



# Five Feathers

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## What's New in SR-5??

In this edition of *Five Feathers* you will read about Personal Experiences at Summit Corps, Indian Summer, and OAOA. Also be sure to check out our new section that will be airing for the remainder of the term called "Best Practice" and see what lodges in our section are doing to lead the way. You will find ways to get one of your articles published in a future addition of the *Five Feathers*. In addition you will find information about the Council of Chiefs meeting, which your key three and future lodge leaders are encouraged to attend. Finally, for the first time ever, our section is putting on an SLS (section leadership seminar) check it out.

## Summit Corps- The New River Experience

In collaboration with the New River Gorge National River, more than 2,000 Arrowmen provided service building new mountain bike and hiking trails on New River Gorge land adjacent to the Boy Scout's of America's newest high adventure base and National Scout Jamboree Site: The Summit: Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve in WV. Pictured right at the opening ceremony are Captain Jamie Bowen of the WV National Guard and 2011 National Chief Jonathan Hillis. To read more about Summit Corps 2011 go to Page 8  
-Piece pulled from June edition of OA national bulletin

## Leadership in Service



## Indian Summer 2011



This summer Arrowmen from across the Nation gathered at Ridgcrest, NC for Indian Summer. This event had events for dancers, ceremonialists, and anyone looking to improve their lodge. Check out more on what our section had to say on pages 4&9

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Pictured: Grady Lee Gaston, Former SR-5 chief

**Attention Lodge Leaders!**

**By:Tanner McFeeters**

# **Chiefly Speaking**

This article is going to help you more than you could ever imagine. What's the best way to get 190 people at an ordeal weekend? No way it can't be done-WRONG! At Catawba's August ordeal, 74 new members were inducted into the order. These are HUGE numbers and the reason why comes down to one simple word, communication. The secret to getting tons of people to your events is to make them exciting, fun, and advertise them like there's no tomorrow. Lodge Chiefs you need to be in contact with your chapter chiefs to make sure that they email and make at least one phone call to each troop's OA Rep. or scoutmaster to tell them to sign up for the ordeal. You need to be going to district meetings and telling folks to sign up, you need to be posting about it on your council's webpage. You need to advertise it on facebook, twitter, anywhere that tons of people will see it. Do these things and I guarantee you will see a huge jump in attendance at your events. It's your job to take the initiative, DO IT!

**2011-2012 Sr-5 Section Chief!**



**James Hylemon**



## **New Beginnings**



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James Hylemon**



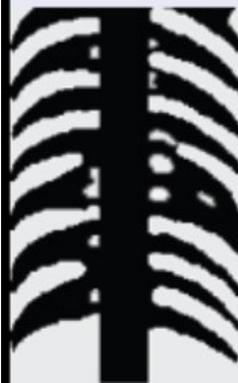
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Tanner McFeeters**



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**My Brothers,**

I hope everyone had an exciting summer. I know that I had a very eventful one, seeing a lot of you along the way. I enjoyed serving on camp staff, as many of you have across the section did. Then I went to Summit Corps, week 2, and met several of you up in WV. In WV, The Order of the Arrow built over 25 miles of trail this summer! The National Park did some math and figured out that the 4 week project we did would have cost them about \$1.6 Million. So, congratulations to everyone that participated in Summit Corps 2011.

Then we went to Indian Summer. Lucky for me it was a short 15 minute drive. The service lodge, Tsali, was there working hard to help keep things flowing smoothly. The other lodges in the section were hard at work learning all sorts of Native American traditions and crafts. At Indian Summer there were several ceremony classes as well as some fun time to hang out in the brave cave, where Arrowmen could play xbox and ping pong. I am sure that Dixie 2012 Indian Affairs competitions will be better than ever with the experience that everyone received at Indian Summer.

I can't wait to see all of you at your lodge events! I Hope all is well and if you have any questions or concerns please let me or any other section officer know and we will do everything we can to serve you.

