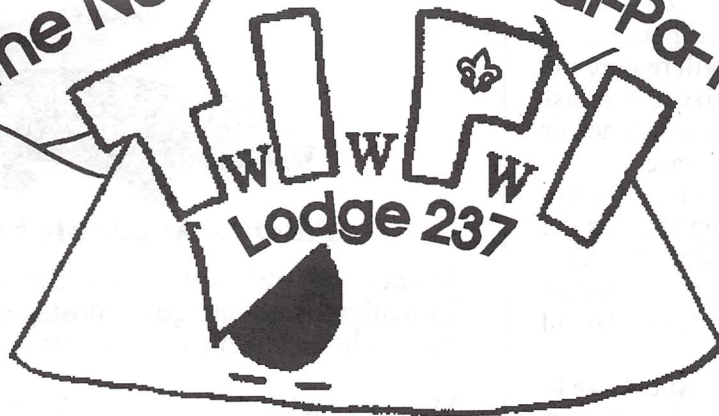
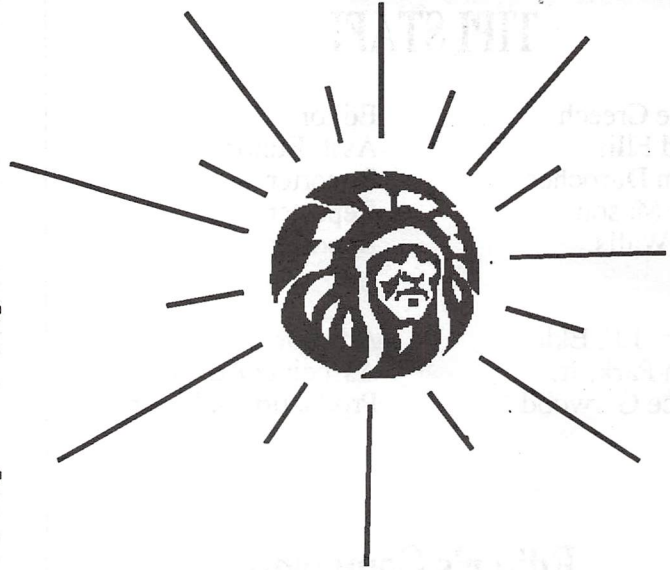
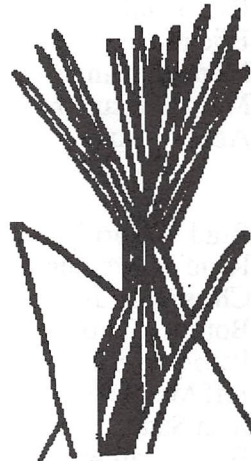


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Editor's Comments ...

I am sure that all of our readers are aware of the upcoming Section Conference, which is being hosted by our lodge. There was much work to be done in preparation for the Conference. During the last work weekend many projects were completed, however there is still quite a bit left to do. To finish the remaining projects will require the assistance of the entire lodge. If you missed the last weekend, don't worry there are non-official weekends or workdays from now until the end of the Conference.

There are also many unfilled job positions for the Conference itself. These jobs are equally important as the preparation for Section. If you can be of service, either before or during Section, please call Conference Chairman Eric Mason at 734-8822 or Conference Advisor David Weda at 369-2223.

As this marks my first edition as editor, I would like to thank the entire *TIPI* staff. With a staff such as this, it makes the Editor's job an easy one. Speaking of the staff, we currently have a need for writers, photographers, and anyone willing to lend a hand. If you are interested in joining us here at Team *TIPI*, feel free to give me a call at 582-7530 and we'll get you onboard for the next issue.

In closing, I would again encourage all our members to take a part in the buildup for the Conference. Make a call. Find a position. Each and every one of the members of the *TIPI* staff has. You'll be able to find me working with the Conference Publications. Where will I find you?

