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Comer's OA Lodge

By Matt Sheets
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I am sad to report that on November 22, 2005 the OA lodge at Comer Scout Reservation burned to the ground. No one was hurt in the fire, which is believed to have been caused by an electrical problem.



I have spoken with many members who have strong memories tied to that building. Here's what Mr. Eric Ross had to say: "Myself along with many others have many fond memories from the events held in and around this building. It greatly saddens me. This will be tough for lodge members. But we are strong, and Coosa Lodge we will rebuild and rise above this great loss to our lodge and council."

Although no plans have been announced, the council camping committee will address what to do about rebuilding. There were many things lost in this fire and some can never be replaced. Coosa Lodge will move on and build a new OA lodge to create new memories for all brothers.

Coosa members in the OA Lodge ('99 Fall Fellowship)

Coosa Lodge WWW

1st Annual Native American Seminar

March 31 ~ April 2



Come join Coosa Lodge at camp Sequoyah for native american dance and drum instruction,
Regalia construction hints, Ceremony tips, and so much more
come be a part of the First Annual Native American Seminar

Please include your \$15.00 Registration fee if mailed
before March 16th after March 16th \$20.00.

Name (s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

E-mail: _____

Home Phone: (_____) - _____ Second Phone: (_____) - _____

Date of Birth: _____ - _____ - _____

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Coosa Lodge WWW
516 Liberty Parkway
Birmingham, AL 35242

Chiefs Note's

James Tarbox Coosa Lodge Chief
coosa_chief@coosa50.org

My Brothers,

I hope all is well with you. I want to thank you for your efforts at the 2005 Encampment. It is with great pride that I say Coosa was a main attraction. The Dance Ring was the place to be on Saturday, and the setup around it received a lot of attention also. One special thanks to Mr. Riddle and everyone from Troop 10 who helped prepare our meals. You guys rock! Once again thank you for your help!

Now that the Encampment is over, it is time to start thinking about 2006. This year will be very important in the development of Coosa Lodge. It is time to start thinking about how you will plug into Coosa, I want everyone to be able to call a committee their home this

year. A good place to find out what your niche will be the Coosa Lodge Leadership Development Conference. The LLDC will be held on February 4th at Snead State Community College in Boaz, Alabama. At this event, there will be courses that explain all aspects of our Lodge. Everything from communications, shows and how to get your chapter up and running. I would like to urge you to attend. This training is critical to the our success this year.

Another thing to start thinking about is Conclave. How are you going to help the Lodge be successful at Conclave? Attending is the first step. I told everyone that we will be strong, but we will have to work together to achieve this.

A strong showing is great, but it will never happen without everybody coming to this great event.

Together we can show the Section who is the best!

Don't just think about this but register ! Together we will keep Coosa the best in the nation!

In Service,

James Tarbox
Coosa Lodge Chief

Adviser's Minute

Greg Moore Coosa Lodge Adviser
coosa_adviser@coosa50.org

My Brothers,

Let me first start by thanking Joey Kiker for his superb service as Lodge Chief this past year. Job well done, Joey! I'd also like to congratulate James Tarbox on his election as Lodge Chief for this year. Finally, I'd like to congratulate the 20 members of the 2005 Vigil Class and Daniel Wright who received the Founders' Award at the Fall Fellowship. Well deserved, all of you!

Looking back, we've just completed a very active year where we held our first lodge-wide One Day of service project, held two successful fellowships, dominated conclave (once again), had 118 of our brothers become Brotherhood members, and inducted 371 new members. To top it all off,

Coosa Lodge was a main center of attraction at the 2005

Alabama Encampment at the Talladega Superspeedway. Our Indian Village and OA Adventure were well attended and enjoyed by all.

Many of us helped, but I would like to especially thank Will Hayes, Joey Kiker, Julian Simmons and Mark Hayes for their leadership in pulling together this event.

