2008 Lodge Goals

Roadmap to success

Will McCranie

Lodge Chief

Brothers,

This year we have several goals to achieve in order to better our lodge. If we can meet them by the time I leave office I believe our lodge will be in an infinitely better place than it is now. First, we must improve our induction program. We need elangomats to volunteer beforehand and be trained and we need a pre-planned Jumpstart program. One of our biggest problems is member retention, and our disorganization at Ordeals contributes to this. Next, we need to increase our Brotherhood conversions. As brothers achieve Brotherhood they feel a stronger bond to the lodge and are much more likely to continue to attend and to serve. Communication has always been our weakest point. By the end of this year we must have a comprehensive, current e-mail list so that all of the lodge members can receive updates about activities and communicate with the rest of the lodge easily and consistently. Planning is another weakness which we must overcome. As we prepare for the year, I promise you that I and the lodge officers will do a better job of planning ahead for events so that you can have the most fun possible. However, we also cannot forget the purpose of our Order: cheerful service. I would like to have at least two lodge service projects take place outside of ordeals. Our last major goal is to establish

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ceremony teams. We currently have only one or maybe two standing Ordeal ceremony teams. I would like to see at least one in every chapter. A quality ceremony will go a long way towards bringing a new arrowman back to the program. If we can do all this we can achieve Quality Lodge status and greatly improve our lodge program. But I need your help. I can't do it alone. In order for our lodge to meet these goals we MUST have people attending events, helping with planning, coming to service projects, and everything else there is to do. I promise to provide you with something to do every second of the time you are at an event, and I hope to all of you there this year.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Will McCranie Lodge Chief Ini-to Lodge 324

If a friend is in trouble, don't annoy him by asking if there is anything you can do. Think up something appropriate and do it.

- Edgar Watson Howe

Spring Fellowship

Fun. Fellowship, and Service

Feb 29 - March 2 Lawhorn Scout Base

Put the first weekend of March on your calendar. Meet us at the Scout Base (Canoe Base).

You asked for it you got it. This weekends's format will include lots of variety of activities.

How about Fun: plan and practice the Quest games for Conclave.

How about training: An elangomat training session with introduction of the NIMAT extended elangomat

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program to help us keep members active.

How about Service. Yes there will be two, not one, but two service project activities. One in the morning and one in the afternoon.

Activities for Senior Brothers: Adults will have some special programs including training (how to make the troop rep program happen in your troop/district) and fellowship.

How about Native American Activities? A very special seminar on Dance/Drum/Sing will be held.

How about Leadership? The LEC will meet and work on the plans for the rest of the year, including support for chapters and growing the chapter programs.

How about advancement? Ordeal members should come ready to learn about the "Brotherhood" and go through the Ceremony to become a Brotherhood member.

How about great food! We'll be cleaning out the freezer.

Support YOUR Lodge! Be there, to make it what it needs to be, what YOU want it to be.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SPRING FELLOWSHIP: Feb 29 - March 2

SECTION CONCLAVE: April 18 - 20

SPRING ORDEAL: May 16 - 18

FALL ORDEAL: Aug. 15 - 17

FALL FELLOWSHIP: Sept 26 - 28

RECOGNITION BANQUET: Dec 5





SR6 SECTION CONCLAVE

On April 18-20 the Lodge of SR6S will gather at Camp Lumpkin on Westpoint Lake for a weekend of Training, Competiton, Demonstrations, and Fellowship.

Morning Activities center around sharing among lodges. In a variety of training topics, other lodges will share with you how they overcome the needs and issues you face in your own lodge.

There is also the fun "Quest for the Golden Arrow".

This outdoor challenge in the afternoon includes both fun and athletic events.

Ceremony team evaluations go on all day, so if you want to see how its done in another lodge, this is the place.

And for all the Native American enthusiast, there are the dance and sing competitions, all done in a Pow Wow format.

Use the form on page 3 to register. The walk-in fee is \$50, so save your money and register early for \$25, which includes your patch, meals and some great crackerbarrels

One Word describes the 2008 OA Klondike this past weekend: AWESOME!

Almost 400 Scouts and Scouters attended and under the leadership of Chief Will McCranie, everyone had an absolute blast. The GoldRush trail was eextended to include more events, with the top patrol walking away with a BSA Dutch oven! The sled race was run for the first time in our version of a double elimination, and competition was more fierce than ever. First place took a nive trophy home, while nearly everyone got a recognition of some kind. And we can't forget all those awesome Klondike Bars that got passed out.

Lodge Adviser's Corner:

There's a Bear in the room! Danny McCranie taught us a lesson at Lodge Leadership Development, and its worth sharing. Danny brought with him a stuffed bear, and as we went through our planning and training, Danny kept asking us if the Bear was still there. Yes we would always answer, but no one ever asked why he brought the Bear.

The Bear was there for a reason. The bear represented a problem, one that we became very good at ignoring. Our lodge has a problem, and like the bear in the room, we have gotten good at ignoring it.

What is our Bear? Lack of particitipation. Arrowmen simply don't attend events. We want great events and complain if the don't work out that way, but we can't have great events unless people attend. We have created a vicious circle.

"I don't go because". You fill in the blank. You've just ignored the Bear. Quit ignoring the Bear and get yourself and a friend to A Chapter Meeting or a Lodge event. You'll make it great because you're here. I haven't missed a lodge event in over 6 years, and I've seen a lot of fun, fellowship, and service come and go. SO COME AND BE A PART OF IT, AND LETS GET RID OF THE BEAR.



2008 SR-6S Conclave Participant Registration Form

April 18 – 20, 2008 Camp Lumpkin Chattahoochee Lodge – Host

▶ Due Dates:
 MARCH 15 - Pre-registration fee (\$25) due to lodge.
 APRIL 1 - Late fee (\$35) due to lodge. A \$50 Walk-on fee will apply.

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Please list any l	Medically Necessary Dietary or Medical/Dis	ability Needs that	we need to know about
	Participant Fee <i>⇒</i>		
	TOTAL ENCLOSED =		

- Please enclose a photocopy (non-returnable) of your current (up to date) BSA physical form
- > Enclose payment (payable to BSA), and submit by MARCH 15 2008 to:

Lawhorn Scouting Base Attn: OA Conclave 1166 Dripping Rock Road Molena, GA 30258

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NAME(9):		
Address:		
City/State/Zip:		
Phone/Email:		
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Check All that apply:		
Ordeal \$15.00		Mail To:
Brotherhood \$10.00		Ini-To 324 Lawhorn Scout Base
Fall Fellowship \$20.00		1166 Dripping Rock Road
Vigil Breakfast \$10.00		Molena, GA 30258
Vigil members only		
Annual Dues \$10.00		
Recognition Banquet \$15.00		

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