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Patches Available by Mail

It's now possible to purchase certain lodge patches by mail, with no charge for postage. Here is a list of the patches available and their prices:

Mike Machek	\$ 5.00
1993 Ordeal Patch	4.00
1994 Spring Pow-Wow	4.00
1994 Fall Fellowship	4.00
Sm Year patch	5.00
Lg Fla. shape 50th Anniv.	5.00
Sm Fla. Shape 50th Anniv.	2.00

Send a check made out to Gulfstream Council along with your order to the council office at 8335 North Military Trail, Palm Beach Gardens, Fl 33410-6329.



Chiefly Speaking

by Jim Walls

Fellow Arrowmen,

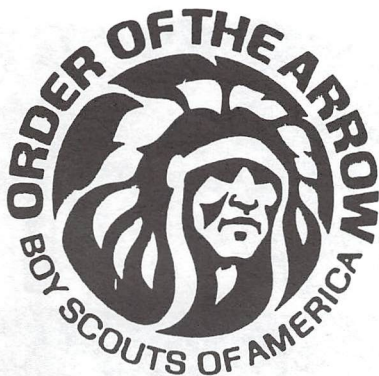
Finally it's almost here. Hip hip hooraaa... hey wait a minute. Let's not get over excited. Though we've labored hard for the past year and a half we can't quite pat ourselves on the back yet. We still have a short way to go before the big Hurrah. Pun intended. I am extremely confident that we will not fail to provide one of the smoothest, most successful Section Conferences ever.

This is dependent, however, on you. We need every single available Arrowmen to attend Section Conference. Each additional person will further insure it's success. I couldn't possibly conceive why any person would want to pass up on this opportunity. This will be the only chance for many to host a Section Conference while they are youth.

If you have not already signed up for the Conference, please strongly consider to do so today. If you decide to rule out attending you will only be shortchanging your own experience. I hope to see everyone at conference. If you have any questions call me at (561) 393-6469, or Eric Mason (561) 734-8822.

In Cheerful Service,

Jimmy Walls



Advisor's Corner by Fred Danaher

The Final Push: The 1997 Section Conference is closer than you think. If you don't register now you may find yourself asking, "Where did you get those cool shirts?" We have sent out numerous mailings and have made phone calls but we not been able to contact everyone. We need much more help then we presently have. That is true of both youth and adults. Remember that service is fun and Conference will be more rewarding than most other events. If you have not registered please do two things. First, register today. If you don't have one of the forms please call me (276-3044) or the Council office (694-8585). We will get one to you. Second, call Eric Mason, Conference Chairman (734-8822) or David Weda, Conference Advisor (369-2223) and they will find you a spot in which you can help make this Conference a huge success both for Aal-Pa-Tah and for our Brothers in the Section.

Embracing Change: As you may have heard National has made a significant change in the OA Election procedures. Namely, now all eligible candidates may be voted for during an election. Everyone seems to have an opinion and many are quite adamant. Most of the reports from lodges who have held elections under the new rules have been good. It may take several years to determine how this change will affect our lodge in particular. I feel confident that we will be able to work with this change positively. If you would like to discuss these changes or any other lodge issues please feel free to call me or see me at the May weekend.

