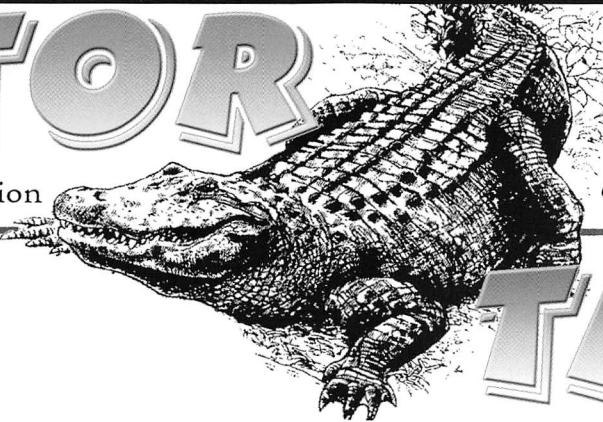


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at Tanah Keeta

October 31st

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at Tanah Keeta

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at Camp La-No-Che

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Section S-4 Seminars

Section Seminars will be held the weekend of November 13th-15th, our Brothers from all over the Section will be gathering for this weekend of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service at Camp La-No-Che, hosted by our Brothers of Tipisa Lodge. This weekend will include many sessions on a variety of topics, including those on OA programs, history, Native American Dance and Drumming, and of course patch trading. The cost for this event is to be determined. Look for more information coming soon.

Yours In Scouting,
Oakley Hammond
2009 Seminars Contingent Leader
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September Ordeal Weekend

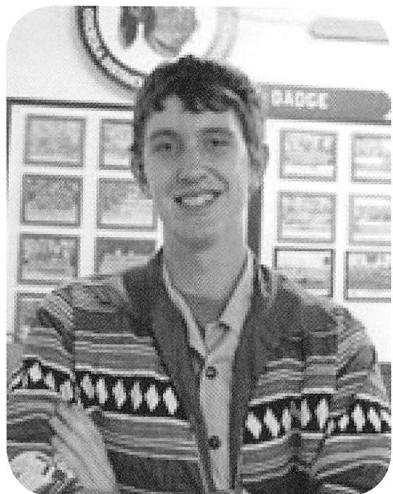
My Fellow Brothers,

I hope you all are excited about the upcoming Ordeal Weekend, on September 11th-13th. This weekend will be filled with a lot of fun activities, including a Call of Duty Tournament. Now this weekend won't be just fun and games it will also be filled with Brotherhood and Cheerful service to our camp. Although there will be work to be done, I will make it all worth it by planning many fun events at this weekend. We are still trying to get 237 members or more to come to one weekend. So please come out for Ordeal, support our new candidates, and have fun! Please register with Kelsey Cupples at the Council Office before the weekend. If you do so your fee for the weekend will be \$15 however if you do not register on time, it is \$20 at the door. Hope to see you all there!

Yours in Service,
Luke Spratt
Chee-pa-tah Chapter Chief

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Chiefly Speaking

Over these past few years, Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge has done great things for others, as well as ourselves. We have upped our cheerful service to camp, advanced our membership, won competitions and grew internally. The past generations of Aal-Pa-Tah Brothers have set the bar HIGH for us, but I'm sure that we can push it even higher if we all work together.

Summer Camp and NOAC are just behind us. If you haven't heard the NOAC Reports, it was AWESOME! Thousands of Arrowmen from around the nation gathered to trade patches, play games, and have fun through fellowship. Our Lodge flew up early and spent the night at an area Scout camp, before arriving at NOAC. Afterward, we took a trip to the BrickYard Track in Indianapolis, for a tour of their museum. In competitions, we took 6th place in the Group Dance, our Pre-Ordeal Ceremonies Team earned Top Ten, along with 4th place for our Vigil Chief and Honor Medals in both. Dodgeball had an unlucky finish, but we still own at Section Conferences!

T.K. Summer Camp saw Aal-Pa-Tah every Wednesday, when we cooked lunch and hosted the Wednesday Night show. The show consisted of the Hitchiti Dancers and a Tap-out Ceremony. Our Lodge saw many new Candidates and four new Brotherhood Members. It was a good summer, for both Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge #237 and T.K. Summer Camp.

