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# FIRECRAFTER

2015 Spring Fellowship  
Edition

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## *Mark your calendars* *for Firecrafter 2015!*

*Spring Fellowship*  
*May 1-3 @ Belzer*  
*Mid-Summer Ritual*  
*July 10-12 @ Bear Creek*  
*Grand Ritual*  
*August 14-16 @ Belzer*  
*Firecrafter Fall Frenzy*  
*Sept. 25 – Sept. 27 @ Belzer*

## Spring Fellowship

*The 2015 Firecrafter Spring Fellowship and Woodsman Day is just around the corner! Start spreading the word to as many Scouts as possible so that we have a great attendance at this event to increase the fun and fellowship for everyone. The more people we have attending, the merrier the time and the more fun we can all have with the competitions and events!*

*Spring Fellowship is May 1st - 3rd at Camp Belzer. The theme is "Back to the Fire" as a tribute to Steven Spielberg's Cinema Classic Back to the Future 2! This year we will be bringing back the traditional pup tent competitions along with starting new traditions to kick off the Summer Camp Season! We will also be holding training sessions for those interested in sharpening up their Camper, Woodsman, and Firecrafter skills on Saturday morning. For more information on Spring Fellowship happenings, 'Like' the West Flame Facebook page. Just Search Firecrafter: West Flame.*

*Logan Ayers, West Flame Chief*  
*Joshua Beckmeyer, West Flame Vice-Chief*

### Ritual Information

*As you know, Spring Fellowship means the kickoff of summer camp season and that Rituals are right around the corner. Please plan to join us at both Mid-Summer and Grand Rituals as we perform invaluable camp service and induct several hundred new members into our organization. The dates and locations are listed to the left in the 2015 calendar. Be watching the Firecrafter website for registration information in the near future. Help us make 2015 our largest rituals ever!*

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE ALUMNI PRESIDENT

Wow! It is hard to believe that summer camp season is right around the corner. We are hoping that our 95th anniversary rituals are our biggest and greatest yet. We are also seeing a great revival in the Spring Fellowship / Woodsman Days weekend, and I hope to see many of you there. Encourage the troops in your embers to come out to kick-off the summer and get an early taste of the Firecrafter program.

Also, there are many deadlines rapidly approaching, including Alumni Association nominations - due March 15. Our program is only as strong as its leadership, and we are always looking to honor Scouters, age 21 and older, by inducting them into our organization. Nominations can be made online at <http://www.firecrafter.org/forms-and-nominations.html>.

Qualifications and procedures are found in Article VIII, Section 5 of the Bylaws, which can be found at <http://www.firecrafter.org/by-laws.html>.

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### Secretary's Statements:

I hope this newsletter finds you well. I would also like to remind you that if you are reading this newsletter via the link on Firecrafter.org, and would like to receive the newsletter by email, please send your email address to [councilsecretary@firecrafter.org](mailto:councilsecretary@firecrafter.org).

Furthermore, if you are an Ember officer and are not receiving emails concerning Council Committee Meetings, their agendas, and minutes, please email the above address as soon as possible with your name and current email address.

Thanks,  
M Joseph Reilly

## Chief's Corner

Hello everyone,

One thing to keep in mind this time of year is attendance. We have many important things to deal with at Council Committee Meetings and it is very important that we have participation and input from all of our Embers during these meetings. This is especially true during the lead up into the summer camp season and the Rituals. In conjunction with the approach to the summer camp season it is a necessity to continue with camp promotion. Soon we will be having a call-a-thon at the council level and I highly encourage such events on the Ember level as well.

Just a few months in and I am still very excited to serve as Chief of the Firecrafter organization and I'm looking forward to a great summer camp season and two excellent Rituals with help and participation from all Firecrafters.

Yours in the Fire,  
M Noah C. Underhill

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### Firecrafter Funnies:

What did the Woodsman say when he broke his fire by friction set and extinguished the spark he had just created?  
I guess I'd better go get wood to make another set!

If you thought that was bad, come up with a better Firecrafter or summer camp related joke and send it along with your name and Ember to [councilsecretary@firecrafter.org](mailto:councilsecretary@firecrafter.org), and see it featured in a future newsletter.

## Other Important Dates:

March 15<sup>th</sup>, Adult Firecrafter Nominations Due

April 1<sup>st</sup>, Minisino Nominations Due

April 1<sup>st</sup>, Lone Troop Applications Due

## The next Council Committee Meeting is March 8<sup>th</sup> at Camp Belzer

All forms and documents can be found at <http://www.firecrafter.org/forms-and-nominations.html> and further information on procedures can be found in Article VIII, Section 5 of the Bylaws, which can be found at <http://www.firecrafter.org/by-laws.html>.

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Try to get to your ember meetings in the next few months, as there is a lot going on in the Firecrafter organization. Also, do everything you can to promote our council summer camps, and encourage the youth in your embers and units to register for camp. In the meantime, best wishes, I look forward to seeing you at Spring Fellowship and at our rituals.

In the Fire,  
Ryan P. Dillon  
President, Alumni Association

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