

Deerpath



By Hunter W., Lodge Secretary

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# Fall Ordeal

The Fall Ordeal was held on the 15th - 17th of September. The Ordeal brought many new members to our Order as well as current Lodge members. At the Ordeal, the Lodge welcomed 12 Ordeal members and 12 current members earned the rank of Brotherhood! The Lodge cheerfully welcomes all new members, and we are excited to have you with us. We greatly appreciate all our members who helped prepare and execute the Fall Ordeal, especially those who served as Elangomats or were on our ceremonies team! See y'all soon!



# Fall Fellowship

Fall Fellowship is just around the corner! We hope to see our new Arrowmen as well as current members of the Lodge. Fall Fellowship is a great opportunity to have fun, engage in fellowship with other Arrowmen, and learn more about the OA. This year's theme is "Fellowship in Paradise". Get ready for a weekend of beach themed fun at Camp Ben Hawkins! Fall Fellowship will be held on November 3rd through the 5th. If you are interested in running for a Lodge office at Fall Fellowship, be on the lookout for more information! Be part of the leadership team that ensures our mission of cheerful service is carried out! Also, there will be an LEC meeting held on Sunday morning. All are invited, but LEC members are asked to be there. Surfs Up Arrowmen!



# ACT Conference

The ACT Conference (Adapt, Collaborate, Thrive) is an annual leadership conference offered by Section E6. Echeconnee Lodge sent 5 of its own members to join close to 100 youth leaders from across the Section. In addition to engaging training, the weekend featured a pool party and amazing food. Our members learned how to build our Lodge and lead us into the future. Additionally, our members discussed various communication strategies to ensure that our members stay informed. It is safe to say we all left with 3 things: a reinvigorated spirit, new ideas, and a full stomach!





# NLS

The National Leadership Seminar (NLS) will be held on November 10th - 12th in Atlanta. We encourage all Arrowmen to register and attend. This is a rare chance to attend this carefully curated training seminar at a location so close to home. So why should you attend NLS? NLS gives Arrowmen the tools to hone their leadership skills by teaching them how to make good personal decisions, promoting resilience, and encouraging a positive and strong leadership mindset. However, training is only one part of the weekend. Arrowmen will have the chance to meet Arrowmen from across the Region and form lasting friendships. Every Arrowman in attendance will leave NLS with new skills and new friends!

For more information about NLS please visit: <https://section6.oa-bsa.org/nls-dylc-article/>

Sign up now at this link: <https://registration.oa-bsa.org/>



# Chiefly Speaking

Arrowmen,

Fall is here! I would like to give a special welcome to all our new Arrowmen inducted at this year's Fall Ordeal! It is a pleasure to have you in the brotherhood of cheerful service, and we are better for your presence.

As we head into this new season, the Lodge has some events coming up that are sure to be fun! Coming up in November, we are having our trademark fellowship event, Fall Fellowship. This year's Fall Fellowship will be a paradise and beach theme. This reflects the Conclave theme: "Conclave in Paradise". Also, at Fall Fellowship we will have our LEC elections! If you are interested in taking a leadership position on the Lodge Executive Committee, please be on the lookout for the intent to run form. Join us for a weekend of fun and fellowship. Surfs up Arrowmen!

NLS/DYLC will be held in Atlanta from November 10-12. This region event brings Arrowmen from across the Eastern region together for an amazing weekend of training, fellowship, and fun. I highly encourage any prospective leader, or anyone interested, to email [LodgeChief@echeconnee.org](mailto:LodgeChief@echeconnee.org) for more information!

Please be on the lookout for event updates as we move through this season of cooler weather and fall colors!

