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As I think about the quote from Walt Disney that I read recently – **“Around here, however, we don’t look backwards for very long. We keep moving forward, opening up new doors and doing new things, because we’re curious ... and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths.”** – it reminds of my recent experience at the National Order of Arrow Conference that was held at the University of Tennessee and the new paths that the Chattahoochee Lodge can follow to become a stronger and better Lodge.

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Approximately every two years, the Order of the Arrow holds a national conference (NOAC). NOAC is Order of Arrow’s flagship national event, held over six days with 6,000 – 8,000 Arrowmen participating from throughout the BSA. This year’s conference program included innovative leadership development training, inspiring and new programs and ideas, as well as a chance to fellowship and network with other Arrowman from across the country. The theme of the conference was **“Tomorrow begins Today.”**

NOAC was a great way to energize myself and the 23 Arrowman who attended. It has already led us down new paths and ways to enhance and improve the Chattahoochee Lodge during the August induction weekend. Tomorrow does begin today, and I encourage you to reach out to me or the other Lodge officers if have new ideas, new activities, or new paths that we can follow. It is up to all of us to make the Chattahoochee Lodge the best that it can be for the current and future members.

I hope to see you at the next lodge event which is the Fall Induction/ Fellowship and Blast From the Past Weekend from Friday, October 14th to Sunday, October 16th. Arrowman can dress up in your favorite era, enjoy fellowship and great food, and support those Arrowman during their Broterhood/Vigil inductions. It is going to be a great weekend!!!

WWW,
Genevieve Sandt
Lodge Chief



LODGE ADVISER'S MINUTE

All of us have a preferred comfort zone. Our comfort zone is something that has both positive and negative qualities for our lives. Most of us are creatures of habit and want to be comfortable with our personal lives to the extent that we are relatively free from constant worry. Unfortunately, if we allow ourselves to be too comfortable we can miss the fulfillment of our potential in all aspects of life.

There is a story about two hikers who were hiking along in the woods one night in utter darkness. Their flashlights were burned out and it was difficult to see the trail. In front of them was a tree that blocked the trail. They had to deviate off the trail to attempt to go around the blockage. Off the trail, they did not see a huge hole. Unwittingly, they both fell into the hole. They struggled profusely to get out but simply couldn't climb up the steep walls in the blackness of the night. Content that they would have to wait until morning to get out, they sat down in the corner and quickly fell asleep.

Several hours later a lone hiker finds himself also falling to the bottom of the hole. He too struggles and strains to get out but, exhausted, he decides to sit down and wait for the morning light. As he is about to rest he hears a sluggish voice in the darkness say, "Forget it, you can't get out."

Faster than you can blink your eyes, he was out of the hole! It is amazing that when the lone hiker was not comfortable anymore, when he had a little fear in him and didn't feel safe, he was able to jump higher, climb farther, and put forth a little more effort. Imagine what you can accomplish if you simply put forth a little more effort.

Avoid getting too comfortable in your life. As everyone starts back to school whether it be high school or college, and scouting starts back full speed ahead for our units, do something this year that takes you out of your comfort zone and out of your normal routine. Start small and discipline yourself to do something that stretches you to become better, improve a skill, or expand your experiences. Striving to push your own comfort zone will make you feel more alive and more in tune with your senses. Yes, comfort is desirable to an extent, but not when it stifles your ability to truly live up to your potential.



Bobby Childs
Lodge Adviser

CHAPTERS AT WORK

Ossahatchee "Our meetings are the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM ET at Calvary Baptist Church. In September we will meet on the 15th (a week later than normal) we are going to have a more typical meeting with some information updates in the beginning and some games in the second half. October we'll be having our brotherhood prep for the fall fellowship." - Chapter Chief, Eli Pittman.

Si-Tan-Mico "Meetings are typically at 6:30 PM ET on the third Thursday of the month at Trinity United Methodist Church. In September we plan to conduct a review for arrowmen that are testing for brotherhood. In October we are planning a Halloween themed party." - Chapter Chief, Emma Stone.

Hiawasse "Starting in September we will resume our regular chapter meetings at 5 PM ET on the third Sunday of the month At Your Pie in LaGrange." - Chapter Chief, Jackson Hester.

LODGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

Our Lodge Chief, Genevieve Sandt, wanted to highlight the following two members of our Lodge Executive Committee (LEC). They recently went beyond the call of duty and are performing exceptionally in their lodge positions. The LEC Member spotlights are Ellie Moone and Layton Childs. We know that they will continue to do an outstanding job on the 2022 Lodge Executive Committee!