**Yours In Scouting,  
WWW,  
James Hylemon,  
2011-2012 SR-5 Chief**

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*Skyuka Lodge #270*  
*Order of the Arrow*



**The Best Section!**

A Determined Spirit is something that describes Skyuka Lodge this fall. Most of our executive committee worked this summer as staff at Camp Bob Hardin. Three days after camp ended, we were back together on a bus traveling to Indian Summer. Also during this weekend, our lodge met the halfway mark for our 80% Brotherhood Conversion Rate. Next month, Skyuka will send a contingent to Eswau's Fall Fellowship. With a rising membership, increasing Brotherhood Conversion rate, more Indian affairs enthusiasm, and section brotherhood....I see Skyuka Lodge as a Determined Spirit. A Spirit to grow as a lodge, to continue our AIA Heritage, show cheerful service to our camp and community, and a spirit to grow in brotherhood within our section. Always remember SR-5 bothers are welcome at any Skyuka events.

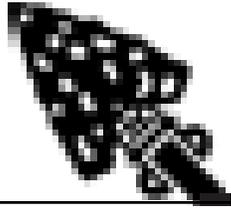
WWW,  
Taylor M. Thomas  
Skyuka Lodge Chief



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# Indian Summer!

## -From SR-5

**Continued on page 9**

From Skyuka... During the week at Indian Summer, our Indian Affairs group was as motivated as I have ever seen. The ten youth we sent to Indian Summer went as infested Arrowmen, and left with a passionate flam for our Indian Affairs team. Coty Robbins, Vice Chief of AIA, stated that Indian Summer was "the largest mass of Native American knowledge I have ever seen." Matt Harris, Vice Chief of Inductions described how "he was introduced to Fancy Dancing at Indian Summer. Before Indian Summer, he had never even thought of dancing the way 'Fancy Dancers' do. Now, he has a dance that he really and truly enjoys!" Our IS Contingent left at lunch on Friday to return to Camp Bob Hardin for our Summer Ordeal. With the help of 280 Skyuka arrowmen, we were able to take down all summer camp program areas as well as making huge improvement around camp. As we welcomed in 114 new brothers, our IS Contingent was able to use their spirit to attract new brothers to join Indian Affairs.

-Taylor Thomas

**Brothers of SR-5 enjoying fellowship —>**



From Unali'yi... Recently in our very own Section there was the National Order of the Arrow event called Indian Summer. The service lodge of this amazing function was none other than our Tsali Lodge. Special thanks to not only the brothers of 134 but also to the massive staff of the Ridgecrest, they had one great facility! I honestly could not have thought of a better place for it to have been. Also the administrative side was fantastic, if I had questions they were answered. From the time I arrived at Ridgecrest I knew it was going to be a good week. The rooms were not the roomiest but I'm sure some of our college-bound brothers would sing "I'm a Little Teapot" backwards in a teapot suit for a room this big in college. Not long after check in was dinner, this was there chance to really make or break this already good first impression. The first meal was some kind of chicken and it was GOOOOOD! This food was on the scale between "Man that was tasty" and "WHOA". No offense to the kitchen staff at any camp or the kitchen staff at Dixie this year but their food topped any Kitchen-Cafeteria food I have ever had. They had me sold pretty much for the rest of the week. A

little while after dinner was the first pow-wow. Although this was not the largest pow-wow of the week, it was nonetheless a great one. Following the pow-wow we were to go to clan meetings. We were all separated into Nations, Tribes and then Clans. For example you could have been a Southeastern Woodland, Seminole, Elk. These meetings were vital to the success of the week. The program and atmosphere gave us a chance to bond with our brothers and learn how the OA promotes Servant Leadership. I give the Clan meetings two thumbs way up. So from that entire section what you should understand is that I had wonderful first impressions on almost everything. The week still had to go on from there, that's what matters.

