



The Drum Beat

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Welcome to Indian Summer!

Brothers!

Some have been found... who are willing to spend a week of endless possibilities here at Indian Summer. Will you coast through the week or make the most of every opportunity to learn exciting things and meet new Arrowmen from across the nation? The choice is yours!

Welcome to Indian Summer, here at the Ridgecrest Conference Center in beautiful North Carolina. Some of the best youth in our Order have planned an amazing program for you here, but this week will be what you make of it. Take advantage of every opportunity to get involved in your training sessions, have fun at the PowWows, check out the amazing recreational opportunities, and meet as many new people as you can.

This week you are charged to gather knowledge,



National Chief Jonathan Hillis and National Vice Chief Dan Dick

resources, and experiences to help better the Scouting program in your local area. Future scouts are counting on your dedication to ensure a quality program is available when they are in your shoes. Step up, grab hold, and make your experience this week a powerful one.

We know that you will have a great time this week. It is our goal to meet as many of

you as possible and hear your stories about all of the experiences you are having here at Indian Summer! This week is yours, make the most of it!

Cheerfully yours,

Jonathan Hillis Dan Dick
2011 National Chief 2011 National Vice Chief

Induction and Ceremonial Events: ICE

By Sean McCormick

Induction and Ceremonial Events Program Vice Chief

Since December, the Inductions and Ceremonial Events Committee, or ICE for short, has been organizing sessions for the ICE track, Costume Evaluations, and Costume Competition, as well as the National Induction and Ceremonial Forum. The Costume Evaluation and competitions will be judged by

experts to help guests improve their costumes. Then later in the week, participants will be able to compete to see which costume is the best for each of the four principles.

ICE will also host the National Induction and Ceremonial Forum where members of the national Order of the Arrow committee, national officers and experts on our ceremonies and induction

process. Guests will have the opportunity to ask questions about anything that is related to the induction process or even general OA questions to the panel.

We hope you have a great time at Indian Summer, learn a lot and take that knowledge back home with you to share with your lodge. Don't forget to participate in the other activities we are putting on you will have fun!

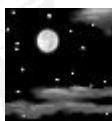
Today's Weather

Monday

Night



Patchy Fog
Hi 80°F



Mostly Clear
Lo 67°F

Source: Weather.gov

Creating the Vision: The History of the Ridgecrest Center

By Brian Morris

Ridgecrest, North Carolina is home to the Ridgecrest Conference Center. The 1,300 acre Christian conference center is located in the heart of the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. In the early 1900's the area that is now home to the conference center was nothing but wilderness and a few deserted cabins.

One man's vision changed everything. On August 4, 1906, Bernard Washington Spilman found his vision which he called his "Big Mountain." When Spilman hopped off that train in Terrell, North Carolina he knew it was not only the mountain in his vision, but it was centrally located within 500 miles of numerous major cities such as New York, New Orleans,



Ridgecrest Conference Center founder Bernard Spilman

Chicago and Orlando. As newly elected General Manager and General Secretary of the assembly he planned for the purchase of land and by the end of 1907, 940 acres were purchased. The first summer program at the facility was held in 1909 and drew the attention of over 600 people.

The name Terrell was changed to Blue Mont to

better fit its surroundings, but this became an issue with the railroad company.

Railroads used shorthand codes for the areas where they stopped and it conflicted with the nearby area of Black Mountain. In 1912 Spilman suggested a new name and since that day, the conference center and the area surrounding it have been called Ridgecrest.

We have been blessed with the use of this beautiful center. Let us continue in Spilman's vision and keep this place just as we found it if not better.



The Ridgecrest Conference Center

Meet Central Region Chief Collin Huerter

Hey guys, my name is Collin Huerter and I am proud to serve you as the 2011 Central Region Chief. I hail from Topeka, KS where I have lived my whole life. I am an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor Member, and Founder's Award Recipient of Dzie-Hauk Tonga Lodge in the Jayhawk Area Council.

I serve as Assistant Scoutmaster for Topeka Troop 9 in which my brothers and I grew up and became Eagle Scouts. I'm also in my third year as a member of the Jayhawk Area Council Executive Board. Before being elected region chief, I served two terms as the C-5B Section Chief, Section C-



Central Region Chief Collin Huerter

5A Secretary, two terms as Dzie-Hauk Tonga Lodge Chief, Lodge Vice Chief, and two years as a chapter officer.

I am 19 years old and starting my sophomore year at Kansas State University studying political science, international studies and

leadership studies. In my free time I love to play any sport, go to any movie or a game with my friends.

Like all of you, Scouting has given me many incredible opportunities and memories I will never forget. My favorite Scouting experiences would be my times as a staff member at my local council camp, Camp Jayhawk. I worked there for four summers as an aquatics instructor and the OA Coordinator. Being in the beautiful lake during the day and fellowship with my brothers at night was the best way to spend the weeks of my summer; I couldn't believe I could call it my job.

