

AAL PA TAH LODGE

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December 12, 2007

Dear Member of the Executive Board,

Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge is pleased to have this opportunity to present a report of our activities during 2007. Similar to the Gulf Stream Council, the Lodge adopted a five year strategic plan for 2003-2007. The plan focuses on three areas that are important to the Council and are integral parts of the Order of the Arrow: Leadership, Service and Financial Support.

Leadership

All of the activities of the Lodge are youth run. Members of the Lodge had a number of opportunities to be involved in activities. The lodge held a Lodge Banquet, Spring Pow-wow Weekend, Pig Roast, Turkey Roast, Mentoring Day, Lodge Leadership Development Conference, two Ordeals, One Day of Service and Winter Fellowship. The lodge encourages involvement at the unit level and support of other council activities, including summer camp. The lodge actively supports the Scoutreach Mentoring Program. The lodge sponsored the second mentoring day at Camp Ab-ba-lu-fa this year.

Service

The lodge provided service to the council camps and to the community. A service weekend to prepare for summer camp was held in June and two more Ordeals were held in September, inducting a total of 153 new Ordeal members. The lodge participated in the Southern Region's One Day of Service program. The lodge had three youth attend the Trail Crew program at Philmont, one staff member at Philmont and one member (out of eight total) who served as a guide for the Wilderness Voyage at Northern Tier.

Financial Support

Each year the Lodge contributes to the council endowment fund through the naming of one of our members a James E. West recipient. The lodge has named five individuals so far. The 2007 honoree is Mark Kidd. The 2008 honorees will be announced at the lodge banquet in January. In addition, the lodge contributed \$675 to the lawnmower fund and three pickup trucks to the camp. The lodge continues to strengthen and diversify the James T. Sasser Campership Fund. The lodge contributed \$500 to the council scholarship fund to help boys attend a week of summer camp at Tanah Keeta. The lodge has also committed to future camp improvement projects including the current Tanah Keeta capital campaign.

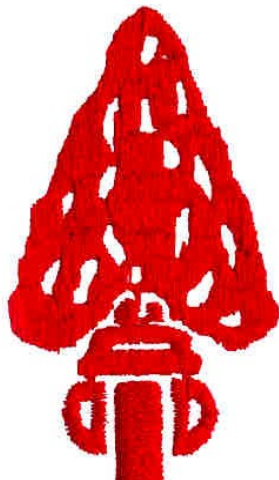
In addition, the lodge sent a contingent to the Section Conference in April, National Conservation and Leadership Summit in July, and the Section Seminars in November. The lodge also presented a Founders' Award to Capt. Tom Chewing and the Vigil Honor to six Arrowmen. The lodge continued the "Best All-Around Chapter" that was won by the Lowaneu Mawats (Indian River District) a second time in a row.

The lodge has created a committee to write a Strategic Plan for 2008-2012 which will be brought before the Executive Board next year. Last but not least, I believe Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge will be a "Quality Lodge" again in this year.

Yours In Scouting,

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Lodge Chief



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