

Gator Tales

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Winter Fellowship

My Brothers,

If you liked last Winter Fellowship and think we couldn't one up it, think again. I come to you with an event of epic proportions. On November 30th–December 2nd, our Lodge will be hosting Winter Fellowship and we will make it snow. This weekend is dedicated to celebrating our awesomeness and having a great time.

For a full schedule, check out page 7 but it includes sink-a-thons, Winter Carnival and DJ, a cool 237 surprise, cheerful service, inflatables, sledding down Fort Blanchard, tons of Fun and exciting chapter competitions culminating in the Best All Around Chapter Award being awarded. There is also an almost certain chance of having a gator wrestling show.

Don't put yourself through missing this event because you will regret it for the rest of your life. All newly inducted Ordeal members from both Spring and Fall Ordeals receive a \$5 discount to this once in a lifetime event.

You can register right now on our Lodge's website under the registration tab. Be sure to register by November 23rd to avoid the late fee and secure your spot at this momentous event. Check your emails, phones, and Facebooks for more information.

IF WE CAN GET 237 BROTHERS AT WINTER FELLOWSHIP, MRS. PANTONE, OUR LODGE ADVISER, AND MIKE MCLOUGHIN, OUR LODGE CHIEF, HAVE AGREED TO BE PIED IN THE FACE!!!! Make sure that you BRING YOUR FRIENDS!!!

WWW,
James Herrera



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Chiefly Speaking



My Brothers,

I want to thank everyone for the great start that we have had to this new Lodge year! Our Fall Ordeal was a MAJOR success! The Ordeal committee put a lot of effort into this successful event! We inducted 27 new members and sealed the membership of 6 Brothers. Congratulations!

Looking ahead, Winter Fellowship is November 30th- December 2nd. Make sure that you Pre-Register by 11/23/12. This event will be the best that APT has seen in a long time!!! The Weekend Committee is working very diligently at transforming our beloved Tanah Keeta into a Winter Wonderland for the weekend. There will be competitions, raffles, a carnival, and so much more await you at this FUN weekend. **IF WE CAN GET 237 PEOPLE AT THIS EVENT, MRS. PANTONE AND I HAVE AGREED TO BE PIED IN THE FACE!!!! Make sure that you BRING YOUR FRIENDS!!!**

Also, I would like to take this moment to invite all Lodge members and their families to our annual Lodge Banquet on January 5th, 2013, at Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation. Registration details will be released shortly. Please stay alert for information regarding our Hawaiian Luau Banquet. It will be a great event filled with fun, games, patch auctions, raffles, and awards.

I hope to see everyone at both of these events. Please watch your emails, listen for your phones, and "like" us on Facebook for up to the minute information on all activities of Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge. As always, if you have any questions about anything or just want to say hello, feel free to contact me at m.mcloug@gmail.com or 561-267-8759.

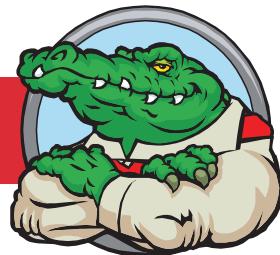
WWW,

Mike McLoughlin

Adviser's Minute

Dear Parents,

You may think I am a terrible parent, but many years ago when my oldest son was active in the OA, I had no idea what he actually did at OA events! My repeated inquires of "How was your weekend, dear?" were answered with a mumbled "fine" as he headed to the shower (actually to test the capacity of our hot water heater), which was promptly followed by a nap (actually an all day hibernation).



I know he had a lot of fun. I know he was very dedicated to the Lodge. I know he had great mentors and leaders. But it wasn't until very recently, when we were looking for a particular photo for the wall of the OA Lodge, that I saw in those old photos some of the things he did! I was very impressed with those images and the activities they depicted. This got me thinking that maybe there are other parents out there challenged by their monosyllabic conversations with their teenagers who would like to know about their son's time in the Order of the Arrow! So I am going to tell you.

