



Washita Warrior

The Official Newsletter of Washita Lodge 288, Cherokee Area Council # 469
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It is hard to believe that we are almost half-way through 2009, but it is already July. It has been an eventful year so far. We kicked things off with a great LLD. We saw our spring fellowship called early due to heavy snowfall. We enjoyed a successful council-wide scouting for food that was coordinated by our lodge. We had a proud contingent represent us at Section Conclave. We stepped up to support the final Bi-plane Fly-in. And we have gathered for a special Brotherhood fellowship.

We have had a busy first half of the year. The second half of the year looks to be just as busy. Our NOAC group is getting prepared for the trip to Indiana University for this year's conference. And it is already time to plan for the big Section Conclave next year. Don't blink, the rest of this year is going to fly by.

LODGE CALENDAR

August 01-06 – NOAC
September 11-13 – Fall Fellowship
October 17 – One Day of Service

See the Lodge Website for more information!!
<http://www.cherokeesba.org/oa/index.html>

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NOAC

What is NOAC?

Every few years, Arrowmen from across the country gather on the campus of a major university for the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). The National Order of the Arrow Conference is Scouting's second largest national program event!

Why come to NOAC?

There are several reasons to come to the National Order of the Arrow Conference! NOAC is the national gathering for the Order of the Arrow. A key part of NOAC is sharing knowledge and learning new ideas. There are training classes on every aspect of the Order of the Arrow, including leadership, activities, and lodge and chapter operations. American Indian activities are another part of the traditional events that take place at NOAC, including dancing and ceremonies competitions and training. Another set of exciting events are the sports and competitions. Founders Day is a day at NOAC where the original founders of the Order of the Arrow are celebrated with displays by all the lodges of their local culture. For the entertainment lover in all of us, the shows are definitely worth going to! There are so many more activities at NOAC that you cannot possibly do them all.

The overall best reason to attend NOAC is this will probably be the most fun you have ever had in five straight days! For whatever reason you decide to attend NOAC, it is guaranteed that it will be one of the best memories you have of the Order of the Arrow!

NOAC 2009 is scheduled to take place from Saturday, August 1st through Thursday, August 6th on the campus of Indiana University in Bloomington Indiana.

Washita 288 NOAC Plans

Three adults and eleven youth from our contingent for this year's NOAC. Our group will leave for NOAC July 30th. The actual conference will be held August 1st through August 6th, with our group returning August 6th. Be sure to offer encouragement to all those making this trip. Below is the basic itinerary for our lodge's contingent.

July 30.

**Depart
Bass Pro Stop
Spend night near St. Louis**

July 31

**St. Louis Zoo in morning
St. Louis Arch
Cardinals Ball Game
Night in St. Louis**

August 1

Travel to Bloomington Indiana – NOAC

August 2 – 5

NOAC

August 6

NOAC

Travel direct to Bartlesville - Late return

Some thoughts from our Lodge Advisor

Dear Brothers,

What a great start to a new year! Were you at this year's LLD? At LLD in 2007, the Tribal Council decided to move the event from December to January in an attempt to increase attendance. It worked; there were more Arrowmen this year than in the last several combined. What a great turnout!

Next up, we had the return of a summer camp highlight – the OA Callout. Each District held a Callout and 19 new Ordeal candidates learned of their election to our Order. These new candidates were then invited to our Spring Fellowship to complete their Ordeal.

This year's Spring Fellowship has come and gone. For a recap of the "weekend", see the fellowship article elsewhere in this Warrior.

Did you know our Lodge is part of the newly formed Section 8? The first ever Section 8 Conclave was held in April at Camp Rockefeller in Damascus Arkansas. During the event, the location for next year's Conclave was chosen. Start making plans now – Washita Lodge will be hosting the 2010 Section 8 Conclave in Pawhuska. What an opportunity for our Lodge. Plans are already underway. What will you do to help make this event a success? Be prepared when our Lodge's Host CVC or his adviser contacts you seeking your help. For more about this year's Section Conclave or next year's Conclave, see the article elsewhere in this Warrior

This summer we will be attending the National Order of the Arrow Conference at Indiana University. Will you be there to have the time of your life?

