



Five Feathers

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Your Journey is Just Beginning The Road to Dixie 2000

Tsali Lodge is working hard to ensure the 2000 Dixie Fellowship is the most hospitable, incredible fellowship experience any Arrowman has ever witnessed. With Council of Chiefs approval, Tsali Lodge has reduced the fee for Dixie to \$21.00 to pass on even more savings to the member Lodges of SR 5. Lodge registration materials have been mailed to all Lodge Advisers with a cover to Lodge Chiefs and Lodge Staff Advisers. If a Lodge has not received their Lodge Registration Packet, the Lodge Adviser should promptly contact Dixie Adviser Garrick Smith at mgsmith@skybest.com or at (828) 898-5356.

Here are some key points to remember while planning your Dixie 2000 experience with your Lodge Leadership:

- Start planning and practicing early for all of the competitions, be sure to review the criteria in the Dixie 2000 Guidelines available on-line at www.bsa.net/sc/sr5 or from your Lodge Leadership
- Keep in mind, all participants must be active members of an SR 5 lodge and registered through that lodge
- All adults registered must have completed BSA YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING

- Parking will be at a remote, secure location, so keep that in mind while packing
- As always, parking will be a premium. Tsali Lodge respectfully requests that no more vehicles than necessary be used to transport contingents to the Dixie – car pooling is highly encouraged, large tour buses are welcome.
- Review all of your lodge's deadlines for pre-orders and registration
- Please be aware, it has been known to snow in April at Camp Daniel Boone and temperatures might be colder than expected, review all weather information before packing and pack accordingly.

Through prior proper planning Dixie 2000 can be the rewarding experience your lodge has ever had.



Traveling The Road Not Taken Arrow Tech 1999 In Review

On November 7th, over one hundred arrowmen traveled the road not taken. They left Columbia, South Carolina truly ready to lead the lodges of SR 5 into a new century of cheerfulness and service. These arrowmen participated in Arrow Tech 1999, a program which fulfilled its potential as becoming the premier Order of the Arrow training program.

The participants gained the knowledge and skills to be successful leaders in both Scouting and in the rest of life. Arrow Tech training fills the gap between LLDC and NLS. The training of Arrow

Tech is focused on helping arrowmen develop skills and learning the techniques that are needed to excel in their responsibilities. The instructors were some of the best trainers in the Southern Region and the training used the state of the art facilities of the University of South Carolina.

Arrow Tech was structured like a university. Participants chose to major in Administration, Program, Inductions, or Advisor Relations. They then took part in several sessions that taught them how

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Arrow Tech

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to complete the tasks associated with leadership positions in these fields. This year, Arrow Tech added a Masters Program for returning participants.

From the inspiring opening show to the elaborate banquet, Arrow Tech 1999: Traveling the Road Not Taken was quite a success. Most participants claimed that it was the most informational and exciting training experience that they had been involved with. Arrow Tech looks to return to Columbia next year with the same level of quality training and become the model for training in the Order of the Arrow.



The Arrow Tech Committee would like to thank the following staff for all their help in making Arrow Tech such a success:

John Stogner, Coordinator
 Johnnie Brown, Advisor
 Sean Gantt, Administration Dean
 Collin Crick, Advising Dean
 Hardy Childers, Inductions Dean
 Tom Luhring, Program Dean
 Todd Barbee
 James Barton
 Bill Charters
 Jim Cheatham
 Max Cooper
 Trey Courtney
 Brian Evans
 Robert Fletcher
 Jonathan Hardin
 John Isley
 Jason Laney
 Gregg McDaniel
 Mac McLean
 Carey Mignerey
 Josh O'Conner
 Brian Simpson
 Matt Steger
 Greg Smith
 Zach Smith
 Anand Suthar
 Jay Widby
 Nick Williamson
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Chiefly Speaking

Looking Toward The Future



*Section Officers
1999-2000*

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Jay Widby

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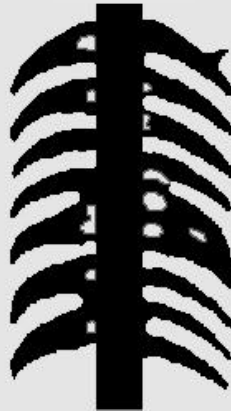
Greg Smith

Secretary

Jason Laney

Adviser

Mac McLean



Brothers,

I hope you enjoy the new look and feel of our Section Newsletter, the Five Feathers. Jason Laney and his staff have been hard at work these last few months making sure this medium of communication in SR 5 will be nothing short of awe inspiring.

