



# THE RED FEATHER HERALD

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## New Threads!



During the LEC of Spring Pow-Wow the executive committee received knowledge that our standard flap “The Blue flap” was running low on stock. It was from there that we decided to look into change. Over the next few months we each came up with our own ideas and even opened up to the public about introducing new concepts into the fold. After many ideas and collection the LEC met and deliberated on a new standard flap. Pictured above is our lodge’s new flap designed by Nate Kelton. This flap is available for purchase in the trading post along with a brotherhood variant.

-RFH Team



The 2022 Event Pass is here! Are you planning to attend multiple events throughout 2022? This pass will pay for all your Coosa

events for the coming year at a discounted rate as well as pay your dues. The best part, you get a new piece of bling inspired by the 1946 National Meeting (NOAC) pin. To purchase go to registration or [www.coosa50.org](http://www.coosa50.org). Our event pass does not cover section or national events.

-Registration Team



Founders Award Nominations are due this weekend! Forms can be picked up from registration and must be turned into David Self or Chris Brightwell.

-Nominations & Recognitions Committee

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## Chiefly Speaking

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Friends,

The term of 2021 produced much potential for our lodge to grow and prosper. We had a chance to embrace our rich history and put it towards a brighter future, and so we did. For this now ending term, I have had the honor to serve as your Lodge Chief, and with that, I have enjoyed every minute of it. I've also had the honor of working alongside many great advisers and youth throughout this term and I can say that I feel the lodge is growing in a positive way. This year we went to new heights in our lodge events, holding one of the most attended Spring Pow-Wows in years, repairing the docks of Camp Sequoyah, and so much more. My personal highlight for the year would be attending the National Council of Chiefs at Philmont Scout Ranch. Paul Glenn, Don Russell, and I attended representing

Coosa and we had a memorable time.

Something else I'd like to make special note of is how our lodge participated at conclave. This year we participated more than we have in what feels like forever, bringing home 2nd place in tug o war, volleyball, planbook, and facebook. This may seem small but the determination Coosa brought this year was amazing. One final special note is to the guys who participated in tug o war; next year I-Tsu-La won't know what's coming.

I'm not one for sappy goodbyes so I'll leave you with this. Our lodge is moving in a positive direction which will benefit us in the long run. Membership will firm, members will stick around, and our mission will continue. In recent years our lodge has moved forward in ways where we were not united. This year changed that, and from now on we will move as one.

—John Dodd Beck,  
Lodge Chief, Coosa Lodge

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## National Leadership Seminar - We goin to 'Dega Baby!

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The National Leadership Seminar (NLS) is coming to Shocco Springs! NLS is the premier training for Arrowman seeking to lead in our Order. The seminar consists of a weekend of training with trainers from around the country. This training is something that the LEC recommends to anyone interested in running for lodge office, and what better time to do it then when it's in our backyard! For more information ask one of our officers or go to [oa-bsa.org](http://oa-bsa.org). To register go to [registration.oa-bsa.org](http://registration.oa-bsa.org).

-RFH Team

## Adviser's Minute

For Coosa Lodge and the Greater Alabama Council, 2021 has been a year of recovery and rebuilding from the side effects of Covid, and the precautions that we undertook to ensure the safety of our members and our programs. We're not completely out of the woods yet and it's been difficult, but we can see the light at the end of the tunnel and it's not a train coming at us. Thanks to a lot of hard work from both our youth and adult members, Coosa will recharter this year with a very healthy increase in membership, our financial situation is still improving, and we're pretty much back to normal with our events!

In August, members of our youth and adult leadership took part in a National Council of Chiefs summit at Philmont where the overall theme was change. Due to membership loss in Scouting nationally, there has been a restructuring and consolidation for many Councils and Lodges, particularly out west. For us here in the GAC, this is not an issue and we don't currently foresee any changes either at the Council or Lodge level from our current structure. Another issue discussed in depth was our use of Native American imagery and customs and whether in 2021 it is culturally appropriate for us to do so. The general consensus is that this is not the direction that the OA will take in the long run and that we will see some significant changes in the not-too-distant future. We have a working group in the Lodge that has addressed this and has developed some really impressive alternatives that maintain the spirit and majesty of our Ceremonies and traditions.

