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September 9-11  
OA Ordeal

November 11-13th  
Section Seminars  
Held at Sand Hill S.R.  
Brooksville, FL

December 2-4  
Winter Fellowship

Jan 7th  
Lodge Banquet

Mar 10-12  
Spring Pow Wow

May 5-6  
Scout Show

June 2-4  
Service Weekend



*Special Jamboree Edition*



## OA Makes The Jamboree Go

**By: Steve Gray**

*Aal-Pa-Tah Chief*

**F**or many Scouts from across the country who attended the National Jamboree at Fort AP Hill, VA this summer, the National Jamboree seemed to run like a well-oiled machine.

Although a Jamboree is planned for more than four years, the staff is comprised almost completely of volunteers who arrive just days before Fort AP Hill becomes the fastest growing city in America. Many of the over 7000 staff members were part of the OA, which served in four major capacities at the 2001 National Scout Jamboree.

Perhaps the most visible service of The Order of the Arrow at Jambo was Twelve Cubed. The OA put on an extremely inspirational show that emphasized the values and morals that Scouting stands for. A cast and crew comprised completely of Arrowmen worked tirelessly everyday to give the Twelve Cubed experience to the more than 40,000 Jamboree participants, visitors, and staff. When Scouts left the show, they committed themselves to the life of a good Scout.

Arrowmen staffing the TOAP program demonstrated camping and survival skills. TOAP is an acronym for 'The Outdoor Adventure Place' and what an adventure it was! Jamboree participants enjoyed everything from Dutch-oven cooking to bouldering to Leave No Trace certification.

The OA is famous for TOAP, which appears at every National Jamboree and NOAC, each time, adding new programs and activities. *Continued on pg. 4*

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## Chiefly Speaking

By: Steve Gray  
Aal-Pa-Tah Chief

This summer has been busy for most, what with summer jobs, summer camp, family vacations, friends, and also the National Jamboree. For some of you, school would have started before you got this newsletter, and you can probably blame last year's hurricanes for school starting earlier than normal.

Whatever the case, this summer was packed full of things to do, and it only mattered how you chose to fill it with that really defined what your summer was about. That is sort of what life is about, about making choices that, whether you like them or not, you have to live with them and accept the consequences, good or bad. Every person has what it takes to make the right decisions, but they are only the right decisions if they don't hurt others in the process.

Character is formed only when you make the right decisions, when no one is looking. A decision you can make for yourself that will have positive consequences is to attend the Ordeal Weekend, on the weekend of September 9-11, at the Tanah-Keeta Scout Reservation. There is still some work that needs to be done from the hurricanes, along with other miscellaneous projects. In addition, there will be games, movies, and other fun activities whenever we aren't working. We are expecting over 150 candidates, so set the example, and show the newbies why we are Scouting's National Honor Society, and also why Aal-Pa-Tah is the best. For those brothers who are eligible for brotherhood, we will be holding a brotherhood ceremony on Friday night. Contact your chapter chief for more details. It only costs an additional \$14 to do this.

We are working hard towards getting Honor Lodge distinction, and going through your brotherhood is only one way of many that you not only support yourself, but also Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge. This also scores your chapter points in our Best-All-Around Chapter Competition.

In November of this year, Section S-4S will hold its annual Section Seminars, and this year it is hosted by Timuquan Lodge 340. In addition, in April of 2006, Tipisa Lodge 326 will host Section Conference, in the beautiful Camp La-No-Che. Don't miss either of this Section S-4S events, as I'm sure they will be great!

Within our own lodge, we have many opportunities open for leadership, and there is something available for all that want it enough. If you are interested in being in a committee, all you have to do is contact that committee's chairman, and see what is open. If you are interested in an open committee chairman spot, contact myself, either by phone or email, and we'll get you going on something. I hope to see you all at the Ordeal Weekend!

In Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui,

*Stephen H. Gray*

Stephen H. Gray  
Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge Chief

## Lodge Box Patch

### 2005 Campership Patches

You might be wondering, what the white bordered patches are that look like the weekend activity patches. This year, a limited number of special patches have been made for each weekend. They have a white border and the word "Campership" in place of the activity name. Additionally, a special Campership backpatch was issued to match the theme of the year set. All proceeds from these patches will be used to increase the endowment of the James T. Sasser Campership Fund.

