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The Kwahadi Dancers Performing the Eagle Dance at the Pow-Wow

Conclave 2007

The 2007 Section Conclave will be held at Texas State University on July 13-15. This annual event is an opportunity to meet, learn from, and fellowship with other Arrowmen from across this state and into Louisiana. Many who have attended this event in the past can testify to the enjoyable time they spent at this event last year. I myself have attended three Conclaves in years past and I would like to once again promote this event to all those interested. This year, I am enjoying the opportunity of taking part in the preparation of this event, and I hope to see that it will be as well-attended and fun filled as in years past. As is usual with this event, it concludes in Section elections, and things are already beginning to look heated on the election floor. However, this year in order to cast all ten of our votes we must have at least ten youth in attendance. The cost of the event is \$65, and an application is enclosed in this newsletter. Any Arrowman is welcome and encouraged to participate in this event of fun and learning available to all. Since registration is due to Section by June 1, you need to send it to our Lodge earlier because we have to write one check.

Chapter Chat

The *Whispering Drum* will host announcements from the individual chapters. Announcements may be about upcoming chapter events, meetings, or other chapter news. Chapters wanting to have information displayed in the drum should submit their announcements to Matthew Ellsworth at vccomm@tatanka141.org before the deadlines for submissions.

Comanche Trails: We will have our monthly meeting Saturday night at BTSR Open. Please check the schedule or speak to Corey Houston for time and location.

A Word From Our Lodge Advisor

BTSR Open Camp is coming up the first weekend in May and we need all of the help that we can get. The base camp is booked solid every week, and the Outback program is starting to get that way as well. We have numerous tasks that need to be completed that are above and beyond the ones from prior years.

The properties committee has asked that we build two additional latrines for the outback for all of the backpackers going to the Circle H Ranch. (I will be one of them) These are a fantastic addition to our outback program. In addition, we need four adults that have construction experience to go over to the Circle H Ranch to build a new roof for one of the rock buildings. This will be an all day event, and is limited in space. Both of these items need to be accomplished in a limited amount of time, and are extremely important to the outback program.

We will also try to end all of the tasks early so that we may have fellowship time together, and have some fun. Please remember when we are doing our tasks, that this does not preclude us having a good time. We are to serve in our tasks cheerfully, and I know that when I am out working a task, I have a good time getting to know each of the brothers a little better. We are working on these tasks so that others will have a great experience. This is one of the missions of our organization to promote camping.

On another note, Conclave will be held in San Marcos this year July 13-15th. The cost is \$70 per person, and does not include travel. There will be a group of us going, so if you are interested please let us know so that we can coordinate travel. This looks to be a good time, and I would like to have as many of our Lodge go and represent us as possible.

I look forward to seeing each and everyone of you at BTSR, the best camp around, and getting better through our efforts.
-Chip Chapman

2006 Lodge Calendar

BTSR Open Camp	May 4-6, 2007
HAB Open Camp	June 1-2, 2007
SR-2 Conclave	July 13-15, 2007
BTSR Close Camp	August 10-12, 2007
HAB Close Camp	September 7-8, 2007
AirShow	October 6-7, 2007
OA Training & Banquet	December 15, 2007

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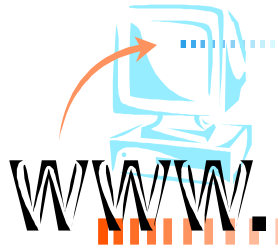
(tatanka141.org Webmaster)

REMINDER: A new area on the website has been created to make it easier for members of the lodge to access our resources. Items ranging from Unit Election Forms to Lodge Rules to Lodge Directories have all been placed in a new part of the website. To access this area, point your web browser at:

<http://www.tatanka141.org>

and click the "Members Area" link on the bottom left. You will need the username and password, which are provided below, to access the members area. Once in this area you can browse through the files and folders that are appropriately named. As always if you need help, please email the webmaster at:

webmaster@tatanka141.org



Chiefly Speaking

After another successful Pow-Wow we look forward to returning to the service upon which the organization has been founded. The coming weekends in May and June are sure to have many important jobs for our enthusiastic Arrowmen. Some new ceremonial teams will also be taking part, and they both need and deserve our support. At this time I would like to remind you to encourage all those of the Ordeal elevation to seal their Brotherhood at the coming opportunities offered at these weekends. While both you and I can testify to the quality of our lodge, many others seem to only be able to measure this by our numbers, and many grants and other opportunities are open to a lodge that can meet their standards of "quality". Another upcoming event is the Section Conclave. This fun and exciting event is an opportunity for all to take part in fellowship and learning alongside Arrowmen from all over the Section. Many people attended last year and can testify to the utility and enjoyment associated with this event. In closing, I would like to encourage and thank you for your continued participation in and support of this organization and its values.