Enough about the past, let us take a look into the future. September 11 - 13 is the Fall Ordeal at T.K., I hope to see everyone in attendance. Fall Ordeal isn't all about hard work (no tents!); for members, we have tons of fun things planned for every day. We will have games, food, competitions and many other events that will be great, plus we get to have this fellowship with our newest Brothers. If you are looking for a Black Sash, sign up to be an Elangomat with Andrew T. or Frank Taft (elangomat@aal-pa-tah237.org), it takes only three times as an Elangomat to earn your Black Sash. As with all events registration can be done in seconds on our Lodge website (www.aal-pa-tah237.org) or by calling the Council Office. See you there!

Section Seminars is just around the corner! We will be taking a bus to Camp Lo-No-Che in Paisley, Florida for Section Seminars this November, it will be a weekend of sessions as well as fellowship with other Lodges of S-4. We hosted a great Seminars last year, now let's head up to Lo-No-Che and have some fun!

Brothers, we have a lot coming up over the next year. But this only means more fun, more fellowship and more opportunities to meet with our fellow Arrowmen. Join me at Ordeal, Seminars, and all other Lodge events. This year we will take what greatness we've done in the past and build upon it since we are again the BEST Lodge, ALL-AROUND! Until Ordeal, be safe in Brotherhood, Cheerfulness and Service. See you at Ordeal.

WWW,

Justin Warnimont
Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge Chief
chief@aal-pa-tah237.org

GATOR TALES REMINDER

Brothers, each issue of the Gator Tales runs on a tight schedule to ensure it arrives in a timely manner. Our success relies on you!

Any requests for items to included in the next issue, must be submitted no later than 8PM the night of the deadline.

Submission Deadline:
November 25th

Officer Reports

Vice-Chief Inductions

My Brothers,
We have an upcoming Ordeal weekend and I hope to see all of our new Brothers there, this is your chance to experience your first weekend as a member of our Order. I think this is one of the best weekends to do that. If you are interested in being an Elangomat and helping other candidates have the same great experience that you had, please contact me so that you can go through the Elangomat training and be ready for this Ordeal. Another great way to get involved in the Lodge through the Inductions Program is in Ceremonies. If you really liked what you saw at your Ordeal and would like to be a part of one of the Best Ceremony Teams in the Nation, please just send me an email and I will let you know how you can get involved. The first experience any Scout has with the Order of The Arrow is through the Inductions Program and I know that with your help, this year we can make a lasting impression that will be truly memorable and keep our candidates coming back for more. I will leave you with something that was said at your Ordeal Ceremony, as a reminder to all members, new and old, of our solemn purpose. I hope you all always remember as Allowat Sakima said, "He alone is worthy to wear the Arrow who will continue to serve his fellow man."

WWW,
Bobby Weil
vicechiefinductions@aal-pa-tah237.org

Treasurer

My Fellow Arrowmen,
This past summer was amazing, each week of Summer Camp we had the Lodge Box open and sold a lot of our new items. During the upcoming Ordeal Weekend the Lodge Box will have a limited amount of NOAC items for sale to Lodge members who did not attend NOAC. Be sure to get a set before they are all gone!! Also, if you have an idea or design for a Lodge patch please email me before the next LEC meeting.

Yours In Brotherhood,
Oakley Hammond
treasurer@aal-pa-tah237.org

Vice-Chief Service

Fellow Arrowmen,

Over the summer Aal-Pa-Tah had a lot going on. Every Wednesday of Summer Camp was "Order of the Arrow Day". Aal-Pa-Tah provided service by cooking hotdogs and hamburgers for lunch. Then, after dinner we would have a Pow-Wow followed by the tap-out ceremony. We also conducted a Brotherhood later into the night.

The September Ordeal weekend is quickly approaching! We need a lot of Elangomats, both youth and adult. I have set a personal goal for the next year. I want to perform more service hours than last year. I need everyone's help to do this. Hope to see you all at the Ordeal.