ELLIE MOONE

Ellie Moone is the Chattahoochee Lodge Vice Chief. She helps with a lot of the behind-the-scenes work. We work very closely together to come up with ideas for lodge events, social media posts, and the oversight of the lodge committees. I am very thankful to have such a supportive Vice Chief who is committed to empower the youth to run the lodge. Ellie was the Senior Patrol Leader for National Youth Leadership Training and the youth contingent leader for National Order of Arrow Conference. I am immensely proud of her and how she has grown as a leader in the lodge. It is amazing to see how our journey together in the lodge has come full circle, from going through our ordeal together and now playing a key role in running the lodge. Her leadership skills are an example of what can be accomplished by participating actively in scouting and OA. Ellie always brings a positive spirit to her interactions with others and provides cheerful service in all she does in and out of the lodge.



LAYTON CHILDS



Layton Childs is the Service Committee Chair. Layton is responsible for everything service for the Chattahoochee Lodge. Any service project that has been completed in the past three years; Layton had a hand in making those projects happen. I am so impressed with the total amount of cheerful service that we have provide in 2022 to date. During the May's Spring Ordeal at Camp Pine Mountain, lodge members cleared brush from the campsites, painted bathrooms, installed new camp posts, cleaned the bath house, and removed trees. At the recent Summer Induction, Layton organized the landscaping of two trails, summer cleaning at Bradshaw, painting the fence and controlling erosion at the Shooting Range, and putting up tents and cots from summer camp. Layton plays a significant role in making sure our camps have new improvements all year round. I am immensely proud of the hard work and dedication that Layton has for improving our Council camps and helping the lodge provide cheerful service on a continuous basis.

SPRING ORDEAL/INDUCTION

At the May 6th and 7th Spring Induction, we switched things up a little and went to Camp Pine Mountain, where we welcomed fifteen new Ordeal members! As always, the Ceremonies team had incredible and impactful performances. The Ordeal candidates took on their “irksome tasks” without hesitation, demonstrating perfect cheerful service. With the help of all Arrowmen in attendance, we were able to contribute significantly to the repairs and maintenance at Camp Pine Mountain. Bruised hands, splinters, and paint spills in hair couldn’t hold the Arrowmen back in their dedication to service. When the hard day of work came to an end and our new members were inducted, we had a lively luau with an unbeatable barbecue feast. The tacky Hawaiian shirts showed the new Ordeal members that work and fun are not exclusive in the Chattahoochee Lodge! Overall, the Spring Induction was a huge success!

CONCLAVE HIGHLIGHTS

At this year's Conclave event located at Camp Benjamin Hawkins on April 1st—3rd, Chattahoochee Lodge had a blast participating in the many events and competitions offered and had the pleasure of meeting many new Arrowmen from Lodges all around the newly renamed section E-6! Some of the activities included, Wischixin, Ultimate Frisbee, Tug of War, patch trading, many various sessions on different subjects like Unit Elections, AIA, and Patch Design, service projects, Conclave Expo, a Theme Show, and Taliypo. Our Lodge won several awards including,

- 1st Place—Lodge Chief Pie Eating Contest
- 1st Place – Instagram,
- 1st Place—Facebook
- 1st Place—Newsletter
- 3rd Place– Website
- 3rd Place—Lodge Plan Book
- Admin- Best overall Lodge
- Ceremonies Honors—Pre-ordeal, Ordeal and Vigil

Overall, it was a fun-packed weekend filled with fellowship and cheerful service! Special thanks to the host Lodge: Echeconnee for their hospitality. Join your fellow lodge members in 2023 for Conclave which will be held April 14th-16th at Camp Tukabatchee for more fun and fellowship!!





The Chattahoochee Lodge was well represented at the National Order of Arrow Conference with 23 lodge members in attendance. Every two years, the Order of Arrow holds a national conference which is the primary gathering for 6,000 – 8,000 Arrowmen from around the country at a university campus. This year NOAC was held at the University of Tennessee from July 25th – July 30th. Here are the

Top Ten Favorite Experiences from NOAC:

