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**A SUMMER
TO
REMEMBER**

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July 31 :

Lodge Cookout and Vigil
Callout

September 19 to 21:

Fall Fellowship



A Summer to Remember: Summer Camp 2015

School is out, summer is here, and Camp is about to start up for the summer! There will be many opportunities for OA members while up at camp. There are both Brotherhood and Ordeal ceremonies to view on their respective nights along with a great American Indian Dance Pageant on Family Night every week. There is also a service opportunity in the form of being an Elangomat on Fridays for our new Brothers. We need all the support possible for these things and this is a great way to give back to the Lodge. The Wednesday Night Dance Pageants are put on by the Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge Dance Team with the cooperation of the camp staff. These pageants are held each week of camp. You are encouraged to attend at least one of the dance pageants each year. Every Tuesday night, Brotherhood questioning is held at resident camp. Every week throughout the summer, the individuals who pass the questioning are honored in a Brotherhood ceremony. For those of you who are Ordeal members, this would be a great time for you to consider sealing your membership in the Order of the Arrow. Get your Bars!



Go for Brotherhood and Get Your Bars!

In the Order of the Arrow, there are no ranks. Every member is equal, and every member is entitled to all rights and privileges of membership in the Order. However, it is important to advance in your understanding of the Order and your Ordeal through attaining Brotherhood membership. The process of preparing yourself for Brotherhood membership is explained in the Order of the Arrow Handbook, which you should obtain to learn more about the Order. An Ordeal member becomes eligible for Brotherhood membership ten months after completing his Ordeal. You must meet five challenges before you can enter the Circle of Brotherhood:

1. Memorize the signs of Arrow membership – this includes the Obligation, the Order of the Arrow Official Song, the Admonition, the sign of Ordeal membership, and the Arrow handclasp. 2. Advance in your understanding of the Ordeal. 3. Serve your unit. Retain registration in Scouting and expand your service. 4. Plan for service in the lodge. Retain registration in the lodge and keep your dues paid. Brotherhood membership involves a pledge to serve the lodge, and you should develop a specific idea on how to do this service. 5. Review your progress. When you earnestly feel that you have met the first 4 challenges, write a letter to the Lodge Secretary, covering the topics described in the Order of the Arrow Handbook.

To complete your Brotherhood membership, you will need to study questions and answers about the customs & traditions found in the Handbook, and attend an event that includes the Brotherhood questioning and ceremony. During camp this summer, all who are eligible are strongly encouraged to go for Brotherhood and get your bars!



Wolf Clan Service Highlight

Ani-Wa-Ya held a service project at the scout office in Mauldin on Saturday, May 31. They had ten participants that did landscaping cleanup, weeded, mowed and trimmed hedges. Thank you Wolf Clan!!



Getting Down to Business with our VCA

Greetings Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge,

It has been amazing serving you as the VCA this year and I am living the American Dream Brothers! 2015 is on the horizon and it is so exciting! We are currently planning for the big anniversary year and the other officers and I can't wait to get the ball rolling. So far this year, I have made it a priority to make all of our Lodge events fun and meaningful. We also have a TON of awesome merchandise and patches out now so buy all that you can! A lot of you really enjoyed those snazzy hats and they're now our best-sellers. Don't forget to register early for our Lodge Cookout and Vigil Callout on July 23 at Camp Old Indian! Come enjoy the fellowship and don't forget the mouth-watering food! The night will be topped off with our 2014 Dance Pageant and Vigil Callout! It is going to be great! If you're eligible, go for Brotherhood this summer and get your bars! Brotherhood is such an important part of your experience in the Lodge and I encourage all of you to get your bars as soon as possible. If you have any suggestions, please let me know because I love your help!

In Cheerful Service,

Matthew Watson

Vice Chief of Administration



Join the Adventure at Northern Tier!

