

Calendar

January 4-6 Ordeal 3 at Oklawaha

January 12 Lodge Banquet Jupiter High School

March 7-9 Spring Powwow

April 11-13 Section Conference Hosted by Osceola

May 30 - June 1 Service Weekend

See the calendar at www.aal-pa-tah237.org

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Want to camp at a National Forest for a week, meet Arrowmen from around the country and have the time of your life? If so, then you want to go to ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup>.



Next summer, 5000 members of the Order of the Arrow and the U.S. Forest Service will team up to provide service to five sites across the country over five weeks. This national endeavor is called ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup> and will be one of the most ambitious projects the Order has ever undertaken. The goal is to have a thousand Arrowmen at each site to provide cheerful service to our national forests. One of our contingents will be at the George Washington and Jefferson National Forest located north of Covington Virginia, June 21-28. We will be constructing forty-nine miles of multi-use trail and making campsite improvements. Recreational opportunities include whitewater rafting, fishing, mountain biking and nearby historical sites. Also, there will likely be a second contingent traveling to the Mark Twain National Forest in Missouri on June 7-14 which T.K. Summer Camp Staff members will be able to attend. A \$100 deposit will hold your spot. The estimated cost is \$295, which may change depending on fundraising opportunities. Additional information is available at: www.event.oa-bsa.org/events/arrowcorps5. The Lodge is providing scholarships to help some members attend this trip, but these opportunities are few and go fast. All OA members are encouraged to attend, contact Adam Taft at Tadam711@aol.com for information on how to sign up for this once in a lifetime opportunity.

#### Lodge Banquet

Who? Every member of Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge / friends and families.
What? Annual Lodge awards banquet, silent auction, live auction, door prizes and dinner.
When? Saturday, January 12th, 2008. Silent Auction starts at 5:00 pm / Dinner at 6:00 pm
Where? Jupiter High School Cafeteria, 500 Military Trail, Jupiter FL 33458

Mark your calendar for Aal-Pa-Tah's annual Lodge Banquet. Come for an evening of food provided by CR Chicks, fun, and of course the patch auction! Please register by calling the Council Service Center at 561-694-8585 x234 or email credit card information to <u>kcupples@bsamail.org</u> by Monday, January 7th, 2008. Fee is \$10 (includes one patch) for adults, \$5 for children 11 and under (Patch not included). Additional patches can be purchased for \$3. Friends and family members (including non-OA) are encouraged to come.

# Chiefly Speaking

My fellow Arrowmen,

The end of 2007 is rapidly coming to an end! Over the coming year, new challenges and obstacles will present themselves. With an All-Star team of Officers, Chairmen and Advisors, I am convinced that Aal-Pa-Tah will continue to improve. At the recent Section Seminars in North Florida, Arrowmen from Aal-Pa-Tah took part in leadership training to better our Chapters and Committees.

Since our last issue of the Gator Tales, Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge performed countless hours of service at Camp Tanah Keeta in preparation for the Summer Camp Program that was held there this summer. Allow *me* to thank all the Arrowmen involved for your hard work and commitment to T.K.. Rangers Steve and Harlan also share their appreciation.

Upcoming events include:

- Make Up Ordeal at Camp Oklawaha– Jan. 4th-6th.
- Lodge Banquet at Jupiter High School– Jan. 12th.

In less than one year, Aal-Pa-Tah will host the annual Section Seminars weekend at Camp Tanah Keeta. It is now time to begin the preparation for this huge event. Service weekends over the next year will include various projects in preparation of this special occasion.

Slots are filling up quickly for ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup>, to be held during the summer of 2008. Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge will be sending participants to Minnesota and Virginia. The Lodge is offering a few scholarships to alleviate some of the expenses. Adults are encouraged to attend. If you are interested in more information on this event, e-mail me at <u>Tadam711@aol.com</u> for more details.

To all new Ordeal members of Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge #237 of the Gulf Stream Council, "Welcome to our Lodge" and "See you at the Lodge Banquet."