This is YOUR Lodge. We need your help to be successful. Please plan to attend as many of our events as possible. Get involved. If you are a youth, contact the Lodge Chief or any of the other officers of the Lodge. If you are an adult, contact me or any of the other Advisers.

I look forward to seeing you at our many Lodge and Chapter events. Together I know we can do great things for the Lodge, the Council, and the Order of the Arrow!

Yours in the Brotherhood,

Henry Robin

Notes from the 2009 Section Conclave

Our lodge was well represented at the 2009 Section Conclave. A total of 31 members of our lodge were in attendance. For our region this was the highest attended conclave ever. Special recognition needs to be made for a couple of our brothers. **Brian Payne** was awarded second place in the straight dance competition. **Ethan Schoeppy** was the director for the dance competition. He was also one of the judges for the competition. Ethan was busy as he was also the Native American Events Conclave Vice Chief and the workshops Conclave Vice Chief. The Native American Events featured classes in dance competition. Our thanks to all those from our lodge that attended the conclave. We were well represented.

Also, if you attended the 2009 conclave we want to hear from you! We would like to hear your reflections on the conclave. We are also looking for pictures taken at the conclave. If we can gather enough thoughts and photos we hope to share them in a special edition of the Washita Warrior.

Please send your thoughts and photos to Tim Snow (snowfamily6@sbcglobal.net) and Randy Ellis (jrellis99@yahoo.com).

And now ...

Section Conclave 2010

The next Section Conclave will be hosted by our lodge. Yes, you heard right! In April 2010, our lodge will host the Section's biggest event. The conclave will be held in Pawhuska at the Osage County Fairgrounds to commemorate the first ever Boy Scout Troop in America.

As always, expect to see all of your favorite activities at the conclave: Quest, Training, Native American classes, Pow-Wow, a great show, and a unique place to meet people. This time however, YOU can be an integral part of the entire weekend. Without our lodge, this conclave will not happen! Get pumped up and prepare for a FANTASTIC WASHITA OPERATED CONCLAVE!

If you are interested in helping in any way contact Ben Robin, the CVC, (Youth) or Scott Robin, the CVC Advisor, (Adults). Any and all help is welcomed.

Osage Hills District Update

We have certainly had a busy year so far. All those who helped on the Scouting for Food Drive did a great job. It gets tougher every year as there are so many other groups doing food drives practically all year. Our drive was definitely a success. Thanks again to all those who worked so hard on this great service to our community.

We want to thank those as well that stepped up to help with parking for the final Biplane Fly-in in Bartlesville. It was a great chance to help out and show how much we appreciate those that have coordinated this event for so many years. I would like to especially thank Nathan Stoudinger and his father Charles. These guys are not even in OA (yet!) but they were happy to join us in helping with parking when they found out we were short handed. Nathan and Charles provided terrific illustrations of "A Scout is Helpful."

We are still trying to update our email lists. We would like each troop's OA representative to try and gather email addresses for all the OA members of their troops. We need these to check existing addresses in our records and fill-in those email addresses we are still missing.

Lastly, we are still trying to increase our attendance at our Chapter meetings. We meet the first Thursday of the month at 7pm at the Scout Service Center. We would love to see representation from all the troops.