Join the Adventure - N.O.A.C. 1998

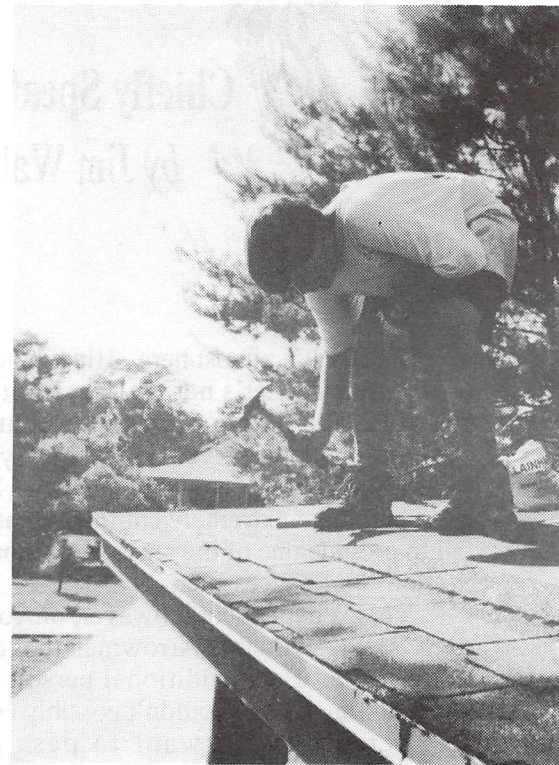
National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) 1998 is just a little over a year away! In the first couple of weeks of August, 1998, a large contingent of Aal-Pa-Tah brothers will trek to the high cornfields of Iowa State University to experience the fun and adventure of the next great "Jamboree" of the Order! There we will experience some of the best seminars and shows you can imagine, as well as see our Hitchiti dancers compete nationally. We and around 7000 other Arrowmen from across the country will take over the campus and learn new scouting skills we can take back to our troops and patch trade until our hearts are content! This is not an event to miss!

Please make plans now to attend. The actual event is August 2 - 6, but we will likely take several days to take advantage of the sights to see along the way. The trip is estimated to cost \$700. You can start payments anytime to lessen the impact of the cost. All money is needed by June, 1998, and all payments are completely refundable until December, 1997. Send payments to Gulf Stream Council, BSA, 8335 N. Military Trail, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410-6329, Attention: NOAC 1998. Please write "NOAC 1998 Payment" on the check. Please call NOAC 1998 Contingent Adviser Craig McGarrah (744-5018, mcgarrah@flinet.com) with any questions.

