

Calendar

March 6-8 Spring Powwow at T.K.

April 17-19 Section S-4 Conference Hosted By Timuqan

May 8-10 Mega Scout Show Pig Roast / Turkey Fry

May 29-31 Ordeal Weekend at T.K.

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Spring Powwow 2009

Camp Tanah Keeta

Hello Gators,

A few months ago when I was given the opportunity to be Spring Powwow chairman I told you all that I was going to give you all a Powwow like you have never seen and that is exactly what I am going to do. Seminars that guys like us want to go to, dancing, drumming seminars that are fun and taught by people who know how to teach what they are teaching you. A museum featuring many different outfits from many different styles of dance. The food, the fun, and the Powwow will be an awesome experience and a weekend you will not want to miss. I personally have a passion for the Native American portion of our Order and can assure you that myself along with all the Arrowmen that will be helping me will be working our hardest to bring you a Spring Powwow to remember for a long time. If you miss this weekend then you will be missing out on fun, fellowship, and the chance to experience the Native American like never before. Also the Powwow on Saturday night will be one event you will not want to miss. The event will feature the well respected Red Bird Jr. drum as host and a vast array of dancers in colorful regalia. I can assure you that this is a weekend you will not want to miss. So drop all your plans, keep your calendar clear and mark the date for SPRING POWWOW 2009.

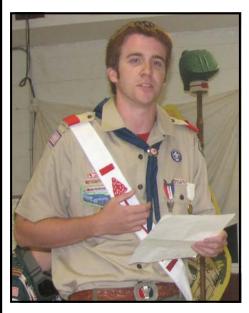
Yours in WWW,
Walter "Dutchee" Arnett

Spring Powwow 2009 Chairman

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Chiefly Speaking



My Brothers,

In case you missed it, Section Seminars was a huge success! There were over 350 Arrowmen from around Florida and Southern Georgia (155 of which were from our Lodge), awesome seminars, fantastic food, a spectacular powwow, and a 237 Surprise to top it all off. The word after Seminars was: it was one of the best Section Seminars that our Section has seen! A special thanks to Bobby Weil and Mr. Brian Morgan for putting the event together, and to the Aal-Pa-Tah Brothers who came out to help make Section Seminars one of the **Best Seminars**, **All Around!**

Just a short month after our wonderful Section Seminars, Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge held its annual Winter Fellowship at Camp Tanah Keeta. This Winter Fellowship was like no other before; it had all the fun and competitions of a Fellowship with the Cheerful Service of an Ordeal to go with it. Fantastic Seminars took place in the morning, while the traditional inter-Chapter competitions took place during the afternoon. A scavenger hunt took place throughout the weekend (Osceola Chapter won) and a

powwow topped it all off on Saturday night. There was also great food as always and a 237 Surprise like no other! Thirteen new members were inducted into the Order and fifteen Brothers went through their Brotherhood, which exceeded our 30% conversion rate for the year. Thank you to Ian McKay and everyone who came out to make Winter Fellowship one for the ages.

The annual Lodge Banquet was held at Jupiter High School on January 10, 2009. It was a night for the Lodge to come together and celebrate the accomplishments of 2008. There were patch auctions (both live and silent), raffle prizes, wonderful food from C.R. Chicks, and of course the coveted awards. All of the Chapter Chiefs, their advisors and Lodge Officers were recognized for their service to the Lodge as well as all of the weekend chairmen from 2008. Coo-Wa-Chobee Chapter was recognized as the **Best All Around Chapter**, and Mr. David Weda was recognized for his service as Lode Advisor. Justin Warnimont received the Lodge Advisor's Award and Mr. Harlin Pierce received the Founder's Award. Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge also recognized two brothers with the James E. West Fellowship, Mrs. Cindy Hall and Mr. David Smith. And for the first time at Banquet, Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge called out a Vigil Honor class. Two-thousand and nine's class includes; Oakley Hammond, John Keltner, Ben Pendleton, Dillon Pettyjohn, Elliott Taft, Bobby Weil, Trina Carnes, Carl Fox, Jeff Isaac, Pinnie Oliver, Lynn Shea, and Greg Soles. Congratulations and thank you to everyone for a wonderful and successful 2008.

