

Otena

Lodge 295

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Onward
and
Upward



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Join us at Fall Fellowship 2001!

The year is quickly drawing to a close, and that can only mean one thing: Fall Fellowship must be on the horizon! This year, the Lodge will be continuing its service to Camp Billy Gibbons by beginning to construct new stone campsite markers like the prototype found outside of the Tejas campsite. This will be the primary project for this year, and will make up the bulk of the labor done at camp.



**Headdress building at
Conclave**

There will, however, be many opportunities for fellowship; after all, this is *Fall Fellowship*. The Lodge will continue to build the new Meteu headdress which was started at the Lodge Conclave in August. There will be other Native American activities going on as well, and everyone will have an opportunity to hone his skills in drumming or dancing. Just for fun, there will be volleyball and basketball games going on, and the rifle range will be open for

business.

Most importantly, the Lodge will be electing new officers for the upcoming year at Fall Fellowship. The Lodge is always looking for "A few good men" to lead our Arrowmen through the new year and beyond. If you are considering running for an office, be sure to read the enclosed officer duties flyer. Elections will be held on Sunday morning, and a speech is expected from each of the candidates outlining his qualifications and desire to hold an office. Being an officer is a great way to continue serving the Lodge.

Fall Fellowship will be held October 26-28 at Camp Billy Gibbons, so don't miss this opportunity for fun and fellowship!

Neckerchief Available Soon

The official Lodge neckerchief will be available in time for the Lodge banquet to be held in January. As a reminder, the price will be \$8.00 for a neckerchief patch and \$15.00 for the whole neckerchief. Start saving up for one now!

Conclave a Hit

Lodge Conclave 2001 was a smashing success, with over 50 Arrowmen in attendance! Everyone had a great time playing sports, swimming, water skiing, working on the headdress, watching or participating in the pow-wow, and just enjoying the splendor of the Great Outdoors. The weather was splendid, although a bit warm at times, but we Texans are used to the heat, anyway. A great many thanks to all who helped put this event together, and to all those who came to Lake Proctor to enjoy the fellowship. Look for Lodge Conclave 2002 in ten months! If you can't wait that long, there will be a Section Conclave in the summertime, date TBD. Check out the Lodge website for more information.

NOAC 2002

It's never too early to begin planning for the next National Order of the Arrow Conference. The biennial event will be held July 27-August 1, 2002 at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. Many have already expressed an interest in attending. If you would like to learn more about this and previous NOACs, visit <http://www.oa-bsa.org>. Also, check the Otena website for more information about the Lodge's plans in the future, as well as some sneak peaks!



Ceremonies class at Conclave

New Arrowman Service Award

The Order of the Arrow's vision for the future emphasizes a strategy of increased service to the Boy Scouts of America by Arrowmen. To reward those Arrowmen who go beyond their immediate responsibilities to help and guide others to new heights, the Order of the Arrow created the Arrowman Service Award. The award will focus on three areas of service: personal, chapter/lodge activities, and general service to the community. Enclosed is an application for the Arrowman Service Award, to be completed and sent back to the Scout Office or given to a Lodge officer or adviser. Forms are due at the Lodge Banquet.

Fall Fellowship 2001 Registration Form

Name(s): _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Costs:

_____ x \$15.00: Registration fee (includes meals)
_____ x \$10.00: Brotherhood candidate fee (sash and flap; for Brotherhood candidates only)
_____ x \$20.00: Ordeal candidate fee (sash, flap, handbook, and dues for 2001; for Ordeal candidates only)
_____ x \$6.00: Dues for [2001 ; 2002] (circle one)

\$ _____ Total

The deadline for registration is Monday, October 22. To register, you may mail this form to the Scout Office (P.O. Box 1086; Brownwood, TX 76804-1086) with or without your fees (checks made payable to Otena Lodge), or you may call the Scout Office [(915) 646-0616]. If you do not enclose your fees, please bring the money with you to the Conclave. Remember to pay your dues for this year, if you have not already done so, or for next year if you would like to get it out of the way. One year's dues is \$6.00.



Fall Fellowship 2001 Vital Information

When: October 26-28, 2001

Where: Camp Billy Gibbons

Why: Brotherhood, service, and fun!

What should I bring?:

Camping supplies (tent, sleeping bag, cup, flashlight, rain gear, etc.)

Fishing equipment (fishing rod and reel, lures, pliers, etc.)

Toiletries (towel, wash cloth, soap, shampoo, tooth brush, etc.)

Native American outfit (for dancing and/or ceremonies)

Class-A uniform (for supper and ceremonies)

What should I leave behind?:

Guns and other weapons, explosives, drugs (including tobacco)

Other items deemed inappropriate by the National Council, BSA