



Spring Fellowship Summary

By Nathan Brandt

Back in April we had a very productive Spring Fellowship. We had ordeal candidates complete their ordeal, a few arrowmen achieved Brotherhood, and performed greatly needed service.

We had 13 ordeal candidates, both youth and adult, go through and complete their ordeal. Congratulations to Andrew Brooks from Troop 235, MGM; Sloan Brumfield from Troop 201, MGM; Brandon Bryant from Troop 2258, MGM; Matthew Casey from Troop 31, Elk River; Sean Evans from Troop 235, MGM; Charles Henley from Troop 283, Pioneer; Damon Linville from Troop 733, Muguyoh; Michael Linville from Troop 733, Muguyoh; Tristan Moore from Troop 289, Cornstalk; William Robinson from Troop 283, Pioneer; Feli Vigneau from Troop 283, Pioneer; Jimmie Wood III from Troop 258, MGM; and Benjamin Woodard from Troop 62, Muguyoh. →

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Also congratulations to Aaron Calub from Troop 283, Pioneer and Jay Hall Troop from 283, Pioneer on achieving Brotherhood.

Service projects accomplished included trail cleaning, prepping campsites for summer camp, demolishing a dock, cutting down dead trees, etc.

During the fellowship the Committee also met for the selection of this year's Vigil Honor members.

When all was said and done we did quite a bit.

Council Camporee Summary

By Nathan Brandt

The Buckskin Council's Spring Camporee this year was held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve! This is the first time that this has happened and thanks to everyone who helped make it such a great success! Especially those who helped with the parking process, some of whom were up most all night, among others. Our Lodge took care of parking, troop guides, roaming staff, safety, the Sustainability Tree House and medical, just to name a few! Service of this kind is what our Lodge is all about...and it made a REAL difference with almost 2000 scouts & scouters attending from over 5 different councils, as far as Pennsylvania!

Activities that were open to all included rock climbing, zip lining, the shooting range, fishing, the Sustainability Tree House, Mountain biking and a whole host of other activities provided by several of the districts. A few arrowmen were lucky enough to see the National OA Ceremonies Ring if they joined that hike. Free ice cream was handed out and a few ceremonies were held. Overall everyone had a great time and the rain held off Friday through Saturday after activity hours! Sunday was the only rainy time early for packing

Conclave Summary

This year's section C4-B conclave was held at Camp Katooga in Parkersburg, WV. A big thanks to Nendawen Lodge for hosting this year. The theme for the weekend was left up to the lodges to create their own. Our lodge's theme was Star Wars.

Activities at conclave included ceremonies and dance competitions, regalia making, shooting, swimming and climbing. There were also some training sessions on how to get involved with OA high adventure, and an info session for new arrowmen. →

Section C-4B

Southeastern OH & Southern WV



On Saturday evening, elections for Section Officers were held. Our very own Taylor Giles was elected as section Chief and Nathan Brandt, our new communications chairman was elected Section Secretary. Unfortunately, that means Taylor will be stepping down as Lodge Chief and a new one will be chosen at the Summer Fellowship.

Summer Fellowship Summary

Back in July, we had our Summer Fellowship at Buckskin Scout Reservation which was full of service and fun for all 34 arrowmen in attendance.

The service performed included setting up all the tents in the campsites, moving various items into the commissary for storage, cutting pine and placing it on the arbor for ceremonies and setting up the new rifle range (kudos to those who stayed extra on Sunday just to finish it up).

There were also several competitions over the course of the weekend. Congratulations to Samuel J. Brown and Samuel W. Brown from Seneca chapter on winning the corn hole tournament and winning a lodge flap of their choice. Also congratulations to Dylan Bess from Elkahobi Chapter for winning the longest drive trophy.

Thomas Flannery, James Robert Jordan Jr. and Adam Jordan all from Elkahobi chapter completed the ordeal. Jared Broyles of Hytone chapter obtained his Brotherhood. Congratulations to all of them on their achievements.

We would like to give a special shout out to George Soltis for being acting Lodge Advisor, Stephen Burkhouse for being our acting Chaplin, Kevin and Tracy Nicholas for cooking and cleaning the kitchen in prep for camp, Justin Bess for being the Summer Fellowship Advisor, and finally to Clayton Commer for helping to plan the event and for providing some awesome painted corn hole boards.

