



# Dixie 2005 NEWS



Sunday Morning Edition

Muscogee Lodge

April 24, 2005

## Carving totem poles takes hard work, creativity, patience and sharp, sharp tools

By Chris Garrick, Muscogee Lodge

Some of you may have noticed the two totem poles at the handicraft shelter. One of the carvers, Scouter George Mailliet, was a Star scout before graduating from scouts. Now, the leader of Troop 23 in the Catawba lodge is working on a hornet's nest for Catawba's section of the pole and offered to talk about his hobby.

"All you need is a basic woodcutting skill and a desire to carve," said Mailliet.

The tools he uses include different types of carving knives and a rubber mallet. Some of the tools included a "spoon," "gouge," "chisel," and his favorite, the "V" tool, which must all be kept sharp. The designs for Catawba are made by getting the leaders together and selecting a design for Catawba's Dixie theme. If they are not sure about the size or type of the wood, the group makes a general design.

Mailliet said it is impossible to mess up. "A mistake is just another

opportunity, said Mailliet. "The only way to mess up would be to run out of wood."

To keep his tools sharp, Mailliet uses a whet stone. Though he has about 15 tools, you only need four or five.

The tools Mailliet demonstrated had different uses. The "V" tool is used to cut straight lines for hair and eyebrows, and the "spoon" is used to make broad, shallow marks. The "chisel" is for making cuts on the design. The "gouge" is used like the spoon, but it makes deeper cuts.

Mailliet has been carving design for a few years,

and is carving a hornet's nest above the three OA sashes, a fire, and the WWW. His group has finished with the paint and the section looks great.

The Catawba section is located near the bottom of the totem pole.



George Mailliet (above) stands next to his handiwork, shown at the left. The two totem poles will become an integral part of Camp Barstow's landscape.



## The C. Norman Alston Jr. Memorial Spirit Award

At the 1982 Dixie Fellowship, following the death of Norman Alston, the Council of Chiefs voted to name the Section spirit award for C.

Norman Alston, Jr. The first beautiful plaque was first made by Mr. Alston's long-time

friend and Itibapishe Iti Hollo Lodge Adviser, Mr. Leonard Schenck. Norman Alston spent a lifetime sharing the Scouting Spirit and

through this award, continues to remind and encourage today's Scouts and Scouters to do the same.

**Norman Alston spent a lifetime sharing the Scouting Spirit and through this award, continues to remind and encourage today's Scouts and Scouters to do the same.**

Section. Only one vote can be cast per lodge, and no lodge may cast a vote for themselves. The winner must win by a majority vote.

The award is chosen each year by secret ballot Sunday morning of the annual Dixie Fellowship by the Lodge Chiefs of the



Vigil Rededication was held this morning at 6:30 a.m. in the Chapel. Worship Service and the Awards Ceremony will be held at 9 a.m. at the Council Ring.

## Scout on the Street: ‘What did you like most about the Dixie Fellowship?’



**David Mason, Star Scout, Troop 45, Muscogee** — I liked the canoe race; it was interesting and funny.



**James Squire, Life Scout, Troop 79, Unali'yi** — The spirit competitions, the archery and tomahawk throw.



**Kyle Griffin, Star Scout, Troop 15, Atta Kulla Kulla** — This is my first Dixie, and the ultimate frisbee was extremely awesome.



**Matthew Mcgraw, Life Scout, Troop 9, Skyuka** — I liked carving on my totem pole.

## Meals to feed 1,200 hungry Scouts and Scouters just don't happen without work



*No fishes and loaves here; feeding Dixie takes months of planning and coordination ... plus an army of volunteers to do the early morning tasks necessary to ensure everyone is well fed and “Death Stew” never happens again.*

*From checking supplies (top, left) to a return of thanks ... after all, a Scout is Revenant (top, right) to mixing Bug Juice (bottom, left) to keeping the coffee urns filled (bottom, right).*

*And below, Matt Catoe has an idea about tomorrow's breakfast ... or is it lunch? Supper?*



photos by Dana Fleming



### Dixie rotation schedule

<b>2005</b> — Muscogee	<b>2011</b> — Tsali
<b>2006</b> — Bob White	<b>2012</b> — Itibapishe Iti Hollo
<b>2007</b> — Tomo Chi-Chi	<b>2013</b> — Unali'yi
<b>2008</b> — Skyuka	<b>2014</b> — Santee
<b>2009</b> — Eswau Huppeday	<b>2015</b> — Catawba
<b>2010</b> — Atta Kulla Kulla	

### Dixie Newsletter Staff

David Hutto, Jr.,  
Publications  
Chairman

### Writers & Photos

Taylor Gilliam  
Mason Thomas  
Chris Garrick

David M. White,  
Publications  
Adviser