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Winter Banquet

December 9
WE Skelton 4-H Center
Wirtz, VA

Lodge Leadership
Development Conference

January 5-7
Claytor Lake Aquatics Base

Lodge Meeting

February 11, 2:30 p.m.
BRMC Scout Office

Spring Ordeal (NEW!)

March 23-25
Claytor Lake Aquatics Base

SR-7A Ceremonies Weekend

April 6-8
Camp T. Brady Saunders
Maidens, VA

Lodge Meeting

April 8, 2:30 p.m.
BRMC Scout Office

2018 SR-7A Conclave

April 27-29
Camp Rock Enon
Gore, VA

Big News from Fall Fellowship

2018 Officers Elected, New Vigil Members Inducted, Mingo wins Golden Spigot

With about 200 members in attendance, the lodge's Fall Fellowship weekend in October at Camp Powhatan was a great success.

Of the eight Arrowmen tapped for the Vigil Honor in September, seven kept their Vigil at the Fellowship. Competitions between the chapters were fierce but good

-spirited, and Mingo Chapter won the Golden Spigot Award.

The youth of the lodge elected the 2018 lodge officers, who will be sworn in at the Winter Banquet and will assume their duties on January 1st. These young men are: Lodge Chief John Nimmo, Vice Chief of Chapters John Warren, Vice Chief of Committees Sam

Bystreck, Secretary Hunter French, and Treasurer Richard Cherry. Congratulations to these young men. Please support them (and the lodge) in the upcoming year by volunteering to get involved with a committee, becoming a chapter officer, or strengthening the lodge in other ways.



Seven of eight of Tutelo's 2017 class of Vigils (with their guides in the back row). L to R: Ben Marden, John Warren, Jacob Roberts, Brian Corell, Brad Simpson, Bill Standfield. (John Nimmo not pictured.)

A Message to New Members

To those just embarking upon the lifelong journey in pursuit of the arrow, congratulations on completing the tests of the Ordeal! Though I may be only one of the many members in the chorus of congratulations that has met you since your induction experience, you have warranted this praise. You are joining an elite group, a group of individuals who have done and who will do that which is exceedingly rare;

without a second thought, your brothers are willing to give themselves wholeheartedly to others in the name of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service.

You have embarked upon a long journey, an introspective and life-long trip to find the Arrow. Throughout the upcoming years, remember: however hard you work, however much you prepare, you will always face

challenges, your resolve will be tested. Never be afraid to ask your fellow Arrowmen for help in overcoming these challenges and becoming stronger, both as an individual and as a Lodge, for it. The path of a life in cheerful service is a long one that you will never leave, a path that winds upwards and can appear rough and faint to even the most devoted. Along the way,

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Chiefly Speaking

When I looked upon our Lodge at Fall Fellowship, I knew that my term was not in vain. There will always be new generations of Arrowmen in this lodge, this lodge that has seen the pass of one century and the beginning of another.

I firmly believe that it is the newest Arrowmen that shall inspire a greater future for our lodge. When I look back at my term, its not going to be another successful Conclave



or the three spectacular Ordeals I will be most proud

of. It will be the time I had to serve the future of our lodge with the brothers with and before me that will keep my fire burning as bright as it was during my ordeal. We have one history, one Lodge, one future!

Edward O. Blount, III
Lodge Chief

Adviser's Minute

Wow what a quick summer!!

Then, there were the Fall functions. The Fall Ordeal was great: we got a ton of service done (almost 2,000 hours), inducted a bunch of new ordeal members (83) and had 21 brothers seal their membership with Brotherhood conversion and had about 283 in attendance. We then tapped 8 new Vigil Candidates.

Then came the Fall Fellowship; this was a great time had by all who attended, which was about 201. We had 8 brothers keep the Vigil, and would like to welcome them to the Vigil Honor. This was a great Vigil Class for 2017. The competition for the Golden Spigot was fierce with Mingo Chapter coming out on top: congratulation's to them!

We then elected the new 2018 officers for Tutelo Lodge. They are as follows: Chief John Nimmo, Vice Chief of Chapters John Warren, Vice



Chief of Committees Sam Bystreck, Secretary Hunter French, and Treasurer Richard Cherry. We are look forward to working with this great group of young men. I am confident that next year will be rewarding.

I also announced that this will be my last year as lodge Adviser for Tutelo, and that Steve Adkins from Tuscarora Chapter will be the new Adviser and Chris Dempsey will be the Staff Adviser next year replacing Ken Lyons.

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

If your chapter has done service that has not been recorded please let us know. If you can work in a community service day try to work it in. Our membership members are just a little short, so try to get anyone who has not paid for this year to pay up. 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 and installing our new officers for next 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 another great years for the Tutelo nation.