At OA weekends, your sons...

1. Work Hard! The OA is primarily a service organization and every weekend has a service component. Your sons paint things, build things, trim things, clean things, move things, plant things, and more! Their fingerprints are on most of the camp improvements you see at Tanah Keeta. And don't tell them that I told you this, but they love hard work! It uses up their energy and gives them a sense of accomplishment. And believe me, we all appreciate their efforts.
2. Play Hard! Yes, if they are going to work hard, then they should get to play hard! They love playing dodgeball, trashcan, broom hockey, hearts, and Risk. They get sweaty, cheer and yell, quibble over the rules, and eventually smell bad.
3. Get to do Silly Stuff – They sing songs and play silly games like Fear Factor and Spam Toss. They enjoy Bouncy Boxing, Carnival Games, Dunk Tanks, and Guitar Hero. These young men can relax at OA and be themselves with very little of the social peer pressure that often limits this type of fun in other social settings.
4. Participate in Meaningful Moments – They conduct OA ceremonies, worship services, and flag ceremonies. They do these things willingly, with the respect they deserve.
5. Learn to Lead – In the Lodge, Scouts are expected to be able to lead themselves, meaning that they can take care of themselves, be responsible, and live by the Scout Oath and Law, but also as an organization that is completely youth run, they must also lead others. They plan and carry out every detail of every event, from planning the program, to conducting the ceremonies, to overseeing the service projects. In doing this they master time management, communication skills, project planning, team work, conflict resolution, problem solving, and much, much more!

So, as your son walks in the door after the next OA weekend (hopefully this coming Winter Fellowship), you can save yourself the effort of finding out if he worked hard (he did!), if he had fun (oh yeah!) and if it was a worthy event for him to attend (most definitely!) You can just smile and say "Have a nice shower and I will see you at dinner."

Sincerely,

Amanda Pantone

Lodge Adviser



Officer Reports

Vice Chief of Program

Brothers,

Despite the weather, we had a great Ordeal weekend chaired by our very own George Cooper. Many hours of service were completed and numerous Arrowmen successfully completed their Ordeal.

If that wasn't good enough, then STOP what you are currently doing and put on your calendar and let your girlfriends know that you will be at Tanah Keeta for a fantastic Aal-Pa-Tah Party weekend with little service on November 30th-December 2nd. This weekend includes great activities such as inflatables, with an almost certain chance of having a gator wrestling show, long winter nights with snowball fights, sink-a-thons, carnival, 237 Surprise, DJ, many cracker barrels, service, and MUCH, MUCH MORE!!! Stay tuned and check your emails, phones, and Facebooks for more information.

The Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge Banquet is also coming your way, with the theme being Hawaiian Luau Banquet and is going to be a blast. If any Arrowmen would like to express their thoughts or ideas with me for upcoming events or anything involving program within our Lodge feel free to contact me at jamesxherrera@gmail.com.

WWW,

James Herrera

Lodge Treasurer

Brothers,

There have been many advancements involving the Lodge Box. We have recently incorporated a bar code system in the box and the entire box has also been inventoried and reorganized. The new patch set for the coming year has also been decided and it will be based on The Legends of the Loxahatchee.

WWW,

Ross Pantone

Vice Chief of Inductions

My Brothers,

The inductions program is taking off fast. Thanks to all the chairmen, officers, Elangomats, and ceremonialists that made this program a great success. I hope you will join us at the next Ordeal which will be even better!!

I am pleased to announce that the new Extended Elangomat program is in place and will replace our Nimat program as promised. Don't forget we will be having a Brotherhood Ceremony at the Winter Fellowship on Saturday, Dec 1st.

I would also like to thank all the Arrowmen and advisers who are making unit elections run smoothly. It is a long process but with everyone's help the elections are running smoothly.

Also, if you are interested in participating in ceremonies or would like to help set them up, please contact Brandon La Rosa, the Ceremonies Team Chief, at (561)628-2764. Sign up for Winter Fellowship on Nov 30– Dec 2 and let's get 237 Arrowmen to attend!!! I look forward to seeing you there.

