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Fall Ordeal

September 8-10
Camp Powhatan

Fall Fellowship

October 13-15
Camp Powhatan

Winter Banquet

December 9
WE Skelton 4-H Center
Wirtz, VA

Lodge Leadership

Development Conference
January 5-7
Claytor Lake Aquatics Base

Spring Ordeal (NEW!)

March 23-25
Claytor Lake Aquatics Base

2018 SR-7A Conclave

April 27-29
Camp Rock Enon
Gore, VA

Conclave Wrap-up

Tutelo recognizes servant leaders, installs 2017 lodge officers

On April 28-30, 1,170 Arrowmen from across Virginia and beyond converged on the banks of the James River for the 2017 SR-7A Conclave at Pipsico Scout Reservation. Special guests included National Chief Forrest Gertin and Southern Region Chief Harrison Fry.

Scouts braved intense heat (in the 90s on Saturday) for a weekend full of training, competition, service, and fellowship. With beards, stocking caps, flannel shirts, and overalls, Tutelo's Lumberjack theme didn't quite blend in with the tropical heat, but lodge members suffered

(and sweated) cheerfully.

With a contingent of 117 Arrowmen, Tutelo did quite well in the various challenges and activities, taking home both the Quest for the Golden Arrow and Lodge of the Year Awards.

In Quest activities, our lodge won first place in Ultimate Frisbee and second place in Tug of War and Fire Building. In Ceremonies, Tutelo achieved honors in the Pre-Ordeal and Brotherhood Ceremonies. Riley Millward received honor status for the Vigil Ceremony.

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Jacob DeJarnette cheerfully displayed the lodge's lumberjack theme for most of Saturday, despite record high temperatures.

Tutelo Lodge Makes Impact @ Jamboree

In July, the Boy Scouts of America hosted its second National Scout Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve near Mount Hope, West Virginia.

Three Tutelo Arrowmen served on OA staff at the event: Riley Millward and John Warren were both on Service Corps and Chris Bryant worked with the Indian Village. John Warren was also one of twenty Arrowmen nationwide to receive the Hillcourt Scholarship, which helped offset his staff fees.

Twenty other Scouters from Blue Ridge Mountains Council (many of whom are also Tutelo Arrowmen) volunteered



Riley Millward (l) and John Warren (r) point to Tutelo Lodge's rock at the Summit Circle ceremonial grounds.

for Jamboree staff in a variety of capacities, including medical, motorpool, retail operations, subcamp, aquatics,

chaplain, Brownsea Island, pioneering, Hornaday Award, shooting sports, and general operations.

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Chiefly Speaking

Tutelo Nation,

We won. Again. Lodge of the Year and The Golden Arrow are ours again and this year it wasn't even close. The true strength of our lodge is shown in such instances where we can have such low conclave attendance and still be supreme.

It also speaks to our lodge potential of how great we could be with every brother's help. Each one of us were chosen from our troop for a reason, and its time we all



come together to show just how strong of a lodge we truly are.

That time is the Fall Fellowship. This year's Fall

Fellowship is going to be very different from the previous ones. Greater than ever before. This year will have special guests, round table discussions, and no more "filler" trainings. Also we as a Lodge will decide what's important to us to see happen in the following years, as we write and publish the Tutelo Lodge Strategic Plan 2018-2022.

Edward O. Blount, III
Lodge Chief

Adviser's Minute

What an awesome summer!!

I hope everyone had a great summer, mine has been one I will not soon forget. First, we held two very good functions that were well attended everyone seemed to have a great time. Way to go Tutelo. Then secondly I had the opportunity to attend Summer Camp at Powhatan with my troop that was an awesome experience. We had a fun filled week and I got to spend a lot of time at the ranges helping Wimpy, my favorite thing at camp. Finishing the week out the OA ceremony on Friday night was wonderful.