In addition, Arrow Tech was once more a tremendous success under the skillful leadership of Arrow Tech Coordinator John Stogner and his Adviser Johnnie Brown. Special thanks are also in order for Arrow Tech Deans Hardy Childers, Sean Gantt, Tom Luhring, and Collin Crick and the numerous members of the Arrow Tech staff who aided all participants in their quest to "travel the road not taken."

Our annual Council of Chiefs meeting was also held atop the Affinity Building in the beautiful Capital City Club. The new revised guidelines for the 2000 Dixie Fellowship as approved by the Council of Chiefs are web posted at our web site www.bsa.net/sc/sr5 and have been disseminated to all Lodge Key Threes.

Dixie Vice-Chief Matt Steger and his Adviser Garrick Smith along with the members of Tsali Lodge are hard at work ensuring your Dixie Fellowship will be nothing less than the most hospitable Scouting event one has ever attended. Lodge registration materials have been mailed to the member Lodges of SR 5, so go ahead and mark your calendar for April 14-16, 2000 to be at Camp Daniel Boone experiencing one of the best Fellowships ever.

I look forward to seeing each of you in the upcoming months and at the 2000 Dixie Fellowship.

I remain

Yours in Service,

Jay Widby
Section Chief

A Note from the Editor

Fulfilling Our Promise



At the past Dixie Fellowship, Section Chief Jay Widby pledged to make several changes during his administration. One of the changes involves an improvement in communication. We have taken great strides to improve two areas: the section web site and the section newsletter, The Five Feathers.



Under the leadership of Christopher Maxey, our Section web site has witnessed a great reconstruction. Providing updated and relevant information, the site is a great resource for members to find out about upcoming events, share information, and learn about regional and national programs. The web site also contains a sizable collection of pictures from previous events. Be sure to check the web site regularly at www.bsa.net/sc/sr5 for further updates.

In addition to web site changes, the Section newsletter, The Five Feathers, has a revamped look. We have worked hard to make the newsletter not only a source for information, but also aesthetically pleasing. Without the assistance of two special people, this transition would have not have been successful. I would like to thank Nancy Carroll of Grey Fox Graphics for her help with the design and layout of the newsletter and Bill Courtney for his help with the printing of the newsletters. We hope that this new design will be beneficial to each member of the section.

We are excited about the changes that are occurring within the section and are looking forward to the rest of the year. If you ever have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at jhlaney@aol.com or 828-298-2344.

Yours in WWW,

Jason Laney
Section Secretary

The New LLD

Submitted by Rod Fincannon,
Catawba Lodge Chief



Jay Widby participating in team building exercises with Catawba Lodge

This year during the weekend of October 15-17 in Nebo, North Carolina the Catawba Lodges Executive Board met at Mecklenburg Scout Reservation to implement the new Lode Leader Development

Program. It was a smashing success. Not only was the training schedule on the CD ROM very helpful to our lodge the outlines proved to be a very excellent source for information. The program taught our new officers about many facets of running a lodge including the new strategic plan within the Order of the Arrow. Jay Widby even stopped by to help teach a course and discuss new programs within the Order of the Arrow. Not only did we learn about our new jobs within the lodge we also took time to get to know each other and learn how to work more closely with one another. We achieved this through team building exercises and get to know you games. Our lodge also planed our yearly calendar and set the lodge's 2000 goals. If your lodge has not yet implemented the new LLD program provided by the OA then I would really suggest for you to check it out.



The *Five Feathers* is published quarterly. If you have an article and/or picture (with caption) for submission, please send it to Jason Laney at sr5ff@aol.com. The next submission deadline is Monday, February 1, 2000.



CAMP DANIEL BOONE

Dixie Indian Affairs Events

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Indian Affairs Coordinator
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This Dixie is shaping up to be a great one and the Indian Events will hopefully be one to remember. It will be very memorable because of some major changes we have done.

