

The Washita Warrior

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Spring Fellowship

Spring Fellowship will be held at Camp McClintock this year due to the unknown status of Camp Cherokee. All arrowmen are encouraged to attend. All Ordeal members should attend and seal your membership by attaining your Brotherhood. The morning session will consist of work projects and the afternoon will consist of classes and games. Those chosen for induction into the Order of the Arrow at the Spring Camp-o-ree and at the Trout Out Tap-out will be able to complete their Ordeal at Spring Fellowship. Come and fellowship with your fellow arrowmen and help improve our Lodge and our Council property. Remember we always eat well at Fellowship.

The early bird special for Spring Fellowship is \$15 due May 2, 2005. Regular price of \$20 after May 2, 2005. Save \$5 by paying early. Also please pay your dues if you have not.

2005 Lodge Calendar Dates

April 8-10	Grand Lake Camp-o-ree / O. A. Tap-Out
April 22-24	SR-3A Section Conclave Camp Tom Hale
May 13-15	Spring Fellowship at Camp McClintock
Sept. 23-25	Fall Fellowship at Camp McClintock
Oct. 22 nd	One Day

Lodge Chief letter

My Brothers,

It has been an incredible year and we planning for the spring activities. We have the Grand Lake District Camporee where we will be providing some of the support staff for event. We will also be doing a Tap Out there. Section Conclave is quickly approaching and I hope that you will come and join us at Camp Tom Hale. There are many unique opportunities found only at Section Conclave for you to participate in. We will be competing in the Quest of the Gold Arrow; let's just hope the Section Chief is not counting! After that, we have our Spring Fellowship at Camp McClintock in which I hope to see all of you there. We will be busy in getting our camp ready to operate for another year. Good Luck for all the Arrowmen that will be attending the National Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia in July. I hope to see you all at the District Camporee, Section Conclave, and Spring Fellowship.

Yours in Brotherhood and Service,

Brett Thomas Lodge Chief

Lodge Vice Chief letter

"National Leadership Conference"

Brothers

On March 4th our Lodge sent three youth to NLS, National Leadership Conference. John Hiat, Ryan Dixon and I went to Damascus, Arkansas where the conference was held. Jim Lewis, Bill Hiat and Jim Sharp accompanied us on this trip. Upon arrival we checked in and immediately we started our first session. We were all divided into small groups for the conference. While at the conference we all learned about all the different types of leadership and how to use them. We learned how to work as a team and about situational leadership. We also learned that in order to be a good leader that you must know the territory. Aside from the sessions we ate great the entire weekend. Cracker barrels consisted of shrimp, eggrolls and exotic artichoke and spinach dips. Every meal was exalant. The leaders of the sessions were all national and sections officers. Our own Bob Sullivan, Scott Robin and Bob Crume were leaders. We all learned lots and had a great time. The place we stayed was amazing, we were in dormitory style lodging and they were very nice. I strongly encourage those of you that haven't ever attended this event to go if ever given the chance in the future. Butt remember if you go to NLS remember you scout shorts or pants, you'll need them.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Mason Humphries

2004-2005 Washita Lodge Vice-Chief.

Osage Hills Chapter Chief letter

Brothers,

Winter Banquet was a success. We planned the budget for 2005, and now each Chapter has \$200.00 dollars to work with instead of the usual \$0. We also formed a patch committee. I have seen what the patches are going to look like and they are really cool.

At the February meeting, David Bailey and Peggy Rockey talked about how to get involved in the dance team. It was a very good presentation. I thank them for their time on it. At that meeting, we had ten people, instead of the usual three to four people. So, keep on coming to our chapter meetings.

In April, we will be having OA Jeopardy with Sean Urban, so come and have some fun! All Arrowmen are welcome to attend. Osage Hills OA Chapter meetings are held at the First Presbyterian Church, downtown Bartlesville (6th and Dewey) from 7PM to 8PM. Meetings are the first Thursday of each month. We will have meetings on April 7th and May 5th, mark your calendars and be there! I hope you plan on attending Spring Fellowship and Section Conclave. Your attendance at these events is a great way to serve the lodge. You'll strengthen the bonds of brotherhood by serving on work projects, participating in competitions, and having a fun playing the games.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Brian Payne

Lodge Advisor letter

Brothers,

Time is flying as we approach Section Conclave, Spring Fellowship and Summer Camp. I hope everyone takes advantage of the opportunity to attend Section Conclave, with it being so close. Camp Tom Hale will be a great venue to support Scott Robin, the section chief. We just finished a great NLATS/NLS and the officers who attended are pumped up and ready to rock!