In 1999, the youth of Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge, through the Lodge Executive Committee, made a resolution to create "The Aal-Pa-Tah Campership Fund". The purpose of this fund was to provide support to Scouts with a desire to participate in Summer Camp at Tanah Keeta but without the financial means to do so. Upon creation of the fund, Aal-Pa-Tah Arrowmen set out to raise funds for this endeavor in a variety of ways. Aal-Pa-Tah has sold many patches, including the Normal Rockwell set, the round Campership patches, the Campership Flaps, Campership Neckerchiefs, and a belt buckle, to raise money for this fund. The lodge has also made direct monetary contributions to the fund, as have individuals.

The Aal-Pa-Tah Campership fund has since been renamed the James T. Sasser Campership Fund, and continues to raise money for its purpose. Several Scouts have received support from the fund. In the future, the fund's mission will be expanded to provide support for other activities such as out-of-council camps, high adventure trips, OA events, and national Scouting events. Aal-Pa-Tah is working hard to make this a reality.

To apply for a James T. Sasser Campership, contact the Gulf Stream Council Service Center or the Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge Chief, Adviser, or Campership Chairman. Camperships are open to Scouts registered in the Gulf Stream Council who show financial need and good moral character. If you are interested in supporting the James T. Sasser Campership Fund, please contact the Gulf Stream Council Service Center and the Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge Adviser.

### 2005 Jambo Flaps and More

In March the Council Jamboree Committee approached the lodge and asked if the lodge would be interested in having a lodge flap for the National Jamboree that would coordinate with the wildlife theme of the councils' jamboree shoulder patches (JSP's).

The Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) approved a set of two flaps based on the submitted alligator design, one with a gold mylar border to match the gold mylar border of the troops patches and a second with a silver mylar border to match the silver mylar border of the leaders patch. Each person attending the jamboree was given the opportunity to purchase as many of each as they wanted.

Additionally, Section S-4S issued a patch to commemorate each of the OA Summer activities and National Vice Chief Seth Mollitt. It is an eagle wearing a bonnet. Each of the summer's activities is listed on the bonnet. These patches were available to the contingents of each summer activity.

A small quantity of each were ordered for sale to members of the lodge who could not attend the Jamboree. These will be available on a first come, first serve basis at the Ordeal Weekend, September 9-11.

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### *SCOUTING FOR ADVENTURE IN FLORIDA*

The sixth edition of "Where to Go Camping" by Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge is now available at the Council Service Center or at the Lodge Box during lodge activities. Every four years the lodge produces a guide to camping in Florida for Boy Scouts. This book is one of the ways the Order of the Arrow helps to promote camping within the Gulf Stream Council.

Each Troop in the council will receive a complimentary copy of the book during the Fall program kickoff. This soft bound edition has a glossy color cover and contains 150 pages. The cover features members of Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge whitewater rafting on the Ocoee River following NOAC 2000 in Tennessee. This book would not have happened without the incredibly dedicated effort of Past Lodge Chief Stephen Brown.

## OA Makes the Jamboree Go *(Continued from pg. 1)*

The American Indian Village was another great program at the Jamboree that was presented by the Order. Village staff demonstrated dancing and crafts daily and taught Indian Lore Merit Badge on the Merit Badge Midway. Two powwows were held at the American Indian Village where experts and novices met in the arbor to celebrate American Indian culture through dance and song. The regalia representing all regions of the United States filled the ring to create a sea of color moving to the beat of the drum. Participants and visitors learned a lot as they traveled through the village, viewing displays and listening to guest speakers and demonstrators.

Forming a Lodge of Arrowmen divided into youth run chapters, the Order of the Arrow Service Corps (OASC) served the Jamboree in a very dynamic capacity. Each chapter, daily, was assigned tasks that were delegated to the members by the elected chapter chiefs. Service Corps members filled holes in the Jamboree staff to ensure that the machine stayed well oiled and the program ran smoothly. Service Corps members did everything from assist in printing the Jamboree Today newspaper to helping to serve more than 1,000,000 fresh lunches to Jamboree participants. When 40-60 thousand people flooded the Jamboree Arena for the closing show (There was no opening show, due to heat and thunderstorms), OASC members served as crowd control, facilitating the seating and dismissal of participants and guests. Every day brought a new task and new challenges for these Arrowmen.

The presence of the OA at the National Scout Jamboree made a positive impact on each participant, thus serving its purpose as Scouting's National Honor Society well! The ideal of youth leadership in the Order was exemplified by the fact that each OA Program at the Jamboree was led by an elected youth Jamboree Vice Chief.

The following members of Aal-Pa-Tah worked cheerfully to ensure success at Jambo:

Stephen Gray - Twelve Cubed	Pinie Oliver - Security Staff
Travis Sheehan - OA Indian Village	Richard Fore - OA Management
Cindy Hall - Trading Post	Dale Blomberg - Scuba
Sandy Griffiths - Trading Post	Andy Flack - Waterfront
Frank and Adam Taft - Commissary	

These Arrowmen have served the Order well and have shown the Nation what Aal-Pa-Tah is made of!