Images from the Spring Work Weekend March 15th, 1997

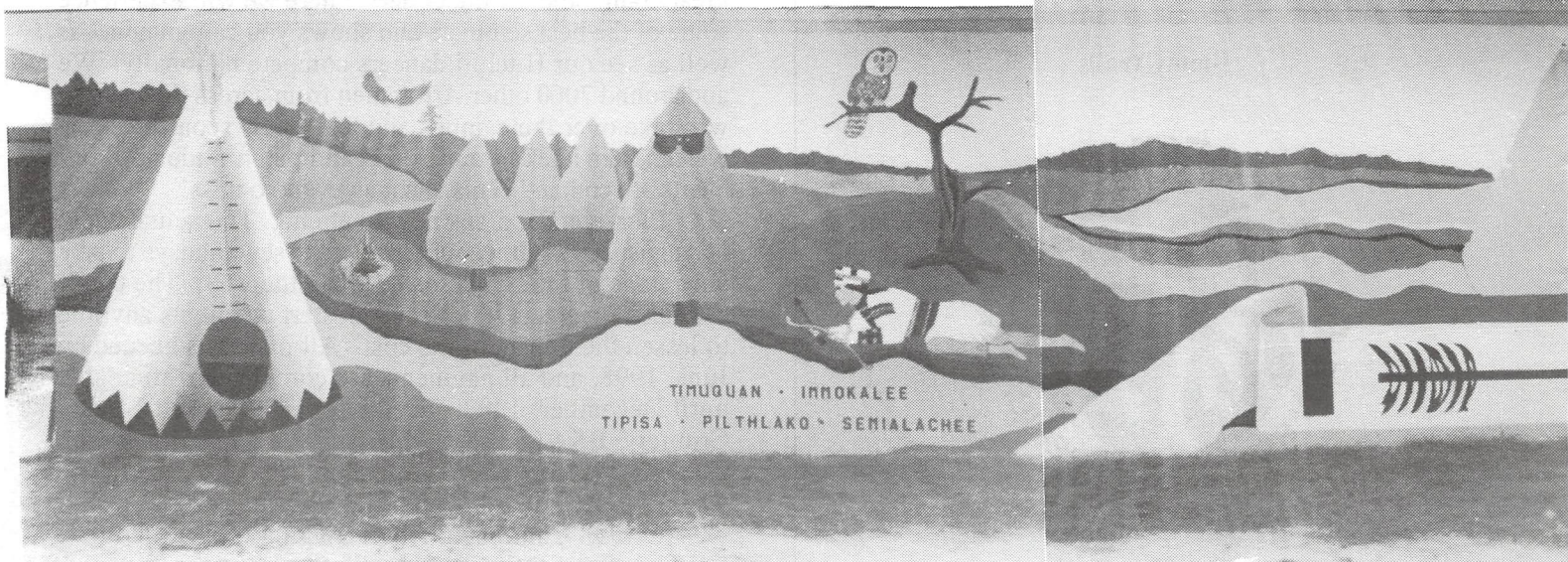


Cleaning up overgrown shrubery around camp.

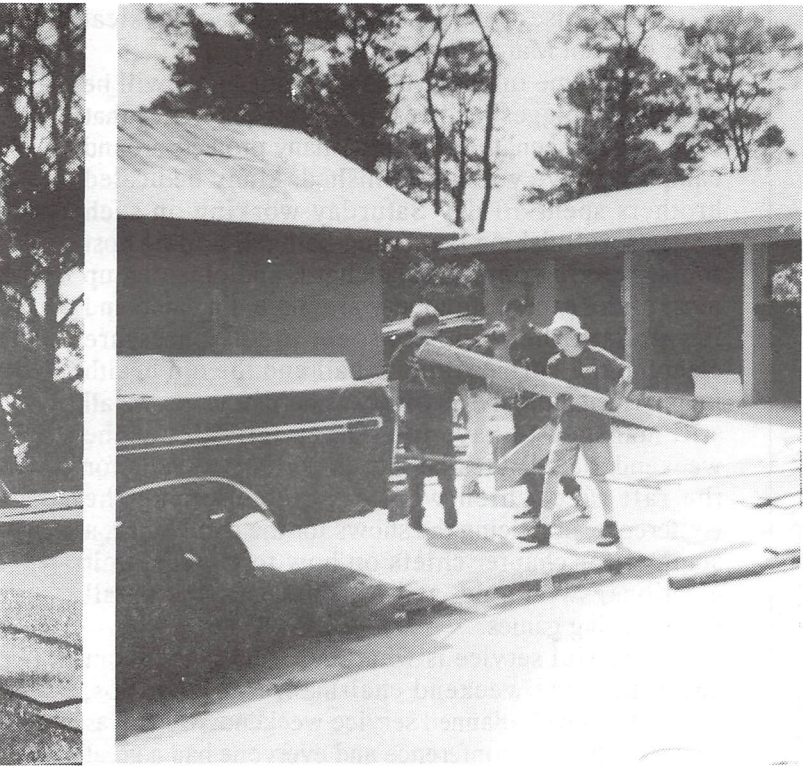


Working ON the new roof at the Trading Post.

The Conference Mural nearing completion. How many



Preparations Near Completion at Camp Tanah Keeta With Section Conference Only One Month Away