The next event for our Lodge is Spring Powwow, which will be held at Camp Tanah Keeta on March 6-8, 2009. Walter Arnett and the Hitchiti Dancers are working on the plans for the weekend as we speak. It's going to be a fun weekend with different Native American seminars and activities for all to enjoy. It's not a weekend to miss.

The following months for Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge will bring great fun and fellowship to all of its members. I urge each and every single Arrowmen to come and participate at Spring Powwow. In doing so it will allow all of us to grow and flourish into what Aal-Pa-Tah is, the **Best Lodge, All Around!**

In Cheerful Service,

Michael Grove

2008—2009 Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge Chief

Gator Tales Reminder

Officers, Arrowmen, and Advisors
Each issue of the Gator Tales is produced on
a tight schedule. **Help us get each issue out on time!** If you are contributing ANYTHING
for the next issue please send it in
before the deadline!

Submission Deadline: **April 31**st

Officer Reports

Lodge Vice Chief of Service

Dear fellow Arrowmen,

Since the beginning of this term, our lodge has done over 4,000 service hours, for two of our council's camps and the community at large during our 'One Day of Service.' I wanted to thank each and every Lodge member for their hard work and dedication.

January 10th was our Lodge's annual Banquet, at this event we had 'give-aways', great food, awards, patch auctions as well as fun. I am glad to see everyone who came out for the weekend. Don't forget that besides Spring Powwow and Section Conference, we have Mentoring Day coming up on May 16th. If you would like to help please let Oakley Hammond or myself know.

Once again, thank you for your hard work, and I hope to see everyone at Banquet.

In WWW,

Justin Warnimont

Lodge Treasurer

My Fellow Arrowmen,

During the upcoming Spring Powwow weekend the Lodge Box will be receiving some new items which include the 2009 Back Patch and the 2008 Best All-Around Lodge Flap. There is a limited amount of both these items so be sure to get one before they are all gone!!! If you have an idea or design for a lodge patch please email me before the next LEC meeting.

Yours In Scouting,

Dakley Hammond

Lodge Historian

The past Winter Fellowship was amazing, and I encourage all of you to head over to the Lodge Website and check out the pictures. If you have any pictures, I encourage you to upload them on our new website in the member's area. I look forward to seeing everyone on March 6th for Spring Powwow. If you have ideas on how to improve the King's Cup Display or are interested in helping out, please contact me by email.

Your Lodge Historian,

Steven Feldman

Lodge Vice Chief of Program

Hey Everyone,

This has been a great year so far. We had an awesome Section Seminars that was one of the best events that our Section has ever experienced. I wouldn't be surprised if they asked us to do it every year. Ha! If you didn't come to this great event, then you really missed out. I hope you'll come to Section Conference this year hosted by Timiquan Lodge. I've heard from some very good sources that this Conference will be awesome. Back to our amazing Lodge. The Winter Fellowship/Ordeal was a blast. Thank you Ian McKay for coming in and making that weekend fun for all that attended. If you didn't go to either Section Conference or Winter Fellowship then where are you? What else could be better than hanging with friends around a fire, sliding down a slip-n-slide, or playing a nice game of horse shoes? Thank you Mr. Taft for the great idea of putting a horseshoe pit right next to the Lodge Building, and thanks to all the people who helped build it. So can we get a shuffleboard court out back now? But seriously if your not coming out for these events please come at least to Spring Powwow! Headed up by fancy dancer extraordinaire Dutchee Arnett. This campout will be the best ever with seminars on Native American stuff, Ceremonies and Lodge Leadership. There will also be a sweet powwow at night with some great dancers and drummers. Lodge Banquet, Man that was an awesome banquet! And was that food delicious or not? Also, congrats to the new Vigil candidates. Last but not least come out to Summer Camp '09 its going to be a blast! WWW,

Zach Regan

Lodge Secretary

Hello Brothers,

I did not submit an article for this issue of the Gator Tales.

