



THE RED FEATHER HERALD

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Chiefly Speaking

Since the beginning of this term Coosa has dared to defy the odds of Covid. From Fall Fellowship being one of our first in person events in nearly a year, hosting the first ever virtual Winter Banquet, and now having attended the first in person SR-9 Conclave since 2019. We have chosen not to stay at home watching our screens to gain some sort of enjoyment of virtual events, but instead to go out and enjoy the fun and activities our order has to offer.

This weekend we will be helping Camp Sequoyah prepare for summer camp with the help of our council as well as those going through their Ordeal, so if you don't have any obligations join us as we move tents, clean camp, repair the waterfront, or whatever else the camp ranger has in store. My final note for this weekend is that we have the chance to show non-members how we are as arrowman, so let's provide an example of how our Brotherhood of Cheerful Service helps its camps while having fun.

—John Dodd Beck,
Lodge Chief



Adviser's Minute

Welcome to our first regular Induction weekend this year, we're glad you're here, especially our new Inductees! Congratulations on your election to membership in the Order of the Arrow and welcome to Coosa Lodge! We very much look forward to your continued participation in our upcoming Chapter and Lodge events scheduled throughout the year.

I want to say a special thanks to the members of the LEC and their Advisers for the truly outstanding work they've done this year. Under their leadership, PowWow was a huge success and Conclave was a blast!

The Order of the Arrow is at a critical turning point. John Dodd and I will be attending a National Council of Chiefs meeting at Philmont in late July to discuss our long-term future direction. On a National level, Scouts BSA recognizes that OA youth leadership starting at the District/Council level represents the cream of the crop of Scouting, and is considered a critical National asset for Scouting's future. We're here for the long run, more to come.

—Mr. Don Russel,
Lodge Adviser



Conclave Recap



Coosa Lodge had a blast at the 2021 SR-9 Conclave held at Camp Patten! The camp may have been small and the showers full of frogs, but we still enjoyed our time in south Georgia. This year we strove to succeed and brought home: 2nd place in tug-o-war, 3rd place in volleyball, 2nd place in planbook, 2nd place in facebook, and third place in attendance. Thank you to all that attended and especially those of you that helped us with our program.

–Kate Giles,
Vice Chief of Administration



The next Conclave will be held on April 1st-3rd, 2022, at Camp Benjamin Hawkins, near Byron, Georgia. It will be hosted by Echeconnee Lodge. Next year is the last year of SR-9, and Conclave will be its last event, so don't miss it!

The Best Summer

In 2020, I decided I was going to staff the Summer Camp at Camp Comer. I had done it once before the previous year, but for reasons I don't think I need to mention, this was going to be different. Summer camp was always the highlight of my year, ever since I joined scouting, but I was worried that the pandemic might put a damper on our fun. Thankfully, despite the mask wearing and social distancing, this Summer Camp was just as fun as any I had been to! I spent my days helping my fellow scouts learn how to sail, tie knots, perform first-aid, and how to have a great time, no matter the circumstances. Despite all the craziness that surrounded it, I can confidently say that that summer was one of the best summers I've ever had!

–Paul Glenn,
Vice Chief of Communications

If you are interested in serving on summer camp staff, please contact the GAC's Camping Director, Seth Hill at seth.hill@scouting.org. We look forward to serving with you!



Countdown to NOAC

It's almost time for the biggest event in the OA! The National Order of the Arrow Conference is an event that brings Arrowmen from across the country together to celebrate Scouting. NOAC is an amazing experience, and one that I recommend everyone try to experience. You'll get to meet tons of fellow Arrowmen from around the nation, and hopefully make friends with them. There are a whole bunch of activities too have fun doing, and there are also trainings that you can take back to your own troop/crew, chapter, and lodge. Also, you'll get to stay in the dorms, so that might give you an idea and prepare you for college life.

–Ryan Charleton,
Vice Chief of Inductions

The next NOAC will be held at the University of Tennessee,
located in Knoxville, Tennessee, from July 25th to 30th, 2022.