Elliott M. Taft
Sitting Moose
vicechiefservice@aal-pa-tah237.org

Secretary

Hello Brothers,

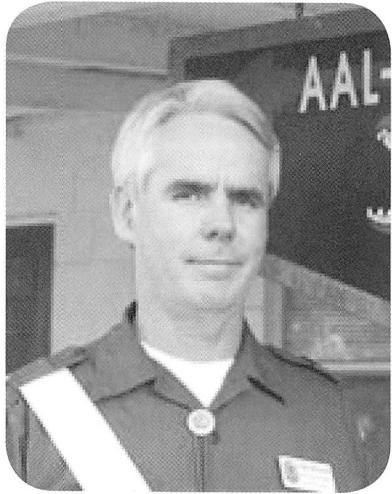
As your new Lodge Secretary I would like to ask each and every one of you to help me maintain our publishing schedule. In order to do this I kindly ask that all contributors send in their articles before the deadline. I would greatly appreciate your assistance.

WWW,
Gregory Olbrych
secretary@aal-pa-tah237.org

GET INVOLVED!

Our Lodge runs thanks to the dedication of these and many other brothers, but they can't do it alone. They need YOUR help to make our lodge a success. If you are able and willing to step up and help serve your Brothers, please contact us to find out how you can help.

involved@aal-pa-tah237.org



Congratulations and Welcome

My Brothers, first let me express my gratitude for being asked to take over as Lodge Advisor for Aal-Pa-Tah. It is truly an honor. Having been an active arrowmen since 1968 and with Aal-Pa-Tah since 1996, I have seen and experienced many great things through four different lodges. Aal-Pa-Tah is by far the best Lodge I have been involved with over my many years of Scouting.

I would personally like to thank Frank Taft and Mike Grove for aiming the Lodge on a path towards greatness. They have carried on what was set forth by our Lodge's many past Chiefs and Advisors. Justin Warnimont and I have some pretty big shoes to fill, so we are asking you to step up and become an active Arrowmen. There are many ways you can help the Lodge. If you have interest, please e-mail me at advisor@aal-pa-tah237.org.

A very special thanks goes out to both Chas and Dave Carlson. Everyone who went to NOAC should personally thank these two Brothers for their efforts. It took many months to prepare for this event and they did a terrific job! I would also like to commend the Hitchiti Dancers that competed in the events. Many hours were devoted to practice and preparations for NOAC. My hat is off to Dutchie Arnett, Mr. Glenn Alexander and last but not least Mr. Bruce Garwood. There were many others from the Hitchiti that were involved in the preparations. Many thanks come from the Lodge for your support. If you have not attended a meeting of the Hitchiti, this is a must! You are invited with open arms to attend and will learn much about our Native American heritage and possibly become part of this excellent group of Brothers from our Lodge.

Going into the future I would ask you all to visit our website at www.aal-pa-tah.org to find all the great and fun activities we have planned. I would suggest you to go to the Lodge Officer Section and read the biographies of the key players in the Lodge. You will be impressed with the diversity and experience of this key group of people. Our Web Team has devoted a lot of time and effort to make our website great communication tool. Please take the time and check it often to see what's new with our Lodge.

So there is much more to come. The fall is a very busy time for the Lodge. I look forward to talking to each and every one of you in Brotherhood, Cheerfulness and Service.

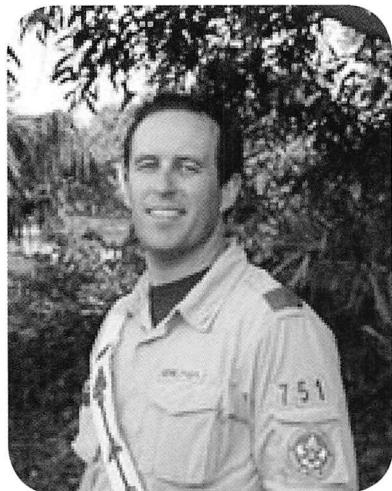
Tim Arnold
Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge Advisor
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Food Service

From the Food Wizard,
Summer's over, NOAC's done, now it is time to get back to regular Service, Fellowship and Fun. Ordeal Weekend is right around the corner and the menu looks great with a lot of tasty things to eat. We are trying some new and some old stuff, so the kitchen may be in CHAOS. Be there or be left out.

Cooking for the OA is fun and something to really look forward to. We have a load of fun in the kitchen and you get to meet every active Lodge member. We are looking for some new Arrowmen to step up and help with kitchen service. You have to be committed to the Lodge and attend most weekends so you can be counted on. Come and see me if you want to be part of the "Number One" kitchen staff in the Section and we will talk.