In WWW,

Bradley Woods

Sharing the Vision

"Quality Lodge 2008!"



I am very proud to announce that for the third year in a row our Lodge has achieved Quality Lodge Recognition. To qualify as a National Quality Lodge, the Lodge must achieve fifteen objectives that are set at the beginning of the year. Some of the objectives are: experience positive growth in its membership, complete service projects for the council camp, promotion of the council camping, high adventure and other outdoor programs, hold OA elections and conduct Lodge Leadership courses. I would like to thank each and every Arrowmen who has given their time, efforts, resources and advice to the advancement of our Lodge so that we may once again be a "Quality Lodge". Remember that we are less of a Lodge without you. Congratulations to each and every one of our Lodge members. You make it happen!

Yours in Scouting WWW,
Frank Taft,
Lodge Advisor (561) 968-4290

Lodge Wish-List

The "Lodge Wish-List", is a list of items that the Lodge needs, any work project that the Lodge may want to undertake or any Lodge goal that has been set and is listed for everyone in the Lodge to see. All of the items are to be utilized to improve our program. If you can help out with any of the items below or have an item that you would like to donate to our Lodge that you think we may have a use for, Please contact the Lodge Advisor, Frank Taft at (561) 968-4290.

•	Eagle dance regalia for the Hitchiti Dancers
•	Tepee poles or donations for new poles (cost about \$800 new)
	Wooden Chapter signs and totems made
	New gator logo sign made
	New Aal-Pa-Tah golf cart
	Two trained Ceremonies Teams (youth can help with this by joining our Ceremonies Team)
	New entrance ramp for the Lodge Building
•	Youth drum core to practice and compete at Section Conference
•	A completely restored OA Ring
•	Thank you for the new Aal-Pa-Tah 237 banner (Best Lodge, All Around)
•	Thank you for the refrigerator for Lodge Building (for the OA Grill to store food)
٠	Thank you for the horse shoe pit for the Lodge Building
	237 members at each Lodge Weekend (We are getting there)

The Vigil Honor

Congratulations To Our Newest Vigil Honor Members

The Vigil Honor is the highest recognition that our Lodge can bestow. The award is meant to recognize Arrowmen who show leadership in service and have the potential to do great things. The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition for those Arrowmen who go above and beyond in their endeavors in Scouting and in the Lodge. Aal-Pa-Tah would like to congratulate our new Vigil Honor Members for 2009:

Trina Carnes

Carl Fox

Oakley Hammond

Jeff Isaac

John Keltner

Pinnie Oliver

The OA Grill

Ben Pendleton

Dillon Pettyjohn

Lynn Shea

Greg Soles

Elliott Taft

Bobby Weil

Powwow Notice

The new OA grill will be open for Spring Powwow. So don't stop at McDonalds! Come to the OA grill for hotdogs, hamburgers and grilled chicken sandwiches. Items priced from \$3.00 to \$3.50 which includes a drink! The grill opens at 6:30 pm Friday night and stays open late. It opens again Saturday at 10:30 am till late into the night. So plan on coming to the OA grill for the fine food, Fellowship and a great meal deal!

At Spring Powwow there will be a slide contest. Not the kind of slide you go down, but the one you wear on a neckerchief. So bring your favorite slide and let's have some fun seeing all those wonderful slides that are out there. This event is open to both youth and adult members of the Lodge. The winner will get a great prize!

Who Am I?

Can you tell where this "post card" picture was taken? Yes it was taken at TK but from where?

Hint:

• It is not taken from ground level.

Do you think you can stump us with your old pictures? Send them in and see who's got your number! E-Mail sal@gatortales.org.

The answer to this "Who Am I?" is on page 8.



Section S-4 Seminars at Tanah Keeta!

Brothers,

This past November I attended my first ever Section Seminars. And let me tell you, if they have all been like this, I sure have been missing out on something great. But, or so I have heard, they have not all been like this, in fact not even on the same tier as this year's seminars. Leave it to the Best Lodge All Around to one up everyone else, right? Speaking of which, our work as host for this event was preceded by the big wins at Section Conference which cemented us in the minds of our fellow lodges of S-4 as a force to be reckoned with. As if they didn't know already?

