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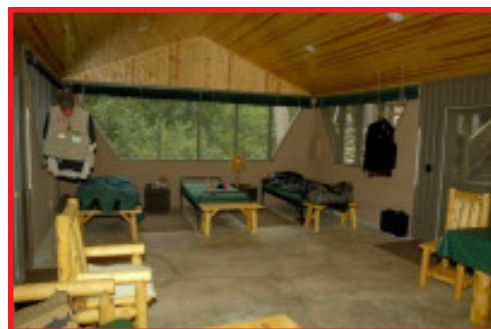
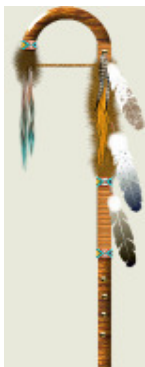


2009 Reunion is Now History

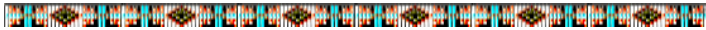


The September reunion was well attended despite frequent rain showers. Reunion Chair Pat Moody and her team assembled many new events in addition to the old favorites. Jennie Bowman conducted several classes on making jewelry from brass plates and glass powder. Ace archer Buddy Keltner provided several demos of his fletched fabulosity. Hatchet throwing was taught by David Logan and Bill Harrison gave expert advice on how to catch fish in the local rivers. Our campfire even included a magic act. Despite the dampness a canoe trip and a golf outing marshaled on. The food as usual was fantastic and no one let the rain dampen their enthusiasm.

Several very important camp improvement projects were accomplished including the completion of the hospital furnishings in beautiful pine log décor. The new museum in the Thunderbird Nest was dedicated and the recently completed six cypress lighted glass display cases were installed and filled with OKK memorabilia. Beautiful antler chandeliers were also installed in the T' Bird nest.



A crack team of carpenters consisting of Mike Kinkade, Mark Follis, Dennis Cain, Phil Adams, Rick Schmid and others built three new style picnic tables and benches for the cooking pavilion. As the OKKPA membership ages, these tables will provide easier access for those with limited leg movement than the step over type benches attached directly to the table.



One of the pinnacles of the reunion was the OKKPA Banquet. President Rick Phillips honored David Logan by awarding him the 2009 Excellence In Leadership Award. Brother Logan was very surprised to find his wife, Deen, who had driven unknown to David from Nashville to be at the ceremony honoring David. David's Mother also appeared out of nowhere with Deen. David has been key in many, many projects since the inception of OKKPA. In 2009 he headed up the creation of the OKK Museum within the Thunderbird Nest, including the new display cases.

The Fall Board Meeting and General Meeting of OKKPA were also conducted. Treasurer Alan Meierhoefer reported an excellent financial year with very strong donations and the large river stabilization grant from the Arkansas DNR. Four OKKPA directors for a 3 year term were elected including: Dennis Cain, Mark Follis, Mark Kruger and George Clarke. Congratulations and thank you for your continuing service.

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Very prominent at this reunion were the 'girls' of Miramichée and Kiwani who have joined our association. These ladies have proven to be some of the hardest working members we have. Present were Pat Moody, Anita Demster, Suzanne Miller, Chi-Chi Livadeaux, and Vicky McCoy, This group livened up the closing campfire by serenading the OKK guys with their lovely voices and camp songs of yesteryear.



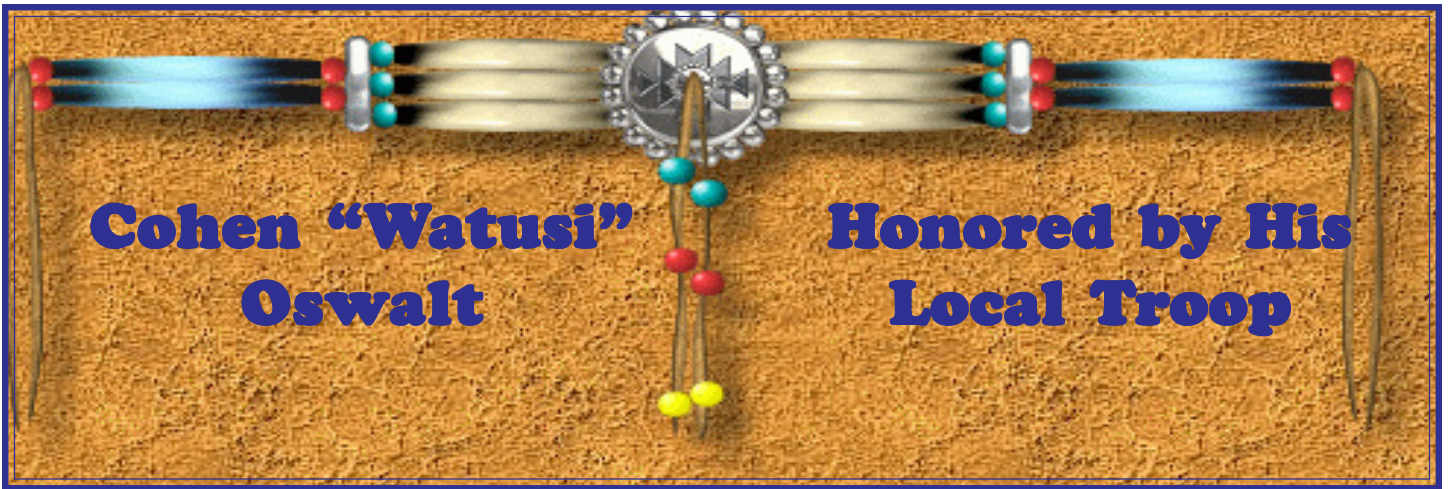
A major effort is being made this Fall to improve our OKKPA communications. Email is our preferred method as the expense of mailing is becoming prohibited. If you don't have Email, we will gladly mail your association information. If you receive material by both Email and Snailmail, let us know.



If you get this SS from an OKK friend and don't get our information, let Anita know at

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I've been a member of Troop 108 since retiring and moving back to Cookeville in 1991. I'm an Assistant Scoutmaster and I've had a lot of fun but have announced that since I'll have 50 years of service soon I'm retiring from scouting after the first of the year.

The troop has been sponsored by the Men's Club of First United Methodist Church since 1912. Yes, 98 years. Every year in October the troop has a fish fry at the church's lake lodge for the Men's Club. For the first time Joan was invited to come and surprised me by readily agreeing.

To cut to the chase the boys presented me with a Henry Repeating Rifle that is a Centennial Edition for the Boy Scouts of America's 100th anniversary. The receiver has the Scout Oath on one side and the Scout Law on the other side and an engraving on the stock. It's a beautiful rifle. What's more beautiful is the boys themselves raised the money to buy the rifle by holding two car washes. A father built a beautiful display case for the rifle. It was a nice evening. I may not retire.



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