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Welcome To Dixie

By: Brett Mahaffey, Dixie Vice Chief



Brett Mahaffey

welcome you to historic Camp Coker and the 2003 Dixie Fellowship. Nearly a year of planning and preparation

F i n a l l y ! Dixie is at last upon us. On behalf of the brothers of Santee Lodge and the Pee Dee Area Council I would like to take this opportunity to

culminates this weekend as we continue this section's proud tradition at Dixie. Surely this will be an experience not soon forgotten.

As I've mentioned in the past, the Dixie Fellowship provides us all with the opportunity to enjoy the comfort of our past traditions as we continue to forge ahead with an eye on the horizon. This is the seventh time Santee Lodge has hosted a Dixie Fellowship here at Camp Coker. A great deal has changed over

the nearly half a century since Dixie first made its way to the sand hills of South Carolina, but even more has stayed the same. Lodges in the Section have come and gone, thousands of brothers have passed through our history. Through it all we remain members of the same Order, still dedicated to Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service. That is our greatest tradition, and should remain our ultimate mandate for the future.

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A National Training Opportunity

NLS & NLATS Come to SR-5

This year brothers from around SR-5 will gather together for a weekend of fun and training. The National Leadership Seminar (NLS) provides an in-depth look at leadership skill and techniques. NLS is only available on every other year as it rotates throughout the region.

This year the NLS will be held in Leesville, SC at the Kinard Conference Center from November 7 to the 9th. Trainers from throughout the section, region, and nation will gather together to bring the very best training to the lodges of SR-5.



This same weekend SR-5 will get its first chance at participating in the National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar.

This program is specifically geared to the adult advisers in the lodges. It is primarily intended to enhance an adviser's knowledge of and connectivity with the OA's Strategic plan, program and resources, while emphasizing personal skills that are essential to the development of effective youth leadership and ultimately the OA's service to the council.

With these two programs SR-5 will

bring the very best of the nation together for a weekend of training and fellowship. Information will be coming to your lodges soon, so check with your lodge key three to sign up for this once in a lifetime training experience.

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Thank You

 **You've Made a Difference**

The 2002-2003 Section Administration like to thank all the Section staff who made this year such an amazing success.

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We would also like to thank all Arrowmen who donated their time and energy in pursuit of "Catching the High Vision" at ArrowTech and working in preparation for the 2003 Dixie Fellowship as "The Tradition Continues." Without these Arrowmen and their unselfish service, the goals and successes of this section could not be achieved.



Chiefly Speaking

 **Welcome To Dixie**

Dear Brothers,

Welcome to Camp Coker! It is hard to believe that one full year has passed since we last met at Camp Ho Non Wah and that the 2003 Dixie Fellowship is here! Hundreds of Santee lodge brothers and countless Arrowmen from across the section have worked diligently to prepare an amazing Dixie Fellowship for you.

I extend my deepest thanks and gratitude to Brett Mahaffey, Dixie Vice Chief, and his adviser David Surrent, for all of their hardwork in planning for Dixie. Also, I would like to thank my section officers, Lee Early and John Garwood for their dedication throughout the year.

As we look back on the past year in our section, one cannot forget the amazing National Conference at the University of Indiana, where the lodges of Section SR-5 shined brightly. Congratulations to Cory Miller and Brian Manuel for placing in the Old Style dance competition, and to Jed Hewitt for placing in the Straight dance competition. Also, congratulations to Eswau Huppeday lodge for winning the Team Dance competition. Outside of Indian affairs, Section SR-5 came together for an exciting section gathering for fellowship and food before the Southern Region gathering kicked off!

Later in the fall our section gathered once more for the 2002 ArrowTech training conference in Greenville, SC. I would like to thank Jonathan Malphrus, Burl Holland, and the rest of the ArrowTech staff for their service. Without those guys, ArrowTech could never have been the success that it was. Bringing back ArrowTech last year provided amazing leadership training opportunities for the brothers of Section SR-5.