WWW,

Ian Wagner

Vice Chief of Service

Dear fellow Arrowmen,

Since the beginning of this term, our Lodge has done over 5,000 hours of service for Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation and the community at large during our "One Day of Service" I want to thank every Lodge member for their hard work and dedication, especially Gregory Yentz, One Day of Service Chairman. We have Mentoring Day coming up on February 1st – 3rd. If you would like to help please let me know at danielolbrych@aol.com

WWW,

Daniel Olbrych

Lodge Historian

Brothers,

I hope you are enjoying this year in the Lodge and will all get Fast Passes for 2013. I am excited to begin work on this years King's Cup competition, but I will need help. I am going to set up the King's Cup at Winter Fellowship and anyone who is interested about helping can see me there or email me at ahg1996@yahoo.com. I would also encourage you to look at some of the pictures on our website and if you take pictures of events, to upload them onto our Lodge website. Hope I will see everyone at Winter Fellowship and get to take wonderful pictures of you all and all the fun we'll be having.

WWW,

Aaron Gluck

Lodge Secretary

Brothers,

I am glad that the new design for Gator Tales was so well received. The publications committee is always open to input, so please let us know of any comments or questions you have. We are also open to considering articles from any member of the Lodge, so if you have anything to say, please contact the Publications Chairman Aaron Gluck at ahg1996@yahoo.com or myself at chrisolbrych@aol.com.

I am also pleased to announce that we have begun our transfer to the Lodgemaster system. This should provide the Lodge with flexibility in both database and email management in unprecedented ways. If at all possible, I hope to have the system up and running at Winter Fellowship.

WWW,

Chris Olbrych



Chapter Corner

Ne-Kee-Wa

Brothers,

I'm glad to be serving as Ne-Kee-Wa's Chapter Chief and would like to help the Chapter grow into all that it can be. We hold our Chapter meetings at Sailfish District Roundtable held on the second Thursday each month. Unit Elections are going along well. If anyone wants to get involved or has new ideas for the Chapter, please consider posting them on the Ne-Kee-Wa Facebook page.

WWW,

Wyatt Pearson

Nee-Ke-Wa Chapter Chief

Chee-Pah-Tah

Brothers,

I am very excited to be the new Chee-Pa-Tah Chapter Chief. I would like to thank those of you who showed up to our One Day of Service. I would also like to congratulate all of our new members who joined us after this past Ordeal. I can't wait to see you all at Winter Fellowship. I would also like to see you at our Chapter meetings that are held the 3rd Monday of every month at Tradewinds District Roundtable. I have had a great time with you guys and know this is going to be another great year for Chee-Pah-Tah.

WWW,

Mark Borelli

Chee-Pah-Tah Chapter Chief

Abaniki

Brothers,

Our Chapter is doing great, as usual. We are in the middle of our Troop Elections and they are coming along great. At the Fall Ordeal we had a great turn out from our Chapter and had a lot of fun. I hope to see even more at Winter Fellowship. For those of you who do not know, we meet on the second Monday of every month at Osceola District Roundtable held at Spanish River Church, and I would ask you to join us for a great time.

WWW,

Matt Jones

Abaniki Chapter Chief

Osceola

Brothers,

We are happy to inform that we will be having our December meeting at Winter Fellowship and that our meetings will be regularly held the first Sunday of each month at 2 with locations yet to be decided. That information will be sent via email, so please keep an eye out and attend. I plan to build a great Chapter and I would like all of you to be a part of it.

Ian Burns

Osceola Chapter Chief

OA Fun and Games

Who am I?

Who is this young scholar who grew up to be a member of our Lodge? First correct guess sent to ahg1996@yahoo.com gets a prize at Winter Fellowship and recognition in the next issue.



Caption It!!

