



# CRAWFISH TALES



## 2009 Fall Ordeal – Nov 13-15

### Crawfish Tales

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The Fall Ordeal at Mt. Bayou Lake will be held on November 13-15. The lodge will have elections of officers for the 2010-2011 year. Please see the attached Atchafalaya Lodge Officer Nomination Form for more information about serving on the Executive Board. New members will be inducted, others will seal their membership by becoming a brotherhood member and a selected few will be called out for the highest honor as an OA member; the Vigil honor. Also attached in the newsletter is the registration form for the Fall Ordeal. Fill it out and send it with your money to the Scout Office no later than one week prior to the event so the ordeal staff can plan ahead for food and supplies.

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## Winter Leadership Encampment

The SR-1A Winter Leadership Encampment (WLE) is a weekend workshop focusing on the leadership skills and focus necessary to being effective in the deliverance of lodge goal accomplishment and service to the council program for the current year. Our very own lodge has been asked by the Section to host this year's event at Mt. Bayou Lake the weekend of December 11-13, 2009. While it is designed to be fun, the course challenges all mentally as well. Participants should be open to learning and prepared to actively engage in an invigorating weekend.

The recommended participants for WLE are both youth and adult members of a lodge's executive committee or Arrowmen looking to be in those positions. The registration fee is \$30.00 per participate, if paid by November 18, 2009. After this date, the registration fee will be \$40.00. This can be paid at the Scout office. The event will kick off on Friday night at 7:00pm at the Dining Hall in camp. Come out and support the lodge and help make this event one to remember. Contact **Rene Guilbeaux** or **John Aldrige** for more information.

## Winter Camp

The lodge will be hosting a fellowship and movie night on November 22, 2009. All OA members are invited and encouraged to wear their sash. The movie and time of are yet to be determined. If you have any ideas please contact the Lodge Chief **Rene Guilbeaux**.

### Lodge Calendar

#### October

- 11 LEC Meeting (Scout Office)
- 17 SR "One Day of Service"

#### November

- 13-15 Fall Ordeal (Mt. Bayou)
- 15 LEC Meeting (Mt. Bayou)
- 20-25 Winter Camp (Mt. Bayou)
- 22 Winter Camp Movie/Fellowship

#### December

- 4 Vigil Banquet / Ceremony
- 11-13 Winter Leadership Encampment (MBL)
- 13 LEC Meeting (Scout Office)

#### January 2010

- 9 Lodge Training / Banquet

## Lodge Advisor's Corner

Arrowmen,

Several events have taken place since our last newsletter. First, the lodge went to the SR-1A Conclave at Camp Hood, MS. The members in attendance did an excellent job of representing the Lodge. We came out with several first and second place awards as well as the Scout Spirit Award. The Lodge representation at NOAC was excellent with 10 youth and 4 adults. It took two days of driving, but it was well worth it. All members attended classes and learned a lot. Hopefully, they will put to use the knowledge that they learned from the classes. The members had an excellent time and the Crawfish hats were a hit. Look at NOAC actions of the day and you will see the hats. The members were interviewed on the NOAC radio station after an event. All went well until Tuesday when we had a severe storm coming through the area. This gave some members a chance to take a nap that was well deserved. The first classes started at 8:00 A.M. and the last event for the evening started at 8:00 P.M. Just as a reminder that we were in the Eastern time Zone. The Lodge was listed as having an Honor Newsletter along with 4 other lodges. This is an item all arrowmen who contributed to the newsletter should be proud of. The next NOAC will be at Michigan State University in 2012, so start planning now to attend. If the Lodge wants patches or T-Shirts, now is the time to start planning, don't wait until the last minute. The Lodge held a fall fellowship on Aug 15 and everyone had a good time as games were played and the food was excellent.

The Lodge has several events coming up that all members should participate in. The first is the One Day of Service scheduled for Oct 17. The project is yet to be determined. Secondly, the Fall Ordeal is scheduled for Nov 13-15. All members that are Ordeal members that have 10 months of service need to review the requirements for Brotherhood and bring your letter to the Ordeal ready to hand it when you register. Third, the Section is holding the Winter Leadership Encampment the weekend of December 13-15 at Mt. Bayou for all members and advisers who are considering being a Lodge officer or adviser. Arrowmen need to consider this Encampment and more will be forth coming by way of the LEC meetings to include the registrations and other support by the use of a service corp.