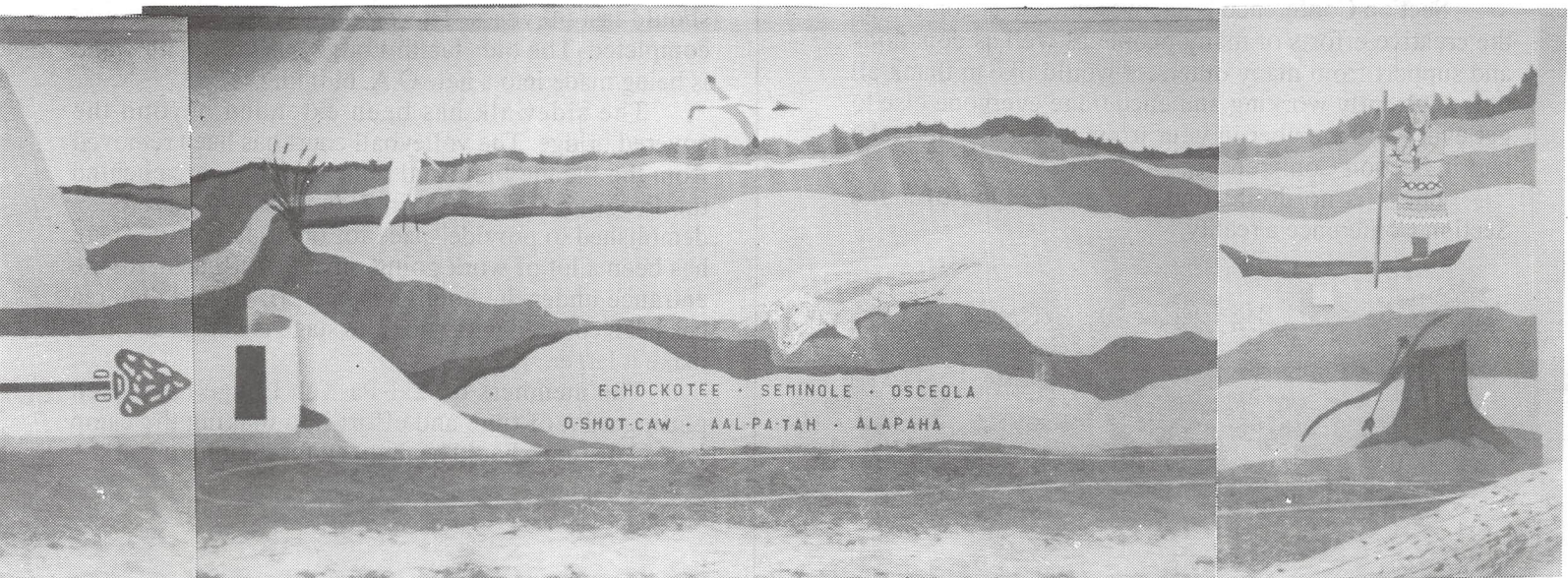


Isn't that the Entertainment Committee getting more supplies for their props?

Our Fearless Leader (a.k.a. Lodge Chief Jim Walls) caught trimming a tree.



Lodge Totems from the Section can you find?



Section Conference 97'

Eric Mason, Conference Chairman

With Section Conference only a few weeks away, there seems to be more deadlines than days and more work to do than hands to do it. Luckily, there is also alot of excitement building within our lodge. If you have not registered yet, I can only tell you that you will be missing one of the most monumental events in Aal-Pa-Tah history. Our lodge has not yet met our goal of 350 members attending Section Conference. It is not too late to register and your attendance will be greatly appreciated. Tanah Keeta is looking quite impressive due to the dedicated efforts of the Arrowmen of our lodge, but there is still work to be done.

For those of you who are attending Section Conference, it will be one long rollercoaster ride of fun and toil. I hope that all of those who are able will arrive at Tanah Keeta on Thursday night. We really need the extra hands for all those last-minute preparations. Here are a few things that you need to know:

- All Arrowmen must bring a current medical form
- The Section Conference Pre-Weekend (April 11-13) is **FREE** to all Arrowmen who are registered for Section Conference (this is also the first time when you can get your host pre-order items)
- The Host Lodge (Aal-Pa-Tah) will be staying in tents the duration of the conference weekend (the cabins will be in use)
- Registration begins at 7:00 PM on Thursday and we will be staying until about 3:00 or 4:00 PM on Sunday in order to facilitate take-down
- While many lodges arrive in buses, the closer ones may arrive in cars. We need to minimize the number of cars which will be parked at Tanah Keeta by carpooling and our use of an off-site parking area.
- Even though we have Host Lodge T-Shirts, Class A uniforms will be worn at dinner and the shows

Section Conference is an awesome event combining the creative efforts of many people as well as donations and support from many others. I would like to thank all those currently working and encourage everyone else to get every OA member in your troop to register and take part in Section Conference.

