

NEWSFLASH !!

Dateline..... Saturday , August 19, 2000.

Bright and early this morning, a small and dedicated group of Arrowmen from Egwa Tawa Dee lodge 129 braved the late summer heat and smog, converging on the Habitat for Humanity warehouse in south Atlanta and the project site on COLEMAN STREET. The Arrowmen, sponsored by Home Depot, had decided to give their time and efforts in cheerful service to make a difference in their community and build a Habitat for Humanity house. These Arrowmen came from Etowah, Kenesaw, Lowanna Nimat, Echota, and Utoy..... not a bad cross section for less than 20 Arrowmen.

The group at the warehouse built the framing for the house, while the group at the site worked on the foundation and subflooring. Though sadly shorthanded, both groups put out such a monumental effort, that by lunchtime, both the framing and the subflooring were done. Both crews then met at the site for a tasty provided lunch of submarine sandwiches, chips, cookies, and ice cold drinks. The relaxed atmosphere of the lunch break provided an excellent chance for the volunteers from the lodge to meet and have some fellowship with their HfH team leaders, as well as the family for whom the house is being built. The Arrowmen learned that the recipients of the house are required to work alongside the volunteers who build their house for the duration of the project. This added a new bond between the Brothers and the family they are working to help.

After lunch, the task of adding the framework to the foundation began. Working with the same amount of enthusiasm as they had all morning, it was only two and a half hours before the house stood completely framed, the protective exterior walls were up, and the Arrowmen and HfH volunteers were done for the day. By 4PM, most had left for their homes and evening activities, leaving only a small group of Arrowmen chatting in the shade at the site.

After seeing what a group dedicated to cheerful service can do in a relatively short span of time, the Arrowmen who were there had only one question burning in their minds.....

WHERE THE HECK WERE YOU ??????????????????

The Habitat for Humanity house is a great chance for the Arrowmen of Egwa to create a new tradition of service to the community as well as the service it gives to Boy Scouting. By building a Habitat house, Egwa Tawa Dee is attempting a project which, as far as we know, is the first of its kind in the country, setting the example for Arrowmen across the nation. It's also something that we as individuals can look back at years from now and say we made a difference in the lives of a family.

Next week, CVMPE VEKI WV chapter has volunteered to have a group of 20 volunteers at the site to continue the good work !!

You can join them in their efforts. Bring your troop members, your brother, your sister, your sister's boyfriend, your girlfriend, your parents, your friends from school, ANYONE 16 OR OLDER can join us! Volunteers of 15 may come too, if their parents sign a special permission slip which will be available for signing at the project site. It doesn't have to be your chapter's specific week to come for you to be there. A map to the site is included with this mailing.... Carpooling is advised, parking space is fairly limited.

COMING UP NEXT WORK DAY..... EGWA RAISES THE ROOF !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!