Then, there was The Jamboree!! This was the highlight of summer and an experience I will never forget. It was unbelievable to see the Enormous Scouting movement at work. The dedication of the members of this great organization we are a part of. I learned a lot about the Scouting organization, and how to work with other people. Best of all was the



team work with 6,000 of my Scouting brothers who staffed the event to prepare for about 30,000 Scouts from across the nation and some from other countries. The Jambo was an experience that every Scouter should try if they have the opportunity, I know and I am looking forward to helping with more in the future.

I hope everyone had a summer filled with memories they will never forget.

Ok, enough talking about the summer. The fall is already here and we have lots of things to do to finish up this

year. By the time you get this article the Fall Ordeal will be upon us, so let's make sure we are ready. We will also need to be working on planning the Fall Fellowship Fellowship. Every chapter should be planning for a big event and a good turnout. At this event you will be selecting your leaders for the upcoming year so we need every chapter to be represented well. You should also be looking ahead to the Winter Banquet where we will be recognizing some of our brothers who have worked hard this year.

In closing, I ask that we all take a look at our goals for this year and work on getting them completed so we can make this year one of the greatest years in Tutelo history.

Kevin Reedy
Lodge Adviser

All Eyes on 2018 for NOAC

The 2018 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is officially less than one year away. Approximately 8,000 Arrowmen will converge at Indiana University from July 30 -August 4, 2018, in Bloomington, IN to partake in fellowship, training, and shows.

We are looking forward to next year's NOAC, and we hope you are too! Tutelo Lodge is extending the pre-registration date to September 30th. This means in order to be included in the drawing at the Fall Fellowship to see who will go to NOAC with the Tutelo contingent, you MUST send in a \$100 deposit to the Council Service Center by September 30th. To find out



Tutelo Arrowmen who want to attend NOAC with the lodge must pay a \$100 deposit by 9/30/17. Participants will be selected by lottery at the Fall Fellowship in October.

more about the drawing please contact us at nationalevents@tutelo161.org.

To find out more about NOAC, stay connected to these sources:

Website: noac2018.org

Facebook: fb.com/oanoac

Twitter: twitter.com/oanoac

Instagram: instagram.com/oanoac

Snapchat: snapchat.com/add/oanoac

Conclave

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Many Tutelo Lodge members worked hard to make Conclave a success, including Gabe Plichta and Riley Millward, who served as Museum and National Events & Programs Chairmen, respectively. Saturday night, Gabe was also elected to serve as the SR-7A Section Secretary. Congratulations!

For the Section's 20th Birthday Party, Tutelo Lodge shared a super-yummy and super-sweet pumpkin dip, the recipe of which is a super-secret of John Nimmo's family.

Everyone had a blast, and we're looking forward to traveling to Camp Rock Enon on April 27-29, 2018 for another great Conclave! Registration will open this fall at www.sr7a.org.

OA Hosts Hackathon

Are you interested in joining forces with Intel computers, web development, engineers armed with the or technology? Then you will latest technology to create probably be interested in the new and innovative solutions. 2017 OA Hackathon taking Whether you are interested in place in sunny California this web development, mobile October. But what exactly development, database is a Hackathon?

Simply put, a Hackathon is an event, typically lasting several days, in which a large number of people meet to engage in collaborative computer programming and create something new.

The OA will be holding its first Hackathon the weekend of October 6-8, 2017, and is inviting youth or adult Arrowmen interested in technology to contribute. Arrowmen from around the country will converge onto the Intel Office in Sacramento, CA,



infrastructure, mobile apps, or anything else, the Order of the Arrow is interested in your help in shaping our technological resources.

As an attendee, you will have 24 hours to hack together new tools for the OA, including (but not limited to) the national registration system, LodgeMaster, and the OA Mobile App.

For more information, visit www.oa-bsa.org.

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Chapter & Committee News

Koo Koo Ku Hoo Chapter

2017 has been a great year for the Koo Koo Ku Hoo Chapter; the coming together in Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service these past months has been truly remarkable. However, service and brotherhood never end. This September we plan to help with our District Camporee, which is taking place at Human Kind in Lynchburg. The theme is Indian lore; we will help in as many areas as we can and possibly show our ceremonial regalia.

