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NOAC
at Indiana University

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at Tanah Keeta

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Pig Roast/Turkey Fry 2009

Scout Meg-O-Ree

Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge held it's annual Pig Roast again at the 2009 Scout Meg-O-Ree. 32 Brothers came out to help serve in cheerful service over 320 lbs of smoked pork to the crowd. Mr Soles, Mr Carlson, CJ Soles and Chas Carlson smoked the meat all night Friday into Saturday morning, until it was done to perfection. This year saw the return of a whole smoked hog to the event. Oakley Hammond had the Pig Patches for sale to help support the event. Also we had our Kings Cup Display and all the trophies that we won at Section Conference set up for all to see. Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge would like to thank the following for their contributions to the Pig Roast, "Smokies BBQ" of Port St Lucie for the BBQ sauce, "Rent-A-Cooker" of Ft. Pierce for the smoker, and "Jeffrey Brown Live Hogs" of Port St. Lucie, for the whole hog. Along with the Pig Roast, several Brothers also helped out working the concession stand, feeding the crowd hamburgers, hot-dogs, chips and sodas, to raise funds for the Lodge. Thank you to everyone that helped make this a successful event once again.

In Cheerful Service,

CJ Soles

2009 Pig Roast Chairman



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Chiefly Speaking

My Brothers in the Wimachtendienk,

As I sit here and write my last article for the Gator Tales, I can't help but think of all of the wonderful memories of the past year. I was able to watch and lead over 180 new Arrowmen come into our Lodge, witness 70 Arrowmen seal their membership, and bestow 12 Brothers with the highest recognition of the Lodge, the Vigil Honor. With the help of the Tanah Keeta Summer Camp program, we were able to establish an OA Day at Summer Camp, which brought the image and purpose of our Lodge and the Order to all of the Scouts at



Camp. In November, we were able to host one of the best Section Seminars for our newly realigned Section. The planning and help of all of our members for Seminars was phenomenal. At the Section Conference, another new ceremonies team was once again able to achieve and bring back to Aal-Pa-Tah, the Best Pre-Ordeal Team and Best Brotherhood Team honors. And with the help of all of you, we were once again able to achieve the title of Best All Around Lodge!

Communication has been the key to success for us this year. We were able to implement a new HTML e-mail system with constant up-to-date contact information. With the help of the Troop Rep. Chairman and the Chapter Chiefs, we were once again able to establish better communication with each Troop/Team in the Gulf Stream Council. Meetings of the Lodge

Officers with the Weekend Chairmen ensured that Lodge weekends were planned properly and executed with precision. If you haven't noticed the website, www.aal-pa-tah237.org, was completely redesigned and was launched in November. It now allows members to register (and soon pay) for events online, look at the past history of the Lodge, and get updates on the upcoming events.

One of my personal goals over past year was to have the Key 3 of the Lodge be in constant communication with each other. My goal was met and the Key 3 was able to form a friendship and a bond, which made the crucial decision making of the Lodge easier. I also set out to "fix" the schism that was between the Council and the Lodge. Through meetings with the Scout Executive and the Executive Board, my Advisor and I were able to reestablish the bond of trust that was once there before.

I would like to thank the Lodge for allowing me the privilege of being your Lodge Chief for the past year. It has been the most enjoyable year in my Scouting life. I am sad that my time to serve the Lodge as a youth has come to an end, but with that begins a new chapter with myself and with the Lodge. I plan and look forward to becoming an advisor within the Lodge in order to help continue the legacy that is Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge! Thank you for giving me this opportunity.

WWW
In Cheerful Service,

Michael Grove

2008-09 Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge Chief

Gator Tales Reminder

Officers, Arrowmen, and Advisors
Each issue of the Gator Tales is
produced on a tight schedule.

Help us get each issue out on time!

If you are contributing ANYTHING
for the next issue please send
it in before the deadline!

