



ESWAU HUPPEDAY LODGE #560

ORDER OF THE ARROW, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Order of the Arrow Optional OA Call-Out

The Lodge is asking that Scoutmasters conduct unit elections as early as possible. Our lodge will host the 2009 Dixie Fellow at camp and need as many brothers both old and new to help staff Dixie.

For the 2009 lodge year we will not have a Spring Fellowship weekend. The weekend usually used for this event will instead be the first ordeal weekend for 2009. This means that the lodge is asking that your troop hold your OA unit elections early so that we can offer our new OA brothers the chance to be a part of such a large event at our home camp. Having almost 1,200 campers attend Dixie at Bud Schiele will be something to see! We need help in almost every service area from check-in Friday night to check-out on Sunday.

Some districts have already planned on having their Camporee early in order to have the OA call-out before the March Ordeal so the new OA Brothers can attend Dixie. If you have an OA election before your District's Camporee Call-Out Ceremony, **you can still conduct a call-out at any Scout function such as a Troop meeting or during a campout weekend.** The new brothers can still be singled out for recognition during your regular District Camporee after they attend the March Ordeal.

The dates for the service weekends and the first ordeal are listed below:

Beaver Day – March 14 (Scouts do not need to be an OA member to attend)

Spring Ordeal – March 27-29

Dixie Work Weekend – April 18

2009 Dixie Fellowship – April 24-26

If you have any questions on conducting unit elections or on conducting unit call-outs please contact Larson Harsey at 704/799-2089 or at camperfox428@yahoo.com. The 2009 unit elections forms will be posted before the end of 2008 on the lodge website <http://www.eswau.org> or they can be emailed directly to you.

All brothers, please help Eswau Huppeday Lodge make a great showing at Dixie!

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