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Fall Ordeal



Calling all Gators to the 2015 Fall Ordeal! The Fall Ordeal is September 25th-27th and you can sign up now online to register for the weekend.

This is the time of year where we welcome in new Brothers that will go through their Ordeal, also it is the time where those already inducted can seal their membership by attending our Brotherhood Counseling and Ceremony. If you are interested in Brotherhood, please sign up online as well.

We are looking at doing very different stuff this year at the Ordeal. We will have our usual Cheerful Service to camp, however we are also now including AIA activities, and our very own Aal-Pa-Tah 237 100th year celebration in honor of the Order's 100th Anniversary Year. We are asking all Chapter Chiefs to please bring decorations for your personal tables and sections for the Dining Hall. Show your Chapter pride and help welcome in your new Brothers in the Order.

This is looking to be a stellar weekend and we hope everyone can attend.

WWW,

Lodge Program Staff



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Chiefly Speaking



My Brothers,

Sadly summer has come to an end, but a successful NOAC and LLD shines light toward the Lodge's bright future.

The Fall Ordeal is fast approaching and we need all the people we can get. Please advertise the Ordeal at your Troop meetings and Chapter meetings, call friends that you know were elected, and sign up yourself. This is going to be a great weekend full of fun, service, fun service, and great program including open drum, dance, and singing, as well as a great surprise and some new activities. This is an event that you do not want to miss. I personally challenge each one of you to bring an Arrowmen who has not attended an event in 1 year and I will offer an incentive for those who do this.

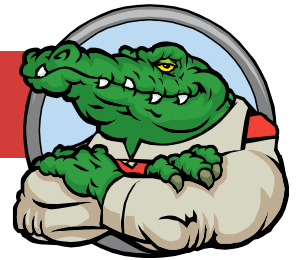
Unit Elections are coming up and your Chapter Chief should be contacting you for help with this task. If you are interested in helping with Troop Elections, please contact your Chapter Chief (their contact info is in their Chapter articles on Page 4). Remember, those who are running Unit Elections, the OA is the National Honor Society of the Boy Scouts of America, act and look your best - Class A with your OA Sash.

Thank you to all officers and advisers for stepping up to the plate and running this great Lodge. We know we are the best so to well, you know how it ends. :)

WWW,

Gregory Yentz

Adviser's Minute



The Last 400 Meters

My sister and I go to a Crossfit class 5 days per week. Three of those days are regular Crossfit classes, where we work on cardio but also strength. The other two days we go to Endurance class, which is largely cardio, much of it in the style of interval training. We love and appreciate all of our regular coaches. They are always teaching us how to do the movements correctly and providing us positive encouragement. Now my sister and I are not particularly fit nor are we particularly young but the coaches are kind and accommodating, allowing us to modify exercises to our ability. But I am going to be honest with you. Those coaches are sometimes too nice to us. While my sister and I generally work hard in these classes I know that many times we take the lighter weight to lift, the lower box to jump on and the bigger band for pull-ups than we should. We often think and therefore exercise like a couple of old ladies.

But in Endurance class we always have a specific coach, Hanna. Now, on the outside Hanna is a beautiful, sweet, smart and super fit young woman. On the inside, however, she is a tough, no nonsense, no excuses, pit bull of a coach. You cannot fool her. She expects 110% from us all the time and she is fully aware of what that 110% is for each of us. She watches us like a hawk. She knows we need her to expect more from us. Today, on the very last 400 meters of an intense interval workout I was relieved to see Hanna come into the building on her last round as I was going out as that meant I could run my 400 out of her field of vision. I tried to avoid eye contact. I tried to look as exhausted as I could. And what happened? Oh no!!!! She turned right around and ran my 400 with me – pushing me the whole way. I thought I would surely die. But you know what else I was thinking as I was gasping for every molecule of oxygen? Hanna believes in me. I need to believe in me. Every step I was saying to myself "I CAN do this!"

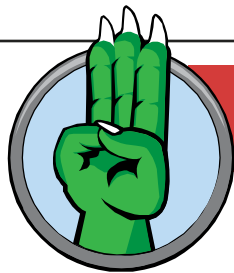
Hanna does not see us as two old ladies, nor does she allow us to see ourselves as two old ladies. She sees us as she sees all of her students; athletes who have the ability to improve and grow. As a leader I want to be Hanna. I want to be able to see every person not for where they are but where for they can be. I want to be able to recognize and eliminate assumptions that might cause me to expect less when I should expect more. I want to recognize when I need to "run" alongside others when they need that extra push. I want those I work with to know they "CAN do this!"