Spencer Hoffman is recovering from his illness which occurred on August 10, 2008. He spent about a month in September 2008 at St. Jude's Hospital in Memphis, TN. His current status is that he still suffers from migraine headaches while being home schooled. He and his father are looking forward to taking their Brotherhood during the Fall Ordeal, providing that he is up to it. Please keep Spencer and his family in your prayers.

In W.W.W.

*John Aldridge*  
John Aldridge



## NOAC 2009 Attendees

The following member were in attendance at the 2009 National Order of the Arrow Conference at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. They are **John Aldridge, Michael Broussard, Jonathan Dake, Nathan Dake, Rene Guilbeaux, Jonathan Hebert, Patrick Hebert Sr., Ryan Hebert, Robert Hess, Perry Hubbs, Nickolas Mrotek, Joel Pellerin, Philip Sweetnam, and Patrick Hebert Jr.**

## BURNING ISSUES

**Question:** Is the new Boy Scout uniform required at all OA events?

**Answer:** Because Arrowmen must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America and the OA is an official part of the BSA, Arrowmen are expected to present themselves in proper BSA uniform whenever appropriate. It is usually up to the leadership of an OA event to determine whether the field uniform or some other attire is most appropriate. Currently both the older uniform style and the new centennial uniform are proper field uniforms, and thus either may be worn. More information can be found online or in the BSA's Insignia Guide, item no. 33066.

## Long Traditional Bowman

The Lodge participated in the LTB service weekend, which was held concurrently with conclave. The following arrowmen were in attendance: **Steven Dial, Farren Trahan, Perry Hubbs, Bobby Guilbeaux and Tommy Bell.** They were able to raise \$278 for the lodge with their service. Thanks for your continued dedication to Atchafalaya Lodge 563.

## Spring Fellowship 09

The spring fellowship was held at Mt. Bayou on April 4, 2009. It was a huge success. We had 250lb of boiled crawfish provided by **Russell Dailey and Dailey Fence Co.** Archery and 22 rifle shooting was organized by **Mike Hinson.** We would like to thank everyone for attending and making this event one to remember.

## SR-1A Conclave

On the weekend of April 24-26 the following people attended SR1A conclave at Camp Hood in Hazlehurst, Mississippi: **John Aldridge, Rene Guilbeau, Nicholas Mrotek, Ron Conn, Scott Dailey, Lee Ritter, Peter Sahuc Jr., and Johnathan Drake and Dylan Fuller.** We were able to take home awards in Lodge newsletter, Lodge plan book, and Unit Elections. Great job to all who attended and participated. The camp was great and so was the food. Those in attendance also had the opportunity to meet other OA members and to train with them to bring new ideas



back to their home lodges. We would like to see more attendance next year as our lodge might one day be called upon to host this great event.

## 2009 Summer Camp

Our lodge provided a fellowship for member s each week of summer camp including a movie and popcorn. The lodge drum team also attended the closing campfire of each week to perform a few songs.

## NLS/NLATS - Feb 19-21

Our section will be host to a National Leadership Seminar and National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar. This premier training opportunity is not only the best the OA offers its membership; it is also one of the highest quality training courses in the Boy Scouts of America. More information about NLS/NLATS will be provided as soon as the Region confirms everything on their side. Remember, that after this NLS/NLATS, there will not be another in SR-1A for close to 2 years.

## 2010 Training and Banquet

On Saturday, January 9, 2010, the Atchafalaya Lodge will host its annual Lodge Training and Banquet. The event will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church located on Doucet Rd in Lafayette. The training will start at 8:30 a.m., and the Banquet will start at 6:30 p.m. The training is free and lunch will be provided. The cost of the Banquet is \$10 per Arrowman and the first non-member. Each additional non-member guest is \$5. If you have never attended a Lodge Training and Banquet this is a great opportunity to learn what is going on in the lodge. The Atchafalaya Lodge officers and chairmen hope to see everyone there. More information as will come later. Please call **Rene Guilbeaux** or **John Aldridge** for more information.

## Logo for New Lodge T-Shirt – Available Soon

The LEC has been working on the new T-shirt design. After some comments and directions from the LEC, the design was modified and with comments, returned to the fellow who did the original modifications a couple of weeks ago. The gentleman understands that our intent is to have the T-shirts on hand for distribution at the lodge banquet.