This year I have been privileged to meet and work with so many incredible Arrowmen from across the country at gatherings, service projects and high adventure bases.

I have experienced so many incredible things and have met so many scouts at every event as well. Having become active in the Order through my lodge ceremonies team, it will be great to see so many passionate Arrowmen honoring the legend of our great Order and displaying incredible talents this week.

I can't wait to meet all of you great Scouts, and I hope everyone enjoys the days ahead.

Blazing the way to the Summit

By Andrew Knott

The Instructor Corps, or I-Corps, is a group of highly trained Scouts from around the nation who devoted themselves to serving and leading the guests at the recent SummitCorps project for four weeks.

They traveled to West Virginia on June 12th, three weeks earlier than the participants, to start their extensive training. They learned about the history of the area, facts about local plants and animals, wilderness and remote first aid, erosion prevention, and trail building.

After three weeks of training they were very excited to finally serve as crew leaders and lead a group of approximately ten Arrowmen in building trails.

One of the most unique things about the I-Corps



From left to right, I-Corps staff Mitch Andrews, Zach Olsen, Cody Gibbons, and T. Alex Hill.

was that most of them did not know each other before they arrived at the National Guard Armory in West Virginia. A few weeks into the summer that had drastically changed. The I-Corps formed a deep brotherhood with each other and worked as one

cohesive team. "We came together like a perfectly set rock," said Nick Larson from Tipisa Lodge 326.

In addition to forming relationships with each other the instructors also got to know a lot of the locals as well. They worked side by side with members of the National

Park Service, lived at the National Guard Armory, and supported local business owners on their off days. All of this helped to prepare the way for the arrival of Boy Scouts.

They also had the privilege of working with the OA national officers and a new group of staff members every week. Each week was a little bit different depending on the new staff, the number of guests, the weather, and a variety of other factors. The I-Corps adapted to deliver a consistent program and produced a large amount of world class mountain biking and hiking trails.

The SummitCorps project would not have happened without the Instructor Corps and SummitCorps staff working together.

Notice!!! Bear Alert!

Black Bears have been seen in this area recently.

Bears are generally not dangerous to people if they are left alone. Conflicts may arise when humans and bears occupy the same area. When visiting in bear country, it is always important to be aware of the potential of encountering a bear and to take every precaution to reduce conflicts.

Some things to remember while at the Ridgecrest Conference Center:

1. NEVER FEED BEARS

Bears can become dangerous if they become accustomed to human foods and lose their fear of people. Bears that lose their fear of people often have to be destroyed.

2. WHAT TO DO IF YOU MEET A BLACK BEAR:

- A. Do not run. Remain calm, continue facing the bear and slowly back away.
- B. Keep children and pets close at hand.
- C. Make lots of noise. Yell, whistle and back away.
- D. Travel in groups.
- E. Stand upright. Do not kneel or bend over. Wave arms, jackets or other materials.
- F. Never approach or corner a bear.
- G. Never offer food to a bear.
- H. Be aware of the presence of cubs and never come between a bear and its cubs.

Schedule - Monday, August 1, 2011

Time	Event	Location
1:30 PM-5:00 PM	OA Trading Post open	Pritchell Hall south wing
1:30 PM-5:00 PM	Indian Trading Post open	Rhododendron rooms 4, 5 & 6
1:30 PM-5:00 PM	ARC - Recreational Activities	Various Rooms
4:00 PM-5:00 PM	AIA Mandatory research training	Johnson Springs lower level
*5:00 PM-6:30 PM	Dinner	Rhododendron Dining Room
7:30 PM-10:00 PM	AIA Outfit coaching	Adjacent to ARC Building
7:30 PM-10:00 PM	Individual Ceremonial Costuming evaluations	Adjacent to ARC Building
8:00 PM-9:30 PM	Allowat Suprema / Meet the Man	Johnson Spring Azalea
8:00 PM-10:00 PM	AIA PowWow	Activities and Recreation Building (ARC)
9:30 PM-10:00 PM	Clan Gatherings	Plains: ARC Building Plateau: Outside Spilman Auditorium Northern Woodland: Lambdin Auditorium Southern Woodland: Johnson Springs Patio
10:00 PM	Individual Clan Reflections	TBA
11:30 PM	Quiet Time	

***Bold** indicates a schedule change.

Indian Summer Participation Award

This week is your opportunity to learn about the Native American activities that our Order is based upon! But what's the incentive besides what you will learn? The Indian Summer Participant Award!

How can you get it?

- Attend a minimum of 11 classes that you previously signed up for
- Obtain the **class sticker** on your training card
- At the end of the week take your training card to the trading post to get your free pin!

Where is it?



Can you find this chair here at Ridgecrest? The first youth Arrowman who presents the correct location to the Communications staff in Spilman Room 4, will have his name printed in the next edition of the *Drum Beat*.

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