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Calendar

Mega Scout Show 2011
at Saint Lucie Fairgrounds
May 13-15.



Camp Service Day and LEC
May 21st at TK at 8:30 AM.
Lunch will be provided.
Advisers' Meeting at 1:30
LEC at 2:30.



OA Summer Pow Wow
June 3-5th at TK.



SummitCorps—July 3-9
Indian Summer—Aug 1-6

Lodge Happenings

There are lots of great upcoming activities including:

- **Mega Show May 13-15th** at the St. Lucie Fairgrounds. Please come out and enjoy all of the great activities of the weekend, help out at the Gator Grill, and spend some time at the OA booth.
- Tanah Keeta Service! **CALLING ALL ARROWMEN!!!! Saturday May 21, 2011** will be our next Camp Service Day. In the long tradition of helping our Summer Camp Staff, we will be pitching in and helping them get the camp set up for the arrival of all of our summer guests. Please plan on getting to camp by 8:30 am and being finished at 4:00pm. This will be a great day of fun and fellowship. Of course, our OA Kitchen Crew will be on hand to provide lunch. We on the service team would really like a **BIG** turnout for this day. If you have any questions or comments, please call or email Dan Olbrych at danielolbrych@aol.com or Andy Flack 561-348-0423 or skip-pership777@yahoo.com. Thanks and see you at camp.
- **Summer Pow-Wow—June 3-5th:** My brothers, a very exciting time is upon us. As you all know, we had the ordeal weekend during March, when we usually have our powwow. What that means for us, is that we now get to have our Powwow the first weekend in June! I repeat: this is not a service/ordeal weekend. There will, of course, be some service projects in the morning to help set up for summer camp. We will also be having a brotherhood ceremony Saturday night, some leadership, American Indian activities, and ceremonies seminars as well as an amazing powwow. Now that sounds like a pretty packed, pretty fun weekend. But that is not really what the Order of the Arrow is about. Well it is, but that's not all it is about and that is certainly not just what this weekend is about. It's about the hearts tournament, it's about giant inflatable slip and slides, it's about basketball, and ultimate Frisbee. It's about swimming in the pool, canoeing, climbing on the rock wall, and playing board games in the dining hall. It's about broom hockey, staying up all night, 237 surprises, and goofing around with friends. It's about great meals and even better cracker barrels. It's about making new friends and getting closer with old friends. It's mainly about the brotherhood and the cheerfulness we will all experience this weekend. This is the first weekend I have ever hosted and I want it to be everything I have said and more. And the only way that can happen, is if you are there to make it a success. So come out and have a great time, you won't regret it.
WWW,



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Chiefly Speaking

Fellow Arrowmen,

Thanks to all that helped pull off Section Conference!!! It was a great event and fun was had by all. Aal-Pa-Tah lodge had 243 Lodge members there. There was a total of about 900 arrow men for the section at the Conference. A Special thanks goes to all of the chairman that help positions on the committee because they made this happen. Especially Mr. Carlson and Ian McCay. The weekend started with carnival games and music followed by the opening show. Saturday morning started a wonderful breakfast then we broke up into our seminar classes. Then in the afternoon the quest games took place. Aal-Pa-tah took home first place in lodgeball, and in the pudding eating contest and second in volleyball. Saturday night after dinner there was the festival of feathers followed by the Saturday night show. On Sunday morning after breakfast we had chapel and then the section Business meeting to elect our new section officers for the next year. For those of you who haven't had a chance to check out the New O.A. ring please do next time you're at camp. Many determined arrow men have put a lot of time and effort into it. Thanks to all that has helped make this happen. Especially Mr. Desjardin and Mr. Flack.

The lodge year is coming to an end. The last lodge weekend is rapidly approaching. Summer Pow-Wow is June 3rd-5th, please register ASAP. The late fee is added on May 27th. We will have weekend raffles and the first 100 people registered will receive an extra raffle ticket. Bobby Weil and James Herrera have a lot of fun plans for the weekend. Hope to see everyone there!

