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Upcoming Events

Conclave

Conclave registration is ongoing! Conclave is a massive gathering of Arrowmen from 10 lodges across north Texas, from Lubbock to Texarkana, and Shreveport, LA. This year, the theme for Conclave is "SERVE," which focuses our organization on selfless service.

Caddo Lodge will be hosting this fantastic event at Garland Scout Camp in Stonewall, Louisiana. The program is packed with activities, games and shows. Have fun with hands on learning with Native American arts and crafts in the Indian Village, or challenge the talent of your chapter and lodge, get a team together for Lodgeball and other games!

Stop by and play some recreational games, including a new addition this year: Quidditch. The Conclave trading post is also up, so purchase some gear online for pickup at Conclave. Help Tejas Lodge keep their title of "Best of Section" and sign-up for Conclave today!

Spring Fellowship

Arrrrrrr matey, come join Tejas Lodge Friday May 5th at Camp Pirtle for a day of fun, pirate filled games and fellowship. If you couldn't already tell, the theme for the Spring Fellowship is "Service as a Pirate" so make sure to bring your eye patch, tricorn hat, and wooden peg leg. In addition to all the fun, the Lodge will be doing what it does best: Service. On Saturday, we will be getting Camp Pirtle ready for summer camp. This is important to make sure the camp is up and running for the summer. So make sure to be ready for some fun Friday and ready for service on Saturday. Register for the Spring Fellowship here: (please insert the registration form link when it comes up, its not up yet)

Cook's Corner

Last time we did a Spaghetti Sandwich. Those are fun and we hope you tried them. This go 'round you need to whip out the dutch ovens for a BACON flavored pot of awesomeness.

Bacon, Beef, and Beans Casserole

$\frac{3}{4}$ Pound Bacon

$\frac{3}{4}$ Pound Ground Beef

20 Ounces Canned Baked Beans

$\frac{1}{2}$ Cup Steak Sauce or Barbecue Sauce

1 Can of Biscuits

This tasty and filling Dinner is just perfect for cold evenings. Grill up the bacon in the bottom of the DO at medium heat. Once done remove it from heat, drain, and chop. Now cook the Ground beef until it is just done. Add the chopped Bacon, Baked Beans, and Sauce to the DO. Stir this until it becomes well mixed and comes to a boil. Take it off of direct fire (think low to medium heat) and layer out the biscuits on top of the Meat and Bean mixture. Cover and cook for 10 minutes or until the biscuits are golden, brown, and delicious.

This makes a pot full that serves about 6 hungry people so if you have a bigger group get out 2 DO's and double the recipe.

Brought to you by the Tejas Taste Buds.

Lodge Officer and Chapter Reports

Lodge Chief

Election season has begun in Tejas Lodge! Chapters, I encourage all of you to make your goal to visit all of your

Wo-Ha-Li

The chapter of Wo-ha-Li has done many things. We have started doing dance practices every week for Conclave Ceremonies and Dance

troops. New Arrowmen is how we grow our lodge. In addition, if you visit a troop that has some Arrowmen that haven't paid this year's dues, please encourage them to do so. Lets grow our numbers this year. One of the most exciting OA events I am looking forward to this year is Conclave. Conclave is an adventure for all Arrowmen and I cannot recommended it enough! At Conclave, one lodge is awarded a "Best of Section" based on points accumulated throughout the competitions at the event. Tejas has won the award two years in a row and we are going for a third, so make sure to participate (and win) in any competition you can. The Spring Fellowship in May is also coming up. The theme is "Pirate" so make sure to dress up like a pirate. If you are looking for something to do this summer, I recommend checking out staffing the 2017 National Jamboree for Operation Arrow. I hope to see everyone at these events.

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VC of Administration

As the weather heats up so does our lodge activities. Spring time marks the season of unit elections where we have the opportunity to plant the seed of membership in worthy scouts across East Texas and watch it grow in the summer during the Ordeals. As Vice Chief of Administration I oversee all chapter elections and am responsible for making sure we reach our JTE goal for membership. Every single arrowman can "SERVE" by joining a local chapter unit election team and making this process go smoother. Besides unit elections we have two exciting events coming up. First is the SR-2 Conclave at Kinsey Scout Reservation and the theme for this year's Conclave is "SERVE 2017". Conclave is the premier section event where around 500 people from across the northern half of Texas converge in one location for 36 hours of fun, fellowship and service. After Conclave we will meet again for the Tejas Lodge

practices to beat everyone in it. We also have done Arrow of light ceremony crossovers and have four more scheduled for the upcoming weeks. The pinewood derby concession happened as well. Five OA Troop Elections are scheduled with others being scheduled. One final thing that is happening on April 1st is we are helping out a marathon run by passing out water to the runners.

Golden Eagle

Golden Eagle has completed 5 Crossover Ceremonies for our Packs. We are preparing to hold a Brotherhood Ceremony in May.

Spring Fellowship on May 5 for fun and fellowship followed by another chance to "SERVE" with the Camp Pirtle Thumbbuster weekend. I can't wait to see everyone at these great events!!

Advisors Minute

Spring is an important, and maybe the most important, time of year for our lodge. Three key things take place, namely, elections and camp promotion, crossovers and Conclave. Unit elections give our members a chance to visit with each unit in the council and share with them about the Order of the Arrow. This visit is often when a future arrowman will decide if they will be an active part of the O.A. or if they just want to complete the process to get the sash. The pack crossover is another key activity for our members. Your willingness to visit a pack and perform a top notch ceremony is often just the motivation a Webelos needs to make the transition to a troop and start on the trail to being a future arrowman. Finally, months of planning by our officers and conclave vice chiefs culminate in our annual conclave in April. This is often the first event that a new arrowman actually realizes that he is part of a vast organization. I know it is easy for a unit election to become somewhat routine, but I hope you realize the importance of that night for scouts who are getting elected and treat it like the special occasion it is. If you are a member of a chapter election team or crossover team, thank you for what you do for our lodge.

You may not know, but an old friend of our lodge is returning to be Camp Director at Camp Pirtle this summer. Ron Mills has been a member of our lodge for many years and he is returning once again to run our summer camp. A lodge member will be needed to serve as the camp chief this summer. If you think you might be the right arrowman for this position, please contact Thomas G. our lodge chief or myself and let us know you would like to be considered for this position. If you have not made plans for the summer, you should consider being a part of the summer camp team. It is our camp and each of you are needed to help it succeed.

If you have not signed up for conclave, now is the time. Please make plans to attend the conclave April 21 to 23 at Kinsey Scout Reservation in Stonewall, LA. Everyone is needed and will have an important function. In addition to attending great training, you can help the lodge compete to win the Best of Section for a third year in a row. I hope to see you at the conclave.

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