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Upcoming events

Tejas Lodge NOAC 2018 Application

The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is the premier event of the Order of the Arrow and is Scouting's second-largest national event. In 2018, several thousand Arrowmen from across our nation will gather at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. The conference will run from July 30, 2018 to August 4, 2018. The conference base cost is \$525. It is estimated that the contingent members will require another \$400 to \$650 for transportation, supplies and shirts and patches, but the cost will depend on the makeup of the contingent and our travel method. The contingent will probably travel from July 28 to August 5. Tejas Lodge has been allotted 14 youth spaces and 4 adult spaces. Tejas Lodge sent about 40 members to the last NOAC. Due to the low allotment, all arrowmen who want to go, will not be able to attend with the contingent, as a result your lodge leadership has implemented an application process.

Tejas Lodge will accept applications between September 1, 2017 and September 22, 2017. Once the application period is closed the lodge leadership will select a cross section of

youth and adults to represent the lodge at NOAC. The application form may be found under the resources tab on the lodge web page.

Lodge Banquet and Vigil Call Out

November 11 from 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm at Pollard United Methodist on Copeland in Tyler

Lodge Officer Training

December 1 - December 2 at Camp Pirtle

Lodge and Chapter Reports

Chapter Chief

Hello Tejas Lodge!

I hope everyone had a great summer. The Lodge's summer was once again packed. In June, we helped out with both weeks of summer camp by doing our annual ice cream social and call-out ceremony. It was awesome to see everyone there! Thank you to Ron Mills who put on an amazing summer camp. In July and August, we of course had the Ordeals. Unfortunately, I was not able to be there for either. However, I heard they went spectacularly well, especially since we ended on Saturday. It was great to see this change implemented and received so well. We ended the summer just recently with our annual Fall Fellowship. The theme for this year was "Olympic," and it was great to see all the Arrowmen that came out to compete. At the end of this year, I will complete my second term as lodge chief. It has been an amazing 4 years serving in the lodge. Thank you once again to everyone who helped this year and I will see you at the lodge banquet!

VC of Admin

VC of Ceremonies

VC of Service

Wo-Ha-Li

In recent months, Wo-Ha-Li has served as ceremony team for: Summer Camp OA Call Outs, the July and August Ordeals,

VC of Native American Affairs

and Brotherhood Walks where we got more new Members. We are having a swim party and chapter meeting up for the month of September

Golden Eagle

Tonkawa

Five Rivers



Advisor's Minute

Balance

The annual lodge fall fellowship was held September 23rd. It is generally my favorite lodge event of the year. The fantastic late summer weather at Pirtle provided a great backdrop for an incredible weekend. Thomas Ghiringhelli and Levi Morrill are to be commended for organizing the event. I think what I like about the fall fellowship is that it includes almost every aspect of the OA program. The Olympic theme this year created a great atmosphere for getting to know other lodge members and having fun. The weekend had an LEC to conduct lodge business. We had training and learned how to make chokers. We certainly ate well. Over 50 hours of service were provided

for the camp and a ceremony team held a brotherhood ceremony for members of our lodge. Our dancers taught the group dance basics and everyone was able to give it a try. We concluded with a chapel service and some competition in the human fuse ball court. We even had a fun patch trading session. In short, the fellowship provided a great balance of activities.

Balance is important in our lodge and in our life. Even things that we really enjoy should not overshadow a balanced program. Active and vibrant lodges have something for everyone, just like the Fall Fellowship did. Training, service, ceremonies and other activities are all parts of the program. The lodge officers try to offer a balance of programs that appeal to a wide range of members. So even if something is not your favorite, remember balance, and give something different a try.

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