Unit elections should be ongoing (Need one? Ask your chapter!) In preparation for the Camp-o-ree and camp promotions for our revised summer camp program at Camp Will Rogers (Need one? Ask your Chapter!). This Camp-o-ree may be the last big event ever at Camp Cherokee, so I hope everyone plans to attend. With the OA running events and conducting our call out, it promises to be a great experience. Summer Camp at Will Rogers will definitely be a new experience for many of us. There will be some adjusting, I'm sure, but we can either be part of the solution, or part of a problem. As arrowmen, no matter what the situation, it is our DUTY to be part of the solution. If this is to be a success, it rides on our participation, our attitudes and our willingness to make it happen.

I know that there are a lot of memories at Camp Cherokee...a lot of summers, a lot of ceremonies.... A lot of boys becoming young men. For me it would have been 15 years without missing a ceremony.... My truck seemed to be able to drive itself every Thursday and Friday night. I have seen some great programs.... And some that had me wearing a dress.... We need to realize however, that it is not the camp that holds those memories, or those traditions. We hold them. What happens to them now is up to us. Whatever the final outcome of these uncertain times, we need to be united in our mission and purpose and continue to support the council and its programs in everything we do. Whatever the outcome, we are still the brotherhood of cheerful service, and we will make our presence felt.

I realize that even the future of the lodge is uncertain.... Will we merge? What will we be called? Who will be our Chief? Who will be our advisor? We can't answer any of those questions now.... And to speculate and worry can only serve to distract us from the tasks that we have at hand. I ask that everyone focus on the jobs we have to do.... Honoring campers, preserving traditions, promoting camping and serving cheerfully. The rest is not up to us to decide...but when decisions are made and plans finalized; it is up to us to be there in support.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Conclave!

Big Jim
Lodge Lay Advisor

New Lodge Flaps

At the last tribal council, the designs were approved for new lodge flaps for Washita Lodge. The result of a patch design committee, the new flaps mix old traditions with a new flare. A set of three flaps will be made, an Ordeal, Brotherhood and Vigil version. The new flaps will be sold for the first time at Section Conclave, where we hope to capitalize on the myriads of out of council collectors that will be present. After they are received, sets will be available for lodge members at the council office and from lodge bundles.

These new designs for our new lodge flaps were inspired and created by a patch design committee formed at the Tribal Council meeting that took place at LLDC 2004. Some on the Tribal Council have taken to calling this design committee the "*Fellowship of the Patch*". This "*Fellowship of the Patch*" consist of Ben Sooter, Kyle Androsko, and Robert "Hank" Pippen. All still Ordeal members who were tapped out at Summer Camp of 2004.

Top 10 things we learned at NLATS/NLS

10. WIN ALL YOU CAN!!!
9. Jim Sharp can't go anywhere without telling an Armadillo story
8. Trying to stop Jim Sharp from telling an armadillo story is futile
7. There is another Bob Crume, a younger version, named Thomas. Same hair, same height, same ambition, lives in Texas
6. What makes Jon Hiatt special is that he never combs his hair
5. Bob Crume does own a sash with a stain on it. (NOTE: It is a very small stain, hardly noticeable, but this is the first documented flaw in an otherwise perfect façade that has been in place since he ran for Section Chief. Believe it Or Not!)
4. If you forget your scout shorts, it is a very bad idea to inform everyone that your "MOM" forgot to pack them
3. Wax, gel, hairspray. That's the order. The area required to pack all these hair products can be made available by letting your mom forget to pack you scout shorts
2. A Pabst Blue Ribbon hat is not part of the official uniform
1. Never, ever let your girlfriend who is studying cosmetology cut your hair

Washita Lodge

Spring Fellowship 2005 Registration

Camp McClintock -May 13-15, 2005

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 _____ Fellowship Fee \$15 _____ (By May 2) Fellowship Fee \$20 _____ (After May 2) Ordeal Fee \$45 _____ Total \$ _____
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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 _____

Class 1 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 ____
 Name of parent or guardian _____ Telephone _____
 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 _____ Telephone _____
 Name _____ Relationship _____ Telephone _____
 Name of personal physician _____ Telephone _____
 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 _____

Send registration/payment to:

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