*"A Scout smiles and whistles
under all circumstances."
(Sir Baden Powell)*



Interested in writing for the lodge?

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Reports

Lodge Report

By Interim Chief Clayton Comer

Let me introduce myself. My name is Clayton Comer. I am currently serving as your intern lodge chief. I live in Princeton West Virginia and I previously served as chapter chief for Hytone chapter. I am excited to serve in this position and look forward to leading Takhonek lodge in growth. My vision is to have faithful service to our camps while having an emphasis on fellowship and fun activities. I look forward to the growth and future of our lodge.

Summer Fellowship Report

By Interim Chief Clayton Comer

Summer Fellowship attendance was low, however the OA spirit was high in the preparation of Dillies Mill for summer camps. We welcome three new ordeal members into the lodge and one brotherhood member. The ordeal candidates spent their day of arduous labor helping with the new shooting range. OA members worked on several projects including setting up tents, preparing the arbor for ceremonies, clearing trails, and sweeping the dining hall. Projects were completed late afternoon and led into great fun and fellowship. Fun activities included a golf ball driving competition as well as a corn hole tournament. We were not able to have a Lodge meeting to address several important business matters. Therefore I encourage for everyone to make plans to attend fall fellowship so these important matters can be decided upon.

Elangomat Committee Report

By Elangomat Chairman Ryan Young

As Fall Fellowship fast approaches, the Elangomat committee has the unique opportunity to prepare for the induction of our lodge's newest members. Our committee is in charge of overseeing not only the weekend, but also the retention of all of these new members all the way to Brotherhood.

In the past, Fall Fellowship has been the largest source of Ordeal candidates throughout the year. That large group requires several enthusiastic and diligent Elangomats to make the process run smoothly. The weeks before October 7-9 will be filled with phone call requests as well as cheerful volunteers to fill this important role of ordeal guide.

Our most important job as a committee is to keep in touch with every successful candidate, and show them the wonderful opportunities that the Order of the Arrow offers. If our lodge is prepared to extend the arm of brotherhood and welcome our newest members, we can look forward to a host of brothers that will enrich and contribute to our lodge.

Communication Committee Report

By Communications Chairman Nathan Brandt

The Communications committee has been working hard to make sure you get the latest information through our page in the Buckskin Newsletter and now through our comprehensive OA exclusive newsletter. We are also working on updating the lodge website with all the latest and greatest.

"We never fail when we try to do our duty, we always fail when we neglect to do it."
(Sir Baden Powell)

Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

District Re-alignment Stay tuned for Chapter changes Effective August 1, 2016 in some District areas, not all.

Vigil Weekend (Sept. 16 @6pm to Sept 17 @12pm at Camp Roland, Grapefield Road, Bastian, VA)

Takhonek Lodge's Vigil class of 2016 will complete their Vigil during this weekend. The Vigil activities are restricted to those who hold the Vigil Honor and Vigil Honor candidates. The weekend event is open to all Vigil members to enjoy a variety of activities and will serve as a Vigil reunion to our members. For more information, please contact our Vigil Selection Chairman Donovan Abraham at vigil@takhonek.org

Fall Fellowship (Oct. 7 @6pm to Oct 9 @9am at Camp Chief Logan, Clover Lick Branch Road, Chapmanville, WV) This one is annually our biggest event where arrowmen network and socialize.



Promote **CAMPING** everywhere you go as a **MAJOR OA** commitment!

Our Fall Fellowship is an opportunity for Ordeal candidates to complete their Ordeal and for arrowmen to provide service to Camp Chief Logan.

Exciting activities and competitions for both youth and adults will also be a focus of this weekend. Come find out why this is traditionally the largest event of the year! Keep in mind that SERVICE is a big part of WHO WE ARE! Make very effort to come out and enjoy networking with your fellow Arrowmen. The food is always great!

Buckskin Council "Over the Edge" Fundraiser

(Oct. 29 @New River Gorge Bridge) visit

<https://www.classy.org/fayetteville/events/over-bridge-new-river-gorge-rappel/e88024>

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