Finally, I want to give a really heartfelt thanks to our LEC, led by John Dodd and Kate for all the hard work y'all have put in this year to make all this happen – you have made my job easy! Good luck to all the Candidates running for Coosa's 2022 LEC, it's a really strong slate! Thanks also for all of the work and support from our Adult Advisers and, especially, David for taking care of all the behind-the-scenes chores necessary to keep it all working.

When I agreed to take on the Adviser job, it was for a three-year period and this event marks the end of that term. It's been a great run and one of the most rewarding and challenging things I have undertaken in my Scouting career and I very much appreciate the support from everyone over the years. I want to welcome Coosa's new Adviser, Don Schwarzhoff. Don is an exceptionally experienced Scouter and Arrowman and is an excellent choice for my replacement – please welcome him aboard and give him the same support you've given me!



–Don Russell,  
Lodge Adviser, Coosa Lodge

## *Lodge Chief*

### **Kate Giles**

Kate is a Brotherhood member, and Venturer with Crew 2010 in Birmingham, AL. While in the OA, she has served as VC Communications, VC Administration, Lodge Chief Pro-Tempore, Chairman for the Finance, Registration, Shows, Rules Committees, Webmaster, Newsletter & Publications Editor, and SR-9 Shows Chairman. She has also served on Camp Staff for four summers and attended National Leadership Seminar, National Youth Leadership Training, and the ACT Conference.

### **Colton Tucker**

Colton is a Brotherhood member, Eagle Scout, and member of Troop 7092 in Hartselle, AL. While in the OA, he has served as Chapter Chief- Nisquamaw, VC Fellowship, Ceremonialist, Chairman for the History, Memorabilia & Design, Spring Pow-Wow, OA Rep, Unit Elections Committees, and SR-9 Fellowship Chairman. He has also served on Camp Staff for one summer and attended National Leadership Seminar, National Youth Leadership Training, and the ACT Conference.

## *Vice Chief of Service*

### **Michael Bailey**

Michael is a Brotherhood member, Eagle Scout, and member of Troop 284 in Florence, AL. While in the OA, he has served as VC Service, Chairman for Scoutreach Committee, Ceremonialist, and served on Camp Staff for two summers.

### **Henry Archer**

Henry is a Brotherhood member, Life Scout, and member of Troop 367 in Bessemer, AL. While in the OA, he has served as a Chapter Chief- Muscogee, as well as attended National Youth Leadership Training

## *Vice Chief of Administration*

### **Emma Wright**

Emma is a Brotherhood member, Eagle Scout, and member of Troop 4161 in Oneonta, AL. While in the OA, she has served as Chapter Chief- Okhatim Manteu, and on Camp Staff for two summers as well as attended National Youth Leadership Training and the ACT Conference.

## *Vice Chief of Inductions*

### **Tessa Billig**

Tessa is a brotherhood member, Life Scout, and member of Troop 95 in Huntsville, AL. While in the OA, she has served as Chairman for the Elangomat Committee, as well as attended National Youth Leadership Training.

### **Matthew Kerl**

Matthew is a Brotherhood member, Life Scout, and member of Troop 284 in Florence, AL. While in the OA, he has served as Chapter Chief of Yuchi chapter, and as a Ceremonialist for several years.

## *Vice Chief of Native American Affairs*

### **Tanner Harmon**

Tanner is a Brotherhood member, Life Scout, and member of Troop 10 in Oxford, AL. While in the OA, he has served as a Chapter Chief- Achunanchi, Ceremonialist, and on Camp Staff for two summers as well as attended National Youth Leadership Training.

*\*Colton Tucker and Emma Wright are running for VC of Fellowship and Communications, respectively, as drop-down positions.*