Yours In WWW,  
Stephen L.  
Echeconnee Lodge Chief



## My Experience Serving on Operation Arrow Staff

Over the summer I served on the OA Service Corps at the National Jamboree. It was held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. The first day was when all the staff arrived. That night the staff threw an OA party to hang out and get to know the people we were going to spend two weeks working with. The next couple of days were spent training and preparing for the arrival of over 13,000 participants. Wednesday was the big day: arrival day! I woke up around 4:00 am to welcome the first buses of Scouts from across the country. Wearing our trademark Zesty Blue polos, my partner and I boarded buses and guided them to the SBR while getting the Scouts excited for the two weeks ahead! Together, my partner and I welcomed scouts from 5:00 am to 6:00 pm. After this long day, I participated in the OA rededication ceremony and then hit the hay. The next day I got to meet more OA staff as well as participants! The unique part about the Service Corps was that every day was a new adventure! The first week was spent helping with rotating activities and getting to enjoy Jamboree. On Saturday, my Service Corps chapter had its well-deserved day off. The day was special as we were the only team with the day off. My day was spent patch trading, relaxing, and enjoying all that Jamboree had to offer. Lucky for me, Sunday was a day off for the entire Jamboree: participants and staff. I spent Sunday in much the same way as I did Saturday: patch trading and relaxing. I arrived with no full sets of patches and left with 7 full sets from Scouts across the country. I also left with 4 visits to the medical team! Monday marked our final week at Jamboree. This week I got to work with so many different programs! From shotgun shooting, to skateboarding, to the zip line, and even security for a concert, I got to work with it all! Saturday came, and the long 8-hour drive home awaited me. So long West Virginia! Over the course of these two weeks, I made new friendships, learned new things, and left with so many great memories!

Written by Richard H.



# My Experience as a Female Member of the OA

Being a female member of the Order of the Arrow is fun and rewarding! It has its challenges, but making new friends, learning more about the OA, and providing service to my camp is what makes it great. During the Fall Ordeal, 12 Arrowmen attained their Brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow. 8 of those 12 were females. Girls are making their mark on the OA and female membership is consistently growing! Having more females in the OA enhances the environment for all Arrowmen. Having females in the OA brings a new level of competition to games and activities, enhances our ceremonies, and broadens the horizons of our Lodge. As a female in the Order of the Arrow, it is my goal to make new female members feel welcome and encourage them to participate in Lodge and Section events. The stronger our numbers become the stronger our lodge will be! As females step into leadership positions on the Lodge Executive Committee, it adds to the effectiveness of the committee by bringing new ideas to the table such as creative ideas for patches, innovative ways to fundraise, and unique ideas for events. Having different points of view and skill sets diversifies our program and helps to make it relevant for all Arrowmen. One of my favorite moments so far was hearing the beautiful mix of male and female voices singing together during the Brotherhood ceremony. It is my hope that our Lodge will continue to see an increase in female membership and participation, and I hope to be an important part of that growth!

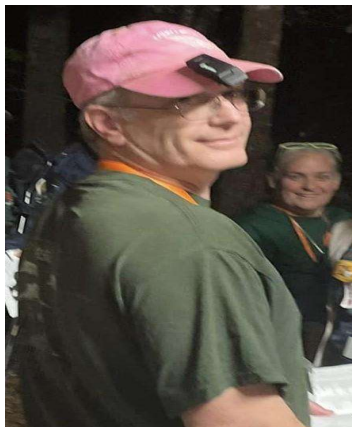
Written by Darby B.

## Adviser's Minute

Arrowmen, the season of change is upon us. Growing up in New York, I always looked forward to the fall season, with leaves changing, apples ready to pick, and pumpkins ready to carve. For Echeconnee Lodge, fall means a change of leadership. Fall Fellowship is our opportunity to come together, celebrate a successful year, and elect our new Lodge Executive Committee, or LEC. Yes, elect. That means we want to see you at Fall Fellowship so we can have a good election with lots of voting, the heart of democracy! Hopefully all who are interested in running for the LEC have had a chance to talk to those currently in the positions, to see what you might be interested in doing, and what the job entails. If not, don't worry, we'll have time to do that at Fall Fellowship. Look for an email from the lodge that will include the Intent to Run form that you'll need to share with your parents. LEC is a bit more of a commitment than your unit's Patrol Leader Council. For starters, the LEC will need to attend our Lodge Leadership Development weekend December 1-3, 2023, where the outgoing and incoming LEC's meet with each other and their advisers to plan the year and learn the details of how to be successful. See you there!

Lou Lilley Lodge

Adviser



# Calendar

## October 2023

1-LEC-Zoom, 4:00pm

## November 2023

3-5 - CBH - Fall Fellowship and LEC

10-12 - Location: Atlanta, GA - NLS/DYLC

## December 2023

1-3 - Location: TBD - Lodge Leadership Development (LLD)

28 - CBH - Winter Camp Cracker Barrell - 6:30pm to 8:00pm

## January 2024

7 - LEC - Zoom, 4:00pm

5-7 - Location: Camp Bert Adams - Section E6 Indian Winter

20 - Location: TBD - Lodge Banquet - 6:00pm