*Don't forget that the lodge elections for the officers will take place at Summer Pow-wow. If you wish to run for an Office, you must notify the current Lodge Chief at chief@aal-pa-tah237.org AND the Lodge Advisor at advisor@aal-pa-tah237.org **no later than May 20, 2011** to schedule your Candidate meeting timeslot.

WWW,

Elliott Taft

Adviser's Minute

My Brothers,

The Order of the Arrow has published an anthology entitled "The Order of the Arrow and Servant-Leadership." What is Servant-Leadership and how does it relate to the Order of the Arrow? As Arrowmen, we all recognize the term "cheerful service" and pledge to provide such service "even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities," but Servant-Leadership expands on this concept. The term was created by Robert Greenleaf in 1970 in his essay "The Servant as Leader." The premise of this model is that those who wish to be of benefit to society should do so with a desire to serve first and then through that dedication to serve, they develop into respected and effective leaders. Think about some great leaders in history who were true Servant-Leaders. A few that come to mind are Jesus of Nazareth, Mahatma Gandhi, The Dalai Lama, Martin Luther King Jr., Mother Teresa, Jimmy Carter, Nelson Mandela, Lord Baden-Powell and of course Dr. E. Uner Goodman. In addition, Servant-Leadership is practiced by some of the most successful companies including Starbucks, FedEx and Marriott as well as many organizations. What are the core elements of Servant-Leadership? Some of the most fundamental principles include being an effective and empathetic listener, valuing individuals, having vision, being a good steward and having a commitment to the growth of others. So how does this all relate to us, to the members of Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge? The challenge for all of us is to not only provide "cheerful service" but to lead others by serving them, enabling them to share in the Lodge's vision of being a good steward to our camp, council and community so that they in turn become the Servant-Leaders of tomorrow.

Yours in Servant Leadership,

Amanda Pantone

Lodge Adviser

Officer Reports

Lodge Secretary

My Brothers,
I would like to thank you for your entries into the Gator Tales throughout my three continuous terms. I greatly appreciate all of your help but would also like to highlight the deficit of the lodge in the lodge publication production department. We are in need of an Arrowmen or preferably a group of Arrowmen to work on the Gator Tales and/or the website. If you feel that you have any ability in Microsoft Publisher or website design feel free to contact me through the lodge website or talk with any lodge officer about opportunities within the lodge.

WWW,
Gregory Olbrych

Lodge Historian

Fellow Arrowman,

I want to thank you all for your support and dedication to our lodge. I also want to thank everyone who attended Section Conference and made the event a HUGE success. We are still working diligently on preparing a new kings Cup display. Also, if you are interested in becoming a friend to a new ordeal member and earning a cool award please contact me at either m.mcloug@gmail.com or 561-267-8759.

Yours In Brotherhood,

Mike McLoughlin



Associate Lodge Advisor's Counsel

What an awesome experience Section Conference was! Thank you to all of the 243 Aal-Pa-Tah Brothers that attended and helped to make Conference such a great success.

Summer Pow-Wow is coming up June 3-5 at TK and I just wanted to remind everyone of some new policies in effect for OA Events. Health Forms are required for ALL participants (Parts A&B only). We cannot allow anyone to remain in camp without this form so please be sure to bring it with you. We highly encourage all members to be prepared to experience the full event weekend and request that you plan on remaining in camp until 10:30 AM on Sunday which is the official end of the weekend. While we realize that there are always exceptions, it helps us get camp cleaned up if we have help on Sunday morning. Anyone (including adults) need to sign out at registration if you are leaving camp for any reason. Youth must be signed out by their parent or guardian that is listed on their health form. Youth will not be allowed to leave camp with unauthorized adults so please be sure to list them on your scout's health form. For any adults needing special accommodations (i.e. the dorms), there is a \$20.00 per person charge for use of the dorms. These will be reserved on a First Come, First Served basis with priority given to adults with medical requirements. For this year's Pow Wow, the program committee has some great events planned for both youth and adults alike, so come on out and join us for a great weekend of fun and fellowship.