Kevin Reedy
Lodge Adviser

SCOUTING'S NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

What is the Milk Committee?



Since its birth at the Fall Ordeal, the "Milk Committee" has caused quite a bit of excitement (and confusion) amongst the membership of the lodge. At its November meeting, the Lodge Executive Committee discussed the Milk Committee at length, and agreed to allow it to develop activities in pursuit of the common goal of new member retention.

The Milk Committee is an informal youth-led crew

which tasks itself with doing its part to increase new Arrowman participation in lodge functions.

The name "Milk Committee" and the ensuing shtick is designed to create an air of a low pressure, "fun" environment where they can fit in and accept a little responsibility without fear of taking on tasks they aren't quite ready for. Hopefully, that involvement can be directed toward those youth's

continued participation in the lodge.

For more info, contact hunter.mollica@gmail.com. To join any of the lodge's standing committees, please contact the appropriate chairman listed on pages four and seven of this newsletter.

Nawakwa to Celebrate 100th in 2018

By Ben Pycraft

Nawakwa Lodge 3 has a special birthday coming up and the lodge is already getting a head start on the preparations! In 2019, this lodge, which serves the Heart of Virginia Council located in Richmond, Virginia, will be turning 100 years old! The lodge has a longstanding history and the celebration effort is being led by the current lodge chief, Trey L.

The lodge began as Pamunkey Lodge in November of 1919. "It's the second oldest continuous lodge in the Order of the Arrow, and the third lodge ever formed," explained Trey. In June of 1919, the Scout Executive at the time, Charles Weaver, took a trip to

Treasure Island, the camp where the Order of the Arrow was created only four years earlier. He was accompanied by other members of the council and everyone was excited for the adventure because of the stories they had heard about the organization founded by E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson. A few months later, the lodge was chartered and Pamunkey Lodge was born.

During the years of 1930 and 1944, the lodge took a 14 year break. During this period, colloquially referred to as "the underground years," the lodge remained closed yet continued to hold events. Ending this period in 1944, the lodge officially rechartered as Nawakwa Lodge. Trey also

reflects that the lodge has had many totems and unique lodge flaps through the years, ranging from a three legged-raccoon in 1952 all the way to the cardinal which is the current totem of the lodge.

As expected with a lodge almost a century old, many noteworthy Arrowmen have been produced. The lodge has had seven section chiefs as well as a national vice chief in 2010. Trey has some great expectations for the centennial year. The lodge is currently developing plans for a new Order of the Arrow shelter that is expected to be complete and ready to open by 2019. Other preparations for the anniversary include building a centennial totem pole this upcoming year.

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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. We have many new brothers join our chapter and thus grow brotherhood. Last weekend we competed at Fall Fellowship for the Golden Spigot; although we could not take it home five years in a row, we are happy to hand it over to our brothers in Mingo. We would also like to congratulate every brother that was recognized for their devotion to others with the Vigil Honor at the Fall Fellowship.

At our November chapter meeting, we elected the following officers for the 2018 year: Chapter Chief, Ben Marden, Vice Chief Nathan Booth, Secretary Nathan Kearns.

In December we will be having our annual Kookmas Party, come out for Dirty Santa, food, games and more! All members of the Koo Koo Ku Hoo Chapter are cordially invited to our chapter meetings on the second Thursday of each month, at Heritage United Methodist Church, 585 Leesville Road in Lynchburg at 7:15pm in the building behind the church. Our next meeting will be on December 14, 2017.

Lappilennin Chapter

Our returning Lappilennin Chapter Chief of 2018 is Brandon Carter. Our new Vice Chief is Colby Helms,

Secretary is Nicholas Werger, Treasurer is Harvey Bridges, Service is Jackson Nicholson, and Our Troop Rep. Liaison will be appointed closer to the beginning of the year. This past year started out pretty rough with us having complete new leadership, but as the year progressed David Nicholson and I have become more adept to our roles. I am speaking for both of us when I say that considering we accomplished not only inducting 7 scouts to our order, placing 3rd at Fall Fellowship, ensuring that John Warren had at least 2 elangomats at every function, and attending Conclave, we had a successful year. We hope to progress and raise these numbers as well as our service hours in our new administration.

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.

Tuscarora Chapter

The chapter held elections on November 8th, and the following individuals were elected for 2018 chapter office: Chapter Chief Mailon Farmer, Vice Chief Chaz Nickens, Secretary Jordan Coleman, and Treasurer William Jones.