The major changes have been made mainly to the individual dance competition. Instead of having preliminaries in the afternoon and then having the finals at the Saturday night show as Dixies in the past have done, we are holding the competition

all at once. It will be similar to the competition format at NOAC. Another change to the dance competition is that we will also award the winners of the categories immediately following the finals. This will allow everyone to see the winners in their regalia receive their awards.

The other change that we made is for the ceremonial competition. The competition for both the Pre-Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies will now be in accordance with the newly published ceremonial handbooks as distributed by National Supply.

Those are the major changes in the Indian events. My staff and I hope that these changes make the events run smoothly and more efficiently than those of past Dixies. I know a lot of dancers have told me that they really wanted the

individual dance competition set up as will be at the Dixie. For those individuals as well as myself who is a fellow featherhead, I hope that this new way much more enjoyable than the 11:00 night finals we are all used to.

In closing, I wish the best of luck all of those who will be involved in the Indian affairs in some form or another. Ceremonialists, Dancers, Singers, good luck at Dixie 2000.



Dixie Program Competition

Jeff Womack, Program Coordinator
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The 2000 Dixie Fellowship is right around the corner, and I know that everyone is beginning the planning stages for the event, but one thing that many lodges forget to do is plan for the Quest for the Golden Arrow. I know that some lodges are unaware of the changes that were made in the rules this year, and I hope to clarify those to you in this article.

Some changes are minor things such as defining the rope length in the chariot race to fifteen feet. The tent pitching competition has changed as well. Instead of the BSA Voyageur tent, we will use a BSA Free Spirit One. In the Arrow/Softball Throw there will be a standard wooden arrow 30in. in length with a target point tip and three fletchings. The Tug of War has changed so that each lodge can enter up to six (6) people on a team whose combined weight does not exceed one

thousand (1,000) pounds. The host lodge will provide a scale and teams may be weighed before the competition. Most of the changes are small variations that the Lodge quest event judges need to be aware of before the competition begins. If you need a copy of the Dixie Program Guidelines, please direct your web browser to our awesome Section Web Site at www.bsa.net/sc/sr5 and follow the links to Dixie 2000. As an added bonus, all changes for the 2000 competitions have been highlighted for your benefit. Hopefully each lodge has already begun the selection process for choosing its judges, and emphasized the need for the judges to have read the rules before our Friday Night judges meeting at Dixie.

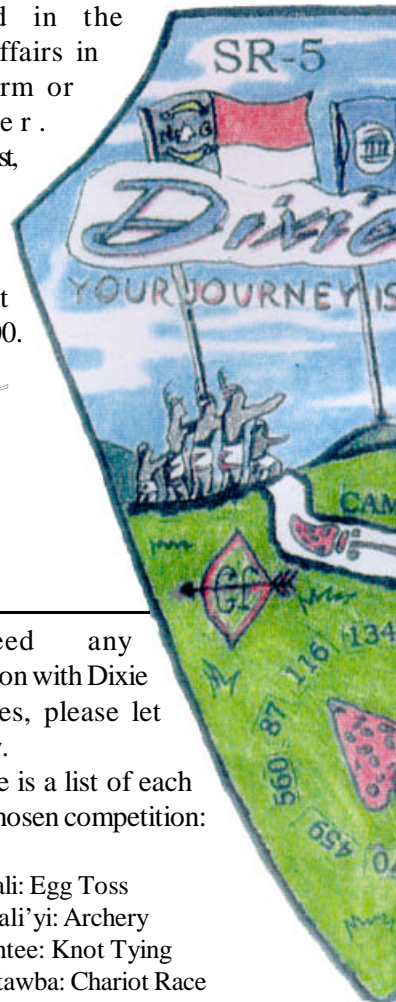
I hope that all lodges will be ready and that every lodge will abide by the Scout Oath and Law. If you have any questions

or need any clarification with Dixie Guidelines, please let me know.

Here is a list of each lodge's chosen competition:

- Tsali: Egg Toss
- Unali'yi: Archery
- Santee: Knot Tying
- Catawba: Chariot Race
- Skyuka: Rifle Shooting
- Bob White: Rope Throw
- Muscogee: Tent Pitching
- Eswau Huppeday: Canoe Race
- Itibapishe Iti Hollo: Fire Building
- Atta Kulla Kulla: Arrow/Softball Thr

Good luck and I will see you at Dixie.