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Officer Reports

Lodge Vice Chief of Program

My Brothers,

It has been great serving you guys this term. But this year has been great. At Section Conference this year we took Best All Around Lodge once again! And we took the Spirit Arrow! our dance team did well again this year. Dutchee Arnett got second in Fancy, Levi Stahl place second in Traditional Novice, and James Herrera got first place in Grass Novice and first place in Grass Regalia! The Ceremony Team also stepped it up. Not only did they do a Brotherhood ceremony for the section on Friday night they also won Best All Around in Brotherhood and Pre-Ordeal. Ian McKay got best Nutekit for Pre-Ordeal. This has been a great year and I hope to see you at the next weekend!

WWW,

Zach Regan

Lodge Secretary

Brothers, Tanah Keeta summer camp is quickly approaching and much help is needed in preparing the camp. I urge all OA members to help in preparing camp any way they can and continue the great reputation Aal-Pa-Tah has from service to camp. I'd also like to congratulate everyone in the BEST LODGE, ALL AROUND for earning this title. While we're the Best Lodge in the Section, that doesn't make us a perfect Lodge. Let's continue striving towards perfection and improving the Lodge as opposed to settling with the status quo. I hope everyone has a great summer!

WWW

Bradley Woods

Lodge Historian

Hello Brothers,

This past Section Conference we had an amazing time, and I look forward to seeing everyone at the next Lodge event. Even though our Kings Cup didn't win any awards, it was an impressive site, and the display will be even more impressive with the addition of the Spirit Award alongside Top Lodge Award. If anyone is interested in becoming the next Historian please email me. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the next weekend.

WWW,

Steven Feldman

Lodge Vice Chief of Service

Brothers, we are now closing in on the end of our election year. With the addition of our service at the Lodge's Vigil Honor Weekend and the hours done at Spring Pow-wow, our year total comes to 4229.5 hours. If you didn't know, 4229.5 man hours is over 528 days or over 105 weeks or over 26 months or over TWO YEARS of work for our Camp. We have cleared many paths, painted many buildings, ran a great Section Seminars and completed numerous lists of projects for our Council Camp and our communities.

Since our last Gator Tales, our Lodge has participated in the first annual Vigil Honor Weekend, Spring Pow-wow, Section Conference and many Chapter activities. At our Lodge's Vigil Honor Weekend, we presented 11 members with the Vigil Honor, and at the same time had them do over 100 hours of service at Camp Tanah Keeta. They set up Summer Camp tents for the ROTC regional conference. At our Spring Pow-wow, and

Chapter activities we did over 50 hours of service. This past year, our Lodge has worked hard to prepare our Camp for Summer Camp, for weekends, for Section events and even just for the Troops who want to camp. I thank you, as does the rest of

our Council.

WWW,

Justin Warrimont



Lodge Treasurer

My Fellow Arrowmen,

Spring Pow-wow was an amazing weekend!! The Lodge Box sold a lot of patches and received a few new ones. The Service weekend is bound to be a great weekend. The Lodge Box will be receiving a few new items such as the new Oi-Ya-Tah Chapter patch and the 2009 Southern Region NOAC patch. Also the Chee-Pa-Tah, Osceola, and Coo-Wa-Chobee Chapters have opened up their patches to the Lodge.

Yours In Scouting,

Oakley Hammond

Lodge Advisor's Sharing the Vision



“Together Fast and Firmly” was the theme for the 2009 Section S-4 Conference, and it was a blast! Aal-Pa-Tah walked away with more awards than any other Lodge at the Conference. Best All Around Lodge and the Spirit Arrow were two of the awards that came home with the 83 Arrowmen who attended the Conference. Timuquan Lodge, the host Lodge, did a great job and it will once again be our turn to host Conference in 2011. The plans for the Conference are already being made for this huge event. We want all of Section S-4 to come to the very best Conference, All-Around, since we last hosted in 2004!