We look forward to welcoming our new members at the Fall Ordeal. Our chapter meeting after the Fall Ordeal will be an Ice Cream Extravaganza to welcome all of our new members throughout the year.

All members of the Koo Koo Ku Hoo Chapter are cordially invited to our chapter meeting on the second Thursday of each month at Heritage United Methodist Church, 585 Leesville Road in Lynchburg at 7:15pm (except for the September meeting, which will start at 5:45) in the building behind the church. Our next meeting will be on Sept. 14.

Mingo Chapter

The Mingo Chapter had a great summer! We held huge number of elections this year, and have been working hard to extend our reach to troops throughout the district. Our September meeting was moved to August 27th, as our normally scheduled meeting would have been on Labor Day weekend. Our biggest chapter event of the year, the

Webelos to Woods, will be held September 29th through October 1st. We look forward to providing fun, leadership, service, and programming to our future Arrowmen.

Wil Kip Jo Chapter

Wil Kip Jo has had a great year so far and we are continuing to give brotherhood and cheerful service in our lodge. Our ceremonies team has been practicing to do ceremonies at fall ordeal and are perfecting or pre-ordeal ceremony for the NOAC competition. We hope to finish the year off strong and gain more members in our chapter.

Ceremonies Committee

The Ceremonies Committee has had an excellent summer! Spring and Summer Ordeal went great, and we'd like to give a warm welcome to all new members who completed the Ordeal at these functions. We would also like to thank everyone who helped with Brotherhood and Callout ceremonies at summer camp! If anyone is interested in joining the committee, or learning about us, send an email to ceremonies@tutelo161.org.

Communications Committee

Although we have been in our "off season", Tutelo Lodge is ready jump right into the thick of it! While we might have been away at camp or on

vacation, the Communications Committee has been spreading information all the while. We are going to ramp up promotion of the Fall Ordeal and Fellowship, and look forward to working with everyone while we are there! Make sure to look for updates on the website and on our many social media platforms!

The next Torchbearer is scheduled to go out in November. Article submissions are due to communications@tutelo161.org no later than October 11, 2017.

Winter Banquet Committee

The Winter Banquet Committee has been hard at work this year. We have been making preparations and taking lots of pictures to prepare for the banquet. If anyone has any pictures that they would like to have featured at the banquet, they can send them to me at winterbanquet@tutelo161.org. We would be very grateful for any contributions. With that being said I would like to remind everyone that the banquet is from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm on December 9th at the W. E. Skelton 4-H Educational Conference Center in Wirtz, VA. I look forward to seeing you all at the remaining functions this year and for many years to come.



Scenes from Conclave 2017



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2017 Function Registration & Dues Form

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Date received at BRMC Office: _____ Amount Received: \$ _____

☐ WALK-IN (paid at function) Amount Received w/Late Fee: \$ _____

STEP #1 - TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

ONLY ONE PERSON PER FORM -- PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

NAME _____ BSA ID # (REQUIRED) _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

BIRTHDATE _____ / _____ / _____ DATE(S) OF HONORS (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

CHAPTER ☐ Koo Koo Ku Hoo ☐ Lappilennin ☐ Mingo ☐ Moneton ☐ Tuscarora ☐ Wil Kip Jo

☐ TROOP ☐ PACK ☐ CREW UNIT # _____ ARE YOU AN OA TROOP REPRESENTATIVE? ☐ YES ☐ NO

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: _____ EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE: _____

STEP #2 - CONSIDER A 2017 ANNUAL PASS!

SAVE MONEY! INCLUDES ALL FUNCTIONS & 2017 DUES!