This is your chance to be creative!! Write captions for the photo below and send it to me by email to ahg1996@yahoo.com for a prize at Winter Fellowship and recognition in the next edition of the *Gator Tales*.



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WITAHEMUI



The Forum

OA High Adventure

Arrowmen,

Have you ever hiked the trails at Philmont, sailed the seas at Sea Base, or paddled the boundary waters of Northern Minnesota at Northern Tier? Well if you haven't had those opportunity yet, or would like to do it again, the OA has four experiences for you. For one week of volunteered service you get another week of fun and adventure. All three bases have a Trail Crew Program and offer you the chance to see what they have to offer. The fee is only \$200, a fraction of the usual cost for a high adventure base through a Troop or Crew. If anyone is interested or would like further information please email me at teets19@comcast.net.

WWW,

Crawford Teets

OA High Adventure Chairman

Ceremonies Team

Brothers,

We are always looking for new ceremonialists. This year we are trying to start a second ceremonial team to help with doing some of the ceremonies. We also would like to thank all the new candidates inducted as Ordeal members and our new Brotherhood members from the Fall Ordeal. We also encourage any Brotherhood eligible members to fully enter the ties of Brotherhood at the Winter Fellowship. Anyone interested in Ceremonies can contact me at (561) 628-2764.

WWW,

Brandon La Rosa

Ceremonies Chief

Trail Crew

Fellow Arrowmen,

I would like to invite you to participate in our Trail Crew Program. Over the past few years we have built bridges, cleared trails, and have had a lot of fun. We currently have quite a few projects to be done to our trails at camp and, just like previous ones, we need your help. We would like to get at least twelve devoted members together to work on trails during OA Work Weekends and OA events. If you are interested in helping out, have any questions or would like any more information about the Trail Crew, please email me at teets19@comcast.net.

WWW,

Crawford Teets

Trail Crew Chief

Extended Elangomat Program

Hello Brothers,

The former Nimat program has undergone some extensive changes. The program is now known as the Extended Elangomat program and will use the Elangomats already in place at Ordeals. As an incentive, the Black Sash program has been changed.

In order to receive the Black Sash each Elangomat must lead 3 clans as an Elangomat during the Ordeal, the original requirement, and, as an additional requirement, his assigned extended Elangomat clan must have at least a 40% Brotherhood conversion rate.

Once the clans have reached their conversion rate, the Elangomats who have lead that clan will be eligible for the Black sash. We are also looking at the possibility of producing an Extended Elangomat dangle to go with the Elangomat flap. The flap will still be awarded for every time you are an Elangomat.

This change to the program will only effect those new Elangomats whose first Ordeal as an Elangomat will be this Spring Ordeal, if you have already been an Elangomat working toward your Black sash you will be grandfathered in to the old requirements. If you have any questions about the program you can contact me directly at dolfanboy98@aol.com.

WWW,

Michael Faccini

Extended Elangomat Chairman

Native American Drum and Dance Team

Did you like the Native American dancing at the Lodge Weekends? Want to learn how to dance or drum? Then have we got an opportunity for you. Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge 237 is currently looking for 10 youth members who would like to compete in Group Dance at the next Section Conference.

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. You are not obliged to join, we just want you to come out and give it a try on the drum. All that is required is desire to learn. We need 8 dancers, 1 narrator and 1 person to sing.

We are also looking for 4 to 5 youth members to compete in the Drum competition. A great singing voice is NOT required, just be willing to try something new. Give my advisor or myself a call if you are interested.

James Herrera, Drum Chief (772)-342-3127

Joe Costanzo, Advisor (561)-667-9393

Come out and give it a try!!! We have the outfits, we have the dances and the songs, all we need is YOU.