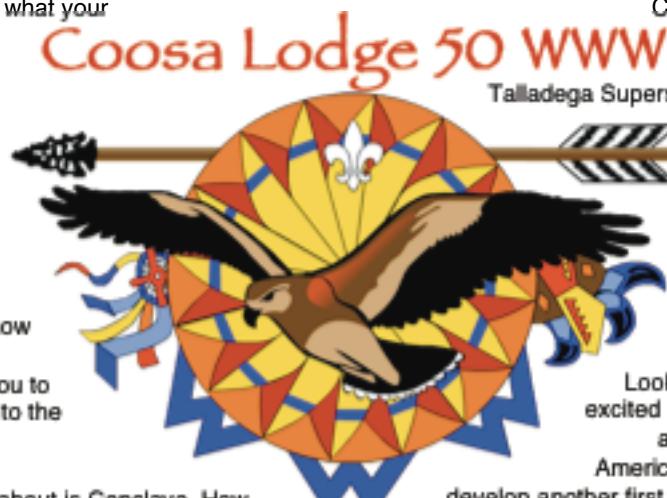
Looking forward, we have much to be excited about. Our Fellowship Committee along with the Vice Chief of Native American Affairs are working together to develop another first for Coosa. Our Spring Fellowship will become a Spring Pow Wow, centered around developing our Native American events such as ceremonies, dance and drum. This will be an excellent opportunity for your chapter to learn some of the skills necessary to begin your own teams. I am excited about the possibilities for this event now and in the future.

Next July, Coosa Lodge will be well represented at the National Order of the Arrow Conference in East Lansing, Michigan. At the time of this printing about 60 of our brothers have signed up to go. This event promises to be tremendous fun and I hope you are going with us. I can't wait to go!

Finally, there is plenty of room for you to get involved. Find out what your chapter is doing and get involved. I look forward to seeing you at our LLDC in February at Snead State!

In Service,

Greg Moore
Coosa Lodge Adviser



Coosa Lodge

2006 NOAC Contingent

Pre-Registration Form

The 2006 NOAC will be held at Michigan State University in Lansing, MI from July 29 through August 3, 2006. The Coosa Lodge Executive Committee has issued a challenge to the lodge to double our contingent size from the last NOAC. We want YOU to be a part of our contingent!

At this time, the exact costs have not been established. However, for budgeting purposes, we can estimate the cost at \$500. The final price is subject to change as more information becomes available and could go up or down. The final price will include the conference fee (which includes room and board during NOAC) as well as transportation to and from the event. **The entire contingent will be traveling together.** We are looking into bus transportation currently. As it stands now, items that are not included in the price will be personal spending money, NOAC memorabilia or food while traveling up and back. Please check the lodge website, www.coosa50.org, often for more information in the coming months!

National requires that contingents consist of 2 youth for every adult. Therefore, each adult who wants to attend NOAC will be required to recruit 2 youth. **Adult pre-registration forms WILL NOT be accepted unless they are accompanied by the pre-registration forms for two youth members.** You are considered a youth if you do not turn 21 during or before NOAC. If you turn 21 during NOAC, consider yourself an adult.

In order to hold your spot in our contingent, a \$100 deposit will be required with your pre-registration form. You will have 5 opportunities to secure your slot for NOAC. Please turn in this form at the NOAC Pre-registration table/booth at one of the following: the May, August or September Ordeals; the Fall Fellowship; or the Council Encampment. The deadline for submission will be the Council Encampment. **Your deposit is non-refundable, but is transferable, up until the 2006 Spring Fellowship.** For accounting purposes, please bring a separate check and make it payable to the Boy Scouts of America.

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

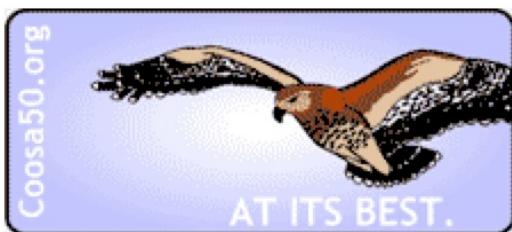
Email: _____ (*very important!*)

IF ADULT: Names of youth recruited:

Name 1: _____ Verified: _____

Name 2: _____ Verified: _____

Please contact Greg Moore, Lodge Adviser, at RGMChop@aol.com or Mark Hayes, 2006 NOAC Contingent Leader, at Mrkchk50@aol.com with any questions!



