

The Bow

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Winter Banquet -- Todd Knaperek

Tsali Lodge will be holding its Winter Banquet on February 24th at 6:00 PM at the Woodland Hills Baptist Church in Weaverville. You do not need to be a member of the Order of the Arrow to attend. Arrowmen, their families, and their friends are invited. This year we are expecting some very special guests and activities. Before the actual Banquet takes place, the Lodge will hold its Lodge Leader Development Course (LLD), however this year we wish to take out the "Leader" and open it for the entire Lodge to attend. At this LLD, trainers from National, including Jason Kemp (our 2001 region Chief), will be coming to teach our Lodge classes on various topics such as Indian Affairs, administration, parliamentary procedures, delegation, etc. This is truly a privilege and an awesome opportunity to learn from the best in the nation (something not many Lodges are able to do). So if you would like to attend the LLD, by all means come (10:30 a.m.).

We have several other events planned for the evening. The Lodge will announce the sectioned back patch campaign for the 2001-2002 year. In this, there are 6 events that you can obtain a section of the patch from and when you get all six patches, you complete the back patch. Also, we will be presenting the Founders Award for the year 2001 as well as a very Special presentation of the Founders Award for an Arrowmen who was given the honor, but did not receive it.

Other big features of the Winter Banquet will be the installation of the new officers for the Lodge, as well as a guest speaker. The cost of the banquet is \$14, which includes a meal from the Three Brothers Restaurant, as well as a commemorative hatpin. This will be an opportunity to learn about how the O A can work with your troop to encourage leadership and fellowship. And of course, the trading post will be open. We had a low attendance of youth at the last Winter Banquet. Please encourage all youth members to attend this year for a better turnout.

Conservation Lodge -- Todd Knaperek

I know that most everyone reading this has spent some time up at Camp Daniel Boone. Try to get a mental picture of the old Ecology Lodge. It was that building right beside the wooden bridge and across from the old Health Lodge. Well, if you have been up to Camp lately, you would have noticed that that area is now vacant. Major improvements are going on at Camp and that means a lot of buildings are being moved.

Now follow me across that wooden bridge and let's walk down to the old Scout Craft area. Over by the creek and right beside the Handicraft area is a clearing were scouts used to learn how to tie knots and other camping principles. Now since the old Ecology area had to be moved in order to accommodate the Camp's renovations, the old Scout Craft area is now the new Ecology area. But you might be asking yourself I don't remember any buildings there, can you have an Ecology area without a main building? A camp doesn't have to necessarily have an Ecology lodge, but it does help when you have various animals you want to show to the scouts. We were looking for a great way to help the Camp during the next few years, and we noticed this need for a new Ecology/Conservation Lodge. Well, since there was a reasonable amount of money left from the Dixie's trading post profits, the Lodge's Executive Committee (i.e. Council of Chiefs) approved the use of \$6,000 for the construction of this new building. Along with that amount, we have also requested a grant of equal amount from the National Order of the Arrow Committee. Soon, we will see if our request will be granted. If not, the construction date may be delayed a little while longer since we don't want to start building the ecology lodge until we are sure we can finish it before the beginning of that year's summer camp.

Keep watching Camp Daniel Boone for the next two years. Soon, you will be seeing the new Tsali Lodge Conservation Lodge. But on a side note, Tsali Lodge still wants to thank and invite those who helped out at the past Dixie to come to our next fun filled fellowship. Without your help, this Conservation lodge would not have been possible.

Unit Elections -- Charlie Krug

The Scoutmasters of the Daniel Boone Council should have received by now their packet on unit elections. In conjunction with the Rendezvous the Tsali Lodge will hold a tap out ceremony on Saturday, March 31st in the evening. To be sure the selected individuals will be duly recognized please have your election form into the Council office prior to March 19, 2001. If you have any questions or did not receive the unit election information please contact the Lodge Chief.

Chiefly Speaking

Dear Brothers,

A new year is finally upon us. Your leaders have gathered in various meetings over the past two months, just to guarantee that Tsali Lodge will be holding the same quality programs during 2001 as it did in 2000. At the past Lodge Executive Committee meeting (Council of Chiefs) several things were brought up that concerned the Lodge as a whole. A few things were decided about this year's Dixie. The price of attendance will be \$45 and the theme for this year will be Top Gun. Along with the contribution towards the new Conservation Lodge, we have decided to provide some money towards the Indian regalia at Camp Daniel Boone. But now, please pay special attention to the next few items because they are items that we will need your input on.

The Council of Chiefs approved various proposals that will be brought up before the Lodge at the next Lodge meeting. These proposals are for amending certain ideas in the current Lodge By-Laws. In order for these to be rectified, they require a vote from the present Lodge members at the next Lodge meeting. In these proposals, ideas like section responsibility versus Lodge responsibility, how to handle the resignation of a Chapter Chief, and when the Lodge officers should take their positions. Let's now take a closer look at each proposal.

We have never truly run into this problem before, but other Lodges have. Let's say you have a Vice Chief that becomes the Section Vice Chief at the next Dixie. A Section office requires a lot of time, so the Lodge position is neglected at times. Currently, we only say that the Lodge Chief has to resign if he becomes the Section Chief. In the current proposal, all Lodge officers will have to resign if they gain any of the elected Section positions.

Currently, we have no provisions for how to handle the resignation of a Chapter Chief. If a Lodge Officer were to resign, we would hold a special election to fill the vacancy. Up for discussion is an extension of the current policy that states that the Chapter Advisor calls for a Chapter meeting in order to fill the possible vacancy.

Often times, by the end of January there is some confusion as to who is in charge of the Lodge and who to go to if you have a question about a certain aspect of program. Also, it has been noted, that under current policy Lodge officers sometimes lose interest before they are actually put into office. Currently, the Lodge officers take their positions at the Lodge's annual Winter Banquet. In the past, the Banquet used to be held in late December or early January. This allowed the officers to take their positions around the beginning of the New Year. As of now, since we have moved the Banquet back to February, we feel like we need to set the actual date for when positions roll over. In the current proposal, Lodge officers (Lodge Chief, Vice Chiefs, and Secretary) will take their positions on January 1 of the New Year.

We need your input on all of the proposals. This is your Lodge, not the Council of Chiefs'. So please voice your opinions on the proposed changes at the next Council of Chiefs.

In Service,
Bill Barry