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ASK THE OFFICERS

This is a brand new article to *The Apensuwi*. We are excited to share with you some of the fun and creative sides to our Officers! in this month's edition, we asked: Preston Marquis, National Vice Chief; Dustin Cocklereece, Section SR7B Chief; and Dwayne Fontenette, 2011 Southern Region Chief. Please see their responses to our *not so average* questions.

What is the weirdest thing you have ever eaten?

PM: I once had chicken that had been fed fish before it was processed. As a result, the flavor was an unsavory combination of fish with chicken consistency. Yuck.

DC: The weirdest thing I have eaten would probably be a meal I had a few years ago, it was made of rice, sauce, and cheese. I do not know the name of it, but it actually was not that bad.

DF: If it's true that humans eat bugs while sleeping, then who knows?

If there was an organization called the Order of the Sparrow, would you join it?

PM: Join Order of the Sparrow? Only if Capt. Sparrow from PoTC was the national chief.

DC: It all depends on the values of the organization and the purpose it serves. The name though, Order of the Sparrow, does have an interesting ring to it, sounds like something to do with pirates.

DF: Umm, no. One Ordeal weekend is plenty.

Would you rather eat a tarantula or touch snakes blind-folded?

PM: Neither but if I had to choose it would be the latter.

DC: I would definitely rather eat a tarantula. I really dislike snakes, I do not even like to look at snakes, but the thought that I would have to touch one without being able to watch its every move, that's even worse.

DF: I'll go with the blind-folded snakes. =)

If you could have a superpower, which would it be?

PM: It would definitely be cool to possess Magneto's ability to manipulate metal!

DC: It would be cool to read other people's minds. You could know exactly what everyone thinks and know if they are actually telling the truth and being honest or just lying. Plus, it would be nice to see just how other people think.

DF: Mind reading would make dating so much easier.

Thanks again to our participants! We look forward to the next edition of "Ask the Officers!" coming soon.



OCTOBER OVERVIEW

October is one of my favorite months. Not only do I get to pig out on candy corn, waste my days watching horror movies, and release some stress by slicing up pumpkins to make jack-o-lanterns, but it's also one of the best months for OA as well! In addition to the multiple lodge events going on within our section this month, there are also some great leadership opportunities just around the corner.

First on the list is the Section Officers' Seminar. On October 12-14, the section officers and advisers will be in San Antonio, TX at the Southern Region gathering. All of the sections across the great Southern Region will be sending their leaders to be trained on national updates, learn about Conclave best-practices throughout the region and to find out how they can better serve their sections when they return home.

Next up is the Chapter Leadership Summit – and you're invited! October 26-27 will be the dates for the third annual CLS. This year's goal is to have every chapter in SR-7B represented for this unique training opportunity. Learn how to build a stronger team, increase chapter meeting attendance and participation and network with other leaders from across North Carolina. For more information [click here](#).

Also taking place on October 27 is the SR-7B Council of Chiefs. This meeting will play host to the lodge key three's from 7B's six member lodges and will be a collaboration between the section officers and lodge chiefs to establish plans for the 2013 Cardinal Conclave. Not only that, but the lodge key three's will receive important updates on national initiatives. The outcome of this meeting will have a major impact on the program in 2013.

As you can see, October will be a busy time for the Order of the Arrow and the events that occur during this timeframe will be of importance for the next several months. I encourage you to attend CLS and to look into the results of the SOS and COC to see what direction the section is headed in and to learn how you can help achieve the goals our leaders establish!

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David Joyner
2012 Southern Region Chief



OA HIGH ADVENTURE UPDATE

Hi Brothers,
Here is some information about the amazing OA High Adventure opportunities!

OA Trail Crew OATC

OATC is an exciting adventure at one of Scouting's premier high adventure bases, Philmont Scout Ranch. The participants get to meet people from all over the country and find adventure in every step. OATC is a 2 week program. The first week is spent learning how to build trail by constructing switchbacks, retention bars, and several other erosion controls. This shows service in brotherhood and will affect others who come on the trail for generations. The 2nd week of the program is spent seeing the wonders of Philmont. Unlike regular treks, OATC is given the privilege to design their own trek and go pretty much wherever you would like as a crew. OATC is a once in a lifetime opportunity.



OA- Wilderness Voyage OAWV/ OA Canadian Odyssey

OAWV is an experience you will never forget. The two weeks you are at the beautiful Northern Tier will join you and your fellow Arrowmen from around the world together for an experience you can't miss out on. The first week of this program is spent helping with conservation work in the Boundary Waters. The Arrowmen will have the chance to leave their mark on the trail for others to see in future generations. The conservation work varies from restoring trails to protecting the trails from destruction. The second week of the program consists of a canoeing trek planned by the participants. The main difference between OAWV and OACO is that one location is in Minnesota while the other location is in Canada. These are experiences you can't miss. You can find forms on the National OA High Adventure website.

OA Ocean Adventure OAOA

OAOA is a unique experience where you have the opportunity to do cheerful service while experiencing the beautiful sites of the Florida Keys. During this 10 day experience you will do a variety of service projects including the development of the Florida Keys Heritage Trail, the removing of invasive species in and around the Florida Sea Base's Big Munson Island, and supporting both the Crane Point Nature Trail and Marathon Wild Bird Center in preserving the Keys flora, fauna and wildlife. Along with these service projects for 4 days you will be able to experience the wonders of the sea on a 40-50' sailing yacht. While on the adventure you will see the fun and exciting life of the Keys from a different view. This program is an exciting adventure you can't resist. The opportunity for this adventure to be yours is possible if you fill out the forms at The OA High Adventure Website.



These OAHA are an experience of a lifetime. You will meet friends you'll have the rest of your life. Each experience has the key goals of the OA, Cheerful Service and Brotherhood. With these adventures you also get a deal on the price to go to these High Adventure Bases. Your Lodges have scholarships to help with the costs if you apply for them! Don't miss out on the life changing experience.
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WHAT'S UP LODGE 70?

Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge is having a busy year. The summer focus was the tap out of over 400 new members at our Thursday family nights at Cherokee Scout Reservation. 135 new Brotherhood members were added to our roster at the Wednesday night ceremonies at camp.

We had 23 members of the lodge attend NOAC. Our pre-ordeal ceremony team of Matt Kleisner, Adam Bigelow, Greg Barber and Chris Concannon received honor status. This was a first for our lodge. Sean Duffy placed second in the science project competition. NOAC was a great experience for all who attended.

Our September, Ordeal had 165 candidates. They completed a large number of projects at the cub camp, Woodfield Scout Preservation. Our next Ordeal will be the first weekend of October at Cherokee Scout Reservation.

The next major activity coming up is our Fall Fellowship. It starts on Friday, November 9, with the preparation of the Brunswick stew for our stew sale. Saturday will include a number of American Indian activities and our patch auction. At lunch on Saturday, we will be recognizing the Brothers who support our Indian Affairs program. We will also be recognizing our Founder award recipients for the year.

Saturday night will be a special dinner and recognition. Ted Williams will formally be receiving the National Order of the Arrow Distinguished Service Award. We are planning a special program for this event. We anticipate a number of special guests for the weekend including John Rehm, the National OA Chief.

We will be closing the year with a major service project in February and Spring Fellowship in March. The year will close with the conclave at Camp Durant, which we know will be a great event.

Yours in Brotherhood

Justin Erickson, Chief of Tsoiotsi Tsogalii



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