Chas Carlson
Food Service Marshall
cooks@aal-pa-tah237.org



Associate Advisors Counsel

Historically, Aal-Pa-Tah and O-Shot-Caw Lodges spend most of each year pretending to be the greatest of rivals. Despite sharing a common border, we sparsely interact and most of our members know very little about each other. This article - published in the newsletters of both Lodges - seeks to remind us all that we were once one Lodge, and are Brothers in the same Order. To be sure, both Lodges run amazing OA programs. It must be noted that amazing programs only come from one source – amazing people. In May of this year, some Brothers of O-Shot-Caw came to the aid of Aal-Pa-Tah, when we erred in our Ordeal planning. I want to share with both Lodges my story of what occurred.

On May 29-31, 2009, Aal-Pa-Tah hosted an Ordeal weekend for 105 of its candidates for the year. Early Saturday morning, we began to gather the materials to put together new member packets for the new Brothers. As it turned out, we were missing a crucial item – the OA Handbook. How could we possibly induct 105 new Brothers and not include in their welcoming handing them their very own OA Handbook to take home and absorb? The answer was simple: “We couldn’t.” So the next question went around the room: “What could we possibly do to fix this the day of the Ordeal?” That one was not so simple. We started with the obvious, and called the Scout shop at Gulf Stream Council. Unfortunately, six books were not going to even cover “learning to share.” So the next obvious option came up, and we called the South Florida Council’s Scout shop. No books to be found. So, I turned to our Lodge Chief, and told him its time to suck it up and call the O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief for help. It was his reply of: “I don’t have his number. I know who he is, but I don’t really know him,” that made me realize this article was necessary.

Stroll back in time with me just a few years. Back in 2000, I was the Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge Chief. At that time, Josh Levenson was serving his first of three terms as O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief. During that year, Josh and I used each other as mutual resources, and I had simply assumed that all Aal-Pa-Tah and O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chiefs did the same. For instance, during our term Josh was the master of ceremonies for the South Florida Council’s Eagle Banquet. Josh asked me if our Lodge’s dance team – the Hitchiti Dancers – would come down and perform for the banquet. What Josh did not realize, is that at the time our Hitchiti Dancers had over thirty dancers and a repertoire of ten or so dances. We rented a charter bus, drove down, and danced a 45 minute program – all because Josh asked me to help. Over the years, Josh and I have become great friends. Although we met bound as Brothers in the Order, our Journeys have brought us together time and time again. In 2005, we both ended up in law school together at the University of Florida. We tried out as partners for the law school’s moot court (appellate) team. Nowadays, we are both attorneys in South Florida, having returned to serve our hometown communities. We even ended up dating the same woman at different points. That one – of course – was Josh’s fault.

So back to the missing OA Handbooks. When my Lodge Chief did not know your Lodge Chief, I did what I have done over the last decade. I called Josh, and asked for O-Shot-Caw’s help. Josh helped locate the books we needed, and we arranged for your Dean Kubler to meet with our Barry Ekle. At the end of the day, each and every one of our new Brothers received the welcome they deserved – with the help of Josh’s friendship, and the Cheerful Service of Dean and Barry.

The point being, I have realized over the years that those of us in the Order are strikingly similar at the core. Our similar belief in the higher vision not only binds us as Brothers, but truly provides us the chemistry for excellent friendships. Sure, for the sake of fun we will continue to sling cheers at each other and bandy about which is the Section’s Best All Around Lodge. But, at the end of the day, I urge each of us to realize that each stranger from across the swamp is truly a Brother, and – who knows- just could turn out to be a life-long friend. I challenge each of us to seek out a Brother from the other Lodge at each Section event, shake his hand, and make a friend. To O-Shot-Caw Lodge, we are sincerely obliged for your answering our call for help last May. Hopefully, we will be able to return the Cheerful Service should you need it again.

WWW - Your Friend,
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This article was published simultaneously in The Patchwork (O-Shot-Caw’s Publication) and The Gator Tales.

Silver Antelope Presentation

At the recent BSA Annual Meeting, the National Court of Honor with the Southern Region presented Barry Ekle the Silver Antelope Award. This award is given for extraordinary service to youth within one of the four regions of the BSA, and is limited to one award per 30,000 registered adult leaders. Barry has been active with the Southern Region, which covers the 13 states from Florida north to Virginia and west to Oklahoma, for the last 12 years.

