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OSPREY EXPRESS

RECAP

Ordeal

Although this Ordeal had fewer candidates than in years past, all our brothers made a tremendous effort to make our new Ordeal members feel welcome and energetic after their Ordeal. We managed to build 13 new tent platforms for summer camp, we also managed to dig a new trench for the lighting along the trail to Whipple Circle. We saw some amazing efforts from our elangomats, ordeal candidates, and all our other brothers there for the weekend. Congratulations to our 60+ new members and those who transitioned to Brotherhood that weekend. You all did an excellent job!

Saturday night, after our traditional Ordeal feast, the Chief's set up a few fun games for the new members to participate in. On the parade field we had football, and in the dining hall (with the theme of rock music) we had Guitar Hero set up which was a blast for everyone. We hope to see everyone again at our next event!!

CHAPTER REPORTS

Not much new has been happening within the Chapters with the outbreak of Coronavirus. Everyone is holding tight until the State starts opening again. We strongly encourage our Chapter leadership to plan some games and events to bring our brothers back together for some bonding time.

Choctaw Chapter has been hosting meetings via Zoom conferences. If your chapter can do this, we encourage it; otherwise, it could be a useful tool for your chapter's leadership to discuss plans for after the pandemic.

UPDATES ON CORONAVIRUS

NOAC – NOAC has been cancelled. It is being replaced by Momentum. Momentum is meant to be an event for all of you who signed up for NOAC; although, it may be possible for others who are interested to join in the fun. It will be held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve from August 3-8, 2020. For more information visit: <https://oa-bsa.org/article/noac-2020-update>

Conclave – This year's Conclave has been moved to September 5-7. We also look forward to next year when we, Yustaga Lodge, will be hosting! To really make sure Conclave 2021 is an amazing event, we encourage you to help the camp wherever possible. When camping starts opening up again, invite your troop to camp out, and take care of some of those service hours that the younger scouts in your troop may need. We have a list of projects that we need done for conclave. Contact Mr. Don Smith (donfloridasmith@aol.com) for more information.

Fellowship – We have not set the date yet to allow for the State to open camping. However, we are keeping to the same unique layout as planned (check Spring Fellowship below). We are still hoping for an awesome weekend!

High Adventure – Check to make sure your trip has not been cancelled or moved to a new date! Most High Adventure trips at the end of summer have not changed, but you do not want to miss out on your trip of a lifetime, so double check your emails and the high adventure websites.

Scouting page: <https://www.scouting.org/outdooradventures/>

OA page: <https://oa-bsa.org/high-adventure>

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Spring Fellowship: Date TBD; will be sometime in July (used to be May 2-3)

Spring Fellowship is our Lodge's most exciting event. This year's theme is Blues to match our overall theme of music. Instead of our typical schedule where most events are held in the daytime, this time around we will be staying up all night! We will have games such as capture the flag, spam toss, and Chief hunt, as well as some watersports events. We're hoping this will be an awesome twist one what we usually do, and we are calling it "Night Moves". Come on out and see what it's all about!

Service opportunity!! – If you wish to come early Saturday or stay late Sunday, there will be service opportunities available to help us prepare for Conclave 2021. Please stick around to help! The lodge and camp will greatly appreciate your effort, and the other lodges will envy how awesome our camp is if we complete all the work we need by next Conclave.

OA Workday / Makeup Ordeal: June 19th-20th

We're trying to get camp ready for Conclave 2021. Since it couldn't happen this year, we want to make sure our Conclave can be the best we've had in a while. We need an overall 4000 man-hours to really spice up our camp to make this a spectacular event. If you are reading this, spread the word to your chapters! If you want to see a blob at the waterfront someday, improved restroom facilities, functional media at Whipple, or anything else you dream of for the camp, you should be a part of this!

Conclave: September 5-7

Conclave is our section's (SR-1B) big event. At Conclave, you can meet new friends from as far as Mississippi, get to know them through team building exercises or outdoor skills classes, and then compete against them later in the day in games such as volleyball and ultimate frisbee. We always bring our Lodge spirit to the event, so be prepared to learn a few chants along the way. At night, each lodge brings out their own game and often unique food in what we call "Founder's Festival" which is essentially a little fair. You can win prizes such as patches and reunite with your friends that you demolished in volleyball earlier. The date for Conclave this year has been moved due to the epidemic. It will still be held in Starkville MS.

There are always service projects that need our help at the camp. These can be done as Individual, Chapter, Troop, Pack, Crew etc. Please contact Don Smith for more information: donfloridasmith@aol.com

CONCLAVE 2021!!

WOOP WOOP! LET'S MAKE IT COUNT YUSTAGA!