Ceremonies Committee

The Ceremonies Committee has had an excellent year! On the Sunday of the Fall Fellowship we held evaluations to determine which ceremonialists would be

attending NOAC. The Evaluation team consists of: Zach McKenzie, Aiden Melvin, JD Castleman, and Nate Selden. The competition team consists of: Riley Millward, Sam Bystrek, Jacob Roberts, and Ben Marden. We would like to congratulate are ceremonialists and wish them good luck at NOAC. WHO DO YOU KNOW!?

Communications Committee

Although we have been in our "off season", Tutelo Lodge is scheduled to go out in January. Article submissions are due to communications@tutelo161.org no later than January 8, 2018.

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 and that any brothers with an annual pass still need to make reservations. I would also like to remind chapter chiefs that I still need door prizes. I look forward to seeing you all at the Banquet.

The BSA Expands Programs to Welcome Girls from Cub Scouts to Highest Rank of Eagle Scout

Irving, Texas – October 11, 2017: Today, the Boy Scouts of America Board of Directors unanimously approved to welcome girls into its iconic Cub Scout program and to deliver a Scouting program for older girls that will enable them to advance and earn the highest rank of Eagle Scout. The historic decision comes after years of receiving requests from families and girls; the organization evaluated the results of numerous research efforts, gaining input from current members and leaders, as well as parents and girls who've never been involved in Scouting – to understand how to offer families an important additional choice in meeting the character development needs of all their children.

"This decision is true to the BSA's mission and core values outlined in the Scout Oath and Law. The values of Scouting – trustworthy, loyal, helpful, kind, brave and reverent, for example – are important for both young men and women," said Michael Surbaugh, the BSA's Chief Scout Executive. "We believe it is critical to evolve how our programs meet the needs of families interested in positive and lifelong experiences for their children. We strive to bring what our organization does best – developing in getting their daughters signed up for programs like Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, with 90 percent expressing interest in a program like Cub Scouts and 87 percent expressing interest in a

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Winter Banquet

The 2017 Tutelo Lodge Winter Banquet will be held on Saturday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m. at the W.E. Skelton 4-H Center (775 Hermitage Road, Wirtz, VA). This will be our third year at this location and we look forward to excellent food and fellowship.

At the event, recipients of lodge awards (including the Founder's Award and George D. Carr Award) will be announced and 2017 officers and their advisers will be honored. There will also be fun games and activities as well as door prizes.

If you are an Annual Pass ("gold card") holder, you need to call the Scout office at 540-265-0656 to reserve your spot.

Everyone else will need to register the "old school" way by using the paper form on page 6, as the council's online event registration system is currently down.



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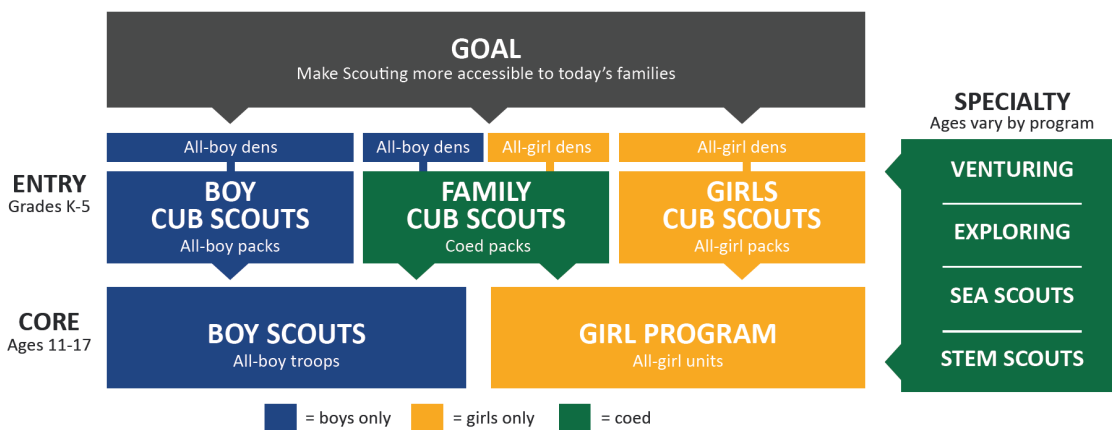
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UNIQUE MODEL FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

This hybrid model builds on the benefits of a single-gender program while also providing character and leadership opportunities for both boys and girls.