As an Eagle Scout, Barry was dynamically involved as a youth member of the Order of the Arrow, serving on committees, as a lodge officer, and ultimately Section Chief. As a unit leader, Barry has led 5 contingents to the Philmont. Currently serving the lodge as Publications Advisor, he has also served in many roles including Ceremonies Advisor (when the Lodge won first place at section 6 years in a row), Section Host Conference Advisor, and Associate Lodge Advisor.



Barry has provided support and training in Ceremonies and Publications at both Section and National Conferences for over 25 years. After a 15 year involvement with High Adventure Exploring, in 1992 Barry headed out into the open waters of Sea Scouting. In 1997 Barry began to serve on both the region Sea Scout and Venturing Committees. In 2007 he began his current role as the Southern Region Sea Scout Commodore and also serves as a member of the National Sea Scout Support Committee.

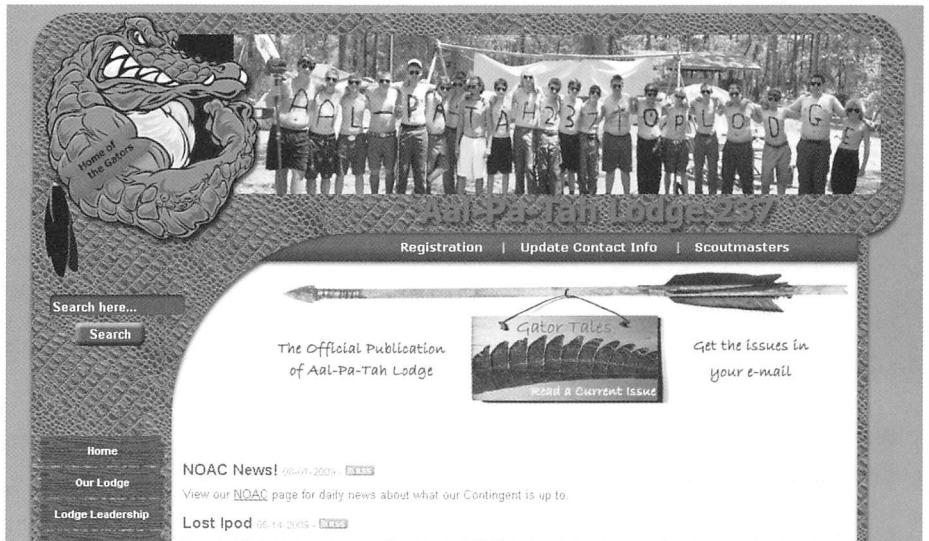
Barry's fondest Scouting memories include seeing his nephew advance to the rank of Eagle Scout, leading a group of Sea Scouts who hiked across the Grand Canyon, and being a part of ArrowCorps5 last summer.

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National Order of the Arrow Conference 2009

NOAC 2009 is now history. Aal-Pa-Tah had 37 delegates and 11 staffers at the University of Indiana in Bloomington. That's a pretty good turnout for the Gators of Gulf Stream Council. Everybody who went is ready to go again, but we'll have to wait until 2012 and go to Michigan. If you did not go, you really missed something.

We left early (before the sun was up) from West Palm Beach and flew into Indianapolis. We caught a bus and went to a Scout Camp to stay the night. We had pizza, played games, hiked the hills, and some of us slept under the stars because the tents had a lot of spiders. Good times. The next morning we had breakfast, caught the bus and headed to the Campus.

It is hard to imagine pulling into a parking lot and seeing several thousand (yes, thousands) of Scouts seemingly milling around, but all with a purpose. We all got out and joined in to get briefings and sign up for stuff until we got checked in, and then headed off toward the dorms (air-conditioned). The dorm rooms were great and the dining facility was a hit with lots of food; always two or three choices to eat at each meal except breakfast.

Saturday night started off with a great show and that really set the stage (pun intended) for the rest of the week. Each day was full of classes, ceremonies, dancing and ended with another great show. Our Ceremonies Team did great at competitions and finished with honors. The Dancers did exceptionally well with Dutchee finishing 4th in the nation in Fancy dance. Group Dance was a beautiful thing to watch and they finished in the top ten in the nation. Great stuff.