CHIEF'S MINUTE

To all Yustaga Arrowmen,

During this hard time, I know a lot has changed recently, from online school to wearing face masks at your local Walmart. Overall the world has been in a dark place for the past couple of months. As scouts, we know what it's like to overcome obstacles, but this new foe may seem too tall or strong to face. I want to highlight that as scouts it is our job to help our communities that need it the most right now. Lodges across the country are finding creative ways to help during this hardship. One lodge, for example, made face masks for the heroes that are on the front lines giving all they got to make this world a better place. We as scouts as my mother says are one of the only lights in the world right now and as much our light may dim or fade, it is our job to let our light shine as much as possible during this time. I know at this moment things are changing. All I ask is that we as Scouts never change what we do, helping people, and making the world a better place one step at a time.

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Pryce Murphy

2020 Yustaga Lodge Chief

ADVISER'S BRIEF

“A look back in History”

In these unprecedented times for our generation, we now find a pandemic sweeping our Nation and World. I know Scouting and the Order of the Arrow has faced a similar crisis before in our history and they prevailed, and our nation was stronger for it in the aftermath. In 1918, the Spanish Influenza pandemic ravaged the world ultimately seeing millions succumb to the virus. Throughout this tragedy, Scouts and the OA focused their efforts on doing whatever they could to support their communities and our nation heavily involved in World War 1. Scouts were challenged to earn their Gardening merit badges and at the same time provide vital food stores to troops and communities. Scouts also identified and replanted black walnut trees which the wood was utilized for gun stocks and propellers for airships. Also, the pits of fruits were collected by Scouts which was used in the filter mechanisms for gas masks. All these extremely worthwhile efforts were essential in the success of being crucial support in helping end World War 1 and the return and rebuild of our country challenged by both facets of a war and pandemic of epic proportions. Now in the midst of another historic pandemic, but thankfully with advances in modern technology, knowledge of prevention/containment and medicine/medical advances we can cope with this challenge at a greater advantage than our predecessors were able to in 1918. However the mindset of doing everything we can to help our country and serving our fellow man, we should work through this together to continuing to maintain an important presence in our communities and further strengthening the value of Scouts and the Order of the Arrow locally and in the Gulf Coast Council. Opportunities to help include food banks, food distribution, support for essential healthcare entities with mask creation/donations, and simply just being a support for those around us during these trying times.

Ordeal weekend held during March 6-8 at STSR was a tremendous success, and we had over sixty candidates seal their membership into our fine organization as brand new Arrowmen of Yustaga Lodge. Our Vice Chief of Service, James Welch, did a great job of identifying and addressing several key project areas at camp that were completed throughout the weekend. Fresh coats of paint were applied to Henson Hall and the Campmaster's Cabin, vegetation thinned and cleaned up around camp/campsites and the perimeter trails, Whipple circle enhancements with fence rebuilds, bench repairs (ongoing), a trail lighting system revamp with new floodlights with the assistance of an electrician, a fresh coat of paint for the fence and entrance gate at STSR, tent platforms being constructed, and many other areas helping us get STSR ready for when we host Conclave in April of 2021. A huge shout out to the tremendous efforts by all involved and those that continue to be able to serve in small groups during this time. Everyone had a great time, we had fantastic ceremonies for our new Brotherhood members, and our Ordeal candidates with the Pre-Ordeal on Friday evening and the Ordeal ceremonies on Saturday evening, and as usual we had delicious food the entire weekend.

Since our ordeal, the normal Spring activities we all look forward to have unfortunately been postponed/re-scheduled due to the Coronavirus and quarantines put in place. Conclave will now be held Labor Day weekend in September (5-7) at Camp Seminole in Starkville, MS. Our Fall Pow Wow has been moved to September 25-27 th and our Spring Fellowship has been postponed until we are able to gather at STSR under Federal/State guidelines allow. We can't wait for the opportunity to see everyone again and experience fellowship as we've been accustomed to in the past, but we must do our due diligence to provide for the safety of our members and flatten the curve of this current viral situation.

Until we can gather in a safe manner conducive to our needs as a lodge to have a weekend together, know that your lodge leadership is diligently planning and pushing forward to have a successful Spring Fellowship (when allowed), a make-up

ordeal, Summer camp workday, preparations for Conclave in the fall and preparations for Conclave in 2021 hosted here at STSR. Stay safe and I look forward to seeing everyone as soon as possible.

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Michael Cole

Yustaga Lodge Adviser

OA TRIVIA

Q: What is the replacement for NOAC this year?

- A . Hive
- B . Avalanche
- C . Momentum
- D . NOAC 2.0

Q: What should you be doing to help with Conclave next year??

- A . Bring your troop to camp for service
- B . Coming early to Spring Fellowship
- C . Contact Mr. Don Smith
- D . All the above

Q: During the Spanish Influenza Pandemic (1918) during WWI, in which of the following ways did scouts help the nation?

- A . Collected pits of fruits for gas masks
- B . Collected as scrap metal for military supplies
- C . Planted trees to use the wood for gun stocks
- D . Both A and B
- E . Both A and C

Answer Submissions: The answers may be submitted at Spring Fellowship on a small LEGIBLE piece of paper WITH YOUR NAME to be drawn for a prize (youth and adult separate boxes)

Note: Please keep up with the Osprey trivia as prizes will be awarded at each event.



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