As a gentle reminder, we would really appreciate it if ALL participants including those with Fast Pass would pre-register for our events. It really makes it a challenge for our cook staff when we have 20-30 walk-ins for the weekend which is what we have been averaging. It then requires the kitchen staff to go out and purchase extra food at retail prices which cuts into program expenses. Please be courteous and RSVP in advance.

WWW,
Cindy Hall
Associate Lodge Advisor

To register for events: Go to the Aal-pa-tah website (aal-pa-tah237.org) and click on the Registration Tab. Print the form and mail, fax or bring it to the Council Service Center with your payment. If you have purchased a **Fast Pass**, you still need to register by typing in the info requested on the registration tab of the website.

National Order of the Arrow Conference 2012

Brothers of Aal Pa Tah,

NOAC is upon us. Yes it is time again to start planning for the largest and greatest Order of the Arrow event ever held. The National Order of the Arrow Conference - NOAC!!!

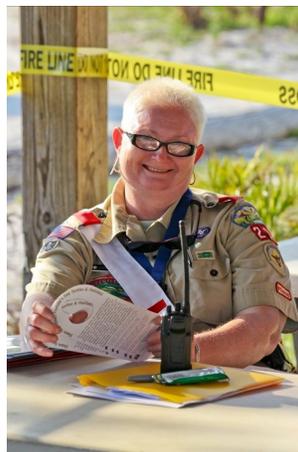
NOAC 2012 will be held again at Michigan State University July 30- August 4, 2012. This is the largest OA event held with over 15,000 arrowmen from around the country and the world gathering together for Fun, Competition, FUn, Training Events, FUN, Native American Dancing, and Fellowship, Service, and or course **FUN!!!!**

This is for many of you a once in a lifetime chance to attend the largest OA event ever. Think of it as the National Jamboree of the Order of the arrow but with dorm rooms instead of tents. We will be housed on the campus of Michigan State in their wonderful dorm rooms. No tents, No cooking, no cleaning pots, no duty rosters - just fun, fellowship and lots of patch trading.

We are currently working on the total cost and details. The approximate cost will be close to \$1000.00 so get signed up and start making your payments. Monthly payments of \$100.00 will ensure your all paid up and ready to go when NOAC arrives. We want to take as many members as possible. Don't miss out on your chance at the greatest and largest OA event ever.

More info will be in the coming Gator Tales and at the Lodge weekends. Look for the NOAC booth and preview video at Summer Powwow. We are also looking for patch set ideas or designs from any and all members of Aal Pa Tah. Stop by the NOAC booth to see past years patch sets. Our goal is 50 gators at Michigan State in 2012. Get signed up now. Contact Cecil Phibbs for more details. cecilphibbs@gmail.com

WWW,
Cecil Phibbs



Gator Tales Reminder
Officers, Arrowmen, and Advisers
Each issue of the Gator Tales is
produced on a tight schedule.
Help us get each issue out on time!

Indian Summer

Aal-Pa-Tah Brothers,

One of the greatest events presented by the Order of the Arrow for its members nationwide is coming this summer. It will be a colorful display of sights, sounds, dancing, ceremonies, knowledge and Native American culture.

Indian Summer 2011 is being held in Asheville, NC August 1-6, 2011 and will be one event you do not want to miss. Whether you are a dancer, ceremonial team member, an Arrowman wanting to explore the Inductions process or someone who is interested in knowing more about any of these, Indian Summer is for you! Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge is putting together a fantastic trip to attend Indian Summer and see some of the other Native American sights in the area.

