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Upcoming Events

S.H.I.E.L.L.D. Training

George W. Pirtle Scout Reservation
January 13 and 14, 2017

Come join in Tejas' Lodge new S.H.I.E.L.L.D Training at Camp George W. Pirtle. S.H.I.E.L.L.D Training is a brand new event where Arrowmen have the unique opportunity to learn how to run a chapter, learn what it means to be a chapter officer, and be a part of some brand new programs in the Lodge. S.H.I.E.L.L.D stands for *Servant Heroes In Extreme Lodge Leadership Development*. Participants in this event will receive the Tejas Lodge LLD ghost flap.

The weekend event launches Friday night January 13th at 6 PM and concludes with a full day of fun and learning on Saturday about 4. The weekend fee for members is \$15.00 which includes the special lodge flap. The deadline for sending registration fees to the Council Service Center is January 9, 2017.

All members are Tejas Lodge are invited to attend this training event. It is a required event for all Chapter and Lodge officers, but any member interested in

learning how the chapter and lodge functions or developing leadership skills is encouraged to attend. We hope to see you there!

Do you have what it takes to become a S.H.I.E.L.L.D Arrowman?

The registration form is at:

<http://tejaslodge.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2016/12/2017-SHIELLD-Training-registration.pdf>

Conclave

The Section Leadership of SR-2 is excited to announce the details of the 2017 Conclave! Conclave is an adventure for Arrowmen from across our section to gather for a weekend of fun, fellowship, training, events and competitions. It is an OA event at the Area level of Scouting with the purpose to bring together members from ten lodges, spanning the distance from Amarillo, TX to Shreveport, LA and Texarkana TX/AR.

Conclave will take place on April 21-23, 2017 at Kinsey Scout Reservation in Stonewall, LA. The theme for this Conclave is "Serve", which centers our organization on service. Registration for Conclave is open starting with the early bird fee. New this year, we will be stopping early bird registration once 200 people have registered for Conclave. Register today!

www.sr-2.org/conclave

Dues for 2017

This is just a reminder that your 2017 Order of the Arrow Tejas Lodge Dues are discounted if you pay them before March 1. Dues are now discounted to \$15. After March 1 they will be \$25. Remember, you must be a registered member of the BSA to be in the OA. Also, members must be dues paid to participate in any lodge or chapter event.

Dues are prepaid for members who completed the Ordeal in 2016

The link to the form to pay your dues is at:

<http://tejaslodge.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2016/09/2017-Dues-Form.pdf>

A Recipe From Cook's Corner

On your next Troop/Patrol campout why not do something different? Your Scoutmaster is always trying to get you to do something besides pop tarts and beanie weenies anyway so why not try a twist on two great camping favorites. Grilled cheese and Spaghetti! Come on admit it, you dip your garlic bread in

your spaghetti already so why not go ahead and just mix the two. Here is a great recipe that even the tender-est of Tenderfeet can make on your next outing.

You will need:

(per patrol member)

2 slices of thick Italian bread

1 tablespoon butter

Basil

1 clove garlic

Grated parmesan cheese

½ cup of prepared spaghetti sauce

¾ cup of cooked thin spaghetti noodles

3-4 slices of Mozzarella cheese

Directions:

Preheat cast iron skillet.

Melt the butter and in a small bowl mix the basil, crushed garlic and melted butter.

Cook Spaghetti and sauce per instructions on packaging. Mix the spaghetti and sauce in a bowl to the side.

Brush one side of the bread with the butter mixture and lay it butter side down in the skillet.

Layer sliced mozzarella on bread to cover.

Spoon on spaghetti and sauce mixture.

Cover with sliced mozzarella and another slice of bread.

Brush the top slice with butter mixture.

Flip over when butter mixture at base starts to bubble nicely.

Serve with extra sauce for dipping.

Brought to you by the Tejas Taste Buds.

Notes From the Officers and Chapters

Five Rivers

Golden Eagle

Chief

Jacob H.

V C Service

Junior B.

V C Ceremonies

Hunter S.

V C Native American Affairs

Travis B.

Secretary

Thomas G.

We have two Arrow of Light Ceremonies scheduled so far.

