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The Matchstick

SR-5 Dixie Fellowship - Saturday, April 24, 2004 - Afternoon! Edition

Dixie Slides

Carpenter Industries of Concord has generously donated molded plastic parts for a commemorative neckerchief slide for all Dixie attendees. Camp Hosts will be distributing the parts to Scouts, who will assemble the slides themselves. The completed slide aims the OA arrow over the right shoulder, so make sure that the parts are aligned correctly before snapping the halves of the hornets' nest together. Position the arrowhead and fletching parts in the back half of the hornets' nest first, then carefully sandwich them between the gray nest halves. The faceplate needs to be glued on with silicone glue, which will be available in the Patch Trading Tent at lunch and supper on Saturday. Make sure your slide is finished before heading home. Or else!!!

Show your support

On Tuesday April, 20th, Matt Delk of Muscogee Lodge was injured in Iraq. Active in Scouting for 25 years, Matt Delk held the position of Lodge Chief for two years. If you want to show your support for Matt, please write a get-well card for him and staple to it a patch of your choice. Turn in your letter and your patch at the patch trading entrance at the dining hall. We all wish Matt a speedy recovery, and are keeping his family in our prayers.

It tastes like chicken

If you ate dinner this week no doubt you got to enjoy the barbeque brought to you by Troop 39 of Matthews, North Carolina. The nine man crew began cooking on Friday and continued until Saturday, smoking it for 7 hours. Troop 39's own secret sauce flavored the barbeque.

Traffic Restrictions

Please remember that there will be traffic restrictions on Sunday morning during the Award session. No cars will be permitted from point X to point X as indicated on the map in your personal passport.

Your teacher would be proud...

Everyone not only learned a lot at the training sessions today, but they also had fun in the process. Hopefully earlier today you had the chance to enjoy the interesting and entertaining training sessions. We want to thank all of the 11 lodges (see delegate passport for names) that made those sessions possible. The 5 W's of Brotherhood Conversion (who, what, when, where and why) gave us some great ideas on how to pull off an effective conversion. Leave No Trace drew an exceptionally large crowd by keeping

it entertaining. Ethics in Action gave arrowmen an opportunity to find their moral stance in hard places. The trooper representative program taught young arrowmen about a



great way to get involved. The Elangomat Program was a good way to learn Elangomat skills. If you are still an ordeal member you should have been at Understand the

Ordeal. To help get the lodge into the forest the Camping Promotion was great. Induction Conduction was a good guide to OA inductions. If you want to understand officer's roles in the chapter, Roles of Chapter Officers and Advisers was right for you. Food & the OA: A Beautiful Combination had great cooking skills. High Adventure & the OA taught great cooking skills for the more hardened brother. Hope you were there!

The Weather Forecast



It will get dark in the evening, and there's a good percent chance the ground will get wet tonight.

Awake, My Friends!

You could say that each ceremonial team member from all eleven lodges of SR-5 took that message to heart, today, as they gathered by the stage today to compete in performances of the Brotherhood and Pre-Ordeal Ceremonies. For almost four hours, these teams demonstrated their ceremonial skill in front of a panel of judges from the different lodges assembled here at Clear Creek. A member of Catawba Lodge's *Langomas* team, Matt Holman, tells us a little about ceremony teams:



“Ceremony teams are great. You get to learn lots of new material about the OA and its origins. It allows you to appreciate all the aspects of the OA as well. You also form great friendships that

even other lodge activities cannot produce. So if you are looking for fun, fellowship, and tradition, then join a Ceremony Team.”

Results from this and other competitions will be announced tomorrow morning, at 8:45, from the stage.

Quest Events

The events held today were exhilarating. If you watched the cross country, the lead changed every few seconds as the boys struggled for first place. It was tough and the boys were tired but several managed to muster the strength to spirit the home stretch.

In the middle of the field each lodge showed off their grace and talent as they put their skills to the test in Ultimate Frisbee.

In addition to these two events, there were eleven other exciting events that occurred today such as Fire Building, Tent Pitching, Rope Throw, the “messy” Egg Toss, the “uh-oh



where’s my arm” Tomahawk Throw, Arrow/Softball Throw, knot-tying Relay, the “amazing row your boat” Canoe Race, the “cool” Chariot Race, the “bull’s-eye” Archery, and of

course the “rope burned” Tug of War. Congratulations to every lodge that participated, and a job well done.

A Word from the National Office

On December 29, 2003, the OA National Committee voted to stop using the “numbering system” for OA lodges. You may be aware that the OA charters issued this year did not include a space for numbers. Instead, Lodges will be officially identified by their council numbers.

Many of the reasons for the change are administrative. It is easier for the National Office to keep track of one number for each council instead of two and smoothes the council merging process. Other reasons are more significant to our organization. For years there has been the impression that lodges were entities unto themselves rather than belonging to their councils. Our vision as Scouting’s national honor society is for every lodge to be an integral part of the council it serves. Finally, lodge numbers were originally assigned sequentially as the lodges were formed, so there was initially a historical significance to the numbers. In recent years, merging lodges have been given the option of picking a “new number” anywhere a “number” was vacant in sequence. Some lodges chose one of their existing numbers, others chose a number to match their council number, and still others chose the lowest or highest vacant number available, making the lodge numbering system is no longer historically significant throughout the BSA.

The solution is that henceforth, lodges will be identified on official paperwork by lodge name, council name, and council number. For example: Kansa Lodge, Quivira Council #198, BSA. Does this mean that lodges must stop using traditional lodge numbers on patches and publications? Absolutely not. The change applies only to paperwork used in the National Office, and should have little effect on lodge members.

Lost and unfound

If you have lost any material object over the weekend, visit lost and found in the Chapman Shelter. You must be able to describe the item you lost.

