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**OSPREY
EXPRESS****RECAP****CONCLAVE**

All of our brothers were excited for this year's Conclave in Maubila, but sadly a tropical storm sent everyone home early. A makeup Section event was scheduled for later in the year, but once it came around, it too was cancelled because of weather. This only means that next year's Conclave will be all the more exciting after a year without the event.

SPRING FELLOWSHIP

Even though Conclave was cancelled, Yustaga had yet another excellent Spring Fellowship this year. It was packed with exciting themed events. On Friday night, the adults enjoyed helping out building derby carts for the Big Event to be held the next day. During the Big Event we saw spirit in the carts as well as on the sidelines. It was a fast race, with a wicked wipeout from Choctaw Chapter's cart; a great event. We saw more spirit in the 50-60s relay race with challenges such as a bubble gum chew and a wheelchair race. After running around in the heat, everyone had a chance to cool down at the waterfront for the water carnival. There were games such as water Volleyball and Capture the Watermelon. At the end of the day, everyone enjoyed their chance at dunking the lodge leadership, well everyone except the lodge leadership. This year's Spring Fellowship was so much fun for everyone, let's do it again next year.

MAKE-UP ORDEAL

At Make-up Ordeal, we saw several new brothers join our lodge. During this weekend, there was also a pre-summer camp workday where lodge members came out to help place tent platforms, set up tents, and clean up campsites. The Service Corp did an excellent job at camp. They got even further on the bridge project, and have nearly completed construction. Camp Euchee has never looked better, let's keep up the good work everyone.

NATIONAL ORDER OF THE ARROW CONFERENCE - NOAC

If you didn't get the opportunity to attend NOAC this summer you really missed a great time and some very nice comfortable weather at Indiana University. We had some awesome shows and attended some of the best training that OA has to offer. Some of our lodge brothers were on the training staff, Wade Hartley, Bill Payne, Greg Jordan, and Houston Hartley. The next NOAC will be at Michigan State University in the summer of 2020.

CHAPTER REPORTS

Choctaw Chapter

Choctaw chapter helped with getting STSR ready for summer camp by helping set up the platforms for the tents as well as by helping finish up the bridge that the service committee started during the ordeal. The only thing left to do with the bridge is to put handrails on. During the make-up ordeal, Choctaw had 3 new ordeal candidates join the chapter.

Oschambos

Oschambos has had a great spring so far. In the fellowship derby race, the adults enjoyed constructing the cars, and the boys enjoyed racing in and winning the derby. Oschambos made incredible food for this event thanks to the amazing chefs. At summer camp work day, they got everything done and everyone worked together great. They have a Chapter fun

day planned for late this month and a bowling/ movie night planned for July. Oschambos will be the first chapter to have the newly created job of Camp Clean Up at Fall Pow Wow. Houston Hartely say, "We are ready!"

Woapalanne

Woapalanne has also had a great summer. Their members have kept busy with setting up and staffing summer camp and preparing for NOAC. The Woapalanne ceremony team did a great job with the ceremonies for the new Ordeal members. Everyone enjoyed free swim and volleyball at the Spring Fellowship Water Carnival set up by Tyler Rickman. A great idea for the hot weather. The 50's and 60's themed show Saturday night was also a hit and had many laughing.

Appalachee

Appalachee members enjoyed Spring Fellowship, too. The Big Event, racing derby cars, with Chapter Chief, Noah Owens, as their driver was their favorite event. They held their next chapter meeting at rocket lanes where everyone had a blast bowling, roller skating, and playing games. At this meeting, they saw a few new faces in attendance. Appalachee too helped out at the summer Camp work day, and afterwards, they spent the afternoon at Ponce de Leon Springs. With this great beginning to the year, the chapter is excited for whatever comes next.

HIGH ADVENTURE

OA Trail Crew

Sadly, the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico had to be closed this summer to all scouting adventures until the 2019 season due to a large wildfire that burned nearly 1700 acres. We hope that the camp can return to its former glory in the coming years. We can help the camp as OA members by signing up for the OATC program for next summer. You can check out what the program is about on their website: <https://oa-bsa.org/high-adventure/our-adventures/oa-trail-crew>

OA Ocean Adventure

OA Ocean Adventure is back at the Dry Tortugas this summer after hurricane Irma ripped through the keys last year. Those there have to complete small tasks to help preserve the beauty of the islands as well as work on one main project throughout the week. After all of this hard work though, they get to enjoy some of the best fish, fresh coconut, and beautiful sea life all week long.

OA Wilderness Voyage/ Canadian Odyssey

At this high adventure base, OA members go up to the US and Canadian border for two weeks. One week they get to participate in portage trail restoration work to give back to the Canoe Country region. During the second week of the adventure brothers take a break through the boundary waters that they planned with their crew.

OA Summit Experience

At OA Summit Experience, brothers get to meet fellow OA members from around the nation while building trails and enjoying the Summit. Smashing rocks into gravel, removing trail hazards, and getting dirty for half a week; zip lining, rock climbing, and mountain biking for the other half. OASE is defiantly a great start for the OA high adventure experience. Our own Lodge Chief, Jerry Hand, has had the opportunity to work there this summer, and he's greatly enjoyed it.

385 OUTLOOK

Fall POW Wow: September 8-9
LLD: October 20-21
OA Banquet November 3rd

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

THE CHIEF'S MINUTE

I hope all of your summer breaks have went well. I have been working at the Summit Bechtel Reserve and am off to NOAC. Lots of praise to all of you, whether staffing or going to summer camp. I'm glad to see all of this scouting going on. We also have welcomed a new lodge into SR-1B, Sebooney Okasulla, and this summer. I look forward to seeing all of you at the Fall Pow Wow and Banquet. So in closing I want to again, thank all the Advisers and Chairmen for their continued service. I also would like to thank each and every member for their dedicated service to the Yustaga Lodge.

Jerry Hand, Lodge Chief

THE ADVISER'S BRIEF

I hope that everyone has been enjoying the summer. I know that many of you have been to Scout Summer Camps, High Adventure Camps, and family vacations. Your Vice Chief of Training has already been busy planning our Fall Pow Wow. The link to register for the Fall Pow Wow is on www.yustaga385.com. I hope that each and everyone of you will register to come out and have some fun, fellowship and training. The Fall PowWow is also our annual business meeting. You will have the opportunity to elect new lodge leadership. If you are planning to run for a lodge officer position please let me know. You will also need to attend the Officer Orientation training session on Saturday. I challenge each Chapter to earn the Chapter Training award for 2018. Oschambos Chapter won it the first year and is looking to hold the title. Next on the calendar will be our Lodge Leadership Development training in October.

Jeff Kern, Lodge Adviser

OA TRIVIA

Q: What year was the first NOAC?

- a. 1921
- b. 1948
- c. 1915
- d. 2015

Q : Who was the National Chief during last NOAC?

- a. Richard Wilson
- b. Nick Dannemiller
- c. Alex Call
- d. Jerry Hand

Q: What is the theme for this year's NOAC?

- a. It Starts With Us

- b. Decide Your Destiny
- c. Catch the Higher Vision
- d. Operation Arrow

The answers may be submitted at the Fall Pow Wow 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.

Any questions, corrections or information that you would like added to the Osprey please contact:

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