Throughout the past year, after visiting the camp of every lodge in our section, after going to countless lodge fellowships, Ordeal weekends, and banquets, I can undoubtedly say that Section SR-5 is the finest section in America! I would like to thank every lodge for the hospitality they have shown me, for I truly enjoyed every lodge event I had the pleasure of visiting last year.

Finally, I hope that you enjoy yourself this weekend. This is your Dixie Fellowship, and there is no greater section conclave in America!

Yours in the Wimachtendienk,

Jonathan Hardin



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Vice Chief

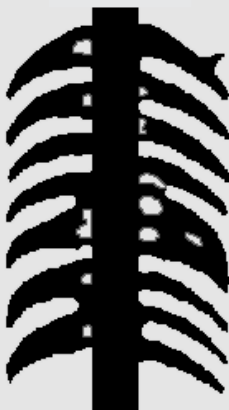
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A Note from the Editor

Scouting's Legacy

My Brothers,

Where does Scouting lead? Where will all this training, camping, leadership experience and all those merit badges lead you? Well that all depends on what you make of it. Scouting will bring to you a knowledge and experience that will give you a new perspective on life, it will give you the chance to meet new people and see places that you may never have seen otherwise and give you skills that will help you as you enter the working world. Now as corny as this may seem I think that you may not realize all that Scouting will help you to achieve.

Scouting has given me some of the greatest experiences of my life. Whether standing at the pinnacle of Baldy Mountain or going through my Ordeal Ceremony. I count myself lucky that I have been given the chance and honor to have some life changing experiences all of which would have been impossible if not for my tenure in this program. The Scouting movement has countless events like a National Jamboree or a NOAC that so few other organizations are able to plan and implement. Scouts are given the chance to go hiking in a land untouched by time, canoe on still waters and dive beneath the seas. These events teach us self-reliance while also building a team structure.

The Scouting movement brings people from around the world together with a common purpose of developing the youth to become better citizens of the world. We give our participants the ability to travel around the nation and world to meet their peers and learn about the lives of others. What other organization gives youth the chance to participate at this level? I can think of no others. Scouting has allowed me to meet my brothers in the Order and other Scouts and Scouters from around the nation on countless occasions. No where else can a youth meet so many of his brethren in such a manner.

One of the cornerstones of the Scouting movement is the preparation of youth for their lives as adults. Through rank advancement, merit badges, and other awards and recognitions Scouting teaches the youth life skills that will be utilized in daily life as they grow into adulthood. It provides a foundation for growth and development, and provides an opportunity to learn and use leadership skills and teamwork.

With so much to offer the Scouting movement is a great benefit to all who have had the joy of experiencing all that it entails. I encourage you all to reaffirm your commitment to Scouting this weekend as we gather together for the 2003 Dixie Fellowship. I wish you all luck this weekend and let us continue our commitment to service as we embark on our journey in Scouting.



Yours in the Order,

John J. Garwood

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As you explore Camp Coker this weekend, I hope you will come to know and love it as much as I do. I hope that on a Saturday in late April the sun will shine on our wonderful event. I hope that the smell of warm pine straw in the afternoon will give way to a clear night sky. If you're looking for me late Saturday night, I'll be out on the causeway looking up at the stars, just another tradition I've come to know and love.



New Publication To Help Lodges

A new publication has been printed that will give a boost to lodge program and service to the Boy Scouts. The 2003 Lodge Program Resource Book provides information about new national programs and incentives.

This book has information on the new Jumpstart program and the Arrowman Service Award. It also has ideas for Membership Retention and Brotherhood Conversion. With dates of training and other events this book has it all.

It is in a downloadable pdf from on the national OA website (www.oa-bsa.org) or can be purchased through national supply.



The *Five Feathers* is published quarterly. If you have an article and/or picture (with caption) for submission, please send it to the Section Secretary.