WWW—Michael Ellsworth



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2007 SR-2 Conclave Registration

July 13-15, 2007

Texas State University

San Marcos, Texas

Name _____ Youth (17&under) _____ Youth (18-21) _____ Adult _____

Home address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ - _____

Conclave Fee:

___ **\$65** before **Wednesday, June 1, 2007**. Hurry and save 15%. This includes program, Conclave patch and meals!
(transportation *not* included)

___ **\$5** Early bird Conclave registration patch (must be registered by June 1 to get one)

___ **\$40** if **Saturday only**. This includes program, Conclave patch, lunch and dinner only.

___ **\$75** if **registering after June 1** (exceptions only for those newly inducted members between June 1 and July 13)

(make checks payable to your local council)

CLASS 1 PERSONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL HISTORY

To be filled out by parent, guardian, or adult participant. PLEASE print legibly in ink or type

Any known medical problems _____

All medications to be taken to Conclave and 30 days prior _____

Activity and diet restrictions _____

Date of birth ____/____/____ Age ____ Sex ____

Name of parent/guardian _____

Home phone (____) _____ - _____ Business phone (____) _____ - _____ Pager (____) _____ - _____

Cell phone (____) _____ - _____

Home address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

If person named above is not available in the event of an emergency, notify:

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone (____) _____ - _____

Name of personal physician _____ Phone (____) _____ - _____

Personal health/accident insurance _____ Policy # _____

In case of emergency, I understand that every effort will be made to contact me (if an adult, my spouse or next of kin). In the event that I cannot be reached, I hereby give my permission to the physician selected by the adult leader in charge to secure proper treatment, including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or injections of medication for my child (or for me, if an adult). Additionally, by signing below, I have read and agree to all Conclave terms and policies as stated on the back of this form.

Date _____ Signature of parent/guardian or adult _____

TALENT RELEASE I hereby assign and grant to the Boy Scouts of America the right and permission to use and publish the photographs/film/video/electronic representations and/or recording made of myself and/or my child at this (ese) event(s) by the Boy Scouts of America, and I hereby release the Boy Scouts of America from any and all liability from such use and publication. I further authorize the reproduction, sale copyright, exhibit, broadcast, electronic storage and/or sound recordings without limitation at the discretion of the Boy Scouts of America and I specifically waive any right to any compensation I may have for any of the foregoing. Names and/or individualized identification shall be unintentional.

Date _____ Signature _____

Projects for BTSR Close

By Dan Damon 4/15/07

Besides the projects below, the OA may be asked to help at Circle H, new Mountain Man, or elsewhere in the backcountry.

1. Clean the pool: garden hoses, brooms, scrub brushes, sunscreen: plan to be wet all day. If you have a pressure washer, please bring it. We'll need about 10 Arrowmen on this project.
2. Trailer repair: Bill Houston has a plan to keep Ranger Dan from having long and expensive conversations with the DPS. Please rewire the lights on the 20' flatbed, and fix the lights on all the other rolling stock to work. Bring 12 volt testers and patience. Bill will need about 3 helpers.
3. Paint the staff huts: Need to finish what we started at winter camp: paint the exterior of all 3 staff huts. Bring paint clothes, rollers, brushes, and ladders. There will be some caulking and scraping involved. Need about 6 careful painters.
4. Electrical repair crew: need a skinny electrician to work some new wire from the mess hall attic to the Cook's Quarters to bring them up to code. Also hope to install an outdoor light on Staff Hut #2 that will actually work. Need 4 good wire-pullers and a ladder.
5. Corrals: A) Tack Time: Time to scrub and oil the tack get it ready for summer camp. All cinches, all pads and blankets must

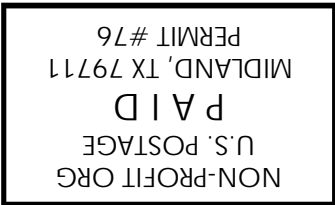
be washed and disinfected; all saddles and tack examined, repaired, and oiled. Need about 10 people plus wranglers on this project. B): Feeder/drinker repair: It's tough enough to get all the critters fed when everything works. When it doesn't we need to the OA to help: about 6 people who can wrench, weld, and plumb. C) Major muck-out! Let's see who's the real Lord of the Flies. All willing hands. D) If the materials are here, be prepared to help install some temporary shade at the corrals. More on this project later.

6. Splinters! Picnic table repair crew: Need about 4 people with a truck to replace broken boards and missing bolts on our outdoor tables. Bring your own cordless drill if you have a good one.

7. If transportation is available: A few lucky Arrowmen may get the chance to visit the brand new latrines that have been erected in the back country. Take water-seal, pump sprayer, carpentry tools, and sheet metal tools with you to complete various installations, make minor repairs, and weather-proof these facilities. About 3 good carpenter/painters, plus approved BTSR drivers.

8. Cooking crew: Can't do it without you guys. Most projects should be in camp, but be prepared to send lunch with those who have backcountry chores.

There are also plans to complete two more Latrines for the backcountry this weekend.



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