Membership

Will Jackson Coosa
Vice Chief, Administration
coosa_vcadmin@coosa50.org

It is time to start another great year in Coosa Lodge! Before we start this new year, we need everyone to pay their dues to the address on the attached dues form.

For more information, please check out www.coosa50.org, ask your unit OA representative, or e-mail me at coosa_vcadmin@coosa50.org.

**If you went through your ordeal in 2005, you are already covered for this upcoming year.*

The Vigil...

By Matt Sheets
Vice Chief, Communications
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My journey into the Vigil started on Friday night of the Sash Bash Fall Fellowship 2005. In reality it is a journey we all began when we set the example, by teaching and leading our patrol and troop. These Scouts, our peers elect us to the Order for setting example. Without realizing we begin a journey of cheerful service. The night of the ordeal, our first time facing the chief and is only a reflection of things to come.

We each will face the chief again and be offered guidance and encouragement on our journey in this life of cheerful service. To be a servant leader to your fellowman is what we are that all are obligated to become.

In the Vigil,
Matt Sheets



Frog Rock Ceremony Ring

By Kyle McInnis
Nischamawat Chapter Chief

The Nischamawat ceremony teams have been busy. We proudly serve Coosa Lodge by being one of the chapters that perform the Order of the Arrow ceremonies. However, the chapter does more. During the last four or five ordeals at Camp Comer we have been cleaning and improving the ceremony site we all know as Frog Rock.

Frog Rock's ceremony ring has to be cleaned every before every ceremony. Leaves are raked out, grass and weeds are pulled or cut and the trail is cleared of fallen limbs.

If you recently attended a ceremony there you noticed new seating. The old seating was inspected and repaired where needed. The seats that could not be repaired were replaced and that six or seven benches were added. That means there is more than twice the original seating for the lodge to use. A new trail was made to get to the seating area. Just before you get to the entrance of the ring, turn right and a new trail will take you around the large rock to the bench seats.

You may never have noticed the big stump in the ceremony ring. Well it's too late, now! That old stump was removed. In that same area a rack was made to hold the sashes for candidates going through there ceremony.



Coosa Podcast!

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So I bet you're asking yourself what's a Podcast? I know I was wondering the same thing about 6 months ago. I soon found out that a Podcast is a recording that you post on-line for people to download (and the best part is its FREE). So far Coosa has 3 Episodes online. They are a great way to stay up-to-date on the latest Coosa Lodge News.

Interested in listening to the latest Coosa Lodge Podcast? Visit us online at <http://www.coosa50.org/podcast/> and we'll give you all of the info and software you need!

Any Questions? E-mail podcast@coosa50.org

Coosa Lodge 2006 Conclave Pre-registration Form

2006 Section SR-6S Conclave April 28 - 30, 2006 Camp Rainey Mountain



Conclave is fast approaching! Coosa Lodge plans to once again take the largest contingent, but we can't do that without YOU! This fast-paced, fun-filled, informative, exciting and memorable event will be held at Camp Rainey Mountain in northern Georgia on the weekend of April 28 - 30. We want you to come along and be a member of our contingent! Look for more information at upcoming Lodge events and **be sure to attend the Conclave Contingent Meeting at the Spring Fellowship!**

Additionally, Camp Rainey Mountain is about 270 miles from Birmingham. To assist with this distance, the Lodge will be traveling together, so a transportation fee is included below. The Lodge will have a contingent T-shirt available by pre-order only. Please select your size below. Finally, conclave memorabilia items are available for pre-order on a separate form which is available in the Huntsville Service Center, in the Birmingham Scout Office, and online at www.coosa50.org. All conclave memorabilia pre-orders MUST be turned in to the Contingent Leader by the date stated on that form!