Lodge Calendar

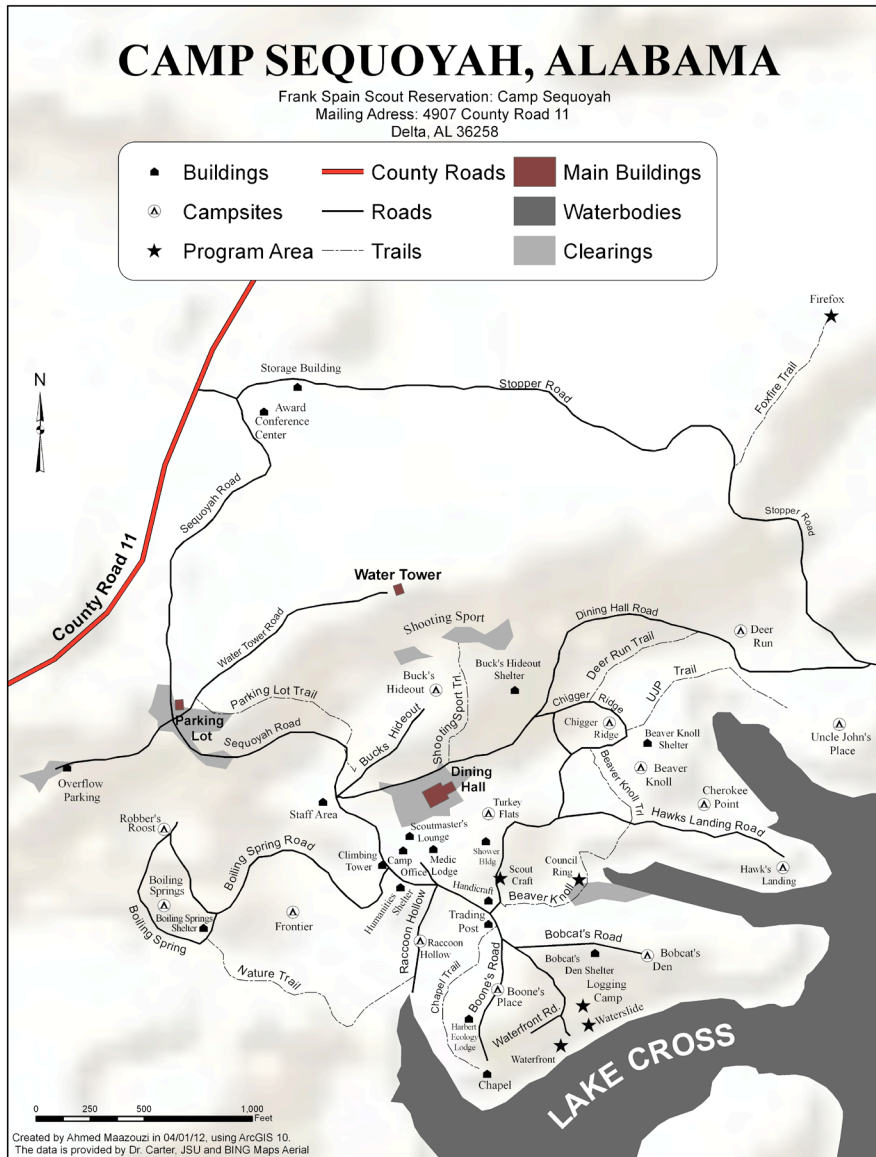
- May 7th-9th
Spring Induction Weekend
- June 7th-July 17th
Summer Camp (Camp Comer)
- June 6th-July 10th
Summer Camp (Camp Sequoyah)
- August 13th-15th
Summer Induction Weekend
- October 2nd
Hawk Day at Camp Jackson
- November 19th-21st
Fall Fellowship
- January 7th-9th
SR-9 Indian Winter
- April 1st-3rd
SR-9 Conclave



Looking Backward

The Coosa History Committee invites you to one of our Virtual Cracker Barrels! The Coosa History Committee is dedicated to collecting and preserving the history of Scouting in North Alabama. Our Virtual Cracker Barrels are held ever 4th Thursday of the month, the next one will be held on May 27th. To find out more, visit our Facebook page "North Alabama Scouting Memories." We can't wait to see you there!





Schedule

Friday:

- 6:00PM - Registration
- 7:00PM - Cracker Barrel
- 7:30PM - Elangomats Meet
- 9:00PM - Ceremonies Begin
- 11:00PM - Lights Out

Saturday:

- 7:30AM - Member Breakfast
- 8:30AM - Bro. Counseling
- 10:00AM - Unit Election Training
- 12:00PM - Lunch
- 1:00PM - Brotherhood Walk
- 4:00PM - Ordeal Ceremony
- 6:00PM - Dinnner/Fellowship
- 7:30PM - LEC Meeting

Sunday:

- 7:30AM - Breakfast
- 8:00AM - Scout's Own
- 8:15AM - Chapter Meetings
- After Meetings - Camp Clean-up

All meals will be served in the Dining Hall. Brotherhood Counseling and Unit Election Training will be held in the Dining Hall. The Elangomat Meeting will be held in the Pavilion. And the Brotherhood walk will begin at the Flagpole



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Got Brotherhood?

All dues paid Ordeal members are eligible for the Brotherhood after 10 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.