The remaining week after just the first day was more than I could have imagined. Although a thing or two slipped a little bit more things improved. The schedule almost became repetitive, but in a good way. Wake up, go eat, go to classes, go eat, go to classes, eat again, go to a show or pow-wow and then go to Clan Meetings. The classes were all good; AIA, ICE and Independent Study were the categories everyone had to choose from. All the teachers I came in contact with were very informative and knew exactly what they were going to teach and when. The shows were very memorable, especially the Macarena, Chanting SR-5 and then the icing on the cake Chanting "We've Got Dixie!" We have the only named section conclave and it is our source of strength, unity, and brotherhood and the other sections know it! One of the greatest things during the week was the Gathering of Nations. It was a large competition and a really great chance to eat ice cream and get to know somebody while trying to stomp them in competition. But we are used to good healthy competition so we had the upper hand.

Overall I must say from start to finish after the long informative sessions and overload of chicken they served us I must say this function was a 9.5 out of 10. This event was well planned and it showed throughout the week. I am glad I got the opportunity to go and experience all of Indian Summer 2011. I hope to write more for the section and I hope to see some of my readers at Dixie 2012 and NOAC 2012.

-Christopher "Slinky" Mocarski



# Editor's Note

## Reflections

Brothers,

I became an "adult" this year in the BSA and have been reflecting back on my years in Scouting. There have been so many memories car camping, backpacking, high adventure, and of course the OA. I have been in scouting as many of you have since the first grade when I joined as a tiger. Throughout the years I grew confidence in everything I do from scouting to school and everywhere in between. But as I reflected on memories of scouting, this summer seemed to make a very large impact on me. In July I went to Summit Corps 2011. I'll be honest- originally I was going just to make sure that someone represented my lodge there. But after having gone, it changed my life and how I view service to others. The friendship and fellowship that I shared there are things that I will not soon forget. Then again in August 2011 I went to Indian Summer. I was so pleased to see how the OA affects Arrowman throughout the nation. More than 1000 members were brought together for a week of fun, fellowship, and service. All of you as Arrowmen have been called upon and set aside for a higher purpose. That means both in scouting and in life. The service aspect of the Order of the Arrow was a major factor that pushed me to pursue my dream and be part of the US Army. I challenge all of you to first cherish the time that you have in scouting and not take any of it for granted. Second I would ask that you always give back in your troop, community, and the OA. Help to build and shape a new generation of leaders.

Yours in the Brotherhood,  
Tanner McFeeters  
2011 SR-5 Section Secretary



Next time you log onto Facebook, head on over and 'like' the "Sr-5" page and the "Southern Region- Order of the Arrow" page. Let's see how many "likes" we can get!!



To submit an article to be featured in the *Five Feathers*, email me at:

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## Section Leadership Seminar

**2011 SR-5  
Leadership Seminar  
Camp John J. Barnhardt  
November 11-12, 2011**

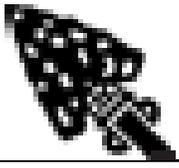
For the first time, the SR-5 Council of Chiefs has decided to host a Leadership Seminar in conjunction with the annual COC meeting. During this two day event, lodges will have the opportunity to enjoy training sessions for both youth and adults. This event is open to any lodge members, not just the Key 3. The six training blocks will be targeted at issues facing our section lodges and will hopefully be a great resource for all lodge officers. Outside of training, lodges will be able to enjoy a Camp Barnhardt walk through to get familiar with the Dixie setting. As stated before, we encourage all lodge leadership to attend to get a head start on the 2012 Dixie Fellowship and see what happens behind the scene. All lodges will need to send one pre registration form by email to [taylor-thomas@SR5.org](mailto:taylor-thomas@SR5.org) by October 28, 2011. Participants will NOT need to bring their own tent (tentative on the number of attendees, lodges will be notified on Oct. 30, 2011.) Eat dinner before you arrive on Friday. There will be NO cost for this event; however we will pass the hat for our Saturday lunch.

Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Youth: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults : \_\_\_\_\_  
(Do NOT include Females in the Adult count)

Number of Females: \_\_\_\_\_



# Best Practice

## Elangomat Recognition

*Providing Resources to Support Units, Chapters, and Lodges*

The Elangomat program is a tried-and-true method of increasing Brotherhood conversion. The program keeps the Order of the Arrow and its commitment to servant leadership accessible to Ordeal members. Elangomats are, truly, friends to those with whom they serve. Yet, sometimes lodges have difficulty recruiting Elangomats. Such lodges may consider implementing an Elangomat recognition program. The program does not mean to imply that servant leaders must be motivated by recognition. To the contrary, it is the lodge's way of saying "thank you" to those who selflessly serve regardless of such incentives. To be eligible for recognition in the program, an Arrowman must:

- 1) Seal his membership in the Order by participating in the Brotherhood ceremony. This requirement must be completed before attending Elangomat training or serving as an Elangomat or Assistant Elangomat.
- 2) Attend Elangomat training and successfully pass a written review indicating that he has adequately learned the information necessary to serve as a quality Elangomat.
- 3) After completing requirement two, serve as an Assistant Elangomat for a clan of at least eight candidates.
- 4) After completing requirements two and three, serve as an Elangomat for a clan of at least eight candidates.
- 5) For at least one year after serving as an Elangomat pursuant to requirement four, stay in touch with each member of his clan, unless they leave the council or Scouting. Encourage their participation with their unit, their attendance at lodge and chapter functions, and their participation in the Brotherhood ceremony. Generally document his communications and the clan's Brotherhood conversion status.
- 6) Achieve at least a 50% Brotherhood conversion rate of the members of the clan within two years of the Ordeal at which he served as Elangomat. The Elangomat recognition program is available to both youth and adult Elangomats. Elangomats must keep their own progress record sheet, which must be signed by the appropriate lodge officer. Arrowmen successfully completing this program should be recognized appropriately. Possible recognition items may be a special certificate awarded at a public gathering, the ability to purchase a unique patch, or perhaps a method of recognition unique to the lodge.

*This resource was submitted by Muscogee Lodge in Columbia, South Carolina. Muscogee calls its Elangomat recognition program "Nendawagan," which is derived from the Lenape word meaning "torch" because an Elangomat guides others as a torch is used to guide one through darkness. Muscogee has provided a sample progress sheet, attached to this resource, which other lodges may adapt for their own uses.*



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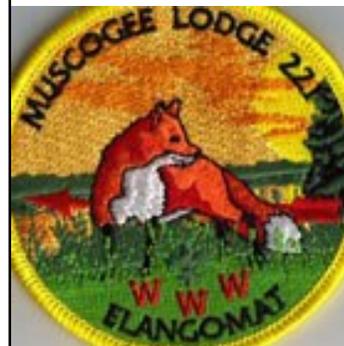
**Leadership Seminar**

November 11-13, 2011

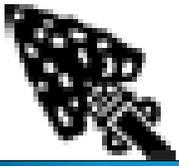
Camp John J. Barnhardt

Brothers,  
This fall the Council of Chiefs will be hosting the inaugural Section Leadership Seminar at Camp John J. Barnhardt on November 11 - 13, 2011. Every lodge is encouraged to bring their lodge leadership to this seminar! During this event SR-5 brothers will have the opportunity to enjoy in food, fellowship, and training. All of the training will be geared towards lodge leadership. That being said, I would like for each lodge to submit two training topics that would be beneficial to your lodge. Please send your suggested topics to [taylorthomas@SR5.org](mailto:taylorthomas@SR5.org)  
Thank you for your help!

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Taylor Thomas  
Skyuka Lodge Chief



For more on The Elangomat Recognition, visit [www.sr5.org](http://www.sr5.org). If your lodge does something well, tell me about it and it will be featured in the next *five feathers!*



# OA OA-Seabase

**By John Cuenin**



This summer, I had the opportunity to take part in my second Order of the Arrow High Adventure program, the Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure. This was the first summer that this specific program was in place, and let me tell you, it was definitely a success.