In “Sharing the Vision,” I have a goal for our Lodge; to send 100 Arrowmen to Section Seminars on November 6-8, 2009 and to send 164 Arrowmen to next year’s Section Conference, which is April 16-18, 2010. Please save these dates! If you have never been to a Section event, ask one of the Arrowmen who attended this year’s Conference, they’ll tell you of an event you won’t want to miss next year! In short, it was a Blast!

Yours in Scouting,

Frank Taft

2008-2009 Lodge Advisor Frank Taft has stepped down at the end of his term at the Spring Powwow.

As of that weekend, Tim Arnold is the new Lodge Advisor.

Thank you for your service Mr. Taft.

Lodge Wish List

- ◆ Promotional Summer Camp Video
- ◆ Tipi Poles or Donations for Poles
- ◆ Wooden Chapter Signs
- ◆ Aal-Pa-Tah Golf Cart
- ◆ Two Trained Ceremonies Teams
- ◆ Restored OA Ring
- ◆ 237 Members in Attendance at Lodge Weekends

Items on the Lodge Wish List Completed

A large Thank You goes out to any and everyone who has helped our Lodge achieve these goals.

- ◆ Aal-Pa-Tah 237 Banner
- ◆ Refrigerator for Lodge Building
- ◆ Horse Shoe Pit
- ◆ New Gator Sign
- ◆ New Entrance Ramp for Lodge Building
- ◆ Dance Regalia for Hitchiti Dancers
- ◆ Regalia for Ceremonies Teams
- ◆ Large OA Wind Flags (as seen at Conference)

Associate Lodge Advisor's Counsel

Brothers, I congratulate you all in your hard work and participation which has brought success to the Lodge over the last year. Of course, we have repeated our claim to the "Best All Around Lodge" of Section S-4! Everyone in the Lodge contributed to making that a reality by your participation in the Lodge's activities throughout 2008. I want to take a few moments to remind everyone as to what being the "Best All Around Lodge" really means.

I posit to you that the award – the title – should never be our goal as a Lodge. Rather, our goal must remain focused on providing the best possible Order of the Arrow programming for the Scouts and Scouters of Gulf Stream Council #85. If we do this together, the award will follow as a reflection of the health of the Lodge. With this in mind, I challenge us to continue to find new ways to improve our Lodge's activities throughout 2009.

An OA Lodge is strongest when all of its members act as family towards each other. Remember, we are all Brothers in the OA. I challenge each of us to make more of an effort to reach beyond our units or chapters to get to know all of the active members. Whenever I run into an inactive member of the Lodge out and about town, I always ask why he or she is inactive. The most common answers I hear are: "I don't have a position in the Lodge so I'm not sure what I would do at a Lodge weekend;" or "I haven't been around in a while and I don't really know who's there." Brothers, the truth of the matter is that if everyone realizes the friendships with each other are more important than anything else we do as a Lodge, then these reasons for inactivity simply disappear. Lodge weekends, if nothing else, are a great opportunity to go camping with a ton of friends. If we all work a little more on these friendship, we can give each other a lot more reasons to keep active.

This is especially true with our new members that we induct each year. It is no secret that all Lodges battle with making sure candidates understand the function of the Ordeal, and with getting the new members to return for further exposure to the OA's activities. This year, the units of our Council have elected just over 240 new Scouts and Scouters to become candidates for the OA. If we retained all of these new inductees beyond their Ordeals, we would more than double our active membership. That would be amazing eh? So what is our game plan for making that a reality? First, our ceremonialists will inspire them. Second, our dancers will wow them. More importantly, you will befriend them.

I challenge each and every one of you to make it a point to get to know as many new members as you can. At every meal, make sure that at least one of the people to your left, right, or front is a new face. Get to know their story. Become their friend. If you pass another Scout on the sidewalk that you do not know, stop him and ask his name and if he is having fun. More so than any thrill we can plan for a weekend, your friendship and welcoming of the new members and each other is the most effective way to ensure the growth of the Lodge.