Chief's Minute

Happy New Year everyone! I hope y'all had a great 2016. I had a great time being lodge chief in 2016. I am so excited because I get to be lodge chief again in 2017! One of my top priorities for the new year is to help chapters out a lot more. Through all the OA events that myself and other Arrowmen participated in, we found a lot of cool and new resources to help out everyone in the lodge. We will be looking at a lot of those resources at the upcoming SHIELLD Training. For Chapter officers, SHIELLD Training is a must, even if you already have been to a past LLD. For all other Arrowmen, you are invited to attend this great event.

Tonkawa

Wo-Ha-Li

It has been a great end to the year for the Wo-Ha-Li chapter. Our last meeting was held at Putt-Putt, miniature golf course. At the annual Tejas Lodge Banquet this year Wo-Ha-Li was awarded Chapter of the Year for the third consecutive year. Matthew M. was presented the James E. West Award this year by the Lodge. His parents accepted it for him in his absence. Justin K. and Michael P. were sworn in as Lodge Officers from our Chapter. Three of the six Vigil Honor Candidates this year were from Wo-Ha-Li Chapter and they kept their Vigils! This last week we hosted our annual Christmas Party at Ms. CeCe`s barn.

It was chilly but cheerful! As our December service project, everyone donated individually to the Pine Ridge Sioux Reservation in North Dakota. As always we are very thankful for all our adult leaders in making everything possible for our Chapter.

Vice Chief of Service

My name is Lake B. I have been elected vice chief of service for 2017. This year I want to improve documentation of all service, chapter and lodge. I feel there is plenty of service not being reported that will help our lodge achieve higher in our JTE goals. I look forward to seeing everyone at SHEILLD. Chapter Chief please make sure your vice chief of service is in attendance.

Lake B.

Vice Chief of Administration

If you participate in SHIELLD Training, you will receive a black lodge ghost flap. I hope to see everyone there! Have a great time in the new year everyone and I will see you at SHIELLD Training!

Thomas G.

Vice Chief of Ceremonies

I would like to thank all for you electing the only one running for this position. I will be making sure I get with all the chapters and getting information on who can do ceremonies. I am planning on two other ceremony teams besides the Wo-Ha-Li teams.

Michael P.

Vice Chief of Native American Affairs

Tejas Lodge has wrapped up 2016 and will complete the year at the Bronze Level in the Order of the Arrow's Journey to Excellence program. What does that mean? It means we were sound financially and supported the council with our donations, program support and service. It means our key leaders were trained and worked toward their goals to improve the lodge. It means our members were active at every level- units, districts, council and nationally. It means Tejas lodge makes a difference. Thanks to everyone in the lodge that represents the Order of the Arrow so well every day.

We are very lucky this year to have several lodge officers returning for another year of service. Congratulations to Thomas G., Levi M., Michael P. and Justin K. who will serve the lodge for another year. Also please welcome Lake B and Jacob K. who will also be serving as lodge vice chiefs this year. This group recently completed a weekend of training preparing to lead the lodge in 2017.

Personally, I had a great time in the O.A. in 2016. It was great bringing home the "Best of Section" trophy again in 2016 at the Conclave. It also speaks highly of our membership, to have a section officer from Tejas Lodge again this year. Congrats to Levi M. Our members participated and staffed National events in Houston at the NLS course, at the summit for Prism and at Indiana University for NEXT. Thanks to each of you for representing our lodge so well. But most importantly, I had fun at home at our own lodge events at Camp Pirtle at our fellowships and ordeals. Thanks to each of you that made all these events possible.

After spending a weekend in training and planning with our new officers I know they have some great things in store for 2017 that I am anticipating. The year will start of with S.H.I.E.L.D training in January. I hope to see many of you at Pirtle for what will certainly be a great weekend training event.

Finally thanks to each of you that demonstrate Brotherhood, Cheerfulness and Service each day in your life. No one represents these values any better than our 2016 Vigils. Congratulations to Lake B., Mike Brannon, Jacob H., Danny King, Justin K., and Michael P. on receiving the Vigil Honor.

WWW,

Matt Lindsey
Tejas Lodge Adviser

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Vice Chief of Administration

Lake B.
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