Patch trading was unbelievable. You cannot fathom seeing a large student union full of Scouts trading patches. They were trading everywhere. Stairwells, tables, couches, on the Grand Piano, in the ditches, along the roads; everywhere you looked you saw patches being traded. Our patches, again, traded very well. If you get to the Ordeal Weekend early, you might be able to buy a set for yourself. There are not many left so come early.

NOAC this year also hosted the world's largest "kazoo band" and got into the Guinness World Book of records with over 6000 players in a Soccer Field. After that it was all the root beer you could drink and baked potatoes all around. Fun in a sugar overdrive.

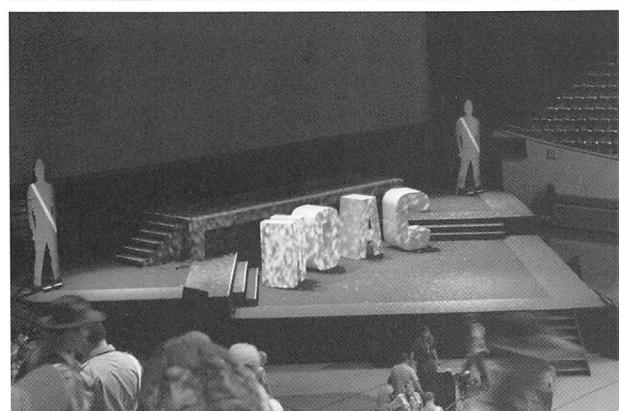
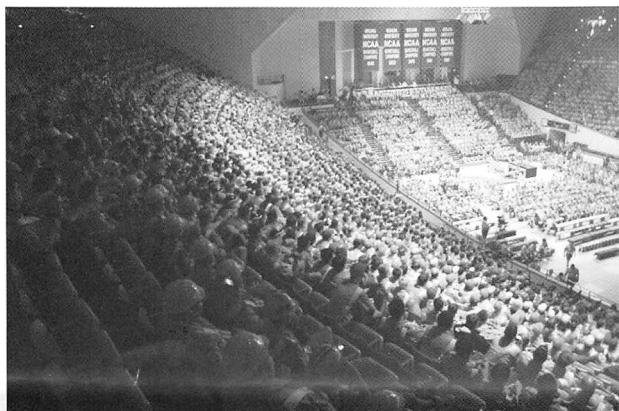
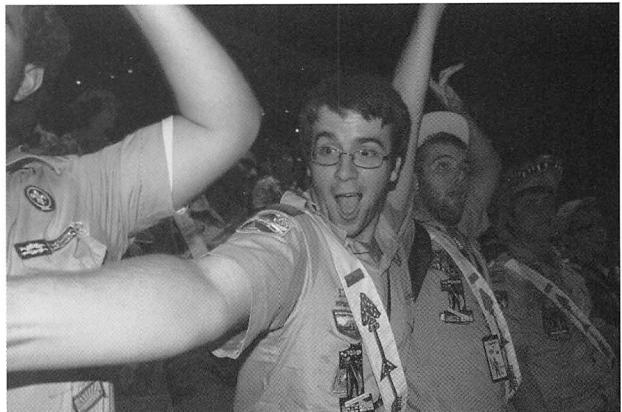
Did I mention the Shows? This is my third NOAC and the shows get better each time. Every night you have a show that the theme works throughout each. Even the night when they present the awards and have speeches was good this year. I think they have finally figured out how to keep over 8000 Scouts in a University Auditorium entertained. If you wanted to see a mess, watch 8000 people trying to get into an auditorium through 4 doors. What a mess that was, but a lot of fun if you aren't too claustrophobic.

Thursday finally got there after about 10 hours of sleep (that for the week, not each day) and we said goodbye to the University and headed out for a tour of the Brickyard Museum, lunch at the Golden Corral (ate way too much), and finally to the airport. A little trouble checking in, but we got through it and had great flights getting back to West Palm Beach. Everybody got picked up and we were on the way home by 11:30pm.

All in all, it was a great NOAC, and I for one am glad I went. As I said before, the next one is in 2012 at Michigan and they said the prices should be about the same, but not more than a 10% increase. Time will tell but I'm already putting money aside to attend that one. It will be my first as an Adult but I'm sure I'll have as much fun as I did as a youth. Maybe a little more sleep, with a little less CHAOS, but we will see.

Yours in Service,
Chas Carlson
Youth Contingent Leader for NOAC '09. I was there!!!!