Thanks! Yours in Brotherhood,

Aaron

2008 – 2009 Lodge Officers

Lodge Chief	<i>Cleveland, Brandon</i>	GL Chief	<i>Carpenter, Travis</i>
Lodge Vice	<i>Schoeppey, Ethan</i>	GL Vice	<i>Ware III, Kenny</i>
Treasurer	<i>Asbery, Theron R</i>	GL Secy	<i>Andrasko, Keyln</i>
Corres Secy	<i>Snow, Tim</i>		
Record Secy	<i>Payne, Travis</i>	Activities	<i>Wood, Michael</i>
		Ceremonies	<i>Harrison, Jonathan</i>
OH Chief	<i>Lewis, Aaron</i>	Dance Team	<i>Asbery, Theron R</i>
OH Vice	<i>Schroeder, Kevin</i>	Scout Reach	<i>Reeves, Truman</i>
OH Secy	<i>Tobola, John</i>	Vigil	<i>Robin, Ben</i>

Thoughts on Spring Fellowship

Nature can be a pretty funny thing sometimes, you can plan something months in advance with the best plans but nature always wins out on top. This was the case with our last Spring Fellowship. I arrived at the event and within 10 minutes was asked to get a tow rope to pull a vehicle out of the ditch. Upon fetching the towing line and getting the vehicle all hooked up, it was found that our rescue vehicle was also stuck in the snow. Astonishingly as scouts we always seem to be prepared and are there to lend a hand to our brothers in need. Within no time our rescue vehicle was pulled out and multiple others.

The point of me telling this is not to speak of how I ended up only staying at an event for a few hours due to the weather, but to focus on how something as special as the Order of the Arrow and the Boy Scouts of America can set the pace for a good turn unto others. I find that at any scouting event I have ever been to there is someone you can talk to even though you may not know them personally. We each have a bond with other scouts across the globe because of our values and commitments. We strive to set goals; even the worst of events can still turn out to be a blast.

I point this out because we travel hours, days and sometimes weeks to go to our planned events and when we get there we all take part in making things progress to meet our desired goals. Not only do we work like a well oiled machine, we meet others across the way – in uniform or not – and instantly we relate. We can sit around a camp fire and share stories, relate to the way things have changed, or teach a skill without taking the time to think twice. The patch we wear on our pocket is our thread of life, linking each arrowman to a greater cause and purpose. But in order to do this we first must take the initiative and stand up to represent that in which we believe in.

So remember next time, snow/rain/sunshine, to be there and be a part of fun and fellowship and further your knowledge of the order and meet someone new that might be just like you.

Yours In Scouting,
Sean Urban

New Brotherhood Members

We had nine of our lodge members complete their brotherhood at a special brotherhood fellowship. Be sure to congratulate these brothers when you see them.

David Castoe
Trent Lowe
Chris Renfrow

Kevin Hendren II
Michael McFarland
Glen Sullivan

Travis Millard
Margina Soloman
Scott Sullivan

Miami Scouting for Food

Ottawa County

Nutrition Coalition, Inc.



33 N. Main
Miami, Okla. 74354
(918)542-9676

April 30, 2009

Mr. Rex Mullins
1916 C NE
Miami OK 74354

Dear Mr. Mullins:

Thank you for your faithful work with the Boy Scouts. You and your teammates have been a great help to our food box.

Your 2009 food drive provided for our office:

DATE	NO. ITEMS	POUNDS OF FOOD
01/31/09	907	876.57
02/06/09	30	29.14
04/29/09	259	224.54
	<u>1,196</u>	<u>1,130.25</u>
We had to discard	10	8.54
	<u>1,186</u>	<u>1,121.71</u>
We offered to anyone who would take items up to 3 yrs. outdated, or not labeled	<u>30</u>	<u>25.99</u>
We put in our inventory	1,156	1,095.72

Please relay our thanks to as many participants as you can.

Yours truly,

Rosie Dalrymple

Rosie Dalrymple, Chairman

Bettie

Bettie Fulton, office

Tribal Council! TC! That Thing Where Important People Meet!

Tribal Council is a meeting which occurs at least four times a year outside of major events. A Tribal Council is also usually held at every major event each year: Fall Fellowship and Spring Fellowship, and Winter Banquet. Every lodge member may attend Tribal Council.

ALL LODGE OFFICERS, CHAIRMEN, AND ADVISORS HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO ATTEND ALL TRIBAL COUNCILS.