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## Fall Fellowship Schedule

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### *Friday*

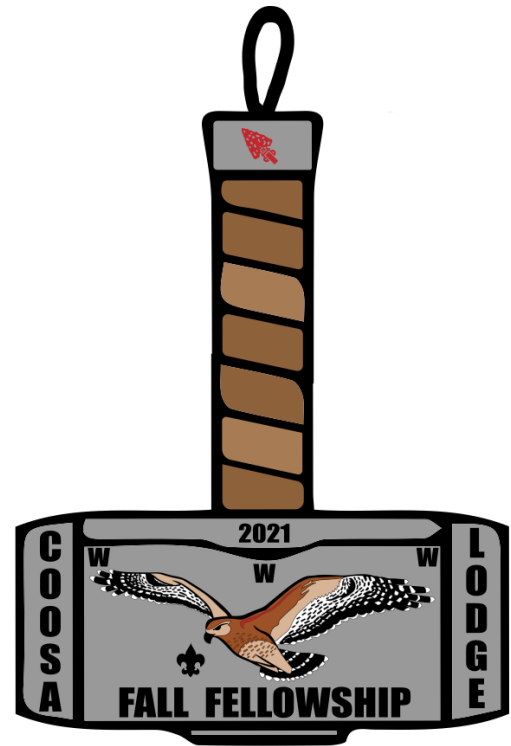
- 5:00 PM - Temperature Check / Check-in / Registration / Family orientation begins
- 7:00 PM - Fellowship and Cracker Barrel (Dining Hall)
- 9:00 PM - Vigil Callout (Parade Field)
- 10:00 PM - Fellowship (Dining Hall)

### *Saturday*

- 7:00 AM - Vigil Breakfast
- 7:30 AM - Breakfast begins (Dining Hall)
- 8:45 AM - Trading Post opens
- 9:00 AM - Brotherhood counseling (Dining Hall)
- 9:00 AM - Activities begin
- 11:30 AM - Chapter Chief Pie Eating Contest (Parade Field)
- 12:00 PM - Lunch begins (Dining Hall)
- 1:30 PM - Lodge Elections (Parade Field)
- 1:30 PM - Advisor's Q&A (Old Council Ring)
- 2:30 PM - Trading Post Reopens
- 2:45 PM - Conclave Games (Parade Field)
- 3:00 PM - Silent Auction (Dining Hall)
- 4:45 PM - Flag Lowering Ceremony (Frog Rock)
- 5:00 PM - Dinner begins (Dining Hall)
- 6:15 PM - Live Auction (Dining Hall)
- 7:15 PM - Closing Show (Flatt Rock Arena)
- 8:30 PM - Brotherhood Walk begins (Flag Pole)

### *Sunday*

- 7:00 AM - Flag Raising Ceremony
- 7:30 AM - Breakfast begins (Dining Hall)
- 8:15 AM - Scouts Own Service (Old Council Ring)
- 8:30 AM - Camp Cleanup
- 10:00 AM - LEC Meeting (Dining Hall)



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## Activities

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- Hammer Throw (Parade Field)
  - Bow and Arrow (Archery Range)
  - Axe Throwing (Shotgun Range)
  - Climbing Tower (Parade Field)
  - Branding (Handicraft)
  - Ultimate Frisbee (Parade Field)
  - Volleyball (Parade Field)
  - Wischchixin (Parade Field)
  - Tug of War (Parade Field)
  - Patch Trade off (Parade Field)
  - Knife Throwing (Shotgun Range)
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## Campsites

### *Black Bear (2)*

Ohkatim Manteu, Sequoyah,  
Etowah

### *Hawk (7)*

Achunachi, Cheaha, Koasati

### *Mountain Lion (8)*

Nacha Sipo

### *Panther (10)*

Females

### *Raccoon (11)*

Cherokee, Muscogee,

Nunne Hi

### *Wolf (12)*

Kaskanampo

### *Wolverine (13)*

Nischamawat, Yuchi

### *Owl (9)*

Overflow

## Lodge Calendar

- January 7-9  
SR-9 Indian Winter
- January 29  
Winter Banquet
- March 4-6  
NLS
- March 18-20  
Spring Pow-Wow
- April 1-3  
SR-9 Conclave
- May 13-15  
Spring Induction Weekend
- July 25-30  
NOAC
- August 19-21  
Summer Induction Weekend



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Coosa Lodge,



coosa50.org



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youtube.com/user/coosashows

## Got Brotherhood?

All dues paid Ordeal members are eligible for the Brotherhood after 6 months of membership. Brotherhood counseling is offered at Ordeals and some fellowships. Contact the Vice Chief of Inductions for more information regarding Brotherhood membership or the different honors of the order, or visit [jumpstart.aa-bsa.org](http://jumpstart.aa-bsa.org).

