



2011-2012
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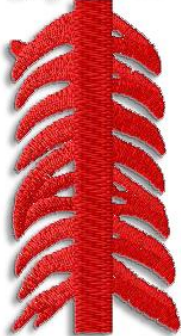
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AAL PA TAH LODGE
237



GULF STREAM COUNCIL

December 13, 2011



Dear Members of the Executive Board,

Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge 237 is pleased to have this opportunity to present a report of our achievements in 2011. The areas we would like to highlight are as follows:

Leadership

The Lodge is a youth-run organization that develops leadership skills through practical application. Members of the Lodge had a number of opportunities to develop these skills by conducting a full year of activities to include the Lodge Banquet, Summer Pow Wow, Lodge Leadership Development Conference, two Ordeals Weekends, One Day of Service and Winter Fellowship. The Lodge also participated in the Mega Show and SAW and had a full time summer camp staff member who coordinated OA activities and instructed outdoor skills at camp. In addition, the Lodge sent a contingent of 9 youth and 3 advisers to the National Leadership Seminar and National Lodge Advisers Training Seminar in Haines City, FL and 21 attendees to Section Seminars in Hawthorne, FL. Aal-pa-tah also hosted Section Conference at TK this year, which drew over 800 Arrowmen from across the state.

Service

The Lodge provided exceptional service to council and the community this year. We undertook and completed a major camp improvement project, the renovation of the OA Ring, which now has the seating capacity for 250. This project entailed over 3,300 man hours. In addition, numerous work days were held at Tanah Keeta and One Day of Service Events were hosted by our chapters throughout the community. This added an additional 3,000 service hours, bringing the year total to over 6,300 hours.

Membership

The Lodge is on target to achieve Quality Lodge this year and is transitioning to Journey of Excellence in 2012. We have increased membership to 504 members, up from 422 last year, a 20% increase. Our Brotherhood Conversion is also excellent, currently at 39%.

Financial Support

The OA raised over \$13,000 to fund the OA Ring project and completed it under budget. The value of that project, when calculating donated time and materials, is estimated to be over \$86,000. Each year the Lodge contributes to the council endowment fund through the naming of one of our members a James E. West recipient. 2011's recipient was David Carlson. The Lodge continues to strengthen and diversify the Campership Fund, which currently is over \$51,000 and the Lodge contributed \$435 to the council scholarship fund to help boys attend a week of summer camp at Tanah Keeta.

Our goals for 2012 include the continued strengthening of the Lodge through the achievement of the Journey to Excellence goals, the development of programs to assist in the Webelos to Scout transition in the council and to continue our pledge of service to the council camps.

Yours In Scouting,

Elliott Taft

Lodge Chief