We opened the weekend in a scene right out of a Norman Rockwell painting with all of our brothers around our new, and finally red, fire ring, with a speech by our Lodge Chief and Section



Chief. And from that point on the good times didn't stop. There were dive-in movies, and climbing, and shotgun shooting, and basketball, and hearts, and swimming, and of course very informative seminars sprinkled throughout the day. I cannot even begin to account for all that went on during this weekend. The one thing I want to mention is that there was an awesome 237 surprise that took place at Fort Blanchard. What a blast it all was. We were able to close this magnificent event with a beautiful chapel service by our lodge

advisor and bid farewell to our guests.

If you were not in attendance for this weekend, then you truly missed out on a lot. Next time that there is another event of this caliber, I suggest that you go out of your way to attend, you will not regret doing so.

All the hard work our lodge had put into the event was clearly visible. Whether it was in the funfilled program, the excellent meals, or the general appearance of camp, we presented quality that will not be soon forgotten by the other lodges of our section. I finished my weekend by traveling around to all the campsites and making sure all the lodges got checked out, and you wouldn't believe some of the comments I received about the weekend, one leader even asking if we could host every year. So congratulations Aal-Pa-Tah and Thank you for making my first seminars what I am sure will be my best.

my first seminars what I am sure w Yours in Brotherhood, Bobby Weil Sections Seminars 2008 Chairman



You can never beat the classics.



One of Many Informative Seminars

Visit www.gallery.aal-pa-tah237.org
for over 10,000 more pictures.

Yea, that's pictures for ya,
lots more pictures!



Naturally there were games.



The Food Masters.



Photos by Patrick Rice

NOAC 2009

Join us for the greatest summer adventure money can buy. This amazing trip only comes around once every 3 years. The best part is this adventure is only \$895 including registration, food, lodging and transportation! Yes, that's right it's an amazing deal that only requires you pack clothing!

How do I go about getting on the list to attend? Call Kelsey Cupples at Council, 561-964-8585 to send in your deposit of \$100 as soon as possible, but no later than March 1st. We will need your shirt size also. We have a limited amount of slots, and they will go to the first people to get their \$100 deposit paid. After that you need to have another \$295 at Council by May 15th. You must have the remainder of the cost (\$500) in to Council by July 1st to complete the \$895.

The theme this year is "THE POWER OF ONE". Attend with us and be part something you will never forget!

WWW. Chas Carlson

Pig Roast / Turkey Fry

Calling all Brothers,

May is rapidly approaching and so is the Pig Roast and Turkey Fry at the Scout Show. Volunteers are needed to help set up and man our booth at the Scout Show and help serve the pig and turkey to the masses. Also patch ideas are needed for this event. Please submit any ideas to the L.E.C. asap. Also, the row of benches) along with improving the appearance Lodge has been asked by Council to man concession stands at the Scout Show. Remember, this year's Scout Show will be held at the Saint Lucie County Fair Grounds. Hope to see you there.

Yours in Brotherhood C.J. Soles

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A Note from the Lodge Advisor

I have been speaking to several of you to seek your opinions on this before announcing the plans to the Lodge. The overall opinion has been very positive so we are going forward on the most ambitious endeavor to date for me as your Lodge Advisor. Our signature place at camp should be the place that has our name on it, the OA ring.

Now as you can see both time and weather has taken a toll on our OA ring. It is now time to update ("Make a New") our beloved OA ring. The plan is as follows: if you would like to purchase a bench and help with the overall renovation it would cost \$50 per bench. By buying a bench your name or Chapter or organization will be put on the bench. We will need approximately 75 new benches (we are adding a back of the entire ring area. We will be using materials that will last longer than what was previously used. We also plan on putting backs on the added row of benches.

By talking to some of you first, I feel that by your response we can do this within the next year. So if you would like to help to restore the OA ring we will start taking money for the benches at check-in at Spring Powwow. if you have any concerns or comments, please fell free to contact me, Frank Taft Lodge Advisor, at 676-4977.

