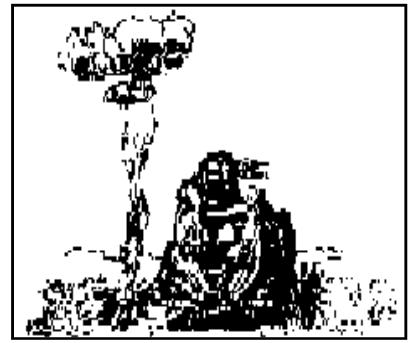


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SPRING 2010 Fellowship

Good Morning My Friends

May 7th-9th, 2010

GARLAND SCOUT RANCH

**New Lodge Flaps go On Sale at the
Spring Fellowship!!!**



SECTION 2-3N

CONCLAVE 2010

Section 2/3 North conclave will be held April 16-18th, 2010 in Post, Tx. Register at the following web site:

<http://sr23n.oaevent.com>

If you have not set up an account with the section, you will need to do this first. After you register online, take the form and then turn in your money to the Scout Office. Money for trading post items is sent to the address on the order form.

There will be games, classes, Indian lore, Indian dancing and ceremony competition and lots of fun.



Lodge Advisor's Minute

Brothers,

As we move into springtime, things always get busy. Everyone is stretched in multiple ways, including school or work, sports, Boy Scouts and of course OA. Even though the Order of the Arrow is a service organization it is also a great way to learn leadership and enjoy fellowship. It is a great way to keep youth interested in Scouting and for them to learn ways to give back to Scouting and their Troop.

We are looking for more ways for boys to become involved while still having fun and not taking them away from their home Troop. I have challenged each of the Lodge Committee Chairman to get a list of fellow arrowmen that are interested in their committee so we can get more boys involved.

We are also looking for suggestions for ways the boys can serve Scouting and have fun while doing it. I enjoy a change of pace from the medical world doing manual labor at Garland but I also recognize this may not be fun for everyone. So ways like, using the new Lodge Sound Equipment, are being sought. If you have any ideas, please pass them along.

We are looking for people who would like to be involved in camping promotions and reviving the Where to Go Camping program. So come join us at the Spring Fellowship, where we plan to try and get more members involved in an area they can enjoy.

Remember a few people doing a little is easier than a few people doing a lot.

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Spring Fellowship May 7-9, 2010

As warmer weather approaches, it is time to start planning to attend the Caddo Lodge Spring Fellowship. Come join us for fun, fellowship and service to the lodge.

The Lodge has purchased a new PA Sound System that can be used at Council functions. We are going to have training sessions at Fellowship in how to run the equipment. After you have been certified to use the equipment, you will be eligible to earn service hours will running this fantastic equipment at different functions.

We are looking to get everyone involved in a committee doing something they enjoy. Whether this is ceremonies, dance team, sound equipment, camping promotions, unit elections or maybe even making a few phone calls. Look for signups at fellowship.

A registration form is included with this newsletter. Turn it in prior to April 30th to avoid a late fee.

Brotherhood Conversion

If it has been at least 10 months since you became Ordeal Member, we invite you to become a Brotherhood Member at the Spring Fellowship.

We will have a program to help you through the process. It will be Saturday May 8th during the Fellowship. No more hard ordeals for this process. You will need to memorize the Obligation, the Order of the Arrow Song, the Admonition, the sign of the Ordeal membership and the Arrow handclasp. You will also be asked to write a letter explaining what the Obligation means to you, how you have been fulfilling this in your troop and describe your future plans in the Lodge.

Don't let this scare you off. We can guide anybody through the process. So register for brotherhood conversion for Spring Fellowship.



GARLAND SCOUT RANCH SUMMER STAFF

Here is an exert from a letter about serving on Staff at Garland Scout Ranch. We encourage Arrowmen to consider this great opportunity.

A summer spent on the staff at Garland Scout Ranch is one of the most memorable experiences of a lifetime. Every successful summer camp year has owed its success to its camp staff. You could be part of the success this year, and join a great tradition started in 1975.

As you are applying to be a Staff Member, know that you are requesting a position on a winning team. As the summer progresses, you will be expected to share your ideas and suggestions to help make the camp experience come to life for the youth, adults, troops, crews and packs we serve.

From the moment you arrive until we close down at the end of the season, you will be encouraged to take advantage of the programs and facilities of Garland— the trails, the trees, and even the latrines. There is a swimming pool to cool-off, the woods to explore, natural surroundings to appreciate and get to know better, and the good food and fellowship of working with a staff of outstanding people.

Serving on the staff of Garland is also a huge challenge. Over 200 young people and their leaders will pass through the camp gates expecting a great adventure. The camp staff is there to make their adventure the best that it can be. This can mean long hours, irksome tasks, and weighty responsibilities, but if kept in perspective, it will be fun.

Before you complete and submit an application, ponder for a few moments about why you want to be on the Staff. Do you have valuable skills to offer? Are you mature enough and dedicated enough to offer cheerful service when deep inside you'd rather be in bed? Are you ready to accept responsibility for your own actions – good and bad? Are experience, fellowship, and serving others more important to you than salary? Are you ready for a highly challenging summer? Think about it!

Applications available at the Scout Office.

I look forward to meeting you and, hopefully, working with you this summer on the camp staff.

In the Service of Youth,

Christopher Bell

Christopher Bell
GSR Camp Director

Caddo Lodge 149 Executive Board 2010

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Gatherings—Patrick Qualls
Camping Promotions—Still Open

**Secretary
Kyle Dockendorf**



We are working hard to keep everyone informed about current events, Please keep us updated on your email address since this is the fastest and cheapest way for us to get information to you.

If you haven't checked out the OA Website, add it to your favorites list. <http://norwela.org/caddolodge149.com/index.html>. We are trying to keep it as up to date as possible. We are looking for a youth with an interest in websites to help keep our site current. We have an adult advisor/webmaster to help, so if you are interested let me know.

I am always looking for articles or pictures for the newsletter. Just let me know.

Upcoming Events

Mar. 6th-Workday at Garland

March 25 - OA E-Board Meeting

Mar. 26-28 - Council Cub-0-Ree

Apr. 3rd - Workday at Garland

Apr. 15th - OA E-Board Meeting

Apr. 16-18 SR 2/3 N Conclave

May 7-9 - Spring Fellowship



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