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2012 OA High Adventure Opportunities

The end of the year and the holidays are a perfect time to start thinking about your high adventure plans for the Summer of 2012. Why not consider a trip to any one of the three national high adventure bases as the perfect holiday gift.

The Order of the Arrow has the perfect opportunity for you to enjoy a fun-filled trip to a high adventure base at a cost that is much less than what you would pay as a regular participant. Every summer, the Order of the Arrow has a myriad of different high adventure opportunities to meet your summer needs, whether it is wetting your appetite by going for a dive into the clear Atlantic Ocean at the Florida Sea Base; or hiking and camping in the beautiful backcountry mountains of New Mexico at the Philmont Scout Ranch; or exploring the pristine lakes and rivers where early Native Americans and fur trappers traded goods in the Boundary Waters area of Minnesota and Canada. Whatever your 2012 Summer aspirations may be, the Order of the Arrow and the BSA national high adventure bases have put together adventure trek opportunities for Arrowmen that guarantee to quench your thirst for outdoor adventure.



Each OA High Adventure trek includes a unique service opportunity for participating Arrowmen to leave their mark in history at the High Adventure Bases by helping to build/repair/restore portage trails, backcountry trails, and coral reefs. This service helps to maintain and provide future scouts an opportunity to enjoy these treasures for years to come. As



a reward for the unselfish service, each trek also includes a unique opportunity for the crew of Arrowmen to design their own high adventure opportunity at the High Adventure Base. This means your crew will be on their own to explore and enjoy the many fun things to do at these bases, such as climbing into Cypher's Mine at Philmont Scout Ranch, seeing the northern lights from a canoe in the Boundary Waters of Canada, or scuba diving a beautiful coral reef in the Florida Keys.

During this Holiday Season, why not consider making an OA high adventure trip a part of your plans for the summer of 2012. Your Lodge has additional information on these opportunities as well as delegate applications for each of the high adventure bases. Many of our Lodges offer scholarships to help offset the trip costs; so be sure to ask if your Lodge can help you attend. Sign-ups are currently underway for a limited number of crew slots, and spaces are already filling fast. For more information, and a real-time list of available high adventure participant openings, please visit <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/> or talk with your Lodge Chief and Lodge high adventure representative.

Gray Peedin – SR 7B High Adventure



Word from Wahissa

Conclave is one of the most important events of the year! Wahissa Lodge takes great pride in planning a conclave and now that it is over for us, we will take pride in attending the 2012 Conclave. The members of Wahissa Lodge look forward to the 2012 Conclave and we look forward to bringing our spirit as well. Many of the members of our Lodge have stated that they enjoy spirit and the competition conclave has to offer. For me, it has been about the fellowship. Getting to know members of other Lodges in the Section is the highlight of the event.

As I talk with other arrowmen in our Lodge about their experiences at a Conclave, they all enjoy the OAX. OAX is a great opportunity for us to learn new skills. They especially like the candle making performed by Arvil Sale and his Troop 109 from Boone, North Carolina. They also enjoyed the paddle making by Denny Shelton from Mount Airy, North Carolina. Whether it is paddle making, fly tying, or candle making; OAX is one the great aspects of a conclave.

The friendly competition also makes conclave a great time. From the quest events to Indian affairs competition, you can be assured that Wahissa will be there. Wahissa has a rich tradition in Indian Affairs as do many arrowmen who look forward to competing in the name of brotherhood. For us it is not about the color of the ribbon or the name on the plaque, it is about the enjoyment of the dance and celebrating the Native American traditions.

And finally, it is about the Spirit. Every Lodge knows the

spirit each Lodge brings to a conclave is certainly one of the main highlights of the event. It is fun to see all the different spirit themes that the Lodges bring to conclave. Wahissa Lodge looks forward and "we are ready..."

Because....We're number 1...18!



Carolina's Indian Seminar

Is your lodge looking for a way to increase interest in your Indian Affairs program? Maybe you have some youth or adults who are not familiar with Native American culture, who are looking for a source of information? Have you ever gone to a Pow-wow and thought it might be cool to be a participant and not just a spectator?

The 2012 Carolina's Indian Seminar will be held January 20th to 22nd in Statesville NC. This will be the 27th annual event hosted by Eswau Huppeday Lodge #560. This is a special event, which is similar to attending the Indian Affairs programs at NOAC, National Order of the Arrow Conference.

The program begins on Friday night with a Pow-wow from 8:30 to 10:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to dance. Saturday begins at 7:15 am with a great breakfast and sessions start at 9 am. During the day about 30 different sessions are offered. The day is broken up into 5 periods. Almost all the sessions are hands on types of learning experiences. Sessions include all types of beadwork, working with feathers and making various types of clothing. There will be sessions on how to do the various dances styles and make the clothing for them. They will have sessions on ceremonies, women's clothing, tanning leather and tomahawk throwing. They also have education sessions about Native American Customs and traditions.

The culmination of the event happens on Saturday night with a Pow-wow. Saturday night is when some of the best OA dancers east of the Mississippi will come to participate in this annual event. Those who do not dance come early to get seats to and take pictures.

The host lodge charges \$38 per individual. This gets you three great meals on Saturday and Sunday breakfast, an event patch and helps pay for the materials used in the sessions. You can register to spend Friday and Saturday night in the building. They use Mitchell Community College Continuing Education Center for the event. Some folks find a motel room for the weekend.

Your lodge needs to register by January 7th. Ralph Bumgarner is the Adviser at Eswau Huppeday Lodge, rbumgarner3@charter.net. If you would like to have more information please contact Travis Dunn, Section IA coordinator or Ken Shahbaz, Section IA Adviser.

Message From the VC of Training

Brothers,

Conclave is just around the corner and as we finish up this year and head into the next my team is working to ensure that the 2012 conclave

is one you all won't soon forget. The Order of the Arrow Experience, or OAX, is the event within the event that takes place Saturday morning and as those of you know who have attended in years past, this is an event not worth missing.



OAX is being revamped this year with modern and contemporary themes displayed in some of the exhibits with an emphasis on the science and technology that is relevant to current times. The OA is a thing of tradition and holding fast to our roots we will still have plenty of traditional exhibits such as our phenomenal Indian Affairs area as well as our strong high adventure. This year there will be quite a few new areas for participants to experience that have not been seen in years past. Participants can expect to have new experiences involving history as well as sustainable small scale agriculture. See you all in April!

Gavin Call

Section VC of Training



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