

**Alabama-Florida Council Celebration at Camp Rotary**  
**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Cowikee Lodge 224**  
**October 27-29, 2017**  
**Camp Rotary - Established 1927**



**Boy Scout Camp Rotary 1956**

Cowikee Lodge of the Order of the Arrow would like to invite **all Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, current and past OA members and former Scouts and Scouters** to join Cowikee Lodge in the celebration of its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Boy Scout Camp Rotary in Eufaula on October 27-29, 2017.

All current Cowikee Lodge members are being asked to attend and to invite past OA members. We will also have members from OA lodges: Alibamu, Woa Cholena and Yustaga attending.

Camp Rotary served as our council camp from 1927 until 1957 when the camp was closed due to the construction of Lake Eufaula which resulted in Cowikee Creek backing up and a flood easement covering 70% of the camp. Cowikee Lodge, which was formed on August 8, 1942, took its name from Cowikee Creek that flows through Camp Rotary.

Camp Rotary is being redeveloped as a primitive camping facility focusing on short term camping opportunities for units with an emphasis on kayaking, canoeing and other water related activities. The camp provides Scouts with the excitement and adventure of a unique program experience centered on Camp Rotary's distinctive geographical features, including Cowikee Creek, the Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge located down Cowikee Creek and Lake Eufaula.

While you can come just for the day, units and OA members are encouraged to spend at least one night camping. Camp Rotary is primitive camping facility. Units and visitors that plan to spend the night should **bring their own tents, camping equipment, cooking equipment and food.** **Potable water is available at Camp Rotary.**

A **Bar-B-Q sandwiches lunch plate** will be available to purchase for those who arrive at Camp Rotary and **place their lunch order by 11:30 AM on Saturday**. No other meals will be provided.

**A limited number of kayaks, paddles and PFDs will be available for scouts to use on Saturday** and a class in basic kayak skills will be conducted. Scouts are encouraged to bring their own kayaks and/or canoes, and paddles and PFDs. BSA requires that everyone using a canoe or kayak must be wearing a proper PFD.

**Bring your fishing gear** and bait. The fishing on Lake Eufaula and Cowikee Creek is fantastic. Please note that Alabama law requires people age 16 – 64 to have a valid Alabama fishing license.

We will hold an **OA Brotherhood ceremony** on Saturday evening. The conversion fee for Brotherhood is \$20 and should be noted when you sign up for the weekend. Information will be sent to Lodge members who are Brotherhood eligible.

There is an **\$8.00 fee** for everyone who attends the event which includes the cost of a commemorative patch. The fee does not include the cost of Saturday lunch.

OA members who attend the event and who also **camp at least one night** at Camp Rotary will be able to purchase special **limited edition, one per person, OA flap** for a fee of \$5.00. The collectors say that a “one per person” flap is worth approximately \$100.

**Camp Rotary workdays** will be September 30, October 14 and October 21 starting at 8:00 AM. Camp Rotary is located at 1735 Gammage Road, 8.4 miles north of US 431. Please come and help!

#### **Schedule:**

##### **Friday October 27, 2017**

3:00 – 10:00 PM – Check in and set up camp

8:00 PM – Welcome meeting at the pavilion

##### **Saturday October 28, 2017**

7:00 – 11:30 AM – Check in and set up camp

9:00 – 11:30 AM – Kayaking, fishing and games

11:30 AM – Deadline for ordering Bar-B-Q lunch

12:30 – 1:00 PM – Lunch

1:30 – 2:30 PM – 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Program at the shelter

2:30 – 5:00 PM – Kayaking, fishing & games

5:00 – 7:00 PM – Supper

7:00 – 8:00 PM – Brotherhood Ceremony

8:00 – 8:45 PM – OA Rededication Ceremony – ceremony ring

##### **Sunday October 29, 2017**

7:00 – 9:00 – Breakfast

9:00 – 9:30 – Chapel at the pavilion

9:30 - Kayaking and depart

**Reservations:** Contact the Boy Scout office at 334-793-7882 to make a reservation for the event and to sign up to take the Brotherhood. For **questions** contact Terry Honan – 334-695-3520 or at Honan@aol.com

**Support the restoration of Camp Rotary:** Donations to support the restoration of Camp Rotary can be sent to Boy Scouts of America, P.O. Box 2025, Eufaula, AL 36072.