One final thought. It is vital for a healthy OA program that members of the Lodge support the Lodge ceremonialists and dancers. First, new Ordeal or Brotherhood members need to feel welcomed into something special at the conclusion of their ceremonies. That requires a large number of Brothers to join the circle and welcome them. If the stands are empty, the impact of the ceremonialists' work is diminished. Become more aware of the weekend schedules. If you find yourself hanging around playing a game or chit-chatting when a ceremony is starting, grab the group you are with and go enjoy the ceremony. You never know, you might just discover something new time and time again. Likewise, the Lodge Hitchiti dancers have been conducting a powwow at every Lodge weekend. Even if you do not want to dance, when you hear the drum bring your crowd over and enjoy the festival. Especially with the newly inducted Scouts, encourage them to participate – or at the very least spectate – in the powwow. If you are a dancer, even if you cannot attend the full weekend, you should always feel welcome to show up and dance in the Saturday night powwows.

Brothers, we are once again the "Best All Around Lodge." Regardless of whether the Section designates us as better than other Lodges, we should always strive to be better than we were the weekend before. I thank you for taking the time to read a few of my ideas for growing the Lodge. If you ever have any suggestions, please feel free to discuss them with myself or Mr. Arnold. I will see you all soon.

WWW,

Bradley Ellis

Associate Lodge Advisor

Section Conference 2009



If you did not go to the Section S-4 Conference, not only did you miss a great time you missed us dominating most of the events. We had a caravan of about twenty people go up early to Mr. T's beach house on Thursday night. The next morning they all went to Busch Gardens, they had a blast and then they headed to Sand Hill. When everybody arrived at Sand Hill we unpacked and got ready for the Friday night opening show. At the show we were welcomed by the host Lodge Chief and the Section Conference Chairman from Timuquan. Also, "Trace of Day" was setup playing music. When we were at the show the Timuquan Lodge Chief came up to us and asked our ceremony team to do a Brotherhood ceremony because the Lodge that was supposed to do it wasn't ready. Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge's ceremony team stepped up to the plate and preformed beautifully. It was a great way to start the weekend.

To start off Saturday we had our breakfast. Right after that we went in to seminars, our ceremonies team competed in their competitions and we got ready for the afternoon competitions.

Then lunch came around and we did some chants and then met in the campsite. When everybody was there we lined up and spelled out Aal-Pa-Tah 237 Top Lodge. After we got our group picture we headed to the first event which was volleyball. The three other main competitions were football, Lodge ball and tug-of-war. During these main events we were cheering and making as much noise as we could. At the end of the day after dinner there was the Festival of Feathers which our own Hitchiti Dancers competed in. Also late that night we had the Saturday night show. They had Indian dancers perform and showed all of the pictures taken from the weekend.

We woke up early on Sunday to clean up and to get ready for chapel. It was a great chapel service done by Timuquan Lodge. After that we had the awards ceremony. We took first in Best All Around Lodge and dodge ball back to back years. Aal-Pa-Tah also won first in inductions, volleyball and golf. We had the most sprit so we received the Sprit Arrow for the first time since 2006. We came in third in website and publications. Our ceremony took first in Pre-Ordeal and Brotherhood. Ian McKay took home best Nutiket in Brotherhood. Aal-Pa-Tah took home the most trophies. Right after we left Sand Hill we stopped at Ci-Ci's pizza for lunch to celebrate the weekend.

In WWW,
Elliot Taft

Conference Contingent Leader





Speaking Directly

“Is your unit shooting itself in the foot?”

At the time of this Gator Tales dead line, our Council had only 5, count them, 5 Troops signed up to attend Summer Camp at TK. South Florida, Southwest Florida, and Central Florida councils are sending more Troops to TK than our units. For whatever reasons, whether it's “political reasons,” “silent protest,” “I don't like the Camp Director syndrome,” “it's too hot during the summer,” “there's too many bugs,” or the adults don't like camping at TK. That's why it's time to “Speak Directly”.