Who Am I? Answer: The picture was taken from the water front watch tower which no longer exists due to hurricane damage.

Lodge Banquet

Dear Fellow Gators,

If you missed the annual Lodge Banquet, then you missed a great night. Their were awards, patch auctions, promotions and most of all, Give-a-ways!

We started our night out with a great silent auction, where hundreds of dollars worth of great Aal-Pa-Tah patches were sold to help raise our Campership fund for the next year. As the time ran out for auction, the competition among bidders was a show worth going to the Banquet to watch.

Then we moved into awards, where Coo-Wa-Chobee won Best All Around Chapter, congrats to Elliott Taft and his chapter. The James E. West Fellowship award was given to Cindy Hall and David Smith. Harlan Pierce was awarded the Founder's Award. Mr. Taft gave the Lodge Advisor's Award to Justin Warnimont. For the first time in our Lodge history, the Vigil Honor Candidates were announced.

Once again, our Lodge hosted a great Banquet on January 10th, where we gave out awards, raised money, sold patches and announced the 2009 Vigil Class. If you were unable to attend, join us for Spring Powwow on March 6-8, 2009, and until we meet again, be firm in the Brotherhood and safe.

WWW,

Tustin Warnimont

Banquet Chairman



David Weda is rewarded for his work as Previous Lodge Advisor



Coo-Wa-Chobee Wins Best-All-Around Chapter



Harlan Pierce (right) is presented the Founders' Award



Cindy Hall and David Smith were presented with the James E. West Fellowship on behalf of the Lodge



Chapter Reports

Chee-Pa-Tah

Trade Winds District

Arrowmen.

For those of you who don't know my name, it is Luke Spratt, and I am our new Chapter Chief. I volunteered at Winter Fellowship and have been working hard since then to get our Chapter up and running. First, our Chapter website is up and running! Please go check it out at www.cheepatah.aal-pa-tah237.org. There is a lot of info up there like our Chapter calendar. Also information about our Chapter Meetings is there. Speaking of Chapter meetings, we had one on February 15. We are slowly getting more attendance, but I really would like more of you guys to come. Directions are on the website and meetings are on the second Thursday of the month.

At our last meeting we covered a lot of information, all of which is on our website under Chapter Meetings. One thing that we did was fill Chapter positions:

- Vice Chapter Chief of Program: James Troop 125
- ◆ Vice Chapter Chief of Service: Still Open
- Chapter Secretary: Jake Fagan Troop 13
- ♦ Chapter Treasurer: Chris Swindler Troop 105

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at my email <u>floridianboy3211@yahoo.com</u>

Yours in service,

Luke Spratt

Chee-Pa-Tah Chapter Chief

Coo-Wa-Chobee

Manatee District

Over the past couple of months our Chapter has done a lot. Many Chapter members attended Winter Fellowship and a great time was had by all. Our Chapter won both football and the cake eating contest. We had two Elangomats and three new members go through the Ordeal. We also had great attendance at the Banquet. Justin Warnimont received the Lodge Advisor's Award and Bobby Weil was recognized for doing a great job with Section Seminars. Trina Carnes, Elliott Taft, and Bobby Weil were also called out for the Vigil Honor at Banquet. We continue to meet every month at Lake Side United Methodist Church on the second Monday of the month at 7pm, all are welcome to come the Best Chapter, All Around!

In the most Cheerful Service,

Elliott Taft

2007-2009 Coo-Wa-Chobee Chapter Chief

Nekiwa

Sailfish District

Calling all Nekiwa members please come out to Lodge weekends and get your Brotherhood. Please we beg you!

WWW.

Cameron Snyder & James Herrera

2008-2009 Nekiwa Leadership

Lowaneu-Mawat

Indian River District

On October 18th, 2008 Lowaneu Mawat conducted its One Day of Service doing clean up along side some roads by Camp Oklawaha and a grove for the Saint Johns Water Management. We worked 62 hours of service. Lowaneu Mawat also hosted a cleanup day for Camp Oklawaha the same day. We cleaned roads and trails. We also cut down more dead pine trees and eradicated some more Brazilian Pepper Trees. We had 129.5 additional hours of service worked. Council bought us all lunch of burgers and dogs.

