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Years of  
Scouting

# RED FEATHER HERALD

Order of The Arrow

Greater Alabama Council

Boy Scouts of America

## From the Desk of the Chief

“Effective communication is the key to success.”

-Will Cole  
Lodge Chief

So far 2010 has gotten off to a great start. I have enjoyed my time as lodge chief and I am thankful for all the help and support I have received. This is our tenth anniversary and we are very proud of our success over the past ten years. We also plan on continuing these strong traditions for the years to come.

We plan on raising the bar high for this new year and we have set some strong goals to achieve. We are focusing on Chapters and getting more attendance at Chapter Meetings. Also we want to improve Chapter participation as a whole at Lodge events. The main issue though, is with our communication. We need to strive to have better and more effective communication within our Chapters and our Lodge as well. This is the key to success and it can be accomplished.

We are looking forward to having effective service projects and service days at our council camps. We hope to have outstanding Ordeal weekends that break the record high in attendance and service. This is only possible if we work as a Lodge.

One goal we are striving to improve on is our Brotherhood conversions. You are the only ones who can make the mark. There are several opportunities to have your counseling at most of our events. If you already have your ten months we encourage you to go through and seal your membership.

As you can see we have a lot of great things to look forward to. There is still a big year ahead and we are going to continue our cheerful service and our strong traditions as Coosa Lodge.



## 5th Annual American Indian Seminar Slated for March 19th-21st

Each year since 2006, Coosa Lodge has hosted an American Indian Seminar. This year's AIS will be held at Camp Comer near Mentone, AL on March 19-21. This event is organized and hosted by the Lodge and any Arrowman interested in American Indian traditions and crafts is invited to attend. Each year, guests from several neighboring states visit for fun, learning, and fellowship.

Class sessions typically include introductory classes to the various Indian dance styles, drumming, “make and take” Indian craft classes, regalia-building classes, training on various beadwork techniques, teepee building, training on judging dance, ceremony competitions, and lots more! Saturday night culminates in a Pow-Wow on the Parade Field (where everyone is invited to participate), the Founders Award and movies. Plus, good food, ice cream, Cracker Barrels, patch trading, and the famous Coosa Lodge Trading Post.

Mr. Julian Simmons notes that we will have several people teaching dance that teach and judge at NOAC and National Jamboree. We also plan to have a live bird of prey presentation. In addition, the National Vice Chief is scheduled to attend. The AIS patch feature a Straight Dancer on it this year. We will also have open drumming Friday night. Hope to see you there!



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# You Won't Want To Miss This!!

## 2010 Coosa Lodge Calendar

-March 19-21 AIS @ Comer

-April 16-18 SR-9 Conclave @ Camp Tuckabatchee

- April 24 OA Work Day @ Camp Jack Wright

-May 7-9 Ordeal @ Comer

May 22- OA Workday@ Camp Westmoreland

-August 13-15 Ordeal @ Sequoyah

-September 11 Hawk Corps

-Fall Fellowship October 1-3 @ Comer

-November 12-14 Ordeal @ Jackson



SR-9 Conclave Patch for 2010

## Colonel's Corner

How time flies! Our lodge is now ten years old and we are at our fifth annual American Indian Seminar. First, a BIG COOSA welcome to our National Vice-Chief, Will Swingle. We are honored he has taken time out of his busy schedules to join us. Brothers, make him welcome and take this rare opportunity to get to know one of our National Officers. Kudos to Mr. Julian Simmons for his expertise, time, tireless efforts, personal funds and materials to make this yet another great events for all of us in attendance. To all the Brothers of the Order from outside our lodge that travel long distances year after year and share with us their talents, knowledge, experience and expertise, we thank you and your spouses for adding to our AIS. Also we need to thank all the support staff whose devotion and dedication pull everything together and make this such a great event. Finally, congratulations to our outstanding and worthy recipients of the coveted Founders Award. We have come far in ten

years and can be justifiably proud of our Lodge and our accomplishments. We have yet further to travel. Please support your chapters, encourage Brotherhood conversion, ensure every worthy Scout has the chance to be elected into Boy Scouts of America's National Honor Society to join us in W.W.W.



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