WWW,

Amanda Pantone

"Treat a man as he is and he will remain as he is. Treat a man as he can and should be, and he will become as he can and should be."

-- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe



Officer Reports

Vice Chief of Program

Hello Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge 237,

My name is Michael Riley and I have the pleasure of once again being your Vice Chief of Program. We have an amazing year of program planned. Fall Ordeal is right around the corner and we have brand new ideas and activities to welcome our new Brothers. If you are interested in program, please contact me through the Lodge as soon as possible. My goal this year is to have state of the art program that includes members new and old and make our weekends the best they can be.

I am putting together a council of Program Chairmen to help out with each weekend, I have had a couple people already volunteer, but we still need more. Although we deal with the Program for the Lodge, we also believe in Cheerful Service, and giving back to the Lodge.

I know this year is going to be amazing and I cannot wait to show you all what we can do. I pride myself on being a very approachable person, so if you have an idea please let me know at any event or by contacting me. I wanted to assure you that you made the right decision in electing me and I will not disappoint you.

Remember Gators bleed green, GO AAL-PA-TAH!!!

WWW,

Michael Riley

Vice Chief of Service

Brothers,

We truly have a great year ahead of us. Your Lodge leadership has been working hard; and I am confident that this is going to be one of the best years yet!

Order of the Arrow membership is one of Cheerful Service. As we seek to expand our impact on our community, I personally challenge each one of you to give more and more service, to camp, our units, and to our community. There are plenty of opportunities to serve, such as Service Weekends, Trail Crew, Gator Grind, and much much more! Remember, the more you put into it, the more beautiful the result.

I have a great vision for Service in our Lodge. Only together can we make a greater impact on our community. If you have any service related questions, please shoot me an email at lodge237@gmail.com. Let's get excited for SERVICE

WWW,

Robert Ulrich

Lodge Secretary

Brothers,

My name is Andrew Sasser and I will be this year's Lodge Secretary. I am looking for people who are willing to improve this year's *Gator Tales* articles or our Lodge's website. If you'd like to write a *Gator Tales* article or work on the website, please feel free to email me at lodge237@gmail.com. Your help and advice are greatly appreciated.

Let's get ready to have an AWESOME year on the Lodge communication side of things, and I hope to see you all at the Fall Ordeal.

WWW,

Andrew Sasser



Part of the NOAC Delegation visiting our Centennial Banner. Juan Guerra, Contingent Adviser, Leo Herrera, Julian Guerra, Patty Poysell, Nancy Faillace, Crawford Teets, Michael McLoughlin, Contingent Leader, James Herrera, Amanda Pantone, Lodge Adviser



Gator Tales Editor

Brothers,

My name is George Dotzler and I am taking over the editing of the *Gator Tales*. I'm hoping to make the GT more interesting. So if you have any suggestions or articles that you'd like to see included, please email those to me at lodge237@gmail.com. Please note that the deadline for the next edition of the *Gator Tales* is: **November 6, 2015**

WWW,

George A. Dotzler



Chapter Corner

Ne-Kee-Wa

Dear Brothers,
Ne-Kee-Wa Chapter is doing great and I can't wait to see everyone at Fall Ordeal. We will be having a Chapter meeting at Fall Ordeal so everyone should be there. Our patches are on their way and we have shirts ready for sale. Soon we will have Unit Elections, if anyone from Ne-Kee-Wa Chapter would like to help with our Chapter's election please contact me at nekeewa@gmail.com. If you have questions about Fall Ordeal, Chapter merchandise, Elections, or anything Chapter related feel free to contact me at the email above.

WWW,
Eric Kastelic

Contact: nekeewa@gmail.com

Wyhome-Pa-Tah

We have had a shift in our officers! The officers that have changed are as follows: Mark Renick, Secretary. Fall Ordeal is coming up and Wyhome-Pa-Tah wants to make a big presence at the first event of the 2015-2016 event year! Tell all our fellow brothers from your units, from your schools, from anywhere that you know of fellow brothers to come to Fall Ordeal to make a big presence of Wyhome-Pa-Tah. We have recently set up a Remind101 account to send out reminder texts to Wyhome-Pa-Tah. To register, text 81010 with the following message "@wyho". Our next chapter meeting will be at Fall Ordeal, however there will be a small meeting for elections before that.