Lowaneu Mawat had 19 Brothers attend Section Seminars. A good time was had by all. If you missed it you missed a good one. We are looking forward to Section Conference in April in Brooksville. Also we are looking forward to NOAC 09 in Indiana in August.

Winter Fellowship was headed up by our own Ian McKay. Great fun was had and a great amount of food was eaten. The cake eating contest was something to make you sick and the 237 Surprise was a marvel. It does not cost much to attend OA weekends. You get back so much more than you spend.

Our next Conservation Day is scheduled for Camp Oklawaha in April 2009. Any brother that would like to come and help is certainly invited and welcomed.

We are working with the Cub Scout Packs in Indian River District and have a District wide Crossover in February 2009 at Oklawaha during their Family Campout.

We continue to meet the 2nd Monday of each month during the District Roundtable. Attendance is still small but we are to increasing it every month.

Yours in Service,

Chas Carlson

2007-2009 Lowaneu-Mawat Chapter Chief

Oi-Ya-Tah

Treasure Coast District

Fellow Gators,

Oi-Ya-Tah Chapter is doing awesome!!! During the Lodge Banquet, three of our members were recognized as Vigil Candidates: Pinnie Oliver, Greg Soles, and Oakley Hammond. Congratulations! You three are truly deserving of this honor!!! Also our Chapter is planning fundraisers for the upcoming NOAC and Section Conference. We are also having a Chapter meeting in March at the Treasure Coast District round table. Yours In Service,

Chris De Michael

2008-2009 Oi-Ya-Tah Chapter Chief

Osceola

Lighthouse District

Fellow Arrowmen.

I hope you are all having a happy New Year so far. At our Chapter Banquet which was held on December 14th 2008, we had a great time with 10 members and 3 guests. At the Lodge Banquet there were many awards given. I congratulate our new Brotherhood members, Vigil members, the receivers of the James E. West Fellowship Award, and the receivers of the Founders Award. On the weekend of Mosquitoree we gave service to Camp Tanah Keeta. We cooked, and served dinner on both Friday and Saturday. Our January meeting which was held on January 25th, 2009 was a blast of fun! We went shooting at the archery range. Our February meeting is planned to be a Gander Mountain! And don't forget to come to the Spring Powwow!

In WWW.

Robert Fox

2008-2009 Osceola Chapter Chief

A-Bani-Ki

Osceola District

The A-Bani-Ki Chapter Chief did not submit a report and no report was submitted on his behalf.

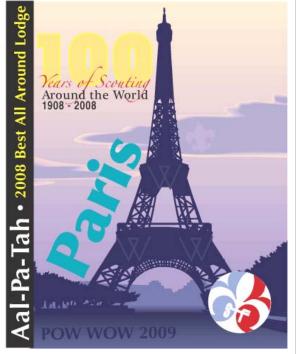
Spring Powwow 2009 Camp Tanah Keeta

This weekend will be held at Camp Tanah Keeta on March 6th-8th. Details about this weekend are on page 1.

Please call the Council Service Center and reserve your spot TODAY! You must pre-pay the weekend fee of \$15.00 which includes a weekend patch. Members must be dues paid to participate in Lodge events (check the mailing label to see if your dues are current). Annual Lodge dues are \$10.00. Payment can be made in person, by mail, or by phone with a credit card (VISA/MC/ AMEX/DISC) at 561-694-8585 ext 234. You will also be allowed to register at the door for \$20.00.

You can now register for weekends, pay your dues and/or purchase a Fast Pass all on our new Lodge Website. Simply visit www.aal-pa-tah237.org and click on the red "Registration" tab.

Save the hassle of having to register, purchase a 2009 Fast Pass. It's only \$90! The Fast Pass registers you for all the weekend Lodge events, covers dues, annual year patch, plus if you are not able to make it to a weekend, a weekend patch will be saved for you.



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