There is no doubt that you are needed to make Section Conference a reality.



March Work Weekend

by Brad Ellis

What else can you say about doing physical labor on a hot March day besides "I had fun!"?

With time running short until our lodge will be hosting the biggest and best Section Conference that S-4 has ever seen, there are still many projects around camp that have yet to be finished. Many dedicated brothers spent all day Saturday working on such projects as finishing the dining hall and trading post roofs, working on Fort Blanchard, and cleaning up most of the excess shrubbery around main camp and it's trails. Other brothers spent the day pressure cleaning the latrines, dining hall and the old health lodge. Even though everyone was hard at work, we all still managed to have fun. Other activities at the weekend included testing out the prototype rafts for the raft race which will take place during the conference, practicing the shows for the conference, a seminar for chapter chiefs on how to conduct unit elections, swimming, and of course staying up all night playing games.

Cheerful service is what the Order is all about and I think the weekend chairman, Hank Phillips, conducted a well planned service weekend. Much was accomplished for conference and everyone had a great time.

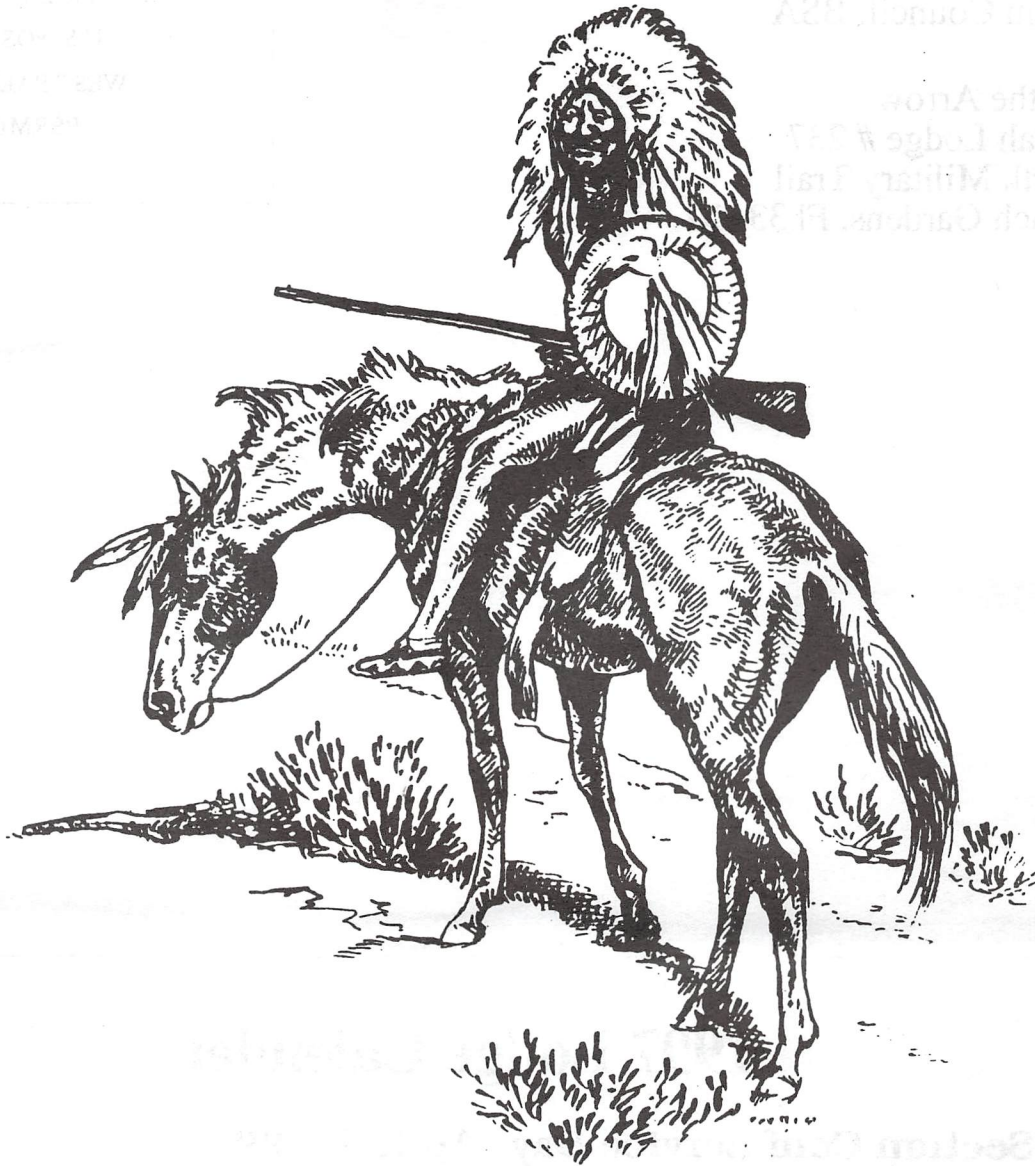
Lodge Prepares Camp for Conference

by Ryan Durocher

As you must know by now Aal-Pa-Tah will be hosting Section Conference this April. In preparation to host the other O.A. members many improvements have been made to camp. The Dining Hall roof was patched and the old shingles were replaced with a tin roof that should last 50 years. The Trading Post overhang was completed. The old Health Lodge has been gutted and is being made into a new O.A. building.

The sidewalk has been extended beyond the covered bridge. The volleyball court has been removed from the Parade Field and relocated to an area behind the Program Cabin. Cabin 7 and cabin 9 have been demolished to provide space for other activities. There has been a lot of work going on at Fort Blanchard, the entrance under the booth has been filled and the area has been covered with sod. The stage is being rebuilt to make it larger.