ANNUAL PASS FEE For current members only (not Ordeal Candidates). Must be paid by 4/30/17	BROTHERHOOD FEE If taking Brotherhood, please add this candidate fee. I took my Ordeal in . . .		AMOUNT PAID
	2016 or before	2017 or later	
\$85.00	\$15.00	\$0.00	

STEP #3 - FUNCTION REGISTRATION

YOU MAY ALSO REGISTER & PAY DUES ONLINE AT TUTELO161.ORG

EVENT	2017 DATES	PARTICIPANT FEE Current members not seeking Brotherhood	ORDEAL FEE If taking Ordeal, pay <i>ONLY</i> this fee*	BROTHERHOOD FEE Includes function participant fee. I took my Ordeal in...		WILL YOU BE AN ELANGOMAT? Elangomats are free! Thank you for serving!	WALK-ON FEE	AMOUNT PAID
				2016 or before	2017 or later			
Spring Ordeal	May 12-14	\$15.00	\$60.00	\$30.00	\$0.00		\$5.00	
Summer Ordeal	June 2-4	\$15.00	\$60.00	\$30.00	\$0.00		\$5.00	
Fall Ordeal	Sept. 8-10	\$15.00	\$60.00	\$30.00	\$0.00		\$5.00	
Fall Fellowship	Oct. 13-15	\$15.00					\$5.00	
Winter Banquet	Dec. 9	\$25.00					\$5.00	
*Your Ordeal fee includes food and materials for your Ordeal weekend, your dues for the upcoming year, and your future Brotherhood fee.							Subtotal	

STEP #4 - 2017 MEMBERSHIP DUES

DUES MUST BE CURRENT TO ATTEND EVENTS & WEAR LODGE FLAP

2017 dues are \$15.00 (If you took your Ordeal in 2017, your dues are paid through the end of the year)	
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STEP #5 - PAYMENT INFORMATION

REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED AT OFFICE PRIOR TO FUNCTION

SELECT PAYMENT METHOD:	TOTAL (add all subtotals above)
<input type="checkbox"/> CASH Hand-deliver to Council Office at 2131 Valley View Blvd, NW in Roanoke or bring to function w/walk-on fee	
<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK Make checks payable to "BSA" and mail to Blue Ridge Mountains Council, P.O. Box 7606, Roanoke, VA 24019	
<input type="checkbox"/> CREDIT CARD Mail or fax to 540-265-0659 Card # _____ Exp. _____ / _____ Name on Card: _____ Security Code # _____	

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

BE SURE TO VISIT WWW.TUTELO161.ORG FOR INFORMATION & UPDATES!

ORDEAL CANDIDATES: Report to the camp dining hall (or other designated location) to check in Friday evening. Please stay through breakfast and the lodge meeting Sunday morning. Gear needed: work clothes and gloves, water bottle, sleeping bag, ground cloth (for Friday night), tent and class A uniform (for Saturday night).

BROTHERHOOD CANDIDATES: For more information on how to prepare for your Brotherhood experience, visit the lodge web site.

EVENT INFORMATION: For additional information on events, including times and directions, visit www.tutelo161.org

Unit Elections a Popularity Contest?

A Scouter recently asked "How do you keep the elections from being a popularity contest? Some scouts who meet the requirements and definitely have the qualities of a true Boy Scout are not elected. They meet the qualifications year after year. Even the other Scouts are surprised certain Scouts are never elected."

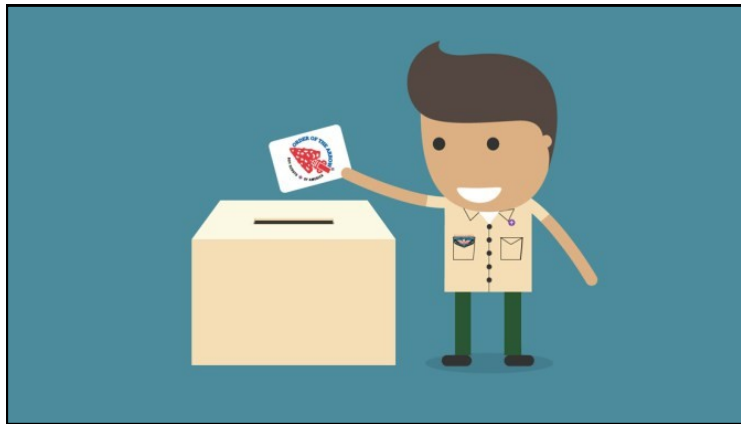
To this question, the OA National Chairman responded:

What a great question...let me start by suggesting that the unit elections coordinator from the local lodge or chapter might be invited to come and talk to the boys about the Order of the Arrow, rather than relying solely on the OA Elections DVD.