WWW,
Justin Krum

Contact: lodge237@gmail.com

Lowaneu Mawat

We have much in store for you. More fun, service, fellowship, and much more! It's going to be a great year...

As election season approaches, we are in need of capable youth work in unit election teams. Conducting these elections is a great experience, as you get to learn more about our organization, and meet new people. If you have any questions about elections, please feel free to shoot me an email at lodge237@gmail.com.

Our chapter is heading in a great direction. As we grow, we need capable youth to serve in chapter leadership. Watch out for chapter emails, you'll find more information there!

I'm looking forward to another great year. Let's kick some butt, and show the rest who is really the best chapter!!!

WWW,
Robert Ulrcik

Contact: lodge237@gmail.com

Oi-Ya-Tah

Brothers,
We had a great first meeting back after the summer and are looking forward to a great year under the leadership of our new Chapter Chief Lee Porter. We have tentatively planned chapter weekends and service days with partnering county and state entities. Looking toward to another great OA year as we push towards our main goal of being the Best All Around Chapter.

WWW,
Oi-Ya-Tah Writing Staff

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A-Bani-Ki

Brothers,

As we are getting ready to induct new members, it is also time to begin elections. I hope to see as many of you participating in the induction or election process as possible. Please attend our monthly meetings, second Monday of every month at Imagine Chancellor Charter School 3333 High Ridge Road, Boynton Beach 33426 @ 7:00 PM. We will be going over some new incentives for attending these meetings so please be there. I hope to see you all at Ordeal this month.

WWW,
Matt Grabasch

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OA Unit of Excellence

Since the Troop is the primary and most vital platform from which the Scouting Program is delivered, therefore it is only right that the OA supports the units of our council to the best of our ability. The OA Unit of Excellence Award is given to units that excel in incorporating the OA into their annual planning and participate in the lodge in elections, lodge events and meetings, & implement the OA Troop Representative program. The award is broken into five major parts:

- 1) Leadership: Implement the OA Representative program in your unit
- 2) Participation: At least 50% of unit OA members attend a Lodge event in addition to their Ordeal
- 3) Elections: Hold an Election and have 100% of elected candidates complete their Ordeal
- 4) Planning: Maintain an active planning process that prevents overlap between Lodge and unit events
- 5) Conversion: At least 30% of eligible Troop members seal their membership by converting to Brotherhood.



The Forum

The Fall Ordeal Schedule *(subject to change)*

The Forum

The Forum is a place in GT where everyone from Chairman to Arrowman can speak. We accept all submissions, so If you have something you want to say in the next issue, please submit it to lodge237@gmail.com

Section Leadership Summit

The EARLY BIRD deadline is **October 14th**, after which the price goes from \$36.50 to \$45. This event will take place at Camp Wallwood in Quincy Florida (near Tallahassee) on November 6-8th. Section Leader Summit offers a ton of training classes on a variety of subjects. There will be something for everyone and an emphasis on AIA topics. THIS IS A LONG DRIVE - we will leave Friday morning early and get home LATE Sunday. Plan accordingly.

NOW - different this year. We are not charging any meal fees or gas fees. These will be settled up with each driver. Also drivers will be assigned based on who signs up. Sign up today on the Lodge website on the Events / Pay tab at <http://www.aal-pa-tah.org/on-line-payments/section-leadership-seminar>

Ceremonies Team

The Ceremonies Team is having a great time learning and putting on our lodge ceremonies. We have finally completed the pre-Ordeal and Ordeal teams and now the Brotherhood team. The teams and myself are looking forward to conducting your Fall Ordeal. We are hoping to get more members to help out with ceremonies.

