch	Dining Hall
1:00pm	Ceremony Competition	Tipis
2:00pm	Quest for the Silver Arrow	Activity Field
3:00pm	Volleyball Tournament	Volleyball Courts
5:30pm – 6:00pm	Candidate Forum	Dining Hall
6:00pm	Supper	Dining Hall
7:00pm	Patch Trading /Fellowship	Reception Center
7:30pm	Patch Auction/Patch Trading	Reception Center
8:00pm	Dance Competition/Pow Wow	Tipis
9:00pm	Crackerbarrel	Reception Center

Sunday

7:00am	Vigil Breakfast	Dining Hall
8:00am	Breakfast	Dining Hall
9:00am	Church Service	Dining Hall
9:30am	Lodge Meeting/Elections	Dining Hall

OA High Adventure

Have you ever watched the Northern Lights dance across the sky over the Canadian Border? Carried a canoe a mile to see a spectacular waterfall? Worked to repair historic trails? Paddled forty miles in one day, seemingly chasing after a perfect sunset across countless still lakes?

This summer, take advantage of an opportunity to have experiences like these at the Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage or Canadian Odyssey at the Northern Tier High Adventure Bases in Minnesota and Ontario. On a two-week trek with one of these programs you can give service through trail building, make unforgettable memories, and canoe in beautiful remote country.

The service at the foundation of our Order acts as the cornerstone of this program. During your first week, you will work with your crew to repair and restore portage trails in the Superior National Forest or Quetico Provincial Park. This crew is composed of Arrowmen from around the country and led by two outstanding foremen trained in trail building, outdoor skills, and the Scouting and OA programs. During the second week you will embark on a voyage where you will explore pristine wilderness, make leadership decisions, and face up to the challenges of nature. The friendships and memories that you make in the North Woods will stand the test of time.

You can attend one of these two-week programs for only \$200. Arrowmen must be between the ages of sixteen and twenty-one to attend. For applications and more information on the opportunities please visit adventure.oa-bsa.org.

-Article by Frank Sturges



Mentoring program for up and coming lodge Officers

Are you currently a chapter officer? Have you considered running for a Lodge office position?

If so, be sure to look into the new mentoring program at September Ordeal. This will give prospective officers a look into what a specific officer does during the Ordeal, making them better informed about the duties of the position. This program will involve assisting an officer for a portion of the weekend and is excellent experience for anyone who interested in becoming a lodge officer. If you are interested, please email me at

jordan.byrum@gmail.com

Croatan Lodge Calendar 2011

Fall Fellowship October 14th-16th

Lodge Banquet November 19th

Croatan Lodge Calendar 2012

LLD January 6th-7th

Workday February 18th

Spring Ordeal October 16th-18th

Conclave April 20th-21st

Summer Ordeal May 18th-20th

Fall Ordeal September 21st-23rd

Fall Fellowship October 19th-21st

Lodge Banquet November 17th

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