



Dixie 2008: Fan the Flame of Cheerful Service

Welcome Arrowmen!

By: RJ Plumey, Service Lodge Coordinator



Welcome, at last, to the 2008 Dixie Fellowship at the Anne Springs Close Greenway in beautiful Fort Mill, South Carolina.

As many of you know, this is the first time Skyuka Lodge has hosted this event since 1992, and

we hope we leave you all with lasting memories. You have the opportunity here at this event to meet brothers from all over the southern region and we pray that you take advantage of such a unique gift. There is a full schedule of events planned for all the lodges to keep the fun moving throughout the day and we are sure that by the evening you will be thankful for your sleeping bags. Please keep in mind the safety of your fellow Arrowmen and be sure to work hard to ensure that everyone remains uninjured in order to fully enjoy the weekend ahead. Re-

member that it will be hot out there, so be sure to keep your water bottles and Gatorade close at hand we do not want any cases of dehydration this weekend. Try your best to achieve all you can for your lodges, remember competition is healthy but keep it responsible we are all brothers in scouting and therefore should accord each other with the respect that goes with that statement. I am positive that all will enjoy this Dixie and we hope to set a precedent for future events such as this.

ArrowCorps5: Five Weeks, Five Sites, Five Thousand Arrowmen

By: William McCormick

ArrowCorps5 is by far the biggest event that has ever been coordinated by the Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts of America, and the US Forest Service, and everyone in the OA has the opportunity to be a part of this historic event.

This national event will take place at five different National Forests as follows: Mark Twain, Manti-La Sal, George Washington-Jefferson, Shasta-Trinity, and Bridger Teton. Each site will involve 1,000 Arrowmen for one week at each

site, including staff, for a total of five thousand Arrowmen.

Currently there are plenty of open slots for Arrowmen, both youth and adult to attend this once in a lifetime event, at four out of the five sites; the Bridger-Teton project is full.

Interested in attending? Fill out an application and mail \$250 along with it to your Council Office by May 1st to avoid the late fee. Applications can be picked up from the

Section Office throughout the weekend or you can find me and pick one up. The dates for the events are as follows:

- Mark Twain— June 7-14
 - Manti-La Sal— June 14-21
 - George Washington-Jefferson— June 21-28
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Thank You

For Your Service



The 2007–2008 Section Administration would like to thank all the Section staff who make this year a success.

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We would also like to thank all Arrowmen who donated their time and energy in preparation for the 2008 Dixie Fellowship to help you “Fan the Flames of Cheerful Service.” Without these Arrowmen and their unselfish service, the goals and successes of this section could not be achieved. We look forward to another great year under a new administration and we wish them the best of luck!

Chiefly Speaking

A Time of Growth



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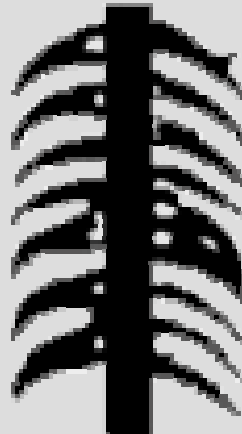
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My Brothers,

It is amazing to have you all here for the 2008 Dixie Fellowship. We are truly lucky to be able to be here for this wonderful event. You are all partaking in an event that has well over 50 years in history and traditions. I hope this weekend, as always, is a chance for you all to

become stronger leaders and more loyal followers. Be sure to take every opportunity that you can to grow in our brotherhood. We have endless combinations of training, competitions, and fellowship at our hands; make it your goal to capitalize on these opportunities at hand.

Many brothers have come together over the last year to make this happen, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in this past year of planning and work. I would like to thank the section officers, advisers and coordinators, and Skyuka Lodge for their commitment toward the Dixie Fellowship and our Order. We have had plenty of challenges placed before us and many have stepped up to the plate to cope with them. It has truly been an honor to serve you as Section Chief these last few months and I owe a huge thank you to Mason Thomas, my predecessor for the dedication he has currently shown.

Yours in WWW,

Josh Hipps

Letter from the Editor

The True Meaning of Cheerfulness

Brothers,

As brothers in the Order of the Arrow, cheerfulness is a part of each and every one of us. We repeat it every time we say the obligation. The question I pose to you is what exactly is cheerfulness and how do we portray cheerfulness in our troops, lodges, section, and ourselves? Do we always act accordingly and remember the true meaning of Wingolouchsik?

Since my induction into the OA, I have strived to provide service to my troop, lodge, section, and nation. Not just service, however, but cheerful service. In my eyes, cheerfulness describes those who carry out their tasks and duties with a smile. The act of unselfish devotion and service to the welfare of others is what truly embodies cheerfulness in the Order of the Arrow and in our daily lives. Whenever I question my sincerity in service or fellowship, I always recall my Ordeal ceremony and Meteu's words "For, said he, who serves his fellows is, of all his fellows, greatest!" I strive to always remember the true meaning of my obligation in the Order of the Arrow.

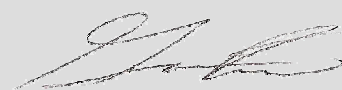
It's important to remember that you not only are an Arrowman in your lodge but also in your troop. I feel that many of us neglect our duties to our fellow Scouts and fail to exemplify what true cheerfulness in service is. The OA Troop Representative program is designed to help fulfill this void. By setting the example in the troop, we not only encourage our fellow Scouts to strive to be apart of our order but we fill a personal void in each and every one of us. I can't describe the feeling I get from working with the younger Scouts in my troop and knowing they look up to me as a mentor; a cheerful mentor in the troop and the lodge.

As you all are well aware, the lodge is the foundation of our cheerfulness. Working together with our fellow Brothers to better ourselves and our community, in cheerfulness, is in essence the meaning of WWW. It's hard to forget that cheerfulness, in all that we do, is a cornerstone of our brotherhood. However, I feel that many of us get caught up in the patch trading and competitions. When we get engulfed in these parts of Scouting, are we honestly participating for the right reasons? Are we participating with the idea of cheerful service at heart?

I challenge all of you to be mindful of your duty, as members in Scouting's National Honor Society, to remain cheerful in all that you do.

I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as Section Secretary over the past few months. I wish you the best of luck and that you will remain cheerful in all that you do.

In WWW,



Garrett Riddle



ArrowCorps5

William McCormick
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The purpose of ArrowCorps5 is to help the US Forest Service maintain, reclaim, and rebuild certain sections of each of the five National Forests. Some sites will be building new trails, repairing old trails, removing invasive species, and much more.

Besides service work, participants will also have the opportunity to participate in many special activities ranging from mountain biking, white-water rafting, motor boating, water skiing, and various other outdoor recreations.

If you wish to attend, you will need a special medical form filled out much like that of any high adventure base. The form is available at <http://event.oa-bsa.org> for your use.

If you have any questions regarding ArrowCorps5, registration, transportation, etc. please feel free to contact William McCormick, Section ArrowCorps5 Coordinator, at muscogeechief06chief@gmail.com or your local lodge chief.



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Section Calendar Upcoming Section & National Events & Deadlines...

April 25-27	Dixie Fellowship—Fort Mill, SC
June 3	OA Ocean Adventure Begins
June 7	ArrowCorps5—Mark Twain Site
June 8	Philmont OA Trail Crew Begins
June 8	OA Northern Tier Begins
June 16	ArrowCorps5—Manti-La Sal Site
June 21	ArrowCorps5—George Washington & Jefferson Site
July 12	ArrowCorps5—Shasta-Trinity Site
July 26	ArrowCorps5—Bridger-Teton Site