National Order of the Arrow Conference 2009



Don't forget there are hundreds more NOAC pictures at: gallery.aal-pa-tah237.org **Go Look!**

The Hitichiti Dancers

Your Lodge Dance Team, the Hitchiti Dancers, has just returned from NOAC where they participated in the American Indian Affairs Competition at Indiana University. In their 21st year of competition they once again distinguished themselves by placing 4TH in the nation in Group Dance competition. In Individual competition of more than a thousand dancers were Isaac Lakhia, and Alex Carnes in Straight Dance, Justin Stanford danced in Traditional, James Herrera danced in Grass Dance competition and John Keltner danced in Fancy Dance competition. Walter "Dutchee" Arnett placing 4th in the nation in Fancy Dance; Connor Carnes, Michael Capola and Nathan Peevler advancing to the semi-final round in Grass Dance; Zack Regan making it all the way to the semi-finals in Traditional Dance; and Tony Gordon advancing to the semi-final round in Straight Dance competition. Aal-Pa-Tah would like to congratulate our dance team for their continued success at NOAC.

The purpose of our Lodge Dance Team is two fold. First the dance team provides exposure and instruction on Native American culture to our Lodge and members of the council. At O.A. events, with emphasis on the Spring Pow-Wow, we offer instruction on basic pow-wow dancing and how to build an outfit. Over the years many Arrowmen have begun a life-long hobby through what they have learned at these events. At the very least, others have acquired enough dancing and outfit skills skill to join in at O.A. events including NOAC and Native American Pow Wows.

Many Arrowmen after participating in these events described above have decided to extend their knowledge by participating in either the Wednesday evenings or Sunday afternoon practice. Here they develop their skills so they can participate at a higher level at these events. Some of these O.A. dancers decide to join a program of Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge, the Hitchiti Dancers.

The Hitchiti Dancers, for over 36 years, has served as ambassadors for The Order of the Arrow, Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge, and Gulf Stream Council. Each year they appear more than 40 times at community and Scouting functions such as The South Florida Fair, Kaleidoscope, The National Man of the Year Award, SunFest, the Mega Scout Show, countless district and troop events, Weblows Cross Overs, and the Council Banquet. They also perform for the United Way and other fund raising organizations. In addition, this year's schedule tentatively includes Disney World, National Pow Wow, (in Maryland) Cherokee of Georgia Spring Pow Wow, and Auburn University Native American Day.

THE HITCHITI/AAL-PA-TAH CHALLENGE: The Hitchiti produces a bi-annual patch which is available ONLY to those who contribute some service to the Hitchiti. But for those members of Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge who pay a visit to one of our Wednesday night practices, YOU WILL RECEIVE A HITCHITI PATCH!!!!!! All you need to do is sit and observe one of these practices (you can dance if you want to) and you will receive your patch at the next lodge function, or by mail if you request. Email Dutchee Arnett at dutchee90@msn.com or James Herrera at mama_karen06@hotmail.com for information and directions. PARENTS ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

Bruce Garwood
Hitchiti Dancers Advisor

Chapter Reports

A-Bani-Ki Chapter

Osceola District

My Fellow Brothers,

My name is Daniel Olbrych and I am the new Chapter Chief of A-Bani-Ki. I am very excited to be able to serve in this fantastic position. We will be holding our Chapter meetings at the Osceola District Roundtable Meetings on the 2nd Monday of every month, from 7:30 – 9:00 P.M., at Spanish River Church. If you have any questions please contact me at secretary@aal-pa-tah237.org. Also, a welcome goes out to our entering Coo-Wa-Chobee Brothers.

WWW,

Daniel Olbrych

Chee-Pa-Tah Chapter

Trade Winds District

Chee-Pa-Tah Brothers,

Hope you all had a great summer! Now that the summer is coming to an end, school as well as our Chapter is going to start back up again. The first event to start the year is OUR Chapter Meeting on Thursday Sept. 10, 2009. Meetings have been changed back to the second Thursday of every month. I really need at least one representative from each Troop to attend. Our Chapter is like a Troop, without any members showing up we can't run a good Chapter. If you need directions or more info look on our website www.cheepatah.aal-pa-tah237.org. Some things on the next meeting agenda are: electing new officers, planning events for the year, OA weekends, OA elections and many more things. We will also plan a fun event at our meetings such as learning how to drum, a game or ice cream.