I arrived in Miami and met four of our brothers from different parts of the country, from as far as Pittsburgh and Chattanooga. We made our way to the Brinton Environmental base of the Florida National High Adventure Sea Base, where we met two more Arrowmen participants, seven of us in all. We had two foremen, both past Section Chiefs and stellar Arrowmen. I am proud to say that I truly consider all of these young men to be my brothers.

Our first few days were spent near Brinton on Munson Island, next to the exclusive island resort of Little Palm. We built trails and did service on the island while learning about our brothers and ourselves. From Munson we went to a nature preserve by the name of Crane Point. The mosquitoes there were so bad, I couldn't leave my tent to use the bathroom after sunset. We continued our cheerful service here by removing invasive species.

After further building the bonds of brotherhood, cheerfulness and service at Crane Point, we finally set out on the real adventure. We boarded the Tradewind, captained by Captain Martin Ivey, a Brotherhood member and Eagle Scout. We sailed around the Florida Keys, seeing the sights of Key West, snorkeling in various reefs and fishing for some of the most exotic fish you've ever seen (Yes, we did catch a few sharks).

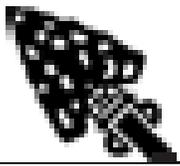
OA OA, as it's known, was an amazing experience, and I highly recommend that you try to take advantage of the opportunity you've been given. It was my last activity as a youth and I couldn't have asked for a better end to my youth OA career. Even if you don't do the OA OA program, I would highly recommend that you take part in some OA High Adventure program. There are four total and they are incredibly

cheap compared to regular treks at the High Adventure bases, plus you get to learn more about yourself, service, and our Order as a whole.



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# Summit Corps

## The Life Changing Experience

**By :Tanner McFeeters**

On July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011 We packed up the Suburban and left from Charlotte, NC to go to Summit Corps 2011. Catawba Lodge sent a total of 5, including myself as a contingent. After our couple hour drive we found ourselves in Beckley, WV. I had no idea what to expect from all of this since I had not participated in ArrowCorps5. When we pulled up to where the GPS had led us, I saw that the base of operations was a National Guard base, which made me very happy-being in the Army. We park the car and for those of us who were sleeping it was time to wake up and get dressed. We walk up to the front entrance where we begin the check in process. At the last table a scout leader asked me, "you like to do hard work?" to which I replied "oh yeah!". He said to me that I would be put in Crew 1 for the week. After that table my Adviser and I moved to the inside of the building where all the confusing check in stuff began for the leaders of the contingents. After finally finishing what seemed like a ton of paperwork, we moved back outside to collect the group and were to be issued our Personal Protection Equipment or



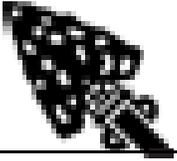
PPE for the weeks work. After having finished the check in process, we grabbed our gear and went to the site to start setting up our homes for the week. The leaders had a meeting the first night to be welcomed and go over all the necessities of the week- it wasn't so bad since we got snacks! The next morning at we awoke and dragged ourselves out of bed and headed for the parking lots where we would meet up with our crew, eat a Philmont breakfast, and then set off for our first day of work. One of my most lasting memories from this morning was Joe Garcia, Western Region Chief, going around saying "friends don't let friends miss the bus". The reason Joe was saying that was because the site where we were working was a couple miles from the base and each day we were bused to and from the sites. Back to the parking lot- originally I was assigned to crew 1 so I went to crew 1's bucket of food where I was told that I had been moved to crew 7. When we all got to the bucket we started meeting and eating and getting ready to build some trail! A couple minutes later we got on the bus and headed for the site. When we got to the site we were led by our ICORPS guides Mitch and T Alex to the tool cache where we picked out the tools we would need for the week and began hiking. Our site just happened to be one of the most challenging places to get to, we had to have somebody in the front use loppers just to cut a path to our area.