A Legacy of Servant Leadership Lodge Reports

Financial Support Completes Strategic Plan Commitments

By: Carey J. Mignerey, 2000 National Chief



Carey Mignerey

The 2003-2007 Order of the Arrow Strategic Plan, "A Legacy of Servant Leadership," identifies three areas of focus for the brotherhood in the coming years: leadership, service, and financial support. Our commitment to financial support demonstrates the Order's dedication to enabling the brotherhood to be more effective in our support of Scouting.

As the plan notes, "Program support at both the national and local council levels requires a financial foundation. The Order of the Arrow must insure that it has adequate financial resources to meet its program goals in a quality fashion, both nationally and locally."

For lodges, the commitment to financial support will be reflected in two initiatives. First, the OA of each council is asked to redouble their efforts to support council operations and outdoor programs. This support is expected to come in the form of in-kind contributions and service projects.

Secondly, through the James E. West fellowship program, lodges should make a conscientious effort to support council endowment building. This will help councils towards building a

renewable source of income for Scouting service.

Nationally, the Order of the Arrow will continue to self-fund national OA programs and operating expenses. Increasing the endowment to five million dollars is a stated goal of the Strategic Plan. Additionally, the national committee will provide funding support to selected lodges for their efforts to support outdoor programming.

In all, the financial support aspect of the strategic plan is designed to bolster the Order's support of programmatic efforts. Finance makes the program possible.

For more information, visit the national OA Web page from the national conference devoted to this exciting new direction for the Order:

[www.oa-](http://www.oa-bsa.org/programs/splan/strategicplan.htm)

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This is the third of a three-part series on the 2003-2007 Strategic Plan.



Here are this year's Five Feathers submissions and points that go towards "Lodge of the Year"			
Tsali	1/2pts	Catawba	3/6pts
Muscogee	1/2pts	AKK	3/6pts
Skyuka	2/4pts	Santee	1/2pts
Bobwhite	2/4pts	Eswau	3/6pts
Itibap	1/2pts	Unali'yi	0/0pts
		Tomo Chi-Chi	1/2pts



Catawba
Lee Shelton,
Lodge Chief

Recently, Catawba Lodge held its Spring Fellowship at Camp Grimes. With over 100 people in attendance, the Lodge had lots of fun, and got lots of stuff done. We started our ongoing work on the new woodworking shop for the camp, which is made possible by the Service Grant from the National OA Committee.

Our Lodge is preparing to call out those newly elected candidates for the Order, leading up to Ordeal weekends in May, June, and August. Our May Ordeal takes place during the Beaver Weekend at Camp Grimes, where preparations are made for Summer Camp. Similarly, the Second Ordeal in June is held at Clear Creek Scout Camp in preparation for the Webelos Resident Camp program.

The Lodge has been spending a lot of time in preparation for Dixie this year, and we're anxious to meet all the other Lodges of the Section in Society Hill.



Muscogee
Thad Mobley
Lodge Chief

Brothers of SR-5, Muscogee Lodge has been a group of pretty busy foxes so far in 2003. Since January we have already held our annual Winter Banquet, Spring Fellowship, and One Day of Service. Since Camp Barstow has been closed and is currently receiving a face lift, Muscogee has been active in supporting the council in achieving its goal. Also, in conjunction with our Spring Fellowship, the lodge held, what us Columbia folks, call our Call-Out Plus. This is an opportunity for troops with elected youth and adults to receive their call-out experience, along with training sessions that add to enriching

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troops in camping and scouting values.

With Dixie only weeks away, Muscogee has also been preparing for the many competitions that will take place at Dixie. Although these plans are going to be kept tightly under wraps, Muscogee will be anticipating strong opposition in our path of achieving the "ultimate goal." The lodge's annual Spring Fellowship was centered around final preparation for Dixie. Muscogee looks forward to seeing all of you guys at Dixie and well-wishes for a productive year.