- #10 **NOAC, OA, and University of Tennessee Swag** – Arrowmen purchased new UT, OA and NOAC swag at the Trading Post and UT Bookstore and showed it off during the week.
- #9 **University of Tennessee** – We could not have asked for better hosts for NOAC than the University of Tennessee. The air-conditioned dorms, the tasty dining hall food, spacious meeting rooms, and truly beautiful campus added to the NOAC experience. Thanks to and Go Tennessee Volunteers!!
- #8 **NOAC Activities and Recreation** – There was something for everyone to compete in and enjoy – Basketball, Flag Football, Gaga Ball, Pickleball, Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball, Escape Rooms, Lip Sync Battles, NOAC Has Talent, OA Jeopardy, Minute to Win It, 2022 Goodman Open, and 5K Brotherhood Run.
- #7 **Patch Trading** - The bottom floor of the UT's Student Union was a sea of patches and Arrowman who were wheeling and dealing to get the most sought after NOAC and Lodge patches. It was fascinating to watch the world of patch trading.
- #6 **ACES Village**– The ACES (Arrowman Conservation Education and Sustainability) Village hosted conservation exhibitors from across the country, the four OA High Adventure Base, and hands on trail building techniques.
- #5 **Adventure Central** - Adventure Central offered the most exciting, action-packed program for participants to include rock climbing, bouldering, BMX, mountain biking, rappelling, archery, laser rifles, steer roping, welding, RC car racing, slacklines, STEM Adventure, Scuba, and outdoor vendors.
- #4 **Leadership Development Trainings** – Experienced Arrowmen from around the country came together to empower and challenge the next generation of youth and adult leaders by presenting new ideas and programs to strengthen their Lodges. Arrowmen had unlimited trainings and workshops to attend including topics on Successful Lodge Leadership Development, Being an Effective Lodge Officer, Using Lodgemaster, Development of Ceremony Characters, and so many more.

- #3 **Ignite Festival** – This was the main attraction at NOAC that had 4 neighborhoods to visit - Include, Immerse, Illustrate, and Illuminate. Each area was filled with Lodge Booths, vendors, live music, food, Chat with the National Chief and Vice Chief, human football, mini golf, silent dance party, soccer darts, photo booth, obstacle course, selfie station, and of course, patch trading.
- #2 **Chattahoochee Lodge Contingent** – The 23 adult and youth Arrowmen that made up the Chattahoochee Lodge Contingent had a blast at NOAC. We enjoyed fellowship, learned new ideas and programs, participated in Eastern Region gatherings, and overall had a great time attending NOAC. I look forward to working with each one of these Arrowman to bring back what we gained at NOAC to strengthen the Lodge.
- #1 **Favorite Experience from NOAC was ...** Meeting Arrowmen from around the country, making new and lasting friendships and reenergizing our commitment to the Order of Arrow and the Chattahoochee Lodge. Firm Bound in Brotherhood!!

These are just a few of our favorite things about NOAC. The next NOAC will be held in 2024 so you will not want to miss the chance to attend for the first time or go back to experience it all over again.

SUMMER ORDEL AND HAWAIIAN LUAU



The Lodge held the Summer Induction and Hawaiian Luau Weekend on Friday, August 5th – Sunday, August 7th at Camp FGL. It was a busy weekend for Arrowmen and the Ordeal Candidates. On Friday night, the candidates began their Ordeal by putting together their horseshoe packs with their 8 Ordeal Essentials, learned who and what is an Elangomat, and became part of the Buck/Turtle Clan. Shortly after that, both Ordeal Candidates and Elangomats began their personal quest to understand and complete the Tests of the Ordeal. During the Summer Inductions, the lodge was able to complete the following projects: landscaping of two trails, summer cleaning at Bradshaw, painting the fence and erosion control at Shooting Sports, and putting up the tents/cots from summer camp. On Saturday evening, the Lodge welcomed 32 new Ordeal members to begin their journey to “Seal their Bond in Brotherhood.” Arrowmen and new Ordeal members enjoyed fellowship and fun at the Hawaiian Luau Feast on Saturday night by enjoying a great BBQ meal (of course, seconds were enjoyed by all especially the new members) and dressing up in their favorite Hawaiian attire. We closed the evening with a New Ordeal Dessert Social to give the new members a chance to get to know the Lodge Officers, Advisors, and Elangomats. On Sunday morning, Arrowmen enjoyed the New Member Orientation, a Scouts Own, Chapter Meet – n – Greetings, and Recognition of New Ordeal Members. The weekend was full of fun, fellowship, service, and welcoming new member into the lodge. This would not have been possible without the efforts of the LEC, Ceremonies Team, Elagnomats, and Arrowmen who attended. Thank you for making this a very successful and meaningful lodge event.

UPCOMING LODGE EVENTS—2022

October 14-16th	Save the Date for Fall Fellowship/Induction — Brotherhood and Vigil Inductions, Blast from the Past Party, Lodge Business Meeting and Officer Elections — Camp FGL - Registration will be open soon.
December 3rd	Lodge Banquet — Camp FGL
December 9-11	NLS/DYLC — Talladega, AL
January 6-8th	Indian Winter — Camp Thunder
April 14-16th	Conclave—Camp Tukabatchee

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LODGE RESOURCES

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Lodge Facebook: facebook.com/ChattahoocheeOA	E-6 Website: sectione6.org
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