(from the Order's High Adventure website)

Have you ever seen the Northern Lights or portaged a canoe? If not, then the Order of the Arrow has the opportunity for you to participate in the OA Voyage Program at Northern Tier Canoe Base in Ely, Minnesota. Since 1999, the Order of the Arrow has provided Arrowmen between the ages of 16 and 21, the opportunity to explore and service the Boundary Waters and some of the most pristine wildlife seen by few. Even if you have portaged a canoe or participated in the program previously, there are other opportunities available to you. All participants in the program are placed into crews that will service a portage trail for one week as it is imperative as members of the Boy Scouts of America to leave things better than we found them. After learning how to use a variety of tools and how to effectively perform a "J-stroke," you and your crew will design your very own trek.



These treks are unique in that many of them are longer and travel to uncharted territory than the normal crews that leave the base. Not very many people whom you go to school with or work with can say that they have paddled 185 miles by canoe to International Falls or portaged the final 4 miles that leads to Lake Superior. These examples are experiences that will live with those crew members, who made some of the Voyage's memorable journeys. Experiences are what shape the people we will become in the future. Sign up today for a journey, you will surely not regret. For more information about this program or any of the Order of the Arrow's High Adventure programs, please visit adventure.oa-bsa.org or talk to your lodge chief. Don't miss out on the opportunity of a lifetime and try something new. Discover the hidden gem of the BSA, discover the OA Voyage at Northern Tier!

Got ideas? Do you enjoy writing? Do you love our Lodge with a burning passion? If you answered yes to any of those questions, than you should consider submitting an article to the Little Carpenter. Your help is needed and much appreciated! The Little Carpenter is produced by Vice Chief of Communications Matthew Watson and is published quarterly each year. If you would like to submit an article or you have any suggestions, comments, or concerns, please contact Editor in Chief Matthew Watson at akkvcc@gmail.com.

Update from the Vice Chief of Inductions

A quick reminder that if you Elangomat two times in one summer you get an amazing patch. The only way to get these patches is to Elangomat, we do not sell them. On top of that, you get the amazing experience of helping our next generation of Arrowmen through a life changing experience. Elangomating also gives you a whole new insight into the order. If you would like to help out click the link below and choose a week or two.



<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4aadae2da5fb6-elengomat1>

Get on Board with ArrowTour!

ArrowTour is part of the 2015 program which will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Order and next summer, the Southern Region will hit the road to share the centennial experience with our area. The ArrowTour program reflects on the OA's amazing history and provides us with an opportunity to look forward to the next 100 years and to leave a legacy! The pass needs to spread out to the entire Lodge and summer camp at COI is a wonderful opportunity to get on board! You can go ahead and get on board for ArrowTour: 1) Go to the ArrowTour site (<http://arrowtour.oa-bsa.org/>) and click on register Boarding Pass 2) Make sure you have your location settings turned on where the site can detect where you are. 3) Complete the online form and enter the Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge 185 Pass number: 442915 4) Let everyone know you're on board through our Lodge Social Media and use: #ATROLLOUT #ArrowTour #AKK185



At a Glance...

Executive Committee Meeting Highlights:

(To view the full meeting minutes, please visit the Lodge website)

March: At this ECM, Dixie merchandise, the 2014-2015 Patch Set were approved, Officer vacancies were taken care of, and the Tap-out was discontinued.

Vital Signs: 2014 Year

2014 Newly Inducted Brotherhood Members: 15 Brothers



2015 Cookout and Vigil Callout: Be there!

The 2014 Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge Cookout will be held on July 23 at Camp Old Indian. Join us in the Camp Activity Building for good food, fellowship, and tons of fun. We'll have a Little Pigs pickin' with all the fixin's. Directly following the Cookout, we will join the rest of Camp to see the 2014 Native American Dance Show performed by the Lodge American Indian Activities team in the Camp Old Indian amphitheater. The 2014 Vigil Class will also be announced after the Show during the Vigil Callout ceremony. Please plan to arrive at Camp Old Indian at 5:00 pm and be sure to sign in to get your patches and meal ticket. Make sure to wear your Class A uniform with your Order of the Arrow Sash. The "One Eight Five Store" Lodge trading post will be set up during the Cookout and to make the night even more exciting, the Lodge 75th anniversary logo will be revealed!



*The future
belongs to
those who
prepare for it
today.*

- Malcolm X

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