# Spring Ordeal

The Spring Ordeal was held during the weekend of May 29-31. A total of 40 people were in attendance including. **Andre Guilbeaux, Stuart Young, Rene Guilbeaux, Edna Guilbeaux, Lee Ritter, John Aldridge, Jonathan Dake, Nathan Dake, Phillip Sweetnam, Scott Dailey, Rober Hess, Brandon Becker, Charles Zeringue, Fred Zeringue, Farren Trahan, Steven Dial, Ronnie Conn, Henry Broussard, Colin Arabie, Nick Mrotek, Bobby Guilbeaux, Perry Hubbs, Mike Hinson, Collin Brown, Peter Sahuc, Steven Zerangue, Keith Zerangue, Bradley Sonner, Micah Matthysen, Shamus Fuller, Dylan Fuller, Jonathan Mathyson, Collin Arabie, Stuart leigh, Daniel Wygoda, Andre LaFleur, Craig Overland, and Mike Zeringue.**

Our newest members that were inducted into the lodge were **Brandon Becker, Charles Zeringue, Collin Brown, Bradley Sonnier, Micah Matthysen, and Collin Arabie.** Congratulations to all of them! The following members sealed their membership in the lodge by becoming Brotherhood members: **Philip**

**Sweetnam, Steven Zerangue, Nathan Dake, Jonathan Dake, Dylan Fuller.**

Some of the projects that were done during the weekend included cleaning the pool area, cleaning and repairing obstacle course, setup of activity tents for summer camp program, repaired wooden gate at sewer treatment plant, distribution of pallets and wall tents at different camp sites, and repaired large pot hole on camp road leading to camp.

The executive board meeting held on Sunday was called to order by the past Lodge Chief **Robert Hess.** The following items at the meeting occurred. Approved was \$ 500.00 for Friends of Scouting. The treasurer has not made several meeting and was replaced by **Nathan Dake** by the Lodge Chief. The Lodge Chief resigned due to the fact that he will be going to college in North Carolina. **Rene Guilbeaux** assumed the position of Lodge Chief, Rene appointed **Peter Sahuac Jr.** as the First Vice Chief of Membership. Thanks were given to **Daniel Wygoda,** Section Chief SR-1A for attending.

## Test Your Brain!

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LODGE**

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# ATCHAFALAYA LODGE LODGE OFFICER NOMINATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Position Sought: \_\_\_\_\_

Honor: (Circle one)

Ordeal

Brotherhood

Vigil

I, the undersigned, agree to possess knowledge of the duties and responsibilities of the office I am seeking and promise to adhere to such throughout my term if elected. I agree to maintain the integrity of the aforementioned office and to represent the Order of the Arrow and Scouting as a whole in my actions.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Nominee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I, the undersigned, acknowledge the aforementioned individual's intention to run for the designated Lodge office and give my approval for such. By signing, I also agree that according to my knowledge the individual possesses the maturity and responsibility to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the designated office.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Signature of Scoutmaster / Crew Advisor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Chapter Advisor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
All forms must be received by the  
Lodge Adviser by November 5th,  
2009, at 5:00pm.

**Forms may be mailed to:**  
Evangeline Area Council  
Boy Scouts of America  
P.O. Box 52153  
Lafayette, LA 70598



ATCHAFALAYA LODGE 563  
EVANGELINE AREA COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
ORDEAL - MT BAYOU LAKE



(Friday 5:00PM to Sunday – Noon)

**INFORMATION:**

Check One:

- \$30 Ordeal Candidate (New Member) Includes Dues – Pd \_\_\_\_\_  
*Ordeal Candidates must have been duly elected by their troop and have one year (two opportunities) from their election to take their Ordeal or their election is null and void.*
- \$30 (Pre-registration) / \$35 (At Camp) Brotherhood Candidate Includes Membership Dues \* Pd \_\_\_\_\_
- or**
- \$20 (Pre-registration) / \$25 (At Camp) Brotherhood Candidate (If Yearly Dues are pd for current year) Pd \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Ordeal Members must have completed their 10 months tenure to be eligible)*
- \$20 (Pre-registration) / \$25 (At Camp) Member, Includes Membership Dues \* Pd \_\_\_\_\_
- or**
- \$10 (Pre-registration) / \$15 (At Camp) Member (If Yearly Dues are pd for current year) Pd \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Annual Dues are \$10 if paid on time; \$12 if past due. All members MUST be active (dues paid-up / current) prior to participating in any Order of the Arrow of Event. Late charges are incurred by delinquent members.*