If the units in our own Council don't support our own Camp, there may be no, that's right, no Summer Camp Program at TK. Don't misunderstand me, Camp will still operate year round, but if the Summer Camp Program stops, it's very hard for it to start again. You don't believe me; ask South Florida or Southwest Florida Councils if this can happen. They didn't support their Camp, and the program died. I hate to say it, but if it wasn't for the ROTC weeks at TK, our Camp wouldn't be able to pay the bills (the ROTC has a reputation of moving from one Camp to another).

So Arrowmen, what can we do?! We have a responsibility to promote Summer Camp, so I am asking you to do that. Find out why your unit isn't going to TK this summer. Let your voices be heard! Tell your Scoutmasters, Committee Chairmen, Charter Reps. that the youth in your unit want to camp at TK this summer. Let them hear the wishes of the youth.

Don't let your unit “shoot itself in the foot” by not supporting our Camp and aid in closing it.

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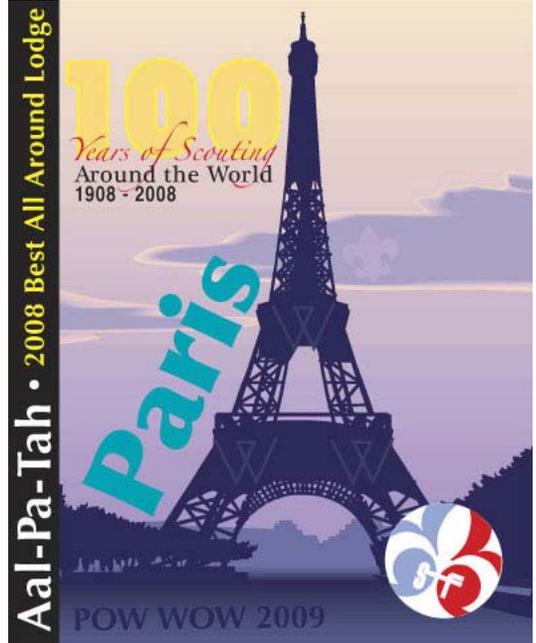
Yours in Scouting,

Frank Taft

Lodge Advisor

Spring Powwow 2009

WOW members of Aal-Ta-Tah I can honestly say that I kept my promise of bringing you an amazing Pow-Wow. If you weren't there then let me tell you, you missed out on tons of games, awesome seminars and a great Pow-Wow Saturday night hosted by Red Bird Jr. in which I fire hooped. The events started off Friday night with broom hockey until the sun came up. Congratulations to Zach Reagan on wining the hearts tournament this year. That's right the youth still hold the hearts trophy. After the seminars in the morning on Saturday, it was time for chapter competitions Coo-Wa-Chobee won Chapter ball and pop the balloon, Chee-Pa-Tah won suck the pudding and Abani-Ki won the stand on the plank game. Following the games was clean up and diner. Before we all ate we played "pull it out of the box" a game with crazy clothes and tons of laughs. Following dinner we recognized those members of our Lodge who received the Vigil Honor. Congratulations to all. Saturday night there was a glorious Pow-Wow. Around 11:30 we busted out the visqueen and dish soap and had a blast on the slip-n-slide at Ft. Blanchard. Sunday morning after thorns and roses we all headed home tired after an amazing weekend. For those of you who missed out, you missed out on history. A special thanks to all who helped me bring this weekend together.



In WWW,
Walter "Dutchee" Arnett
2009 Spring Pow-Wow Chairman



FourCorps '10

Calling all Arrowmen in Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge, be a part of history. In the spirit of ArrowCorps5, our Section (4S) has developed a work project in conjunction with the National Forestry Service called "FourCorps'10". 4C10 will be taking place in the Ocala National Forest, west of Deland, and Paisley, Florida, during the week of June 6th – 12th 2010. This is for all Lodges in Section 4S to participate. All participants will be based out of Camp La-No-Che in Paisley FL. Work projects will include "Trail Building", "Invasive and Exotic Plant Removal" and "Fencing Removal" in the Southern sections of the Ocala National Forest. Recreation Days will be offered to all participants similar to La-No-Che's High Adventure Summer Camp Programs. Base cost of 4C10 will be about \$200.00. Anyone who participated in AC5, or wanted to but could not make it can once again be a part of history by coming out and working in the forest with us again. Section 4S is the first section to develop a follow-up program from AC5.

Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge needs a youth to step up and chair this event at our Lodge level. Patch designs are being sought for this event for the Section, and eventually the Lodge. If you are interested, contact your Chapter Chief, or any L.E.C Members. The hope is that Aal-Pa-Tah can support 4C10 with at least 20-30 Brothers, and that as a Section, we will provide 400-600 Brothers and over 20,000 volunteer man hours. Be a part of history, I know I will...

For more information, you can also contact the Section Youth Chair, Matt Hall.

MattsAnEagle2007@yahoo.com

In Brotherhood,

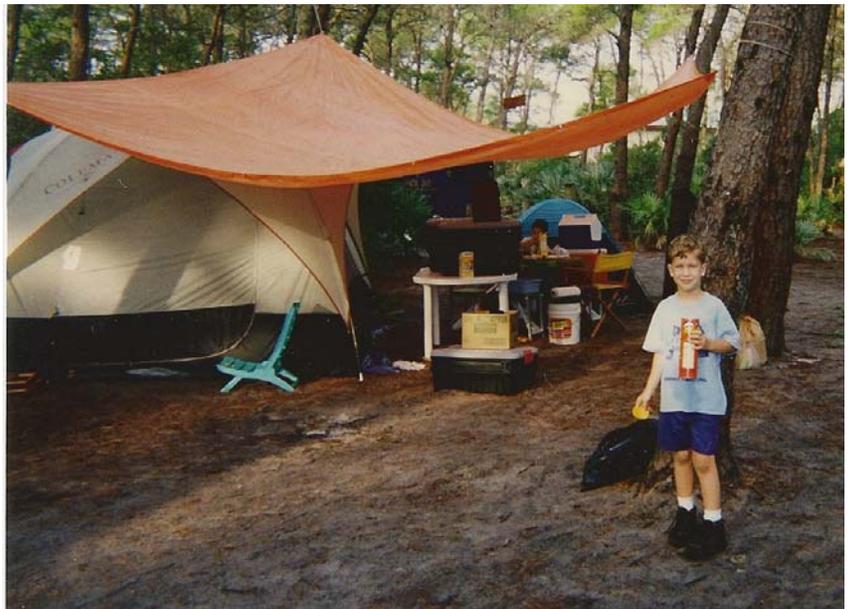
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Gregory Soles Sr.

Who Am I

Who is this future Arrowmen? Hint-he's camping at TK and is holding food!

Answer on Pg 10



BROTHERS IN ACTION

Chapter Reports

Coo-Wa-Chobee

Manatee District

It has been a great year for Choo-Wa-Chobee. We have had great attendance at our chapter meetings, OA events and service to our Council. With the demise of Manatee District so goes our wonderful chapter. Some of our Arrowmen will be moving to Tradewinds District and some will be going to Osceola District. I am sure that whichever district the Arrowmen of Choo-Wa-Chobee will end up they will no doubt make a huge difference with their hard work, energy and outrageous attitudes. From nothing we have gone to the best chapter in our Lodge and I know that you have not heard the last of the Arrowmen from Choo-Wa-Chobee!! So look out Tradewinds/ Osceola here comes the best chapter of Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge!

WWW,

Elliott Taft

Choo-Wa-Chobee Chapter Chief

Chee-Pa-Tah

Trade Winds District

Hey Brothers,

Our chapter has been slowly rising to where I would like it to be. We are getting more people to our chapter meetings, however we NEED MORE people. Our Chapter cannot run without you. The OA is the "Brotherhood of Cheerful Service" They come in this Order for a reason. Brotherhood is the most important. SO to show this we are having a Chapter Fun Night in place of our next meeting. So what do you need to know: It is on May 21 from 6-9:30 at Fun Depot in Lake Worth. The FIRST 13 people to sign up will go for half off. That means you will get unlimited games, laser tag, and go-karts for \$10. However if you wait too long to sign up you will pay the full price of \$20. Please come out and hang out with your Chapter. To sign up email me at floridian-boy3211@yahoo.com. Hope to see you all there!!!! Also we just had OA elections and got plenty of new candidates. Start setting the example for them by being involved. Our Chapter meetings are every THIRD Thursday of the month at the same time and place as our district roundtable. For more info about this go onto our chapter website www.cheepatah.aal-pa-tah237.org