WWW,

Adam Taft

Aal-Pa-Tah 237 Lodge Chief Visit <u>www.aal-pa-tah237.org</u>

#### Gator Tales Reminder

Advisors, Arrowmen, and Officers - 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: January 1st



## Officer Reports

#### Lodge Vice-Chief of Program

My fellow Gators,

Wats up?! This is your Vice Chief of Program Ian McKay. First off I just want to let all of you know what a fun and exciting time we have planned for you. Our closest event upcoming is the Winter fellowship. Oakley Hammond has been working a long time planning this weekend and it should be one of the best weekends ever!! Not to mention we are celebrating our Lodge's birthday!! I hope to see everyone out there!! Next, I also hope that all of you have completed all of your One Day of Service requirements because we need that for the Best All Around Lodge competition. This year we hope to obtain first place in areas that we were second place in last year. Finally, we are always looking for people to help out with weekends. If you would consider helping out with any of our Lodges upcoming weekends please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me any questions you may have. In conclusion, I wish all of you a happy holiday and I hope to see all of you at all of our upcoming Lodge events, they should be a great time.

> In WWW, Ian McKay

#### Historian

My Fellow Brothers,

This is Salvatore Sodano, your Historian. As Historian, I am continuing to improve our Lodge's King's Cup Display for the upcoming Section Conference. For all of you new members, the King's Cup is a Section-wide (includes most of Florida) competition to see which OA Lodge can display it's history the best. Last year we placed 3rd in the advanced category, this year, I am shooting for first place. Also, pictures are a big thing with the Lodge's history. Pictures show our Lodge in ways that words can not. If anyone would like to help out with the fixing of the King's Cup Display or with providing pictures of OA events that you have or may take in the future, please email me at sal@gatortales.org. Have a safe and happy holiday season.

In WWW, Salvatore Sodano

#### LEC Reminder

Officers, Chairmen, and Advisors, don't forget that the next LEC is on Jan. 27th at the Rinker Center from 2-4pm.

### Lodge Vice-Chief of Service

This is Sam Taft, the Vice Chief of Service. I just wanted to let you know about some of the things that have been going on in the Lodge. I have some important news about upcoming events that you need to know about. Operation One Day was a great success this year, we had more hours of service this year than the last two years. All of the Chapters should have completed their service projects by now. I need all of the Chapter Chiefs to call me or e-mail me with the number of community service hours that have been completed. If your Chapter has not done a project yet, call me to discuss the status of your Chapter's project. Upcoming service weekends include our make-up Ordeal, January 4th-6th at Oklawaha, and our May Service Weekend at Tanah Keeta.

> WWW, Sam Taft <u>Tsam731@aol.com</u> (561) 968-4290

#### Lodge Treasurer

As Treasurer of Aal-Pa-Tah, I am reporting on the condition of the Lodge treasury. If you haven't seen, the Lodge box has been open at each OA weekend since I have taken office, whether by myself or by others (special thanks to my advisor). Every dinner the Box will be open, so make sure you get the latest patches and other lodge paraphernalia. Don't forget to pick up the newest World Jamboree Flaps. Also, it is only right that each member should have an Aal-Pa-Tah belt. Have fun at Lodge weekends, go to the third Ordeal and may the force be with you. COO-WA-CHOBEE ROCKS!

Justin Warnimont

## Lodge Secretary

My brothers,

I'm honored to be the new Secretary for Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge. With the help of Sal Sodano, we are currently working to put out a Gator Tales issue before each weekend and getting our web site up to date to compete at Section Conference in April. I also want to post the minutes of the LECs on the web page so that all of our members will be able to see what is in store for the Lodge. If anyone would like to contribute to the Gator Tales or the web site please feel free to contact me via phone (561) 635-1626 or e-mail <u>mgrove2@fau.edu</u>. WWW,

Mike Grove

# Chapter Reports

**BROTHERS IN ACTION** 

#### A-Bani-Ki

My fellow Brothers,

My name is Chandler Weiner and I am the Chapter Chief of the A-Bani-Ki Chapter. Being the Chapter Chief, I am required to oversee all of the Troops in our district, and keep their OA reps up to date with the latest OA news. However, my job has not been so smooth lately due to the fact that many Troops do not have an OA Rep, or they fail to attend the meetings. To correct this, the A-Bani-Ki Chapter is in the process of creating a new patch (thanks to Capitan Tom Chewning) and possibly a "Troop Award" for OA activity and OA pride. These new patches will help strengthen the Troop's relations with the Lodge, as well as keep more Scouts active Lodge members. Scoutmasters (if they were present at the Round Table) have already received a copy of the requirements; be sure to go over them with your Scoutmaster. Chapter meetings are currently being held along with the Round Table on a monthly basis. Anyone may attend the meetings; you need not be an OA Rep! I am certainly open to ideas, questions, and comments that my fellow Brothers may have. Please email me at any time. I look forward to seeing you at the Winter Fellowship!