When we got to the site Mitch and T Alex began explaining the tools and how to use them. We all went to work and by the end of the day it wasn't quite looking like trail but more like a very rough path of sorts. We rapped up the tools at the site and headed for the buses. The next day our guides gave us a pep talk and we hit the trail hard. We were blazing through beautiful trail until we were told that 200 feet of our section of trail would need to be rip rapped. This was because it ran parallel to a creek and was very soft soil, not your ideal trail. So we asked where do we get these rip rap rocks that need to go in here? Oh yeah there is a dump truck load that needs to come down here. The only way to get 20 tons of rock



Mitch Andrews & T Alex Hill

down to our site... wheelbarrow it a quarter mile each way up and down the hillside. For the next 2 and half days the boys of Super Crew 7 as we were now known around camp got to work. We finally finished this task and did it in far less time than anyone thought we would. All that was left was to put dirt down on top and oat it down. We finished our section of trail a day and a half early and were now given new assignments. Super crew 7 moved as an extremely agile group cranking out trail sometimes as much as 75 feet in 20 mins! WHAT?! Yes, you heard right and yes your mind was just blown. Summit Corps however was more than just cheerful service to this Order we adore so much- we also shared in unforgettable brotherhood. On the last full day of Summit Corps we were given the option to go whitewater rafting, ziplining, lake adventure, or canopy touring. Since I chose whitewater I ended up in a boat full of national officers and had a great day. I would truly hope that if any of you get the opportunity to partake in an event like Summit Corps or ArrowCorps5 that you jump on that chance because it will change your life.



# Indian Summer SR-5

From Santee... Santee Lodge represented very well at Indian Summer 2011, the second of two national OA events for the summer, with having fourteen people attend the event.. With classes ranging from craft making, ceremonial practice, and the inductions process, everyone who attended had something to learn. Santee was very involved by first having people participate in the opening and closing ceremonies, as well as brothers help contribute by clearing trail nearby the site location. The skills and practices we learned at the event will greatly contribute to the furthering of ceremonies and dancing at our lodge. Now we wait for the next big national event, NOAC 2012 at Michigan State University.

—Christopher King



From AKK... Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge sent a contingent of eight youth and two adults to Indian Summer. Most of our youth attended the Chicken Dance sessions where they learned the basics for dancing the Chicken style. Our youth came out of this with new experiences and knowledge that will help our Lodge move forward in our Indian Affairs Program. In addition to the sessions, a few members of our Lodge participated in the Dance Exhibition during the opening show. It was a great experience for our Lodge!

—Brian Almond



From Muscogee... We sent 12 arrowmen from our lodge to Indian Summer and we also brought 2 brothers from Bob White. Everybody enjoyed all of the induction and the dancing classes and workshops. In the opening show we had 2 of our brothers dance on stage in the chicken category. And at the closing ceremony we had 3 brothers dance. During the afternoons we played frisbee and enjoyed the “brave cave”. Everybody enjoyed the time we spent at Indian Summer and can’t wait for the next one.

—Matthew Forster

From Tsali... This year, Tsali Lodge had the opportunity to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> ever Indian Summer National Event at the Ridgecrest Conference Center in Black Mountain. With

lodges coming from across the country to experience the Cherokee homeland and traditions, we had to be well prepared to help out. Throughout the week, we helped as the “middlemen” doing miscellaneous jobs to help the week run more smoothly. We also got a chance to help out with the conservation projects around Ridgecrest. Since we are the current NOAC Group Dance and Southern Drum champions, as well as our area being home to the Cherokee people, we think that Tsali Lodge was the ideal place to host Indian Summer. Thanks to all of you guys that came out and participated. Big thanks to those who came out to help us all week, and those who spent just a day. Your help was definitely appreciated by not only the Ridgecrest staff, but also by the National Committee.

—James Hylemon



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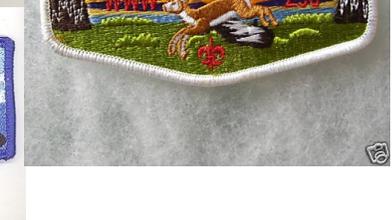
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