

THE THUNDERHEAD

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SPRING FELLOWSHIP "KEEPING THE TRADITIONS" MARCH 6-8 LAWHORN CANOE BASE \$20

Carrying on a 60 plus year old tradition, IniTo Lodge will gather again on March 6-8 for a weekend of fellowship.. This year, once again the LEC has planned fun with a purpose!

Friday night will kickoff with our latest tradition of popcorn and movies.

Saturday will give everyone a chance to learn what our ceremonies are all about, whether you are a ceremonialist or not. We also have a special project lined up to help rebuild the lodge regalia box.. We will concentrate on making leggings to match our ribbon shirts, but there will be other personal project oppor-

tunities available.

There will be a Brotherhood Ceremony Saturday night. Any Ordeal member that went through the Ordeal last May or before, is eligible to SEAL THEIR MEMBERSHIP.

Just for FUN: Yes there will be plenty of just for fun activities. Like the water balloon battle. For Adults, there will be a special session: role of the adult in the OA.

Get with it... get on it... and be there. Don't forget to preregister, use the form at the end on the thunderhead.... If you want plenty of food!



2009 LODGE GOALS

- **ACHIEVE QUALITY LODGE**
- **ESTABLISH STRONG CEREMONY TEAMS IN EACH CHAPTER.**
- **IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS BY USING MAIL, PERSONAL INVITATIONS, TROOP OA REP, AND E-MAIL TO REACH EVERY MEMBER.**
- **ESTABLISH A WORKING NIMAT PROGRAM.**
- **PROVIDE SERVICE TO CAMP, COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY.**

FOR MORE DETAIL, GO TO THE LODGE WEB SITE WHERE SAM HAS POSTED THE LEC'S PLANS FOR ACHIEVING THESE GOALS.

Special Notice: Community Service Opportunity—Sams Lake Preserve near Fayetteville, Saturday Feb 28th 10am . Will be working on the new wildlife preserve in Fayette county. Contact: Stephanie Wansley 770-486-7774 or 404-822-8069 s.wansley@sctlandtrust.org

KLONDIKE

For those of you who miss Klondike, you missed a wonderful fun filled weekend. We had over 550 people in attendance and all had fun in some way or another. Whether it was watching the sled race, which was amazing this year, throwing a knife into a target, or eating the delectable grub cooked about at the Iron Chef competition. I would like to thank all of my brothers who helped make this year's Klondike possible. WWW Samuel

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Rodney Johnson reminds all NIMATS to call their May clans and invite them to the Brotherhood Ceremony at Fellowship. Please call Rodney at 770-251-8685 to let him know how you are doing or if you need help

See Lodge Web Page:

- All links start at: www.ini-to324.org
- Tons of Information plus downloadable forms
- Calendar and Chapter meeting information
- Lodge History
- Useful Links
- Don't forget to drop it in your "Favorites"
- You can still call: 1-888-323-8828 if you can't reach the web site.
- Check it out!!!!



Trail to Brotherhood

As a new year shifts into second gear, It is once again time to be pondering the question that every Arrowman must face: When am I ready to seal my membership in the lodge? What do I have to do?

Its all laid out in the OA Handbook, but you can also find the "Challenges of Brotherhood" membership under "info and forms" on the lodge web site. www.ini-to324.org. Just bring the letter, even a blank one with you and there will be a brother willing to help you through it. There's a voluntary \$10 donation to help offset the cost of the new sash. There is no test.. Just your desire to prove that you have taken "the burden from the shoulders" of your fellow scouts, like you were challenged at the end of your Ordeal.

Awards and Recognitions

2008 Founder's Awards

Will McCranie (Y)
John Youmans (A)

2008 Cheerful Service Awards

Coweta:	Echota:
Rodney Johnson (Y)	John Willcocks
Al Coody (A)	Mike Strickland
Ronothatchi	Tussahaw
Micheal Weitzel (Y)	Cameron Dennis
Mike Polk (A)	

At Large:
Jeff Elliot

2008 Vigils:

Sam Strawbridge (Y)
Ronnie Morton (A)



Brothers join us at the Spring Fellowship



National Order of the Arrow Conference

This years NOAC will be the biggest one to date. NOAC is the National Order of the Arrow Convention. It is a gathering of thousands of Arrowmen from all over the country. You spend the 5 days in the dorms in campus, and experience college life. You also get to meet people from all over the country. I have meet people from as far away as Germany and Hawaii. You will also attend classes in the mornings that can range from SCUBA to regalia making to lodge administration. If you are interested in anything, they have something that will suit your tastes and interests. Every evening has a delegation wide activity; this includes the best Scout shows you have ever seen . Ini-to needs a lodge flap for NOAC. We are now accepting patch submission.

Get your \$100 deposit in NOW to reserve your place. The whole thing only costs \$395 plus transportation, so start saving now. The Lodge only has 6 open slots left! See form on back page for payments

For more information go to:
<http://event.oa-bsa.org/events/n2009/>
Contact John Kominsky 770-719-1336



**Ini-To 324
2009 SR-9 Conclave
Participant Registration Form**

April 17– 19, 2009 Camp Comer Coosa Lodge 243 – Host

Due Dates: April 1, 2009

Name: _____ **Age** _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ **Phone:** _____

Please list any Medically Necessary Dietary or Medical/Disability Needs that we need to know about:

Please enclose a photocopy (non-returnable) of your current (up to date) BSA physical form. Enclose payment (payable to FRC BSA), and submit by April 1, 2009,(walk-in fee is \$40.00) to: (Make Checks Payable to FRC BSA)

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Molena, GA 30258

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**SR9 SECTION CONCLAVE
CAMP COMER, APRIL 17-19**

REGISTER NOW. Use the form above or download one from the Lodge Web Site
<http://ini-to324.org/downloads/Registration.pdf> Conclave this year will be held at Camp Comer near Mentone, AL. April 17-19. Conclaves are regional lodge gatherings where you can meet other arrowman like yourself from all over the Southeast United States for a weekend of education, fellowship, and create new friends that will last a lifetime. Besides the great food, The evening "shows" are always a look forward too. Of course, there's the Quest for the Golden Arrow, a **real Pow Wow**, and ceremony team competition. Your only chance to join the *Order of the Fork!* Plus, will Andy "ride the Pig" this year?

Ini-To lodge will be hosting the Conclave in 2011, so its real important that we take as many as possible this year and next, so that we know what conclave is about and how to host it. The fee is \$27 if you register by April 1, after that it goes way up. Don't forget to send a copy of your class 1 physical with it Send it in Today!!!

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Ini-To Lodge Event Registration Form **Use this form for any event**

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Chapter: _____

Use this form to
register for one or
all events. Not for
candidate use.

Check all that apply:

Spring Fellowship \$20.00 _____

Spring Ordeal \$15.00 _____

Fall Ordeal \$15.00 _____

Fall Fellowship \$20.00 _____

Winter Banquet \$15.00 _____

Brotherhood fee \$10.00 _____

Vigil fee \$10.00 _____

Annual dues \$10.00 _____

NOAC Deposit \$100.00 _____

Total Enclosed: _____

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