Eswau Huppeday
Thomas White,
Lodge Chief

Eswau Huppeday Lodge has had some great events lately. We held our Beaver Day (Lodge Work Day) and we had 85 brothers plus some troops show up and do some work around our camp. We built a wood bench amphitheater for the Cub Scouts and put out tent platforms. We also had our Spring Fellowship. We performed a Webelos Crossover for about 80 Webelos and did a campfire with skits and songs for about 400 Cubs. During the day, we had great training, and held our Quest for the Golden Chopsticks with games like rice cooking, rocket launching, bamboo throw, and Crouching Tiger, Hidden Objects. We concluded the evening with a Brotherhood Ceremony, and a cracker-barrel which included games like Bonzi Bingo.

Eswau is currently finishing up rounds of Unit Elections and Camp Promotion visits, as well as continuing to do service projects in our Local Communities. We are preparing for what hopes to be a successful Dixie for Eswau, and we can't wait to get to Camp Coker.



Tsali
Chris Hoover,
Lodge Chief

Tsali lodge has been very busy since we all last met. We have our Spring Fellowship coming up very shortly. At our Fellowship, we will be preparing for Dixie. One of our goals at Dixie is to win the Spirit award and this year will be the year that we will do it.

Just recently Tsali Lodge welcomes several national officers for a planning session on Indian Summer. We will be the Service Lodge for this national event. We are looking forward to be a part of this one time event.

We look forward to seeing everybody at the Dixie this year. Take care.



Skyuka
Greg Garrison,
Lodge Chief

Skyuka Lodge is currently preparing for Dixie 2003. Our Second Annual Skyuka Games/Pre-Dixie will be held March 28-30 at Camp Bob Hardin. We will also be hosting our Council's Spring Camporee along with our Lodge's Spring Fellowship. The combined event will be called Dog Days and is promising to be a great event. If anyone is interested in coming to a Skyuka Lodge event, call me. We hope to see everyone at Dixie!



Atta Kulla Kulla
Heath Ramey,
Lodge Chief

Since I last reported on the status of Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge we have seen many things happen within AKK. We have held our Spring Fellowship and elected new lodge leadership.

Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge 185 held its annual Spring Fellowship March 21-23, 2003. Arrowmen from around the Upstate of South Carolina gathered in fun and fellowship at Camp Old Indian. The weekend was kicked off by having the "WhippoorwillFest." This was a time for an introduction to the weekend, chapter skits, songs and lodge officer skits. On Saturday the lodge completed several service projects in the morning and in the afternoon chapters competed in The Quest for the Golden Arrow. All chapters had their own spirit themes such as: Super Heroes, Pirates, Sports and Hillbillies. All Arrowmen who attended had a great time!

The Lodge Administration is going through a change after Dixie 2003. The elected lodge administration will take office after Dixie 2003. All officers are new to their positions. The new Officers are as follows:

Lodge Chief: Ryan Bajan

VC Administration: Greg Bajan

VC Communications: Justin Rakey

VC Indian Affairs: Aric Wilkins

Secretary / Treasurer: Jonathan Draisen

These outstanding arrowmen will lead the lodge well in the year 2003/2004.

In Closing I would like to take a look into what the future holds for Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge. I see that Dixie 2003 is just around the corner. Our Lodge will head down to Dixie 2003 at Camp Coker and take our Whippoorwill Spirit with us! The Whippoorwills are gonna be on the move to represent the Upstate of South Carolina well at Dixie 2003! We would like to wish all Lodges in the Section the Best of Luck in the upcoming months and at Dixie 2003! As we say in South Carolina "See y'all soon!"

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Section Calendar

Upcoming Section & National Events & Deadlines...

November 7-9	NLS / NLATS
June 1-7	Philmont NLATS
June 8	Philmont OA Trail Crew Begins
June 10	Northern Tier OA Voyage Begins
August 2-7	Indian Summer - Asheville, NC
August 17	Philmont OA Trail Crew Ends
August 18	Northern Tier OA Voyage Ends
October 1	OA Charter Renewal Kits Available
December 31	Lodge Charter Renewal Deadline
April 23-25, 2004	Dixie Fellowship - Clear Creek Scout Camp
July 31-August 5, 2004	NOAC, ISU - Ames, IA