



## Fall COC

During our Fall Council of Chiefs meeting at Raven knob Scout Reservation, the section and lodges made excellent progress in preparing for an outstanding Conclave in 2017. OAX and Cardinal are expected to be better than ever with new programs and exhibits to offer.



**Don't Forget to register!**

Conclave will be held from April 21-23 at Raven knob Scout Reservation. We are expecting over 1400 Arrowmen to be in attendance for one of the largest Scouting events in 2017. Don't miss out on your chance to be a part of it!

While you're registering, remember to order your memorabilia!

Register Here: <http://sr7b.conclaveregistration.org>



## Lodge Spotlight: Croatan Lodge 117

Greetings fellow brothers,

When I last addressed the section, I was telling you of all the exciting things that would be happening in Croatan Lodge during 2016. That was back in February, and with the year winding down, I can safely say that 2016 has certainly been exciting for the Arrowman of eastern North Carolina. In April we had the pleasure of hosting many of you at our very own Camp Boddie for the SR-7B Cardinal Conclave! Since then our lodge has completed two induction weekends and we are looking forward to our Fall Fellowship weekend this month.

On a more somber note I would ask that all the members of our section be mindful of those affected by Hurricane Matthew and the resultant flooding. Many of our council's residents are among those who

lost homes and businesses and are in need of assistance. Scouts from our councils and neighboring councils have already aided many victims during the initial recovery efforts, but in the long term many of these people are forgotten. The aftermath of this storm will have a lasting impact on the people of eastern North Carolina for many years and we as Arrowman should do our part to reach out to those in need. With that I wish all of you the best from your brothers here in Croatan Lodge. We wish you a safe and enjoyable holiday season and we hope to see you all again next year!

Yours in the brotherhood,

Harvey Hoopes IV

Croatan Lodge Chief



## Two lodges AIA programs come together

During Occonechee's Fall Fellowship, dancers and drummers from Tsoiotsi Tsogalii and Occonechee gathered at Camp Durant to share best practices and techniques. There were 8 visiting drummers and 3 visiting dancers from Tsoiotsi Tsogalii. Members of both lodges had a fantastic time learning and fellowshiping with each other.



## Officer Highlight: Brandon Kelly

Brandon Kelly is an Eagle Scout from Pittsboro, NC and Vigil Honor member of Occonechee Lodge. He attends the University of North Carolina, where he is a double major in Psychology, and Peace, War, and Defense with a concentration in national security. Brandon has served as a three-term Chapter Chief, Lodge Vice Chief of Communications, Section Service Coordinator, and the Section Centennial Coordinator. Brandon also served as a Trek Guide at the 2013 National Jamboree and as a communication staff member at NOAC 2015.



## What's Up at Boddie?

Located on the Pamlico River, East Carolina Scout Reservation is home to Camp Boddie, the official summer camp of the East Carolina Council, as well as Pamlico Sea base, ECC's very own High Adventure base. Over the summer, Camp Boddie offers a wide variety of programs for scouts of all ages and ability levels. The camp boasts a large waterfront area where scouts can earn various aquatic merit badges, or enjoy afternoon sessions of tubing or hydro sliding. Just off of the water front, the PotashCorp. Ecology Lodge offers a multitude of merit badges focused on ecology, conservation and leave no trace. In recent years the camp has offered a new program geared toward older scouts; the Backwoodsman program is a weeklong program that takes place in Camp Boddie's wilderness area. Scouts who take part in the backwoodsman program will learn about traditional pioneering techniques as well as the History and ecology of the land that makes up the East Carolina Scout reservation. Spaces for this program are limited and spots fill up quickly!

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