**ALL BLANKS MUST BE FILLED IN:**

Ordeal Candidate  Ordeal  Brotherhood  Vigil BSA Registration No. \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: Home (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Scout Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact's Phone Numbers (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Type & Number \_\_\_\_\_ or District / Council Position \_\_\_\_\_

Medicine(s) YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_ If Yes, please list \_\_\_\_\_

Provide any pertinent information concerning dispensing: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Concern: YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

*If needed, use a separate sheet of paper with this form for additional space!*

**Dues, Dues, Dues** Don't forget to look at the back of the newsletter and see when your OA dues are paid thru. If it shows 2008, you should not have received this newsletter. You will need to pay your 2009 dues. Getting current with your OA dues is exceptionally easy. You can go by the Scout Office and pay for your dues or even mail it to them. Don't be left out of the picture and miss out on everything the Order has to offer because you weren't current on your dues.

## SR-1A Leadership

**Section Chief: Daniel Wygoda**

Daniel Wygoda is an Eagle Scout and OA Triple Crown Award recipient from Chilantakoba Lodge. He lives in Hammond, Louisiana, where he is an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 63. He has staffed 4 conclaves and served his lodge in numerous capacities. Daniel attends Southeastern Louisiana University, where he is pursuing a degree in Marketing. He is also a member of the Youth Advisory Council for United Way and enjoys backpacking, Scuba Diving, and teaching others the principles of Leave No Trace.

**Section Vice Chief: Louis Fattet**

Louis Fattet is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member from Chilantakoba Lodge where he currently serves as Lodge Chief. He is from Troop 601 in Harvey, Louisiana (across the river from New Orleans), where he will be serving as an Assistant Scoutmaster after he turns 18 in October. Louis will be a senior at Archbishop Shaw High School for the '09-'10 school year. Within his school he is a member of various clubs, many of which he serves in leadership positions, such as The Eagle Times student newspaper, Student Government, Key Club, Quiz Bowl, and Peer Ministry. He enjoys long walks on the levee with his girlfriend and looks forward to working with the rest of the section leadership now and in the future.



**Section Secretary: William Boyles**

No information has been received by our Section Secretary.

### 10 YEARS AGO IN LODGE HISTORY

| Year   | Chief                      | Home                            | Advisor                  | Home                             | Pro. Advisor | Home                           | # of Members |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| 1999   | Seth Thomas                | Breaux Bridge                   | Darrel Comb              | Breaux Bridge                    | Philip Wendt | Abbeville                      | 260          |
| <b>Vigils of 1999:</b>                                   |                            |                                 |                          |                                  |              |                                |              |
|  | Scott Campbell<br>"LEVITY" | Brian Ellender Jr<br>"BIG ROCK" | Jim Stevens<br>"BIG BOY" | Henry Broussard<br>"WHITE CEDAR" |              | Roger Setoon<br>"RELIABLE ONE" |              |
| <b>Arrowman of the Year in 1999:</b> Brian Ellender, Jr. |                            |                                 |                          |                                  |              |                                |              |
| <b>Founders Award in 1999:</b> Matt Sonnier              |                            |                                 |                          |                                  |              |                                |              |

# ATCHAFALAYA LODGE #563

## 43 YEARS OF SERVICE TO SCOUTING

### EVANGELINE AREA COUNCIL

#### 1966 – 2009

### YOUR 2009 LODGE OFFICERS

|                                 |              |                          |              |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Lodge Chief – Rene Guilbeaux    | 337.845.9220 | Advisor – John Aldridge  | 337.367.7802 |
| VC of Membership – Peter Sahuac | 337.233-1484 | Advisor – Edna Guilbeaux | 337.845.9220 |
| VC of Service – Stephen Dial    | 337.783.8005 | Advisor – Ronnie Conn    | 337.230.2639 |
| Secretary – Nicholas Mrotek     | 337.236.9802 | Advisor – Scott Dailey   | 337.258.4405 |
| Treasurer – Nathan Dake         | 985.395-9173 | Advisor – Scott Dailey   | 337.258.4405 |

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