If anyone has any questions, the number for the Scout Office is (918) 336-9170 or Toll Free 888-269-1328

Lost Brothers

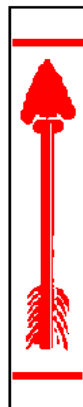
We found two of our long lost brothers at the special brotherhood fellowship. Welcome back Jessie Maltby and Chris Ellis. We all know where there are other “Lost Brothers” out there. Let’s see if we can find them at the Fall Fellowship. *Sometimes all it takes is a little encouragement...*

Celebrating the Dance Team

We want to applaud our Dance Team. We are used to seeing them perform at Fellowships and Camporees. Recently at the request of our council president members of the dance team performed at our recent Council Banquet. They are a truly talented group. We want to wish them the best as four of them attend NOAC.

CONVERT! CONVERT! CONVERT!

The cost of Brotherhood Conversion is free! Zip-Zilch-Nada! Each Arrowman can progress in the OA journey without consideration of extra cost at the event. We hope every eligible Arrowman will take this important step at Spring Fellowship. The requirement that must be completed prior to attending is 10 calendar months of service through your troop as an Ordeal member of the OA. There will be a session at the Spring Fellowship for you to complete the rest of the requirements. You will also learn at this time why you are able to turn the points of your lodge lanyard Eagle claws outward. Don't miss this opportunity. Check out pages 50-51 of your OA Handbook.



The “Cliff Notes” Version of Brotherhood Conversion:

- Help us achieve Honor Lodge by completing the Brotherhood Honor.
 - There is NO CHARGE to seal your membership in The Order by achieving the Brotherhood Honor (other than a standard meal charge).
 - Eligibility for the Brotherhood honor includes 10 months active participation in the OA, paid up OA dues, registered in scouting, and memorization of the obligation and song.
- Attention All Arrowmen!! If you or someone you know has yet to complete their Brotherhood, **ATTEND FELLOWSHIP!!!**

Eligible for Brotherhood at Fall Fellowship

Those listed below are eligible for Brotherhood at the Fall Fellowship. The Brotherhood class will be offered at that fellowship. If your name is below please consider attending the fellowship and take the step to Brotherhood. If you know someone on this list, please encourage them to join us at Fall Fellowship and convert!

**Abrams, Dalton
Allen, Charlie
Allen, Sam
Baird, Billy
Beaver, Chad
Black, Kevin
Bone, Trent
Bronson, Kenny
Brunson, Kyle
Buhlinger, Luke
Carter, Logan
Cooper, Sam
Courtney, Richard
Courtney, Spence
Covington, Dakota
Denyer, Sam
Ford, Derek
Geibel, Betsy
Gonzalez, Blake A
Gonzalez, Tony
Greenwood, Gil
Hamilton, Dustin L
Heath, Christopher**

**Hendren II, Kevin
Hogan, Daniel P
Hutchinson, Scott
Ingram, David
Iron, Garrett
Iron, Jeremy
Johnson, Caleb
Jordan, Bruce
Jordan, Ryan
Krishnan, Sreeram
Lathrop, Mitchell
Lay, Hunter
Maxey, Garret
Meador, Steven
Mitchell, Riley
Peters, Austin
Pogue, David
Pogue, Spencer
Reamy, Hayden R
Reichert, Betty M
Riley, Jordan**

**Riley, Nathan
Roberson, Trey
Robison, Trace
Ropp, Kyle A
Satterfield, Andrew
Seale, Joseph
Spunaugle, Tyler
Stechmann, Jenni
Sterk, Alex
Stout, Oliver
Strimple, Josh
Swartz, Michael
Taylor, Kyle W
Tobola, Philip
Trudeau, Robert
Villines, Cameron
Watkins, Jeffery
Wiens, Arlen
Workman, Dale
Wright, Derek
Wright, Steve**