Dixie Administration Competition

Chris Pair, Administration Coordinator

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The 2000 Dixie Fellowship will bring out a few new changes to an otherwise competitive Dixie tradition. New for 2000 the outside judging of the Lodge Handbook, Where to Go Camping Book, and Newsletters by professionals in the publishing industry. Therefore, for the competition, one copy each

of the Lodge's

Where to Go

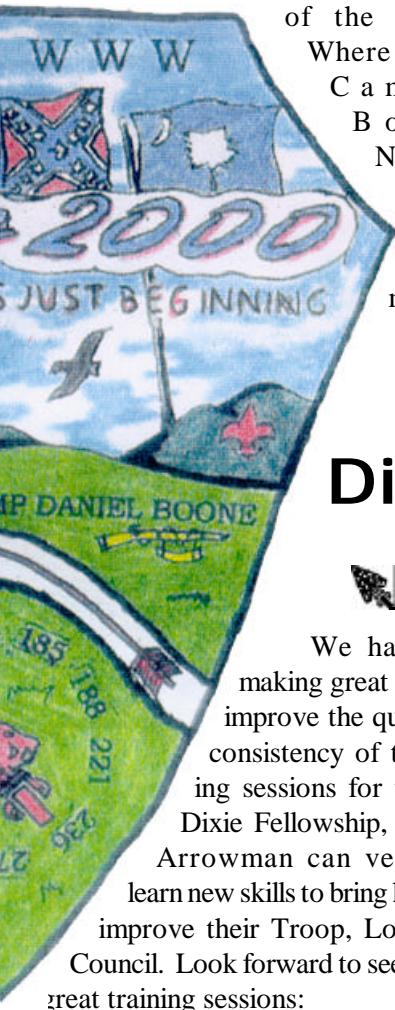
Camping

Books,

Newsletters,

and Planbooks

are to be mailed to:



great training sessions:

Tsali- OA Troop Representative Program

Itibapische Iti Hollo- Effective Lodge

Leadership

Santee- Elangomat Training

Skyuka- Where to Go Camping

Muscogee- Putting the E in Event

Bob White- Camping Promotions

Unali'yi- (No representative present)

Catawba- Unit Elections

Eswau Huppeday- Drum and Dance Team

Atta Kulla Kulla- Chapter Programs

Chris Pair

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Please note that as declared by the Council of Chiefs each packet must be mailed in a council envelope with a letter on council stationery postmarked by March 25, 2000. Also new for 2000 is the Web site competition please include your web URL and a judge who will represent your lodge in judging other websites. As web technology is gaining momentum as a premium medium for communication, the National Order of the Arrow Committee has allowed for Lodges to construct web sites under the auspices of the Council Scout Executive for the Quality Lodge Award. As such, the new web site competition for Dixie will hopefully provide attainable goals

for many Lodges not only for competition and Quality Lodge, but for providing a new communication and marketing tool for Lodges to use in their daily operations. Please keep in mind that as the Order is a youth run organization, a youth will need to be involved in the decision making process of each Administration Competition including the Lodge web site competition. I am terribly sorry, but late submissions obviously will not be accepted due to the critical time nature of this competition. I will notify each lodge upon receipt of the packet. Please do not forget even though each lodge is sending a copy of their lodges publications for judging you still need to bring 10 copies to Dixie for distribution.

Good luck, and I am always available for any questions or clarifications of any Administrative Competition Guidelines.

Dixie Training Competition

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We have been making great strides to improve the quality and consistency of the training sessions for the 2000 Dixie Fellowship, so every

Arrowman can venture to

learn new skills to bring home and

improve their Troop, Lodge, and

Council. Look forward to seeing these

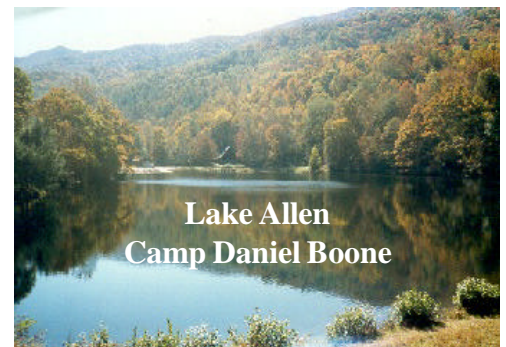
Some cool tips to keep in mind while preparing for the Training Competition include:

- ✓ Handouts are great. They allow the participants to carry the knowledge back to their lodge.
- ✓ Other visual aids are also helpful, such as examples, if you were doing "where to go camping", you should have a "where to go camping" book on hand to demonstrate with. Videos are also a good choice.
- ✓ Question and Answer sessions help to clarify points of the program and let you evaluate the effectiveness of your training.

Also, note that on January 19, 2000, names and addresses of your Lodge's Trainers are due to me, so I may keep in contact with them before the Dixie Fel-

lowship to ensure the success of their presentation. In addition, please include the outline of training session and a complete list of all materials needed for the execution of your training session (i.e., chairs, tables, electricity, etc.).

With your help, we can make Dixie Fellowship Training a premier venue for the development of Arrowmen in SR 5.



Three Cheers For Our Section

Two Of Our Lodges Recognized Nationally

Once more SR 5 has proven their commitment and dedication to providing service not only for our Councils, but also for our communities. One Day is a Southern Region initiative to provide service to a Lodge's community in an effort to bring the strategic mission and purpose of the Order to inspiring new levels. This year, SR 5 is proud to announce two of the four Lodges in the region earning National recognition for their service efforts are member Lodges in SR 5: Eswau Huppeday Lodge 560 and Bob White Lodge 87. Both provided

community service man hours that exceeded their Lodge membership qualifying them for the coveted One Day Service Award. Other participating lodges in SR 5 whose efforts are notwithstanding include Tsali Lodge 134, Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge 185, Muscogee Lodge 221, and Catawba Lodge 459. It should also be noted that the combined efforts of the member Lodges of SR 5 provided more service to their communities than any other Section in the Southern Region. With another successful year coming to a close, the

Region One Day Committee would like to express their sincere thanks to each and every Lodge that participated in the program. Also, a reminder to go ahead and start planning on next year's project. Think big, like Egwa Tawa Dee Lodge 129 who has already committed to constructing a house for Habitat for Humanity. One Day, a chance for every Arrowman in the Southern Region to join together in service for just one day, so that we can make a significant positive impact on our community.



The Missing Link

OA Troop Representative To Fill Gap Between Troop and Lodge

The Troop Representative program was begun in 1999, and was officially adopted by the Boy Scouts of America. The Order of the Arrow Troop Representative is a youth liaison serving between the local OA lodge or chapter and his troop. In his troop, he serves as a communication and programmatic link to the Arrowmen and adult leaders and Scouts who are not presently members of the Order. He does this in a fashion that strengthens the mission of the lodge and purpose of the Order. By setting a good example, he enhances the image of the Order as a service arm to his troop.

There are numerous possibilities for the job description of the OA Representative. The beauty is that it is flexible enough to allow each unit to fine-tune the exact responsibilities. However, the most basic tasks of the Representative will be to coordinate Anyone in the unit who is under the age of eighteen can serve as the OA Representative for the unit, provided he is a dues-paid member of the Order of the Arrow. He should be appointed by the Senior Patrol Leader and will be a member of the Patrol Leaders' Council and attend lodge and chapter meetings.

The Troop Representative program

will greatly improve the lodge and troop programs in each council. It will also aid in improving the relationship between the lodge and each individual troop. If you have any questions about this program please contact your lodge leadership.



Lodge Reports



Tsali 134
Jason Laney,
Lodge Chief

1999 has been a great year for Tsali Lodge. We have seen a dramatic increase in membership and had an excellent brotherhood conversion ratio. I would like to thank all of my officers for the hard work that they put into making this year a great success.

Tsali recently held its Fall Ordeal on October 15-17, 1999 at Camp Daniel Boone. Ninety-five arrowmen attended the weekend and completed over six hundred hours of service. We welcomed fifty new brothers into the lodge and inducted eight brothers into brotherhood membership. I would like to thank all brothers who showed up to make the weekend successful.

