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SECTION CONFERENCE A SUCCESS

On April 17-19, 35 of our Brothers traveled to Camp La-No-Che, near Paisley, FL to participate in the 1998 Section 4 Conference. It was a weekend of fun and fellowship for all of those who attended.

Our Lodge was represented in several of the annual competitive events. We were second in the Kings' Cup. The theme was a history of our Lodge, prepared by Ernest Ausby and Cory Miller. Miller also entered the 'OWL HOOT' in the publications competition. It did not place, but was commended in the way information was presented. While competition between Lodges was a major part of the weekend fellowship between Brothers was also important. In the future, more members of our Lodge should make an effort to attend this weekend of fun and fellowship.

FUN COMPETITION AT THE SECTION CONFERENCE

Many of the members attending the conference participated in the fun events (Quest for the Golden Arrow) and we placed in some of these.

Several Brothers participated in a pool event called "Frisbee Find" and our Lodge placed third. Also several adult members placed first in an event called "Nerdling" where they had to carry a post through an obstacle course.

Our volley ball team did not fare as well as in last year's contest. Enough said about that.

CEREMONIES PARTICIPATION NEEDED

Our next Lodge event is the Spring Fellowship, May 22-24. We need all our Brothers to gather for a weekend of cheerful service. During this weekend, the Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal and Brotherhood Ceremonies will be performed. We need Brothers to help in these by volunteering to learn one of the characters and help make the ceremonies impressive. Participating in ceremonies is not only a service to the Lodge, but it is also a fun learning experience. If you have any interest, call Ernest Ausby, 438-5232.

Did you know that the original OA sash was black with a white arrow?

UNIT ELECTIONS STILL AVAILABLE

If your troop has not had an election for new candidates, it is not too late. The Unit Election team has tried to contact all troops, but in some cases has not been successful. If you or your Scoutmaster wants to have an election, please call the Scout Office.

MEMBERS GOING TO NOAC

Thirteen of our members will be attending the 1998 National Order of the Arrow Conference. It will be at Iowa State University, Ames, August 2-8. This Conference is held only every other year and is second only to a National Jamboree in the number of Scouts who attend. Over 5000 Arrowmen are expected to attend.

If you would like to help pay travel expenses for this trip, you can buy a limited edition special Lodge NOAC T-shirt for only \$12. All profits will go to help defray expenses. If you would like one or more of these call Eric Ginter, 777-8818 or Sam Thompson, 643-7714.

Did you know that while the Order of the Arrow was recognized as a part of scouting as early as the 1920's the Order did not become an official program of the Boy Scouts of America until 1947?

BROTHERHOOD MEMBERSHIP

All Ordeal members who have been active members for at least 10 months (went through the Ordeal Ceremony before August 22, 1997) are eligible for Brotherhood membership. You can become a Brotherhood Member during the Spring Fellowship, May 22-24. Taking this step seals your ties to the Order. All you have to do is learn the Obligation, the Admonition, the Song, know the characters of the Ordeal Ceremony, and write a letter to the Lodge Secretary stating what you have done for the Order and Scouting since you have become a member of the Order and what you plan to do in the future. You will be given a Brotherhood Manual to help you with these tasks. Your fellow Lodge members sincerely hope that all of you who are eligible for Brotherhood members will seal their ties to the Order at the Spring Fellowship. Cost is \$20 and includes a Brotherhood Sash, and pocket flap.

SPRING FELLOWSHIP IS HERE

Twice each year we induct new Ordeal Members into the Lodge. May 22-24 is the first induction of 1998. As mentioned above, Brotherhood induction will also take place. This is a weekend of fellowship and service. And a time to help prepare Camp Osborn for Summer Camp.

Fill in the form below, bring work clothes, a Class A Scout Uniform, a tent, toilet articles and

a cheerful spirit. Plan to arrive by 6:00 PM Friday and stay until about 10:30 AM Sunday morning.

SUMMER CAMP 1998

Summer camp will soon be here. Many Lodge members will be serving on staff and we look forward to having an outstanding camp. The camp kitchen is being completely redone, including new floor, stoves, freezer and other items. If you have not signed up for Summer Camp, see your Scoutmaster and do so now.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 22-24 Spring Fellowship Camp Osborn

June 14-July 11 Summer Camp Camp Osborn

August 2-6 NOAC Iowa State

REGISTRATION FOR SPRING FELLOWSHIP MAY 22-24, 1998

Mail to: Boy Scouts of America
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Albany, GA 31701

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Check one:

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_____ Brotherhood \$20

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