Nationally, many of our most successful chapters and lodges have noticed that this practice, especially when the Scoutmaster is also invited to comment, makes those in the troop recognize the founding ideals of the OA and helps to take away consideration on other variables.

In May 2008 the Order of the Arrow distributed an Operations Update (page 3, Unit Elections) in which Tom Reddin, a 25-year veteran of the Order of the Arrow Committee, wrote beautifully in addressing this problem. This has been used effectively in a number of troops around the country. Let me quote from Tom's insightful essay, to address your question, further:

Electing candidates from medium to large size troops and teams can be a challenge. The basic problem is that many Scouts, especially the older ones, don't really know the



younger Scouts and are reluctant to vote for them. This can be a significant problem especially with youth who are quiet and introverted.

Noticing their low election results, a number of Scoutmasters have developed a procedure to directly address this situation. It has produced significant improvements in the election results in these units.



The OA's unit elections video (screen capture show above) is a useful tool, but better results may be achieved by having a lodge member guide the Scouts through the election process.

Some Scoutmasters announce the youth's rank, number of nights of camping, and service hours as the names are read.

Others include similar information on the ballot of names. Another technique is to print the individual Scouting record of each candidate, listing his name, grade, rank, number of merit badges, summer camp years, camping nights, leadership positions

held, and special awards or events attended. Regardless of the procedure used, the purpose of this is to help the unit members know something about the candidates before they vote. It works and produces much better election results.

The Scoutmaster still decides the names to appear on the ballot, listing only those who have demonstrated Scout spirit and who meet the OA eligibility requirements. A Scout whose name is being withheld because of Scout spirit needs to be told why in advance. Also, some Scouts may not be interested in becoming OA members. The Scoutmaster should offer the eligible candidates the opportunity to "opt out" of being on the annual ballot prior to its printing.

This procedure has been tried and tested. It produces 50 to 100% better election results and is worthy of your consideration.

For further discussion on this topic, including advice on how to plan for unit elections twelve months in advance, visit the BSA's "Bryan on Scouting" Blog at goo.gl/Jwz4f6 (shortened URL).

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OA High Adventure: Are You up to the Challenge?

similar interest in the future of both the program and the adventure base.

You may be thinking that this is a daunting task but it is an experience unlike any other afforded to you in scouting in that it takes you out of your world and places with people, who want to do something different. It's not everyday that you can tell your friends that you climbed into Cypher's Mine, watched the Northern Lights from a canoe or went scuba diving in the Florida Keys.

For more information about these High Adventure programs, please visit Adventure:oa-bsa.org. Your destiny awaits you...



OA Ocean Adventure Staff at Florida Sea Base.

have put together a multitude of options for you.

Along with your one week trek completely designed by you, each Arrowman will be afforded the opportunity to leave their mark in history by helping to repair portage and reefs. Aside from providing a good deed to each of these high adventure bases, every participant will have the opportunity to work closely with Arrowmen from across the country, who have a

Trail Crew experience.

Each summer, the OA offers a myriad of different High Adventure opportunities to meet your summer needs whether its wetting your appetite by going for a plunge in the Atlantic Ocean with the Ocean Adventure at the Florida Sea Base, maybe hiking is your passion, what better place to go than the Philmont Scout Ranch where you can hike the same trails as your Scoutmaster or Scouting ancestors as a part of your Trail Crew experience.

Have you ever given thought about how the Native Americans and early explorers traveled and traded? Maybe the OA Voyage is your calling. Whatever your summer aspirations may be, these National High Adventure bases