In WWW, Chandler Weiner A-Bani-Ki Chapter Chief <u>crweiner@bellsouth.net</u>

#### Chee-Pa-Tah

#### Trade Winds District

Manatee District

Osceola District

I'm Walter Arnett, the new Chapter Chief for Chee-Pa-Tah Chapter. I have great plans for the Chapter. Our Chapter meetings are held the first Thursday of every month at the Church of the Latter Day Saints in Wellington. I hope that any and all Chapter members can come to the meeting and become more active in the Chapter and the Lodge. Yours in Brotherhood,

Walter Arnett Chee-Pa-Tah Chapter Chief <u>dutchee90@msn.com</u>

#### Coo-Wa-Chobee

Coo-Wa-Chobee Chapter Members,

There's excitement and fun at each of COO-WA-CHOBEE Chapter meetings! We are averaging 24 Arrowmen at each meeting. To promote Chapter attendance to Winter Fellowship, we will be passing out our brand new Coo-Wa-Chobee Chapter Shirts to our active Arrowmen in attendance. Plans have been made to have a Chapter fishing tournament, the date for this event will be voted on soon, so stay active for more information. There will be a trophy for the largest fish caught. We have assembled our election team to conduct the election of future Arrowmen.

In WWW, Eliott Taft Coo-Wa-Chobee Chapter Chief <u>TaftTroop2@aol.com</u>

Panasofee

No report.

**Okeechobee District** 

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## Lowaneu Mawat

Greetings, to one and all from, again, the Number 1 Chapter in Aal-Pa-Tah. We are hard at work building points for the run to Number One for next year. We have had 10 candidates complete their Ordeal in September, 4 Ordeal members sealed their membership and a Black Sash has been awarded to one of our Chapter members for being an Elangomat. Congratulations to all of you.

Lowaneu Mawat continues to meet on the second Monday of every month during District Roundtable. Attendance continues to rise but slowly. We would love to see more of our members attend. You will not get handed a job if you come and attend. It's not like that. Ask your Scoutmaster for a ride because they need to attend the Roundtable also.

We now have five completed Ceremonial Regalia Outfits. Improvements on each outfit continue with receipt of a peace pipe and two possible bags. There are two upcoming Cub Scout events that we have been asked to perform for. Campfire lighting and Bobcat awards at Oklawaha for two Packs on November 1 and an Arrow of Light award at the November Roundtable on November 12<sup>th</sup>. More events are in the works. If you want to have fun and be part of a growing team, come to the Roundtable meetings and volunteer or get a hold of me or Ian.

Our One Day of Service Project was completed at the Environmental Learning Center in Wabasso on October 6<sup>th</sup>. We had thirteen members there that contributed 78 hours of work. We then all chipped in and had a pizza party in Sebastian at Giuseppe's Italian Restaurant. A little work and a lot of fun was had by all. Here's hoping you all had a great Thanksgiving and we will see you at the third Ordeal Weekend at Oklawaha.

Yours in service, Chas Carlson Lowaneu Mawat Chapter Chief

#### Nekeewa

Nekeewa Chapter Members,

The Chapter One Day service project is this Saturday, November the Tenth. Arrive at the Martin County Fairgrounds in the back entrance. We will be collecting canned goods and sorting the whole District's canned goods. You can either come at nine o' clock or come for an hour or two and help out after your Troop drops of their food. The Chapter meeting will be Thursday, November the Fifteenth. This will be at the old Pine School right down the street from J.D. Parker. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. We will be discussing upcoming events. Please attend.

In Brotherhood, Zach Regan Nekeewa Chapter Chief

#### Oiyatah

No report.

#### Osceola

Osceola Chapter Members,

I have just a few quick updates for you today. Remember to join our Yahoo group: Osceola237@yahoogroups.com in order to receive Chapter updates and information. Just send an email to the address above with your first and last name for admittance. I hope that this will keep us in closer communication and boost our participation at Lodge events. Also, be sure to stay on the lookout for information on our Operation One Day, which is in the planning process. I look forward to seeing everyone at winter fellowship.