The next Lodge event is the Ordeal Weekend: September 11 – 13. I really hope this year our Chapter will step up in attendance to Chapter and Lodge events. Seeing how Coo-Wa-Chobee was the "Best Chapter, All Around" dissipated and is now part of Chee-Pa-Tah, we need to gain that title once again. So please help us come and get involved. If you have any questions please contact me.

Yours in Service,

Luke Spratt

Lowaneu-Mawat

Indian River District

My fellow Gators,

My name is Ian McKay and I am the new Chapter Chief for Lowaneu Mawat Chapter. Our Chapter is starting a lot of new traditions and continuing all of our past ones. Myself and my new Chapter Advisor Steve Gray are working hard to bring Lowaneu Mawat Chapter back to the top once again!! We still meet at the Indian River District round table meetings on the 3rd Monday of every month at St. John of the Cross Parish Center. We would encourage all of our Arromen, both new and old, to join us for food, fun, and fellowship!!!

WWW,

Ian McKay

Osceola Chapter

Lighthouse District

Hello Brothers,

Osceola Chapter has been gearing up for another fantastic year in the OA. Our Chapter meets on the last Sunday of the month at the Moose Lodge off of RCA Blvd. in Palm Beach Gardens at 4 PM. During the summer, our Chapter took activities on the road to the Rapids Water Park for a day of fun in the sun. This next year will feature new leadership and elections as Robert Fox has taken on the role of Historian—a Lodge position and is stepping away from his Chapter duties. However, with the new candidates who've completed their Ordeal, the future is filled with possibilities. The Chapter has great ideas for fundraising for more fun activities.

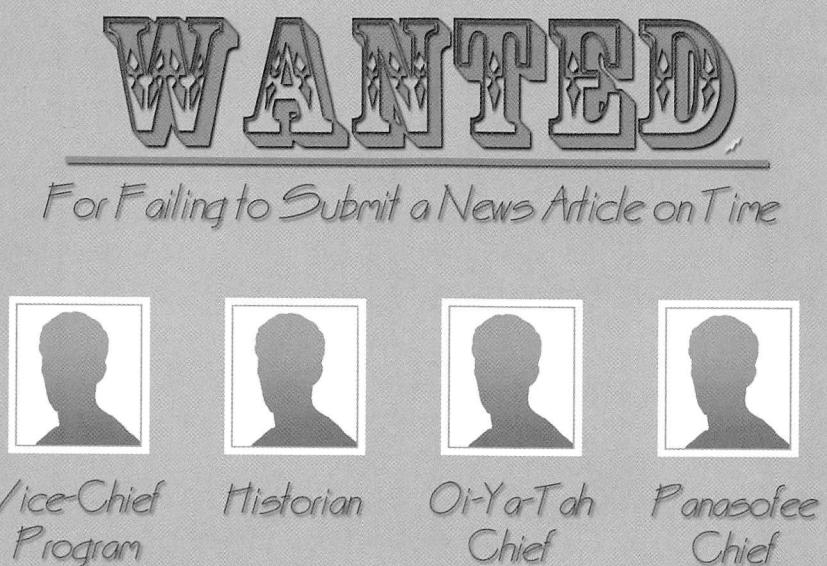
On Behalf of Robert Fox

Nekiwa Chapter

Sailfish District

It has been a great year for the Nekiwa Chapter. We had several brothers who attended the 2009 NOAC at Indiana University. Everyone had an excellent time. The Nekiwa Chapter would also like to thank Mr. Carlson and Chas Carlson for such a good job on being contingent leaders. Four brothers from Nekiwa Chapter had a chance to compete in the Native American Dance Competitions. Other competitions with Nekiwa participation included Dodgeball, and the Ceremony Team. We are looking forward to seeing many Nekiwa members at the September Ordeal and Winter Fellowship.

WWW,
James Herrera
Nekiwa Chapter Chief



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The 2009 ScoutReach Day is coming up fast and we need your help!! We need Lodge members to help run the different activities that are being offered this year such as archery, rockwall climbing, rifle ranges, canoeing, and swimming. If you are certified or have experience in any of these areas please register today! The event will be held October 31 at Tamah Kechta Scout Reservation. The cost for this event is only \$10 which covers lunch and an event patch.

Calling All Arrowmen!!

2009 ScoutReach Day