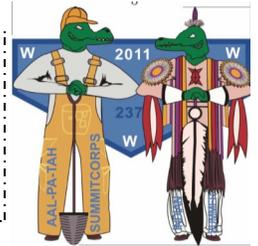
There is still time for you to get on board and join the fun and excitement. The youth Chairman Connor Carnes ctcarnes@bellsouth.net will be happy to give you information or you can also contact either of the adult Advisers, Cecil Phibbs at cecilphibbs@gmail.com or Trina Carnes at ctcarnes@bellsouth.net

The total cost of the week long trip including all food and lodging and activities will be \$550-\$600. Spots are filling up fast so get your deposit in now, before it's too late. Contact us for more info.

In WWW,

Connor Carnes

SummitCorps / Indian Summer Patch Pre-order!!! This limited edition patch pictured on the right will be available for pre-order up until May 9th. This one will go quickly—so if you want some, please go to the Lodge Website and fill out and submit the pre-order form. Patches cost \$5 each and will be available for pick up at Summer Pow Wow! Pre-orders are open to all!



**Section Conference
April 2011**

Lodge Election Rules

Lodge Officer Election Rules

The following criteria is for the Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge elections which will be used to hold the upcoming Lodge election of Lodge Chief, Lodge Vice-Chief of Inductions, Lodge Vice-Chief of Program, Lodge Vice-Chief of Service, Lodge Secretary, Lodge Treasurer, and Lodge Historian at the upcoming Summer Powwow weekend, June 3-5, 2011. If you are planning to run for one of these positions, please read the following criteria carefully. The Candidates' meeting mentioned under "Candidate Eligibility Requirements" item #6 will occur at the Lodge's service day at Tanah Keeta, Saturday, May 21, 2011. If you wish to run for an Office, you must notify the current Lodge Chief at chief@aal-pa-tah237.org AND the Lodge Advisor at advisor@aal-pa-tah237.org **no later than May 20, 2011** to schedule your Candidate meeting timeslot. If there is any reason you cannot attend the service day for the interview, you must arrange to complete the interview PRIOR to the service day. If you plan on running for an Office, you also must register as an attendee of the Summer Powwow weekend and make sure that your dues are current for the 2011 year.

Candidate Eligibility Requirements

A Candidate for office must meet the following requirements:

1. Must have been inducted or transferred into Aal-Pa-Tah at least twelve months prior to the election date.
2. Candidates for the Offices of Lodge Chief, Lodge Vice-Chief of Inductions, Lodge Vice-Chief of Program, and Lodge Vice-Chief of Service, must have successfully completed at least one term as a Chapter Chief or a Lodge Officer position, in any Lodge and in any year prior to the election. Successful completion to be determined the Key 3, and the position's adult advisor, sitting at the time the prior Office was completed.
3. Must have dues paid for the current year.
4. Must not reach his 21st birthday during the scheduled term of office (ending June 2nd, 2012).
5. Must physically reside within the official boundaries of The Gulf Stream Council.
6. Must be currently registered with a unit that is chartered by The Gulf Stream Council, BSA.
7. Must present himself at the scheduled Candidates' meeting, unless he is running for a Chapter position, or makes specific prior arrangements with the Lodge Chief and/or Lodge Advisor. The Candidate may have one person of his choosing with him during the interview. The person can be anyone of the Candidate's choosing, as long as they are not also a Candidate.
8. Must be determined eligible by the Interview Committee. The Interview Committee is composed of: (a) the Current Lodge Chief, but only if he is not running for an Office, (b) the Lodge Advisor, (c) Associate Lodge Advisor(s), and (d) one youth who is not a Candidate, to be appointed by the Lodge Chief.
9. Must provide a letter from his unit leader indicating that: (a) a Scoutmaster's Conference has been held to discuss the Scout's role within the unit and how that responsibility will be met during the term of office, and (b) the Candidate has the approval of the unit leader to run for office.
10. Candidate acknowledges that the responsibilities of all Lodge Officers includes, but is not limited to, monthly meetings with the others Officers and Lodge Advisor.

Voter Eligibility

All dues paid members who have not reached their 21st birthday by the day of the election and are registered for the Lodge weekend are entitled to vote. No absentee ballots or proxies are permitted. The Lodge Secretary is responsible to provide the supervisor of elections with an accurate list of eligible voters.

