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SERVICE DAY AT CAMP OSBORN

There will be a service day at Camp Osborn on May 22. This is to help get ready for Summer Camp. Everyone is asked to be there at 7:30 AM. A light breakfast will be furnished. Lunch will also be furnished.

CHIEFLY SPEAKING

Greetings Brothers, I hope this newsletter finds each and everyone of you enjoying your spring. Summer is just around the corner. Summer camp will soon be here. This is a great opportunity for service for youth members: serving on Summer Camp staff. It's hard work, doesn't pay much, but can be a very rewarding and learning experience. Contact the Scout Office for more information.



This summer our lodge will also offer Brotherhood conversion. Final plans as to when and how have not been settled. All those Ordeal members who are eligible will be getting a special letter about this before the start of camp.

Yours in Service,

Jason Adams
Lodge Chief

2004 CONCLAVE NEWS

Thirty-five Immokalee Lodge Brothers made the journey to Camp Alaflor, near Enterprise, Alabama, April 23-25, on the Troop 21 bus. The first few hours were very "exciting" as we sat by the road outside of Arlington, waiting for the blown

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out tire to be replaced. We were late, but our hosts, Cowikee Lodge saved supper for us and we had to put up our tents by the bus headlights. So, it worked out OK

This was a very good conclave (not as good as the one we put on last year) and everyone had a great time. Unfortunately, we didn't win any of the competitions. The shows were great and the food was OK. But the good news is, **First Vice Chief Patrick Johnson was elected Section Secretary!**

Next year's conclave will be at Camp Maubila, Jackson, Alabama.

NOAC NEWS

Unfortunately, there will be no NOAC contingent from Immokalee Lodge this year. This is because many of our more active members will be going to BSA's Sommer's Canoe Base in July. Jason Adams, our Lodge Chief, will be attending as a staff member.

NOAC 2006 will be at Michigan State University, July 29-August 6. There will not be a NOAC in 2008, as it has been moved to 2009. A Jamboree would usually be held in 2009, but this has been moved to 2010 for the 100th anniversary of Scouting. Since 2010 would have been a NOAC year, it was decided to move back a year to 2009. After that all NOAC's will occur in uneven numbered years. This works out to have a NOAC in 2015, the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow.

Ryan Lacy
Lodge Secretary

LODGE NUMBERS DISCONTINUED

In 2003, the National Order of the Arrow Committee voted to discontinue the use of lodge numbers. No new lodge numbers will be assigned to lodges created by mergers. The Committee concluded that "the original historical significance of lodge numbers is no longer universally meaningful throughout the BSA. The use of lodge numbers has created confusion. The OA Strategic Plan and the lodge mission statement call for the lodge to be an integral part of its council, not a separate entity unto itself." The determined that the solution was to register lodges by; the councils they serve. Lodges will be identified by lodge name, council name and council number: Immokalee Lodge, Southwest Georgia Council, #097. The committee also stated that current lodges will not be renumbered to use their council numbers. It seems that current lodge numbers are now purely historic, but most lodges, including Immokalee 353, will probably continue to use their numbers.

Emory Greene
Lodge Historian

2004 WINTER FELLOWSHIP

As I was driving to camp that Friday afternoon, I had a feeling that this was going to be a good Fellowship. Steve and Andrew Lundsford and I had planned some fun and interesting events. We had made sure that the weekend was going to be full of challenges between the youth and the adults, as well as good food. Our cook for the weekend was Tim McRae, who is a mighty good cook.

When I pulled in, I found out that we were not the only ones at camp this weekend.

There were some collage students working with Habitat for Humanity there also. We were staying on the ridge, in tents. By the time the cracker barrel started, there were only about 30 members present, a little under half of them youth. Even though we had such a small crowd, everyone still had a good time. The night started off with a good old Capture-the-Flag game, which really never ended; no one could find the other team's flag.

The next morning, everyone enjoyed a delicious breakfast. Soon the events got started: archery, football throwing, frisbee throwing, stilts, paint ball, and the mini-bike 500. There was a slight rain delay of about 30 minutes, but it didn't stop the fun.

After lunch, the events were held at the lake. We first got to discover how redneck we were by playing Hillbilly golf. (This was the adult's favorite.) After that, we were introduced to trying to see how slow we could ride a bike. Then we raced one another around the lake in canoes. Even after all this, everyone was still ready to do some wall climbing, at least the youth were.

To finish the fun and games, we played an exciting game of Wischixin. In case you don't know about this. Wischixin is the Alabama Lodges' version of who knows what.

Then came a delicious dinner and a time of fellowship with our brothers. At the awards ceremony, there was laughter, excitement, memories, thanks and recognition. After it was all over, I knew this was a good Fellowship. I also know it would not have been successful without all those who helped. I encourage all my

brothers to be active in all of our events and give back to Scouting what it has given you.

Patrick Johnson
First Vice Chief

ENDURANCE RIDE 2004

Saturday, February 14 was Valentine's Day. It was also cold and very wet and the date of our third annual Endurance Ride at Camp Osborn. Over 75 horses and riders braved the wet (some horses even got stuck in flooded trails) to win prizes and help Immokalee Lodge raise money for our Lodge and Council. Twenty-two members of Immokalee Lodge also braved the cold and wet to help earn over \$2200 from this event.

We also need to give a great deal of credit to Jamie Ginter, the wife of our friendly Staff Adviser. Jamie put in hours of work before the ride to prepare for it. And our lodge would like to say "**Thanks, Jamie**". Without you and Eric, this wouldn't be possible.

BROTHERHOOD CONVERSION TO BE OFFERED AT SUMMER CAMP

The Lodge Executive Committee has decided to offer Brotherhood Conversion to eligible Ordeal members at this year's summer camp. This is being done to improve our percentage of Conversion, that is required for Quality Lodge. At this time, the details have not been worked out but will be before the first week of camp. If you have been an Ordeal member for at least 10 months, you are eligible. This includes all Ordeal members except those who completed the Ordeal in November, 2003. All those eligible will

receive a special letter before the first
week of camp.

UP COMING EVENTS

Summer Camp – June 6-26

Fall Trail Ride - September 4

Fall Fellowship and Ordeal - Sept. 10-12

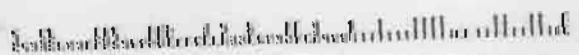
One Day of Service - October 9

Annual Banquet - December 4

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May 11, 2004

Dear Arrowman:

Every year the Southwest Georgia Council, BSA, prepares for its most important time of the Scouting year, Summer Camp at Camp Osborn. This year's summer program is fast approaching and we need your help in several areas.

First, Camp Work Day. Scheduled now for **Saturday, May 22, 2004.** We will begin the day at **7:30 AM** with a Cold breakfast and we will also serve lunch for all those attending. Our summer camp staff members will also be at Camp Osborn preparing their areas for Summer Camp. We have many projects that need completion prior to the arrival of Scouts and Leaders at Camp Osborn. Our Camp Ranger is preparing his to do list, in anticipation of your help.

Second, we are still in need of several stall members. Michael Adkins will now be serving as this year's Camp Director. With the leaving of Lloyd Meyer, we are now a little behind in staff development. If you are interested in helping this summer, please let us know.

Please let us know if you will be able to help us on the 22nd and also, if you have any interest in serving on staff.

RSVP your attendance for work day, so that we can plan for Breakfast and Lunch, to:

229-436-7226 or madkins7@hotmail.com or dafoil@bsamail.org.

Thank you for attention,

David L. Foil
Scout Executive

Michael Adkins
Camp Director



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