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to all of our Newest Vigil Honor members for 2005!

### Youth:

Bradley Phibbs

Jay Pantone

Chris Shanks



### Adult:

Mark Kidd

Chuck Raby

Cindy Hall

Frank Schwarz



# 2005 National Jamboree

Pictures by: Pat Rice



Right: Chas Carlson relaxing at arena show.

Left: Colin Davis on president watch.

Below: Arena show Balloons.

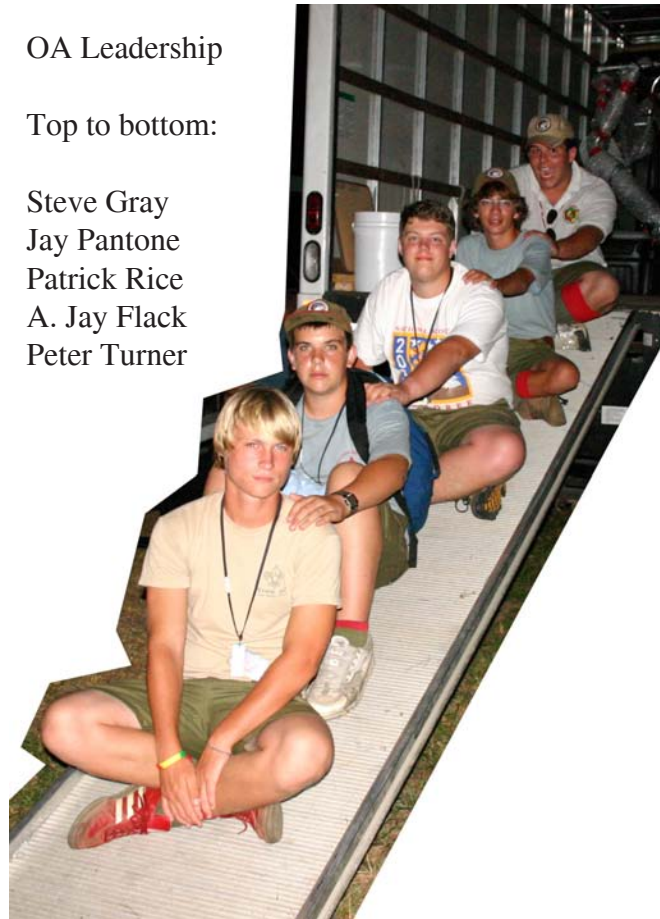
Bottom Left: Marine One (President Chopper)



OA Leadership

Top to bottom:

- Steve Gray
- Jay Pantone
- Patrick Rice
- A. Jay Flack
- Peter Turner



More pictures can be found at [www.jprphotos.com](http://www.jprphotos.com)

Center: A small panoramic picture of the 73,000+ people attending the final show.

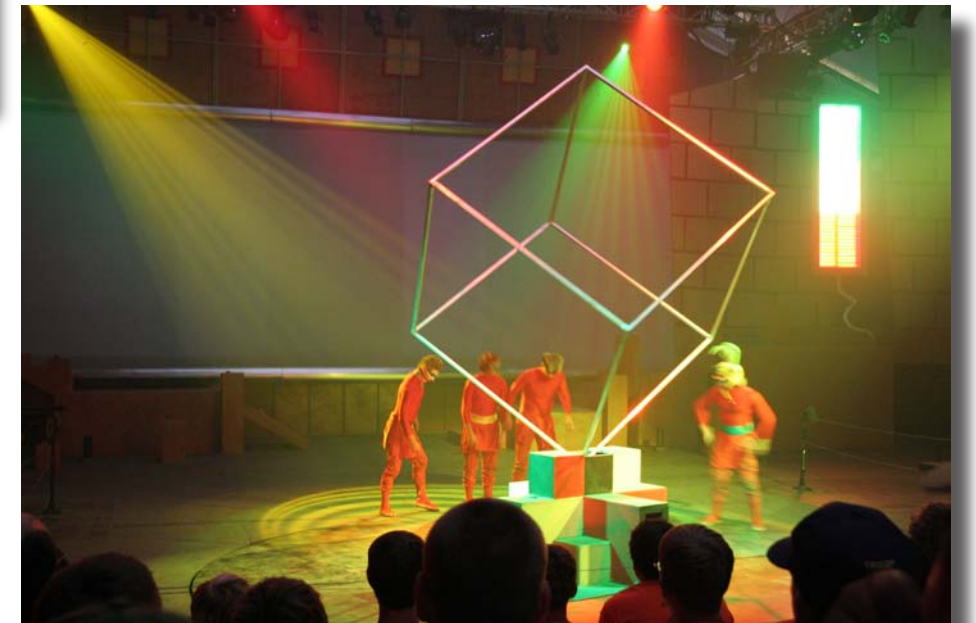


Above: An actor from 12<sup>3</sup>.

