



# Welcome to Dixie!

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This weekend is like Christmas come early to me. And it's been coming early every year since 2003. That was my first Dixie. I remember it vividly. I was only 12 at the time and was completely awestruck by the grandeur of the event. Easily 1000 scouts, all at this event to celebrate cheerful service.

To fully appreciate my surprise, you have to realize that I had no idea what a Conclave was let alone a Dixie Fellowship. My dad had just asked if I wanted to go on an OA event that weekend and I replied that I definitely did, but I was not ready for what I found. Intense competition, fueled by more testosterone driven spirit than anything else this side of the Seneca Falls Con-

vention. An event that is the reward for all the service our Section provides throughout the year

If you can't tell, I enjoyed the event. I haven't missed a single one since then and it has been 8 years. That makes this my 9th Dixie Fellowship, and given what I have been hearing from the members of Tsali Lodge, it is going to be the best one yet. I have seen more energy and I more excitement from this Lodge about getting ready for Dixie than I have seen from any Lodge over the past decade, including my own.

This Dixie will have all the stuff a normal Dixie has, Quest events, ceremonies, cracker barrels, dance and drum, patch

trading and the legendary Dixie spirit, but I truly believe that Tsali Lodge is going to bring a whole new zeal to the serving the Section as the Service Lodge. Which is something I appreciate as I head into my last Dixie as a youth.

I have gotten e-mails from Lodges all around the Section telling their members all about their spirit themes and I know how excited returning Arrowmen are, but this article isn't for the older Arrowmen as much as it is for first time Dixie participants. I feel comfortable saying that I can guarantee that you will have an amazing time here at Camp Daniel Boone. On behalf of the Council of Chiefs and, on a more personal level, from me please allow me to welcome you to the best time of your life.

# Patch Trading Guidelines

A major attraction at Dixie is patch trading. While this is a good way to make friends around the Section, it can also be a good way to lose something that might be very valuable in exchange for something that is relatively worthless.


Everything that follows this statement should be taken with the fact that a patch only has as much value as you attach to it. This might seem somewhat tautological, but it is something to consider. Young Scouts will often ask older ones, "What is this patch worth?" The answer really is


whatever you think it is. This does not mean that you can assume others will feel the same way, but you should not let others sway your opinion if you attach sentimental value to a patch.


That being said, when trading patches, one thing that many young Scouts fall for is trading delegate flaps for "spoof patches." Spoof patches are patches that generally have some sort of pop culture reference, but are not from any particular Lodge. If you are informed about the decision you are making, making this trade is

fine, but if you are not comfortable or not sure, don't make the trade.

Other general rules include that youth trading with adults is frowned upon. One for one trading is the fairest and best way to trade. The last thing, is just to get to know who you are trading with. If you make friends, they are less likely to rip you off, and you are making friends, which is the point of this weekend. Friends made with the common interest of cheerful service are some of the best friends you can make.

<b>Tonight</b>	
Low of 54, Up to 90% chance of rain starting around 9PM.	

<b>Saturday</b>	
AM T-Storms. High of 66. Low of 43. PM clear skies.	

<b>Sunday</b>	
Mostly Sunny. High of 67.	

## Rain Contingency

If you haven't noticed the weather reports, the meteorologists are trying to be cute and rain on our parade this weekend. I've seen the chances go from 60% to 10% to 90% to who knows what next...the simple truth is that in the mountains of WNC, the weather is quite unpredictable, our local legendary weather person here in Asheville used to have a saying "What's on your fencepost is what you've got." Needless to say he wasn't really trained in meteorological science..

Anyways, just so everyone knows, we do have contingency plans in place for most all events in the event of rain, and those are as follows:

- Opening Show - OA Pavilion, like in 2000
- Pre-Ordeal Ceremony - OA Pavilion
- Brotherhood Ceremony - Chip's Chapel rain or shine
- Individual Dancing - Dining Hall
- Team Singing - OA Pavilion
- Knowledge and Training based in Leadership - Indian Events Shelter
- Sunday Chapel - Dining Hall
- Sunday Non Denominational Service - Chip's Chapel rain or shine

There might be a few other things which might need to be modified, but most everything else should already have a shelter at the location. Either way, we're going to have a fun time, just be safe.



# Chiefly Speaking

## Leaving a Legacy



Brothers,

Hello and welcome to the 2011 Dixie Fellowship! Last weekend I attended Section 1B's Conclave at Camp Alaflo in Enterprise, Alabama. It was a great time, but definitely nothing compared to our Dixie Fellowship. While I was at this Conclave, I met a man named Armand Franco. I first approach Mr. Franco because I recognized his Lodge Flap as the 50th anniversary flap of Black Eagle Lodge, the Lodge that serves the Transatlantic Council in Europe, North Africa, and the Near East. As many of you may know, I was a member of Black Eagle Lodge for five years, received the Vigil Honor as a member of the Lodge, and was Lodge Chief for a time. Now Mr. Franco and I started our conversation with some small talk, discussed where we had lived, our memories of Camp Freedom, and Scouting in Europe in general. After a few minutes of conversation we realized that he had been the Scoutmaster of the same Troop that I had been a Scout in, but he had moved away shortly before I became a member. Now I'm telling you this because this man, Mr. Franco, may be one of the greatest unknown influences in my Scouting life. He built Troop 62 from the ground up, had pushed the Scouts that were my youth leaders to strive for success, and most of all, pushed my first two Scoutmasters to become more involved in the program and attend the Wood Badge program. Now, I haven't kept up with my Scoutmasters, but I have reconnected with them now and I have shown my appreciation for them. They were a great influence on my life and I would not be the man I am today or your Section Chief if they had not pushed me to strive for success in a compassionate way.

Now I've told you this to shed light on the amount of impact you have on everyone you interact with during your time in Scouting. I also remember almost all of my Merit Badge Counselors at Summer Camps throughout the years, every advisor I've had the pleasure of working with in the Order, and every Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, and Senior Patrol Leader I've ever had. We've been given a great gift by being members of this storied organization, from Service projects during World War II, to ArrowCorps5, to the service each of you gives your home Camp, our organizations, the Boy Scouts and the Order of the Arrow, have created a legacy that we must live up to. So I ask that not only this weekend, but for the rest of your life, whether you stay in Scouting for long or not, you never forget those who have helped you along the way and you try to impact the lives of others in the ways that they impacted your life. "Love One Another" and nothing can get in your way. Have a great time this weekend and feel free to stop and talk to me at anytime, I'll be the guy with the pink hair.

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