Our annual winter banquet will be held on February 26, 2000 at Woodland Hills Baptist Church in North Asheville. The cost for the banquet is \$14 and will include a catered meal by Three Brothers Restaurant and a new Tsali Lodge mug. At the banquet we will install the 2000 Lodge officers, present the 2000 Founders Awards, and conduct a Vigil tap-out. We would be thrilled to have any members of the section attend the banquet, and if you are interested please contact me.

We are looking forward to the Dixie Fellowship that is only four months away and have been busy preparing for the weekend. The preliminary planning is complete and committees are formed. Tsali Lodge is prepared to put on the best Dixie ever.



Bob White 87
Tom Luhring,
Lodge Chief

1999 has been another great year for Bob White. This year we have successfully sent large contingents to Dixie and Arrow Tech and we are currently gearing up for NOAC. We have successfully conducted our own General Lodge training conference known as "Quail Tech" for the third successful year. Special thanks to John Stogner, Jason Laney, and Jay Widby for helping make this year's LLDC one of the best.



Catawba 459
Sean Gantt,
Past Lodge Chief

Our past Fall Fellowship (Sept. 17-19) was great. I was pleased with the participation we had from other lodges in the section. We had a large number of dancers from lodges like Skyuka and Eswau Huppeday and others. The event had one of the best dance competitions I have ever witnessed at any Lodge event. We had several nationally recognized dancers there and Wahissa the reigning national champion drum. I think that all who were there had a great time.

Our Annual Banquet was held on December 1st was one of our best yet. It was held at Clear Creek Scout Camp and our Keynote speaker was the National Chief, Will Parker. Also among our honored guests were Jay Widby and

Jason Laney from the Section. As always we installed our 2000 officers and handed out our yearly awards. It has been a fun two years as Lodge Chief but Rod Fincannon now steps up into the role of Lodge Chief.



Muscogee 221
James Worley,
Lodge Chief

Muscogee Lodge is doing very well this year. We have recently started our Camp Promotions and Unit Election this past month and already we have had two training sessions. We decided that we are going to retire the Lodge of the Year plaque and make a new one for this up coming Dixie. We invite all members of Order of the Arrow to our up coming Winter Banquet January 15, if you are interested please let me know by e-mailing me at wordlybird@prodigy.net.

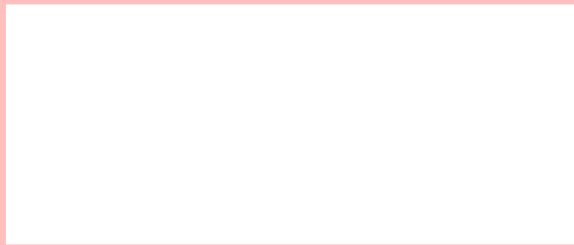


AKK 185
Michael Kirby,
Lodge Chief

We had our Fall Fellowship on October 1-3. We had about 140 arrowmen there. Arrowmen took part in many sessions including ceremonies and dancing. Arrowmen who have been Ordeal members for at least ten months were able to earn their Brotherhood membership. We also inducted four arrowmen into the Vigil Honor. We are looking forward to Dixie 2000 and our 60th Anniversary.



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Section Calendar

Upcoming Section & National Events & Deadlines...

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| January 15 | E. Urner Goodman Scholarships due to National |
| January 19 | Training Outline and Trainer name and address due to Jeremy Christie (Dixie Training Coordinator) |
| January 28 | Lodge Registration List Due to Tsali Lodge Lodge Pre Order List due to Tsali Lodge |
| February 1 | All Lodge articles Due to sr5ff@aol.com for publishing |
| February 1 | NOAC Staff Applications due to National |
| February 1 | DSA & Red Arrow Nominations due to National |
| February 28 | Medical Forms, Extended reservation, Delegate List and remainder of fees due to Tsali Lodge |
| March 1 | Lodge NOAC Reservation Confirmation due to National |
| March 25 | Lodge Where to Go Camping Book, Newsletters, and planbooks due to Chris Pair (Dixie Administration Coordinator) |
| April 14-16 | Dixie 2000 - Camp Daniel Boone, NC |
| June 1 | Full NOAC Conference fee due to National |
| July 29 - August 3 | NOAC 2000 - Knoxville, TN |