WWW,

James Herrera

Drum Team Chief

New Members

Spring Ordeal

Greyson Abrams
Michael Arias
Michael Barnard
Daniel Beal
Matthew Beede
Christopher Blancher
Steven Boggess
Mark Boreffi
Michael Bronson
Patrick Brown
Leo Bruner
Basil Burke
Cynthia Campbell
Christopher Cerny
Matthew Christie
Jonathan Claridge
Kenneth Clements
Daniel Clifton
Alexander Connolly
Wade Cooper
Alexander Cordes
Daniel Costa
Ricky Coughlin
Jack Daye
Luke Edberg
Sam Edwards
Patrick Eiseman
Samuel Elberson
Myles Ellis
James Failla
Jesse Forbes
Patrick Ford
James Forester
Nichols Forester
Alan Galen
Johnathan Germain
Jake Gilreath
Joseph Gorel
Chuck Gouge
Jimmy Granberg
Stephen Greco
Harrison Hanes
Jason Harkins
Bradlee Hawpe
Daniel Hoens
Alex Hoffman
William Hoffman
Eric Irwin
Joshua Jacobs
Jay Jennings
Mark Johnston
Michael Kane
Sherry Kershaw

Jordan Krumenacker
Nick Legault
Allen Leonard
Brandon LeWinter
Mike Lopez
Andrew Lord
Wayne Lovelady
Kenneth Lutz
Jason Lynn
Jack Macharyas
Joshua Marker
Mathew Martin
Camron Mason
Joel McCray
Sean Meyer
Thomas Morris
Sri Nair
Erik Nedrelid
Julian Negrin
Tomas Ospina
Jonathan Parish
Dale Peters
Dane Piscopo
Coleman Shea Ponce
Dennis Porcelain
Dennis Porcelain
Donnie Reed
Ranger Reemelin
Mark Renick
Josh Rodgers
Jose Rodriguez
Matthew Romero
Andrew Ross
Alan Rothberg
Mark Rothberg
Connor Rupp
Daniel Salvador
Ryan Schale
Nicholas Schmidt
Austin Schwartz
Dana Schwartz
Austin Sennott
Jason Shawver
Dalton Smith
Michael Smith
Brett Smythe
Christien Snyder
William Sorel
Hunter Sorenson
Tyler Stiefel
Scott Swanson
Christopher Swinford
Jacob Taft

Zachary Timm
W Venard
Ariel Villarreal
Brian Waldman
Reggie Wall
Matthew Wallace
Brett Warwick
Dylan West
Casey Whalen
Steve Whalen
Steven White
Zack Wilcox
Jacob Williams
Thomas Wilson
Austin Woodruff
David Wratislaw
Christianne Yentz
Tony Zunker

Fall Ordeal

Seth Ackerman
Jack Atherton
Jeremy Buch
Donovan Carey
Liam Carey
Tammy Comes
Michael Deluca
Bret Dunton
Tyler Fogt
Luke Fowler
Brendon Green
Karen Herrera
Austin Johnson
William Joyce
Jack Justad
Andre Lafabregue
Jacob Levin
John Licardi
Christopher Mayer
Gregory Ratz
Lee Roberts
Jimmy Thompson
Richard Thompson
Chris Tollinger
Alex Walker
Tyler Waymire
Timothy Wooley

Welcome to our newest members. You have a fun and exciting journey ahead of you. We hope you stay active and keep in mind the tenets of our Order that your peers have elected you into. We have a lot of fun and our greatest event is coming up quickly. See the articles for Winter Fellowship or ask your Elangomats about it, but it is not an event to miss.

Also, thank you to our Brothers that have sealed their membership in the Order by taking the Brotherhood honor. It is great to see so many stay active and it is something for all Ordeal members to look forward to. Feel free to contact your Elangomat or any of the Lodge Officers and ask about Brotherhood.

In closing, let these rolls show and honor those among us that have been inducted into the Order as new Ordeal members and those who have taken the oath of Brotherhood.

