



CROA-TALK

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CROATAN LODGE 117 ORDER OF THE ARROW

Fall Ordeal Weekend Schedule Camp Boddie

Friday

- 5-7p Ordeal Candidate
Registration
Reception Center
- 6-8p Member Registration
Reception Center
- 8:00p Pre-Ordeal Ceremony
Amphitheatre
- 9:30p Cracker Barrel
Reception Center
- 9:45p ECM
Health Lodge

Saturday

- 8:00a Breakfast
Dining Hall
- 8:45a Work Assignments
Quartermaster Shed
- 9-12:30 Cheerful Service
- 12:30p Lunch
Dining Hall
- 1:00p Training Session
Dining Hall
- 1:30p Brotherhood hike
Sea Base Sign
- 1:30-5p Cheerful Service
- 5-5:45p Candidate Showers
- 6-6:30p Candidate/Brotherhood
Supper-Dining Hall
- 6-6:30p Member Showers
- 6:30p Member Supper
Dining Hall
- 7-7:30p New Member Session
Reception Center
- 7:30p Brotherhood Ceremony
Ceremony Circle
- 8:00p Ordeal Ceremony
Ceremony Circle
- 9:30p Cracker Barrel/
Patch Auction
Reception Center

Sunday

- 8:00a Breakfast
Dining Hall
- 9:15a Church Service
Dining Hall
- 9:30a Lodge Meeting
Dining Hall

Ready for More Fellowship and Service in the Coming Year!

By Jack Kittrell
Croatan Lodge Chief

Hello again, Croatan Lodge, its Jack Kittrell. It's that time of year once again. The leaves will soon turn all shades of yellow, orange, and non-green, and you'll soon start seeing frost on the ground. With that change of season comes our last big service event, September Ordeal. For some of you, this will be your last chance to seal your Brotherhood membership in 2014. Doing so shows those around you that you take the Order of the Arrow seriously and that you are ready to take your devotion to a whole new level. For the newer Arrowmen, it's a chance to familiarize yourself with the comings and goings of our Lodge. September Ordeal is an excellent opportunity to find a Scouting niche that interests you. For every Arrowman out there, it's a chance to come together once again and catch up with each other after a busy summer.

There is an upcoming training for anyone who is interested in becoming a leader in the OA. This year's Chapter Leadership Summit will be hosted by Nayawin Rar at Camp Tuscaroara on October 24th and 25th. This is a great opportunity as it teaches many

important lessons for up and coming Lodge and Chapter leaders. New to CLS this year is the Trainer Development, a "train-the-trainer" style course. The cost is \$15, a bargain price. If you are interested in attending, you can visit

www.chapterleadershipsummit.pbworks.com for more information.

Lastly, we will soon be ramping up preparations for hosting Conclave in 2016. One of the earliest things to set in stone is a theme for the whole Conclave. So, are you interested in designing a patch that will be seen by hundreds of Arrowmen? Want to create the slogan that will be used for a huge weekend full of fellowship and excitement? Then submit your Conclave theme (which consists of a slogan and a patch) to your Chapter representative as soon as possible. Our goal is to whittle down the entries to a couple good ones at September Ordeal, then vote on the best one at Fall Fellowship, so send in your designs today!

YITB,
Jack Kittrell

By Harvey Hoopes IV
Lodge Secretary

Hey everybody, by now you have noticed the big changes that have been implemented in the Croatalk. This new, streamlined format is just one of many changes that are in the works here at the Croatan Media group. You will soon see changes to the Lodge website as well as its various social media pages. Communication is the key to ensuring that our lodge is operating at maximum efficiency.

But what good is fast communication if it isn't relevant? This question has led to one of our best ideas, User Submitted Content. That's right, articles in the Croatalk are no longer limited to Lodge officers and Chapter chiefs. If you have an interesting article that you would like to see in the Croatalk,

Simply email it to me at:

wilhoopes@gmail.com with the Subject "Croatalk article". Please include your name and to which chapter you belong, and, if you really want to be official, a headshot of yourself (I refrain from using the term "selfie") so you can be further identified as the writer of the article.

Ideas for articles include: a testimonial from a newly inducted Ordeal member or a member who has just sealed their membership with the brotherhood honor, an account of ones experiences at Conclave (OAX, patch trading, IA competitions, etc.), or perhaps you would like to promote a scouting function that others in the Order would also enjoy, the possibilities are numerous and it all starts with you!

YITB
Harvey Hoopes IV

Philmont: "Scouting Paradise"

By Talon Parker
VC of Inductions



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Croatan Lodge Vice Chief of Inductions, Talon Parker, Attended Order of the Arrow Trail Crew this summer as well as National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE)

I recently had the opportunity make the journey to Philmont for OATC. First off if you are thinking about doing OATC, do it. This is not only one of the cheapest ways to experience Philmont but, in my opinion, one of the best ways. I did not make friends at OATC but brothers, we shared laughs and sadness. At one point during the work week my foreman became sick, he attempted to push through but could not, two days before trek week both crews prayed for him and we woke up the day of trek week and he was packed before any of us ready to hike. Every day during work week I was awoken by my foreman singing (terribly might I add) various songs, even though I knew I was going to go do hard work on a trail. I smiled, ran out of my tent, changed clothes, grabbed some food, and was ready to work. If anyone has any questions, feel free to talk to me or anyone else who has participated in OATC.

YITB
Talon Parker

By Talon Parker
VC of Inductions

Hey guys! Summer is sadly over but that means scouts starts back up! As always I am in need of Elangomats and Nimats. Do not forget to encourage anyone who is eligible for Brotherhood to seal their membership. If anyone has any questions or comments, you can email me at vcinductions@hotmail.com.
YITB,
Talon Parker

By Michael Burton
1st Year Arrowman Chair

Let me just start off by saying "WOW!" You guys are awesome; last year we had twenty-six members earn their first year arrowman award. This is the most people to earn the award in a year ever. This year I need your help to encourage the new ordeal members to earn this award so we can beat last year's number. If you already have a filled out card just give it to me or Mr. Snow this weekend. Thanks!

2014 Lodge Calendar
 September 19-21 | Fall Ordeal
 October 17-19 | Fall Fellowship
 November 22 | Lodge Banquet

As you can see, the Lodge year is coming to a close, but fear not as there will be many more opportunities for service and fellowship in 2015!

Chapter Responsibilities

Fri	Night Cracker Barrel	Arapahoe
Sat	Night Cracker Barrel	Natsihi
Sat	Breakfast Set-Up/Clean-Up	Coree
Sat	Lunch Set-Up/Clean-Up	Coree
Sat	Dinner Set-Up/Clean-Up	Wiccacon
Sun	Breakfast Setup/Cleanup	Wiccacon
	ECM Set-Up/Clean-Up	Neusiok
	Garbage/Recycling	Tanugahi
	Shower House	Toisnot
	Reception Center Clean-Up	Tearora
	Lodge Meeting Clean-Up	Tau

Camp Boddie Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Cloudy 80 / 59 F Chance of Rain 7 %	Partly Sunny with a shower 81 / 61 F Chance of Rain 55 %	Partly Sunny with a shower 84 / 63 F Chance of Rain 41 %

Note: these are extended forecasts and are subject to change