



Washita Warrior

The Official Newsletter of Washita Lodge 288, Cherokee Area Council # 469
NOAC 2009 Special Edition

September 2009

NOAC – The National Order of the Arrow Conference was held August 1st through 6th in Bloomington, Indiana. We wanted to take this special edition of the Warrior to celebrate the event and the contingent of Scouts and Adults from our lodge that attended.

Washita Lodge 288 was represented by eleven of our youth and three of our adults. Our Lodge had six additional attendees that served in staff positions for the conference. A few of our Arrowmen were kind enough to share some of their thoughts and experiences with us. We thank them for taking the time to jot down a few remembrances and for representing us so well at this year's conference.

LODGE CALENDAR

October 17	-	One Day of Service
January 8-9, 2010	-	LLD
March 26-28, 2010	-	Spring Fellowship
April 23-25, 2010	-	Section Conclave

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

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Washita Lodge 288 Contingent



Some thoughts from our Lodge Advisor

Dear Brothers,

What a year it's been. In my last letter, I wrote about activities leading up to this summer's big event - the National Order of the Arrow Conference at Indiana University. Eighteen of your Lodge brothers attended this event. Here's just a few of the highlights:

- The St Louis Zoo – lots and lots of walking
- The St Louis Arch – everyone made it to the top the first time
- The NOAC shows – need a good seat, just ask Aaron
- The Skybox and the girls who take care of you – jealous Brandon?
- Earning “Honor” at ceremonies competitions – congrats Ben
- Earning “Honor” for Museum display – thanks for all your help Big Jim
- Wii tennis competition – Tim Snow, 3rd place
- Wii bowling competition – Big Jim, 3rd place
- Learning that judging is very subjective, just because you SHOULD advance to the next level of the competition doesn't mean you WILL. Sometimes it has to be enough knowing you're better than some of those who advanced when you didn't
- Indiana (in 2009) was not as hot as Michigan (in 2006)
- Getting in the Guinness Book of World Records for the largest group of Kazoo players

For more about NOAC, see the articles elsewhere in this edition of the Warrior.

Did you know our Lodge is part of the newly formed Section 8? 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.

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

Individual Reflections from NOAC

As I reflect on NOAC I must say it was a great success! I was lucky enough that I didn't have to ride in the van with every one else which made the trip up very enjoyable. Cahokia was special and I enjoyed the chance to dance for the daycare. Our lodge was at its best, with 3 semi-final dancers, Tim Snow taking 3rd in Wii tennis and Ben Robin getting honors in ceremonies.

Here are some things I learned from this NOAC

1. The ST. Louis zoo is huge, and confusing, making it hard to see everything
2. Dancing scares little kids
3. Washita has Awesome dancers!!!!
4. Dancers should stick to dancing, period!
5. Dominick is AWSOME!!!! (When he's awake)
6. Without a spirit award all anyone wants to do is sleep
7. The people in the sunflower hats are CRAZY! (And not in a good way)
8. Washita is super competitive (what's new)
9. 14 year olds stink
10. WASHITA ROCKS!!!!!!!!!!!!

Over all we had a great time, I hope every one gets a chance to go next time

Yours in Brotherhood

Ethan

The Pow Wow was great. A lot of dancers were attending. There were Fancy dancers, old style dancers, Traditional dancers, straight dancers, and grass dancers. Our lodge has three straight dancers and one traditional dancer. Our straight dancers are Brandon C, Ethan S, and Aaron L. Our traditional dancer is Theron A. We may gain two more dancers to our team (Travis M and me)! We all had a great time dancing at NOAC 2009 in Indiana.

YIS

David C

Individual Reflections from NOAC

This year I attended my first NOAC in Bloomington Indiana. While participating in many other events, I was a member of the National Brotherhood Band. The band was a great deal of fun, and I'm glad that I could be a part of the show. We played numerous songs, ranging from classical overtures to the "Imperial March" from Star Wars. All of the participants were friendly and sociable. I hope to be a part of this band next time around.

YIS

Truman R

Dear arrow men,

If you haven't noticed already this issue of the warrior is about NOAC (National Order of the Arrow Conference); a great experience for all arrow men. It is roughly one week in a college town like this year's college IU in Bloomington, Indiana. There are many things to do at NOAC such as taking classes like suit up for ceremonies, dancing 101, and leadership symposiums. Plus competitions like dance team competitions and ceremonies competitions. If you haven't been to NOAC, patch trading is big there where you trade with people for their lodge's patches. An example would be one of California's patches was iron man on the front which several people wanted to have. One of the rules or should be a rule would be one patch for one patch, like a back patch for a back patch, or a lodge set for a lodge set. Every night except for one there is a show where they present speeches or a story to entertain, usually about the theme of the event. This year's theme was the power of one. The power of one man to provide water for kids in Africa. The power of one book to inspire some one to make a change in a group. For example one kid in Africa has an idea to prevent car wrecks on the streets but needs one man to keep him alive and that man needs money so he can have the right tools for the job which requires donations from an organization. You see it does not have to be one person it could be one organization. It could be a book that inspires a group of friends that see something that needs to be changed. That is the POWER OF ONE people that have love in their hearts to reach out and help others. We all have this power and young Uncas of the legend has this power. If you didn't make it this year, be sure to make it next time.

First time attendee

Tim S

Individual Reflections from NOAC

I am really glad I was able to make this year's NOAC trip. It was a great experience. Our visit to the St. Louis Zoo was incredible. That place is BIG. I could not believe how large it was. One of the coolest things for me at the zoo was how close we could get to the penguins. Where we spent the night and there were a number of local families that let us come to their homes to use their showers. It was really nice of them, but it was really weird going to a stranger's house to shower.

When we got to NOAC, for me the dancing was the best. There were a lot of different dancers. Some of the regalia that we saw was really awesome. Our group really did a good job dancing as well. We made it to the final cut, which was pretty good. I truly appreciate Peggy's help getting us ready and Ethan and Brandon for working with me at the dance team meetings.

By the day we headed home everyone was worn out. I think pretty much everyone slept most of the trip home. It really was a great experience and one I would recommend to anyone.

Yours in Brotherhood

Aaron

Washita Lodge 2009 NOAC patch set

Contact the Lodge Advisor (Henry Robin at okrobin@sbcglobal.net) to purchase a set for \$40. Only a few sets are left!

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.

2008 – 2009 Lodge Officers

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

We want to thank all of these for the jobs they have done as officers this past year. We will be electing new officers at Fall Fellowship.

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