The members of Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge have been putting a lot of time and effort into making the camp look better and should be thanked for their hard work.



Conference Prep-Weekend Is Where It's At ... And FREE Too

April 11-13, Camp Tanah Keeta

It being billed as the weekend before The Weekend. And well, it is. The April 12th Conference Service Day has been expanded into a full weekend to finish the preparations for the Section Conference. This will allow us a few days to recoup before hosting an estimated 1,400 Arrowmen from Florida and South Georgia for the 1997 S-4 Section Conference. Tanah Keeta will be a buzz with the activity of fellowship, training, patch trading, and Native American crafts & competitions.

From the home office, in Gator City, the top three reasons to go to the Conference Prep Weekend:

1. First chance to get your Host Items
2. Easy way to drop off the dreaded Medical Form before the Conference
3. Its **FREE** (if registered for Conference)

Vigil Honor



The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that a lodge can bestow upon its members. Members are selected for the Vigil Honor for exemplifying distinguished service to the Order.

The following brothers were selected for the Vigil Honor earlier, but were unable to be recognized until now. It is an honor and privilege to walk the Vigil trail with:

Drew Haines
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1997 Lodge Calender

Section Conf Service Day	April 5, 1997
Section Conf Service	April 11-13, 1997
Section Conference at TK	April 17-20, 1997
Spring Pow-Wow	May 9-11, 1997
L.E.C. Meeting	May 10, 1997
Fall Ordeal	September 26-28, 1997
Fall Fellowship	November 21-23, 1997
Ordeal	December 5-7, 1997
National Conference	August 2-6, 1998

Don't Forget:
Register NOW for Section Conference