Item	Quantity	Price	Item Total
Registration Fee		\$23.00	
Transportation Fee	1	\$27.00	\$27.00
Coosa Lodge Contingent T-Shirt (M)			
Coosa Lodge Contingent T-Shirt (L)			
Coosa Lodge Contingent T-Shirt (XL)			
Coosa Lodge Contingent T-Shirt (XXL)		\$11.00	
Coosa Lodge Contingent T-Shirt (XXXL)		\$12.00	
		Sub-total	
		Grand total	

Registration Fee is \$23 per person, if turned in by March 15. After that date, the registration fee must be paid in person and will be \$42. The lodge is providing transportation to and from conclave for the above price. You will need to bring money for meals enroute both ways.

Please mail this form and your payment to *Mark Hayes, 710 Small Lake Rd., Odenville, AL 35120*. Pre-registration fees are due to the Contingent Leader by March 15. **Anyone not registered by this time will pay the late fee of \$42 upon arrival at the Conclave.**

Please make checks payable to Boy Scouts of America – OA. (OA Account # 1-2371-698-00)

Name (s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Email: _____

Telephone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Please list any medical or dietary needs or restrictions: _____



Coosa Lodge 2006 Dues Form

The youth leadership of the Coosa Lodge has planned an exciting schedule for 2006. We need and want every Arrowman in the Greater Alabama Council to be a part of what we're doing. If you didn't pay your dues for 2006 by the end of the year, it's not too late! Even if you weren't active in 2005, you can become active again. Here's your chance to renew your membership.

Please complete the following information:

Coosa Card # _____ (*Fill this in if you have received one. Look on the back of your membership card for the number.*)

Title _____ First Name _____ Middle Name _____

Last Name _____ Suffix _____ (*Sr., Jr., etc.*)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Home Phone (____) - ____ Phone-2 (____) - ____ Cell Phone (____) - ____

Email Address _____

Gender _____ Date of Birth _____

Chapter _____ Unit _____ BSA Registration # _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Emergency Phone (____) - ____

Ordeal Date _____ Location _____

Brotherhood Date _____

Location _____

Vigil Date _____ Location _____

Vigil Indian Name _____

English Translation _____

Founder's Award Date _____

Please use this address for mailing:

Coosa Lodge Dues
Greater Alabama Council
P. O. Box 43307
Birmingham, AL 35243
OA Account # 1-2371-698-00

I am updating a lapsed membership in
the Coosa Lodge and I owe
\$ 16.00

I am renewing my membership in the
Coosa Lodge and I owe
\$ 8.00

Mail this Completed form along with a check payable to "Boy Scouts of America – OA" for the appropriate amount to the address above.

We look forward to seeing you in 2006!!

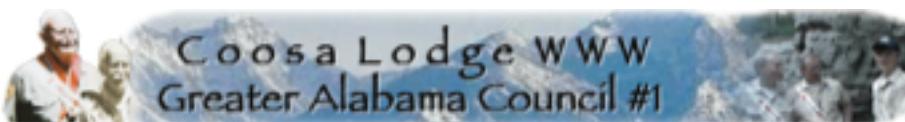
2005 – 2006 Coosa Lodge Calendar

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January 7	LEC Meeting	Huntsville, AL Location TBA
February 4	Lodge Leadership Development Conference	Boaz, AL Snead State Community College
February	Lodge One Day of Service	Check coosa50.org for more info
March 31 - April 2	Native American Seminar	Camp Sequoyah
April 28 - 30	SR-6S Conclave	Camp Rainey Mountain
May 19 - 21	Ordeal / Brotherhood Weekend	Camp Sequoyah
July 29 – August 3	National Order of the Arrow Conference	East Lansing, MI Michigan State Univ.
September 8 - 10	Ordeal / Brotherhood Weekend	Camp Comer
October 6 - 8	Fall Fellowship	Camp Comer



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