Lodge Election Rules (Con.)

General Election Rules

1. The election for each Office is to be held separately. The results will be announced before the next election will begin.
2. A Candidate may run for any Office. If he is defeated, he may run for another Office of his choice.
3. Campaign promotional material is limited to a single poster board. The poster board itself may be science fair project style (with folding sides) or may be just plain poster board and may contain as much information or pictures as the Candidate wishes on one side of the board only. There will be no other campaign material by the Candidate or on his behalf. All poster boards will be displayed together in a designated location after weekend registration has begun.
4. A Candidate may be disqualified, upon the approval of the Lodge Key 3, for violations of the election procedure or for conduct that is not keeping with the highest traditions of the Boy Scouts of America. The Scout Oath; Scout Law, and Obligation of our Order will serve as standards of judgment. A Candidate may be held responsible for actions on his behalf.
5. The Lodge Chief and Lodge Advisor shall appoint one youth and one advisor. The youth will hold the title: "Supervisor of Elections," and shall hold such duties and responsibilities as are implied by that title and any other duties as may be assigned to him by the Lodge Chief.
6. At the time of the Annual Lodge Business Meeting, The Candidates will be expected to:
 - A. Be nominated by another youth member of the Lodge. The nominator will be allowed to speak for two minutes on behalf of the Candidate.
 - B. Speak for two minutes, if they so wish.
7. Neither the current Lodge Chief (unless he is running), The Supervisor of Elections, nor any adult may nominate, speak for, or in any way publicly endorse any Candidate.
8. The Candidate that receives a majority of the votes cast is elected. Unintelligible ballots are not counted.
9. Unopposed Candidates must still receive a majority of the votes cast.
10. If no Candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for an Office, a second vote will be held immediately between the two Candidates that received the highest amount of votes. If the second vote results in a tie, the determination of which of the tied Candidates will serve in the Office will be made by the current Lodge Executive Committee, before the new Officers are installed, by a majority vote of that body. The Lodge Chief may never be chosen by the Lodge Executive Committee, and must be the result of a whole Lodge vote.
11. If no Candidate runs for a given Office, the newly elected Lodge Chief will appoint to that Office a Lodge member who meets the "Candidate Eligibility Requirements." The Lodge Executive Committee must approve Officers appointed in this manner, by a majority vote of that body.
12. After counting, the ballots will be held by the advisor to the Supervisor of Elections for a period of thirty days. Any Lodge member, with the approval of the Lodge Chief, may review the ballots during this period.
13. New Lodge Officers shall take office on Sunday, immediately following the closing of the business meeting.
14. Chapter elections shall take place immediately following Lodge elections.

Tanah Keeta Summer Camp



Greetings,

As summer draws near, we are finishing preparations for our 2011 Tanah Keeta Summer Camp. I want to thank all those from Lodge 237 who have eagerly assisted in the planning process. Many of the wonderful improvements to our facilities done in preparation for our recent Section Conference also serve to improve the Boy Scout and Cub/Webelos Summer Camps. This summer is shaping up to be one of the best programs we have hosted in many years. With the help of a dedicated and well-trained staff, we are making measurable improvements that will show this year. If you have not already decided, please join us for TK 2011 "The Wild, Wild, West"...we promise a Scouting program you'll never forget.

Yours in Scouting,

Shannon P. Wiley

2011 Tanah Keeta Camp Director



**The Wild, Wild West is coming to
Tanah Keeta for Summer of 2011**

Don't miss out...Register Now!

Boy Scouts Cub Scouts Webelos

REMINDER: If you were a walk in to Section Conference, you may pick up your Section Conference Dangle at the Summer Pow Wow at the Lodge Box. Also Section Conference Neckerchiefs ordered, First Year Arrowman packets and Fast Pass packets are also available for pick up for those that have not yet received them. All items are marked with your name and need to be signed for on pick up.

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