Washita Lodge FALL FELLOWSHIP 2009
Camp McClintock – September 11-13, 2009

FIRST NAME _____ LAST NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ GENDER: Male Female

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

AGE: Youth Adult (21+) HONOR: Ordeal Brotherhood Vigil

ELEVATION: Drummer Firebuilder Runner Keeper Medicine Man

Annual Dues \$10 _____	Pay 2009 and up to 3 years in Advance Check Your Label for Dues Expiration Date
Ordeal Fee \$60 _____	(Includes Fellowship Fee & 1 st Year dues)
Early Bird Fee \$15 _____	at Scout Office by SEPTEMBER 3rd
Fellowship Fee \$20 _____	After SEPTEMBER 3rd
Total Paid \$ _____	

If you don't register for the Fellowship, you will not be allowed to attend! Everyone on the property must pay the Fellowship Fee! Scout Office phone (918) 336-9170

I have read and completed the personal health and medical history and I have read and understand the Code of Conduct (over).

Signature of Participant / Staff / Guest _____

Washita Lodge 288 Code of Conduct
(Officially adopted by the Tribal Council)

1. Observe the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, the Explorer Code and the Obligation of the Order of the Arrow.
2. Wear the officially designated Boy Scout uniform as required during the fall fellowship.
3. Attend planned and general training sessions.
4. Confine the trading and swapping of Scout related items only to free periods and in designated areas only.
5. Be personally responsible for breakage, damage or loss of property.
6. Observe quiet hours and times for lights out.
7. Keep my quarters clean and dispose of trash in the proper places.
8. Do not sleep in any of the buildings at camp.
9. Allow no unregistered person to occupy my quarters.
10. Wear suitable covering in the quarters and to and from latrines.
11. Observe all BSA policies about the purchase, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages or illicit drugs.
12. Respect the rules prohibiting the use of fireworks or firearms.
13. Respect the rules prohibiting gambling.
14. Do not buy or sell items at the event. The only official sources for the purchase of items is Bundles or the special items offered for sale.
15. Do not leave camp without the express permission of the headquarters.
16. Remember that at all times you are a guest of the lodge and the Boy Scouts of America. Please observe rules of common courtesy.
17. Park only in designated areas.
18. Abide by the liquid fuel policy as stated in the BSA camping guidelines.
19. Report any injuries to the health lodge.
20. Have a great time!

***Failure to abide by these rules & regulations will force your removal
From any event and the premises of its location.***

PERSONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL HISTORY

To be filled out by parent, guardian, or adult participant. Please print legibly in ink or type.

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Sex _____

Parent or guardian _____ Phone _____

Home Address _____ City/State _____ Zip _____

Business _____ Address _____ State _____ Zip _____

If person name above is not available in the event of an emergency, notify

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____

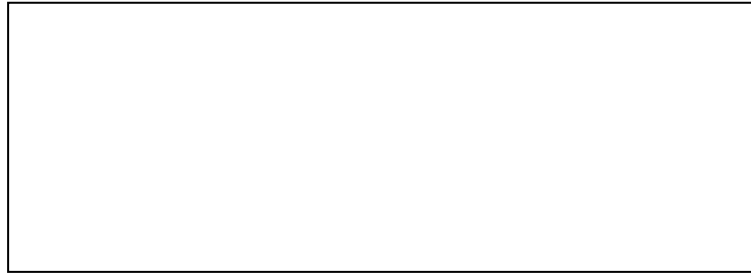
Name of personal physician _____ Phone _____

Personal health/accident insurance carrier _____ Policy No. _____

In case of emergency, I understand that every effort will be made to contact me (if an adult, my spouse or next of kin). In the event I cannot be reached, I hereby give my permission to the physician selected by the adult leader in charge to secure proper treatment, including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or injections of medication for my child (or for me, if an adult).

Date _____ Signature of parent/guardian or adult _____

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Open Immediately!!
Fall Fellowship Registration Enclosed!!