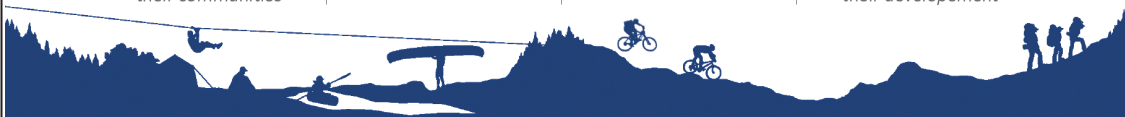


Allows organizations to identify the options that work best for their communities

Allows flexibility for chartered partners

Allows us to introduce Scouting to more families

Allows boys and girls to learn and grow at the pace that is unique to their development



TUTEL LODGE

2017 Function Registration & Dues Form

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

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) _____

LAST FIRST MIDDLE

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

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

MONTH DAY YEAR ORDEAL BROTHERHOOD VIGIL

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 ONLY 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)

STEP #5 - PAYMENT INFORMATION

REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED AT OFFICE PRIOR TO FUNCTION

SELECT PAYMENT METHOD:

TOTAL (add all subtotals above)

CASH Hand-deliver to Council Office at 2131 Valley View Blvd, NW in Roanoke or bring to function w/walk-on fee

CHECK Make checks payable to "BSA" and mail to Blue Ridge Mountains Council, P.O. Box 7606, Roanoke, VA 24019

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

BSA Expands Programs (cont'd)

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program like Boy Scouts. Education experts also evaluated the curriculum and content and confirmed relevancy of the program for young women.

"The BSA's record of producing leaders with high character and integrity is amazing" said Randall Stephenson, BSA's national board chairman. "I've seen nothing that develops leadership skills and discipline like this organization. It is time to make these outstanding leadership development programs available to girls."

Starting in 2018, families can choose to sign up their sons and daughters for Cub Scouts. Existing packs may choose to establish a new girl pack, establish a pack that consists of girl dens and boy dens or remain an all-boy pack. Cub Scout dens will be single-gender — all boys or all girls. Using the same curriculum as the Boy Scouts program, the organization will also deliver a program for older girls, which will be announced in 2018 and projected to be available in 2019, that will enable them to



earn the Eagle Scout rank. This unique approach allows the organization to maintain the integrity of the single gender model while also meeting the needs of today's families.

This decision expands the programs that the Boy Scouts of America offers for both boys and girls. Although known for its iconic programs for boys, the BSA has offered co-ed programs since 1971 through Exploring and the Venturing program, which celebrates its 20th anniversary in 2018. The STEM Scout pilot program is also available for both boys and girls.

For more information about the expanded opportunities for family Scouting, please visit the family Scouting web page at

www.scoutingnewsroom.org/family-scouting/

At the family Scouting page, you will find a link to a lengthy "frequently asked questions" section (most recently updated on 10/23/17, just prior to this *Torchbearer* going to press. Amongst the questions is one that has particular interest for *Torchbearer* readers:

Will girls be allowed into the Order of the Arrow?

Youth members that join the Scouting program for older girls (11 to 18) will be eligible to join a Scouting honor society. Details about a Scouting honor society for girls will be shared when plans for an older girl program are announced in 2018 for implementation in 2019.

New Members (cont'd)

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you will catch glimpses of this Arrow, glimpses of a higher vision: men can choose to live as brothers, choose to give themselves in Cheerful Service, for it is only right that we devote ourselves to one another at every turn.

You have a valuable part to play in ensuring the availability

of successful, healthy programs for this great organization. We need your help. Whether you love plumbing and electrical work, conservation and construction, ceremonies and symbolism, or even if you have no idea where you would fit in, we want you, and we have a place for you. An email to any committee chair (with

addresses that can be found at <http://tutelo161.org/about/leadership/>) would be greatly appreciated and will give both you and your brothers in the Lodge incredible opportunities to seek this Arrow together.

With eyes to the sky,

Tom Baker
Vice Chief of Committees

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Conclave 2018: Return to Rock Enon



Tutelo's volleyball team (in blue) at the 2012 SR-7A Conclave: the last time we were at Camp Rock Enon.

On the weekend of April 27-29, 2017, more than 150 Tutelo Arrowmen will join over 1,000 brothers from around Virginia and beyond for the Southern Region Section Seven A Conclave at Camp Rock Enon in Gore, Virginia (near Winchester). Like Camps Powhatan and Otter, Rock Enon is nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains and is truly a special place to visit.

the Scouting year.

running to win the Lodge of the Year Award, Guest for the Golden Arrow, and Spirit Award, but we need you to register and participate in this event! The lodge's spirit theme for this year will be Sparta, so be sure to get your ancient Spartan gear ready!

Registration for Conclave is

only \$40 and includes a patch, goodie bag, and meals during the event. Everyone who registers by February 1st will have a chance to win awesome prizes! If you need help getting to Conclave, most local chapters will be organizing carpools, so check with your chapter chief or adviser. For more information on Conclave or to register, visit conclave.sr7a.org