WWW,
Mike McLoughlin
Lodge Chief

New Brotherhood Members

Craig Buttery	Gregory Kusel
Shane Campbell	Fred Leno
Brandon Carter	Matt McCoy
Sam Cavalieri	Jackson Meade
Kristian Cimmino	Ben Mille
Christopher Claridge	Shane Oblaczynski
Parker Clifton	Jacqueline Pearson
Kayman Davis	Kenneth Pearson
Alec Deker	Everett Periman
Quinn Delgado	Gerardo Ponce
Danny Dufresne	Nicholas Ponce
Steve Eshelman	Frank Povsic
Bradley Falcone	Jozef Povsic
Corey Fehlberg	Colton Pray
Alan Fullilove	Bryce Radzkowski
Eric Fullilove	Arren Richter
Eric Gilreath	James Schede
Daniel Gouge	Charlie Schmidt
Joe Granberg	Bradley Smith
Corey Hampson	Tommy Smith
Kathleen Hul	Sebastian Sultzner
Steven Jackson	Alex Sutterfield
Jill Jones	Robert Washburn
Brent Kinsey	Evan White

Schedule for Winter Fellowship

Friday

- 6:00 pm - Check in / Registration
- 6:00 pm - Grill opens
- 7:00 pm - Video Games
- 7:00 pm - Board / Card Games
- 8:30 pm - Lodge / Chapter Meeting
- 8:45 pm - Cracker Barrel
- 9:00 pm - Chapter Winter Game Challenges
- 9:00 pm - Board Games/Card Games
- 9:30 pm - Broom Hockey
- 10:00 pm - Inflatables
- 10:00 pm - Brotherhood Counseling
- 10:30 pm - Volleyball Game
- 12:00 am - Taps / Lights Out



Saturday

- 7:15 am - Awake
- 7:45 am - Raise the Colors
- 8:00 am - Breakfast
- 8:30 am - Chapter Service Projects
- 12:00 pm - Lunch
- 1:00 pm - Alligator Showtime
- 2:00 pm - Adviser's Sink-A-Thon
- 2:30 pm - Chapter Football Game
- 3:15 pm - Chapter Tug-of -War
- 3:30 pm - Chapter Ultimate Game
- 4:00 pm - Chopped Adult Competition
- 4:30 pm - Brotherhood Counseling
- 5:15 pm - Chapter Cake Decorating
- 6:15 pm - Retire the Colors
- 6:30 pm - Dinner
- 7:30 pm - Brotherhood Ceremony
- 8:30 pm - Video Games
- 8:30 pm - Board /Card Games
- 8:30 pm - Inflatables
- 9:30 pm - Chapter Games
- 9:30 pm - Adult Cracker Barrel
- 10:00 pm - Cracker Barrel
- 10:30 pm - Chapter Volleyball Game
- 11:30 pm - Lodgeball

Sunday

- 12:00 am - Board/Card Games
- 12:30 am - Trash Can
- 1:30 am - Capture the Flag
- 2:37 am - ????????????
- 8:00 am - Breakfast
- After Breakfast - A Scout's Own Service
- 9:00 am - Chapter Clean-up Projects
- 10:30 am - Lodge Meeting
- 11:00 am - LEC

*Schedule subject to change

Fast Pass 2013



My Brothers,

FAST PASS 2013 IS HERE!!!! It's a great gift idea for newly inducted members and current members alike. Give them something they really want for the holidays.

Your all access Fast Pass includes ...

- Registration for the Lodge Banquet and all 4 Weekends
- 2013 Lodge Dues
- Custom Fast Pass ID Badge and Aal-Pa-Tah Lanyard
- Fast Pass Dangle (reserved only for Fast Pass members)
- The entire Legends of the Loxahatchee Year Patch Set
- Special Back Patch .

All this for one low price of \$100!!!

But wait - there is more!!! NEW this Year - for an additional \$50, FAST PASS PLUS includes all of the above PLUS registration for both Section Seminars and Section Conference. (Transportation fees are not included).

If you are interested in purchasing a Fast Pass you may use the form that was sent to you recently by mail or go to our Lodge website (www.aal-pa-tah237.org) and click on the payment form.

WWW,

Mike McLoughlin

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