Left: Part of the 1/4 million dollar fireworks, laser, water, and fire show.

Right: During the 12<sup>3</sup> Show.

Top right: The lighting of the candles at arena show.



# Brothers in Action

## Chee-Pa-Tah

Chief: A. Jay Flack

This is A.Jay Flack, your new Chapter Chief. Big things are in store for Chee-pa-tah Chapter this year. One of our major goals for this year is to get our Chapter active at all lodge and chapter events. I will be contacting each and every troop to set up an e-mail and phone list of your OA reps. Please mark your calendars now to attend every Trade Winds District Roundtable. (If you need the dates, please go to the council website and get them ~ [www.gulfstreamcouncil.org](http://www.gulfstreamcouncil.org)) I have talked to the District Commissioner, Brian Morgan, who is allowing us to hold monthly Chapter Meetings there. I have also been in contact with a representative from A.W.O.L. (A Work of Love) to set up some service projects. There are still families in the Palm Beach County area in need of painting and small repairs to their homes after the hurricanes. I will be challenging each and every one of my Brothers to be in attendance.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Ordeal Weekend September 9 ~ 11 at Tanah Keeta. Let's make Chee-pa-tah the most represented !!

If there are any questions, comments or otherwise, feel free to contact me either by e-mail [4flacks@bellsouth.net](mailto:4flacks@bellsouth.net) or my home phone (561)784-9058.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
A.Jay Flack

## Lowaneu Mawat

Chief: Peter Turner

Hello arrowmen, the Lowaneu Mawat chapter has been hard at work this summer planning the district camporee for Indian River District. The theme is Native Americans, which fits perfectly for an event to be run by OA members. We plan to have about 5 or 6 candidates trying for brotherhood at the upcoming Ordeal weekend, and all other chapter be warned that the LMs are ready to destroy anything that gets in their way of being the best all around chapter! We may be the furthest north, but there is no way you can keep us out!!

Yours in service and sacrifice,  
Peter Turner  
Lowaneu Mawat Chapter Chief

## Nekiwa

Chief: Tony Gordon

Greetings Fellow Chapter Members!

First let me say congratulations to all newly elected OA candidates! We will be holding chapter meetings at our Sailfish District Round Table. Please attend in Class A.

The next few dates to jot down are September 15th, October 20th, and November 17th. We meet at the LDS Church in Palm City off Martin Downs Blvd. That's only one hour a month! The meeting will start at 7:30pm. We will discuss OA weekends, upcoming elections, ideas for events, and I would like to have a chapter service project this year. So bring your ideas and show your chapter support! If you have not done so, be sure to send Ms. Sandy Griffiths an e-mail at [grifa@worldnet.att.net](mailto:grifa@worldnet.att.net) to get your address on our chapter mass mailing. Let's all look forward to a great year!

WWW,  
Tony Gordon  
[jstgordo@bellsouth.net](mailto:jstgordo@bellsouth.net)

The following chapters didn't turn a report  
in on time:

Abaniki  
Atseenahoofa  
Coowachobee

Oi-Ya-Tah  
Osceola  
Panasofee



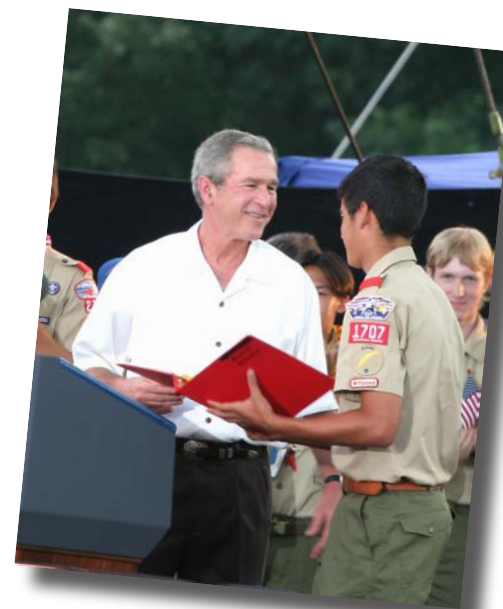
Top Left: 12<sup>3</sup> OA Show

Above: Indian Village

Left: Start of 12<sup>3</sup> Show

Bottom Left: Road to  
Arena Show

Under: President arrival.