Yours in Service,

Luke Spratt

Chee-Pa-Tah Chapter Chief

P.S. We are still the BEST LODGE, ALL AROUND. Sadly I didn't make it to Section Conference but I heard about all the fun. Hope to see everyone there next year!!

Answer to Who Am I: Elliott Taft, Sitting Moose

Lowaneu-Mawat

Indian River District

Greetings to all.

What a busy time since Spring Pow-wow. It seems that every time I turn around I'm going out the door with my sash as either Chapter Chief or in our Indian regalia. We have finished our elections with 20 great candidates being selected. It looks like a good group, all eager to get to their Ordeal and start being part of this great organization. This Chapter continues to work with our District Cub Scout Pack to do ceremonies for Crossovers and the Arrow of Light Award. Since the District Crossover, we have been invited to two more Blue and Gold Evenings to do awards. We also did a separate crossover for a Pack that was not ready in February. Section Conference saw nine of our members help the Lodge win the Best All Around Lodge again and the Spirit Arrow. Every one should be proud to be a Gator of Aal-Pa-Tah. Lowaneu Mawat helped host a Conservation Day on April 25th at Oklawaha to get the Camp ready for our District Cub Scout Camporee coming in June. What a success that was with 73 Scouts and Scouters come and help out netting 376.5 hours of service to our Camp. That evening, our Ceremonies Team conducted a District Call Out for our Candidates to start them on their trail to becoming a Brother. A cracker barrel followed with a question and answer period for the Candidates and their parents. We continue to meet the second Monday of each month during the District Roundtable. Attendance is gaining every month. We will not meet in June and July.

WWW,

Chas Carlson

Lowaneu-Mawat Chapter Chief

Osceola

Lighthouse District

Fellow Arrowmen,

I hope you have been having a as great a year as we have been. In March we had a great time at the POW-WOW, while we were there we did a conservation project cutting down maliluca trees. At our March meeting we enjoyed shooting at the Gander Mountain archery range. At Section Conference we had a great turn out and a blast. I can't wait for next year! our April meeting was held at the River Raft Regatta. On the 3rd of May we had our Cinco de Mayo fundraiser and raised money for our chapter. And at the Mega Scout Show our Troops had a great turnout with 10 Troops having exhibits. Coming up is the Ordeal weekend and we are hoping for at least 10 new members. We are planning to have a Rapids Water Park meeting sometime in the summer so stay in touch!

In WWW,

Robert Fox

Osceola Chapter Chief

A-Bani-Ki

Osceola District

The A-Bani-Ki Chapter Chief did not submit a report and no report was submitted on his behalf.

Nekiwa

Sailfish District

The Nekiwa Chapter Chief did not submit a report and no report was submitted on his behalf.

Oi-Ya-Tah

Treasure Coast District

The Oi -Ya-Tah Chapter Chief did not submit a report and no report was submitted on his behalf.

Panasofee

Okeechobee District

The Panasofee Chapter Chief did not submit a report and no report was submitted on his behalf.

