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## WHAT'S UP OCCONEECHEE LODGE

Occoneechee Lodge started the Fall of 2014 on a high note, hosting our 1st Annual Trade-o-Ree at Camp Durant in August with very positive reviews from everyone attending. This was the first of many annual patch trading events to come that will help reduce the price of NOAC for Occoneechee's contingents in future years.

The third weekend of September marked the third and final Ordeal and service weekend of the year. Occoneechee lodge elected new officers: A.J. Raulynaitis as Lodge Chief, Stephen Nuttall as Vice chief of Program, Keegan Pierce as Vice chief of Administration, Gray Barnhill as Vice-chief of Communications, and Ryan Biegert as Vice Chief of Finance. The event, Fall Fellowship, helped Occoneechee prepare for the Council Camporee which the lodge had been asked to run a year prior.

The camporee, held in October, received rave reviews from many troops and scouters who attended. Over 2000 people participated in the camporee which featured majestic shows, OaX style exhibits called Dawn Breakers and a unique 3.6 mile obstacle course called the "[Challenge Trail](#)" which was full of mud, cargo nets, up-hill slip and slides, and mountains of hay. We were joined by Section Chief, Stephen Frein and VC Training, Joe Daley which attend the camporee as our special guests.

The weekend following the Council Camporee, Occoneechee Lodge hosted their recognitions weekend at Camp Durant, Fall Gathering, which started with an AIA Expo Saturday morning, friendship and fellowship throughout the day and concluded with the annual awards banquet, where the newly elected lodge officers were installed. The 2015 officers will begin preparing for their term by attending the SR-7B COC/CLS in October. Occoneechee will then reconvene in November for their Lodge Leadership development, hosted by Campbell University, where they will begin to plan for the year ahead.

A.J. Raulynaitis, Chief  
Occoneechee Lodge



## OA HIGH ADVENTURE

Brothers,

High Adventure is an opportunity for you to grow as a Scout and as a person by spending time with other dedicated Arrowmen from all around the nation. Each high adventure base has their own program that is specific to members of the Order of the Arrow. You as a member can have the adventure of a lifetime at any of the four bases around the nation: Philmont Scout Ranch, Northern Tier, Florida Sea Base, and the new Summit Bechtel Scout Reserve. Next summer, you could be the one who represents Section SR-7B at these bases.

The Order has five high adventure programs that include:

- Canadian Odyssey at Northern Tier
- Ocean Adventure at the Florida Sea Base
- Summit Experience at the Summit Bechtel Scout Reserve
- Trail Crew at Philmont Scout Ranch
- Wilderness Voyage at Northern Tier

To view more information about any of the five programs offered, visit <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/> and read about the programs offered. Applications can be found here as well.

If you have any questions, please feel free to send me an email.

Yours in Cheerful Service,  
Adam B. Moore



## SECTION OFFICER SPOTLIGHT: STEPHEN FREIN



Stephen Frein is member of Occoneechee Lodge and will be serving as this year's SR-7B Section Chief. Stephen attends Appalachian State University in Boone, NC and is pursuing a major in Political Science/ Pre-professional Legal Studies along with a minor in Non-Profit Management. Stephen has enjoyed scouting since a young age and has earned both the Arrow of Light and Eagle Scout Awards. Past positions he has held include Chapter Chief, Lodge Vice Chief of Program, Lodge Chief, and Section Secretary. He looks forward to continuing in scouting for the rest of his life. Some of Stephen's favorite activities include backpacking, kayaking, and general scout skills. Stephen has worked on staff at Camp Durant for the past 5 years and last served as the Handicraft Director and OA Commissioner. He looks forward to this next year and can't wait to hear from other arrowmen from across the state during lodge visits and Conclave.

## CAMP FEATURE: CHEROKEE SCOUT RESERVATION

Nestled in the northern part of North Carolina near Yanceyville lies a boy scout camp known for its rolling hills and beautiful wilderness. Cherokee Scout Reservation belongs to the Old North State Council and is used year round for OA activities, council meetings, Campouts, and much more. During the summer Cherokee Scout Reservation is used as a summer camp for the boy scouts of the Old North State Council. There they can enjoy activities like shooting blackpowder rifles or trying their luck on the 3d archery course. The older scouts can also enjoy some of the high adventure activities like climbing, Mountain biking, and C.O.P.E.. There are still activities for the younger scouts to enjoy like the first year F.R.O.G.S. program and spending time at the waterfront where they can enjoy swimming, cannoning, sailboats, and more. Cherokee Scout Reservation offers many other merit badge programs like Handycraft and Scoutcraft where scouts can learn new skills with hands on activities and classes. Cherokee Scout Reservation is a great place for learning and we hope to see you soon.



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