# Officer Reports

Let me start by saying that there is no doubt in my mind that this year is going to be better than any in the past. The team leading your lodge is solid and is dedicated to making sure this year is wildly successful.

With the upcoming ordeal, we will once again have the chance to invite many new scouts into our Order. For all of those candidates, this is their first exposure to the Order of the Arrow, and it is vital that they see that it is worth being a part of. We need every member to make a commitment to try their hardest to be at the Ordeal. Though leadership is necessary, it is high attendance that makes the weekends successful.

There will also be a Brotherhood Ceremony, so this is a great chance to take that next step in our Order. Though everyone will be doing service projects during the day, the party starts Saturday Night with a carnival, volleyball, basketball, movies, food, patch trading, and a few other surprises.

Hello Brothers! It has been quite some time since your last exposure to the Order. I hope all of your summer adventures, or perhaps the lack of, went well.

This year in the lodge looks to be great with the excellent choice of officers and advisors, which leads me to discuss the Mountains (yes I know, we don't really have these in Florida) of fun that will be involved in the 2006 Section Conference!

There are dance, drum, ceremony, and dozens of Lodge competitions! Not to mention the always spectacular Saturday night show! Many of our brothers are missing the trophy that has not been in our lodge for some time now, the spirit award, and our goal this year is to take close to 100 brothers from our lodge! Don't be shy to turn in a \$25 deposit to Mrs. Debbie Clineman. Be sure to make yourself ready for

The time has come once again to start off the new season with Ordeal weekend. We are currently looking for youths and adults to be a part of the new kitchen staff. Daniel Madden is the new youth chairman and he needs your support. What better place to get involved in the lodge with plenty of good FOOD!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Any one that is interested please contact our new lodge chief, Steve Gray, Daniel Madden, or

The National Jamboree was an amazing experience. Our lodge was well-represented through our contingent and its adult leaders. The Aal-Pa-Tah Jamboree Flaps traded very well, and patch trading overall was a big hit. All members are encouraged to bring their patches and trade. Patch trading is a great way to meet new people in and out of your lodge, and it can also be a lot of fun.

Other events in the future that you have to look forward to are the Section Seminars in November (hosted by Timuquan Lodge 340), the Winter Fellowship in December, and of course, the National Order of the Arrow Conference in 2006! My brothers in fun, fellowship, and service, it is up to you to make the lodge what you want it to be.

-Your Brother in the WWW-  
Jay Pantone  
Vice Chief of Program

this exciting and once a year experience!

Don't be left alone in the Lodge by not sealing your membership in the Order, learn more about the Lodge and it's functions by becoming Brotherhood. All it takes is a letter to our secretary to tell us why you believe you are ready for the brotherhood, proof that you can pledge our Obligation, and sing the song of brotherhood. And the small amount of \$14 to purchase your sash. Fulfill your membership and help your lodge be an Honor Lodge yet again!

Yours in Service,  
Kyle Rogers  
Brotherhood Chairmen  
Section Conference Contingent Leader  
Brother in Aal-Pa-Tah 237

myself. The food service staff promises to bring you an exciting array of eats this year.

So lets bring an open mind, clean hands, and an empty stomach to every weekend. Time for everyone to get involved.

WWW  
Mark Kidd  
Food Services Advisor



Right: Costie! This little toy has a mind of it's own. He will follow you and talk with you if you stop long enough. Laugh at him for a stream of water!

Left: QBSA the Eagle. The local Jambo radio station.



## Upcoming weekend

You MUST pre-pay the weekend fee of \$15.00. Members must be dues-paid to participate in Lodge events. Please check the label on this mailing to determine if your dues are up-to-date. Annual lodge dues are \$10.00.

On-time payments must be received in the Council Service Center no later than 09/2/05 at 2 pm. Payment can be made in person, by mail, or by phone with credit card (VISA/MC/AMEX/DISC) at 561-694-8585 ext 234. Information required if using voice mail:

purpose of payment (weekend, dues, etc.)  
participant name, cardholder name, card #,  
expiration date, street address and zip code.  
You will be allowed to register at the door for \$20.00.

Save the hassle of having to register. Why not purchase a Fast Pass for \$75. The Fast Pass registers you for all the weekend Lodge events, covers dues, annual year patches, plus if you are not able to make it to a weekend, a weekend patch will be saved for you.

“Change Service Requested”

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