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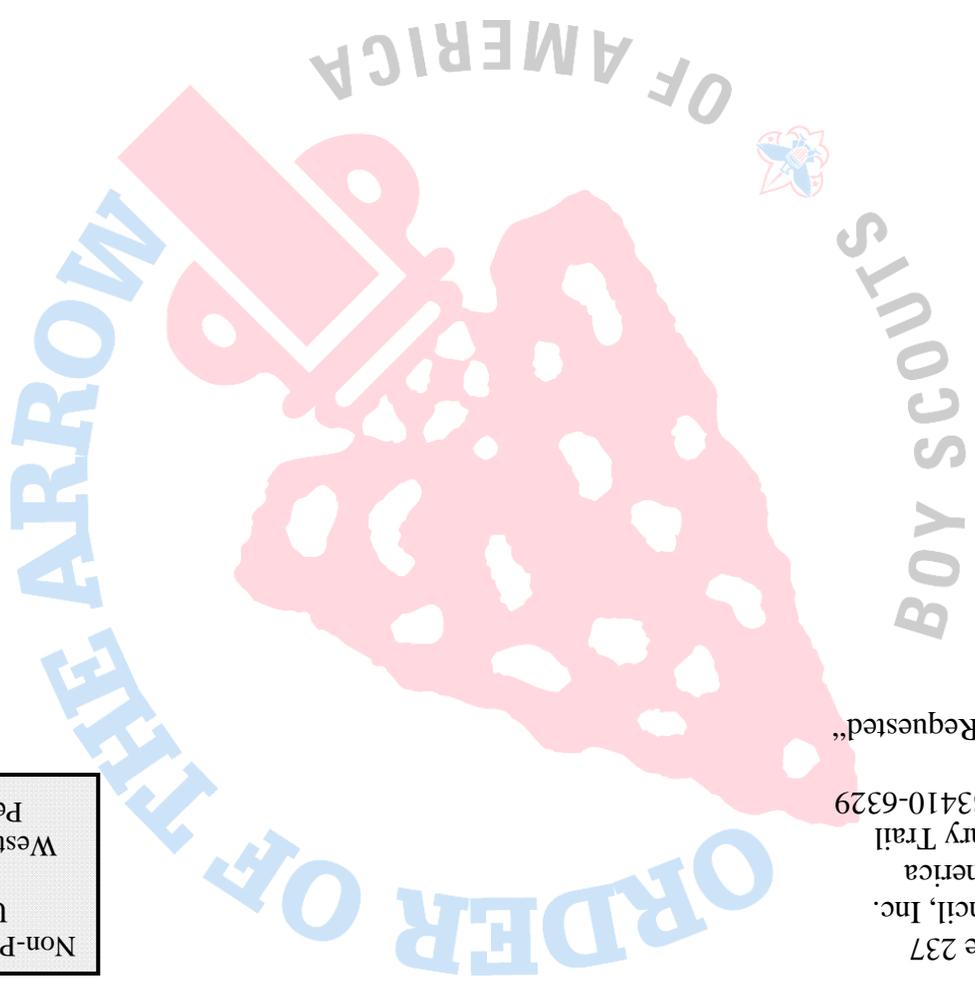
July 29th is approaching quickly. There must be a million things to do to get ready to depart for the next best thing to a National Jamboree. If things go as planned, we should have one of the best times of our lives so far. The National OA Leadership and Indiana University have teamed up to bring us a great start to the 100th year of Scouting in America. Aal-Pa-Tah's Contingent looks like it is going to be 39 brothers strong, 27 youth and 12 adults. Sounds like the right mix of people. We have the age old Vigil to the just made Ordeal Scout. Ceremonies Scouts to Dancers to Scouts who want to learn about the Order. With a wide range of Scouts like this it should be very good for the Lodge. New Aal-Pa-Tah patch sets should be coming out soon. We will have a pre-order that you can fill in and buy your sets. These sets will be made in a limited amount and if you do not pre-order and wait to get them in the Lodge Box you may not get any. Much of the time they sell out before we get home from NOAC. A couple of things coming up for the Contingent; we have a mandatory meeting at 2PM on May 30th at TK in the Dining Hall. Maybe we can get the cooks to make us a snack. Everyone in the contingent needs to be there, no excuses. The second thing is that physicals, on the new 4 page form, that need to be to me by June 10th.



WWW,

Chas Carlson

Youth Contingent Leader for NOAC



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