WWW,
Nichols Raymond

Brotherhood

Dear Brothers,

For those who are interested in sealing their Brotherhood, I'm the one to talk to. On our website, under members, then Brotherhood is all you need to know about Brotherhood is listed including the requirements. At Fall Ordeal we will be having counseling and a ceremony for those eligible. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at nekeewa@gmail.com

WWW,
Eric Kastelic
Brotherhood Chairman



Friday	
5:30	Elangomat Check-in
6:00	Member Check-in Gator Grill Opens (Abaniki Chapter) Elangomat Orientation
7:00	Candidate Check-in
8:30	Pre-Ordeal Ceremony AIA Activities all Evening
9:30	Cracker Barrel
Midnight	Taps
Saturday	
6:30	Awake
7:00	Raise the Colors
7:15	Breakfast
8:00	Work Projects Begin
Noon	Lunch
1:00	Work Projects Resume
3:15	Candidate Project Wrap-up
3:30	Candidate Work Projects End
4:00	Member Work Projects End
4:15	Clean-up to get into Class A
5:00	Retire the Colors
5:30	Brotherhood Counseling
6:00	Ordeal Ceremony
7:15	Dinner
8:15	Chapter Meetings
9:00	Cracker Barrel & Fun and Games Brotherhood Ceremony
12:37	Surprise!
Sunday	
8:00	Breakfast
8:30	First Year Arrowman Meeting
9:00	Clean-up Projects
10:00	Scout's Own Service
10:30	Lodge Meeting
11:00	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting (LEC)

NOAC 2015—On The Way There

So NOAC was a truly amazing experience for those who went. We all enjoyed the time together that we had from white water to go-carts to Skyzone to the arena filled with 15,000 Arrowmen and even the merry go round. We will always cherish this once-in-a-lifetime trip as unforgettable. These photos are just the tip of the iceberg of our NOAC adventure journey. Enjoy!

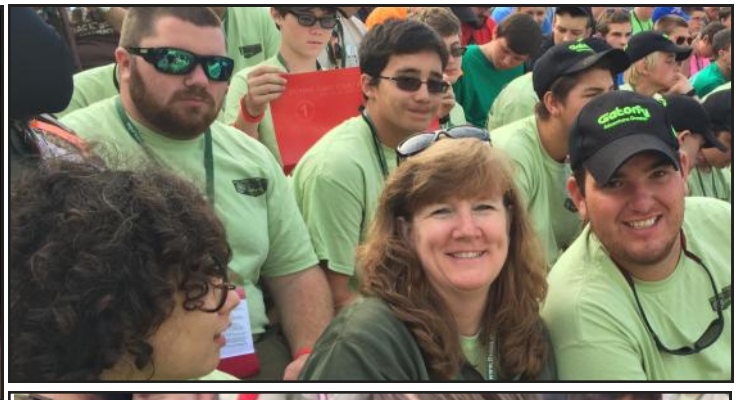
See all of the NOAC photos: aalpatah.zenfolio.com/p505447520

WWW,

George A. Dotzler



NOAC 2015—There and Back Again



Gator Grind at Tanah Keeta

Brothers,

We are excited to share with you an endeavor that the Gulf Stream Council has embarked on. We are bringing to life a 5 mile obstacle mud, trail run at the Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation in Tequesta on Saturday, March 12th 2016! There will also be a 2 mile version. It is a unique and first time occasion for us to invite the community onto the 640 acre property known as Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation. Proceeds from the event will directly benefit the camp. The TK Gator Grind would not be possible without the help of community leaders and volunteers like the Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge #237. We are looking for volunteers to help and they will receive a special volunteers package of goodies. The Lodge has been asked to provide an OA Service Corps for the first ever TK GATOR GRIND on March 12th, 2016 at Tanah Keeta!!!! If you are interested in serving and giving back to the event please email lodge237@gmail.com and let us know! It is going to be a great time for all! We hope to see you there!

The discount code for Scouters is **gscbsa2015** when you register at www.TKGatorGrind.com. That will give all Scouters a discount of 25%. However, please do not share with non-registered Scouters.

Registration and additional information can be found here:

>>--> www.TKGatorGrind.com

>>--> www.Facebook.com/TKGatorGrind

>>--> Instagram: **TKGatorGrind**

>>--> Twitter: **@TKGatorGrind**

WWW,

Mike McLoughlin

Lodge Gator Grind Coordinator



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Upcoming Events

September 25th-27th

Fall Ordeal

November 6th-8th

Section Leadership Summit

December 4th-6th

Winter Fellowship