Yours in service, Dillon Pettyjohn 2007-2008 Chapter Chief (561) 222-9660 Dpetty1409@aol.com

#### Lighthouse District

#### Indian River District

Treasure Coast District



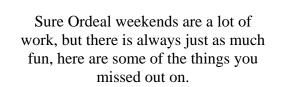
## Sailfish District

# The September Ordeal Weekends

Thank you to everyone who helped plan and carry out the two Ordeal weekends this past September. With your help we were able to induct **153** new Brothers into our Order. We have another Ordeal approaching; the weekend of January 4-6 at Camp Oklawaha. Once again, Thank You to all who helped out.

WWW, Mike Grove





Want to see everything? It's all online in our gallery! www.gallery.aal-pa-tah237.org Even during a work weekend, everyone has a blast. Imagine how much fun the Winter Fellowship and Spring Powwow will be.

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Stephen with his World Jamboree Souvenirs.



Pictures by: Patrick Rice and Salvatore Sodano.

## Welcome New Members

Welcome Brothers, 153 new Ordeal Members to be exact. You are now part of the National Honor Society of the Boy Scouts of America. This is a great honor. I now charge each and every one of you to live up to this honor by becoming an active member in our Lodge. You will find that involvement in the Order of the Arrow will not only prove to be a good time, but it will also teach you essential life skills, like leadership. This is definitely one of the biggest achievements in your life, but you need to give it a chance. You can get involved by just going to the weekends, I personally ensure that you will have a great time. As for all of current members, you know very well how much of an honor induction into our Lodge really is, please make sure to congratulate these new members. Ordeal members should read the requirements for Brotherhood Membership on the next page to seal your membership in the Order.



Stephen Alexander **Bronson Allen** Jett Anderson Jack Babcock Catlin Barker Bryan Bean William Blum **Trent Boggess** Patrick Brass Paul Brown Michael Burgard Armando Calienes Levi Caplinger John Capone Michael Capone **Michael Cardenas** Alec Connolly **Rick Conover** James Copeland Tim Covert **Eric Coyra-Calienes** Andrew Cunningham Thomas Cunningham Matt Dalv Ronson Del'etoile Christopher Demichael **Ronald Desjardins** Sathesh Dias **Brian Donney** John Dysard **Bradley Eldred** Jonathan Elias Daniel Esneul Jacob Fagan Aj Fandrey Aaron Flack Andrew Fontaine Cory Forbes Sean Foster

Luke Fountain David Freia Jonny Freia Dylan Gamache Logan Gamer Eric Gfesser **Brandon Gibbons** Jason Gosh Zachary Harrison Phillip Harrylal John Hausman **Brandon Henle Richard Hicks** Robert Hill Austin Hilton Jeremy Hobbs Ethan Hodges Andrew Holden Adam Hollander **Douglas Holmes** Brian Holzschuh Aaron Hoyt Miguel Irizarry Jason Jackson Steven Jackson Tvler Jackson Scott Jansen Wade Jennings David Kanner Dylan Kenney Jimmy King Luke King Bobby Kozell David Lee Matthew Lee Ryan Linderman Patrick Lusk Simeon Lyons Raymond Macht

Raphael Magana Jacob Manges Seth Manges **Devon Mayo** Sam Mccoy Sean Mcgee Evan Mclean Peter Merritt Craig Meyers **Kreig Meyers** Jamie Mickel **Duncan Miller** Matt Miller **Donald Moniger** Jake Moore James Moore Jacob Morson Marlon Murasko Anthony Nguyen Nick Nocera Ron Nordhagen **Tony Norwillo** Christopher Nunn Stephen Nunn Chris Olbrych Dan Olbrych David Osgood Chris Perkins **David Peters Tommy Phillips** Ryan Piccolo **Diana Piper** T. Owen Pratt Daniel Puerto **Brian Puglisi** Ryan Rafuls Geri Regan Dave Riley Adam Roberts

**Erskine Rogers** Jeremy Rouse Abhinav Saini Nicholas Salcito Dan Schulman Tyler Serio **Benjamin Shankwitz** Zachary Smith Beth Snyder Cole Snyder Holly Soles Michael Sonnelitter **Christopher Spute** Mike Starling Justin Stine Michael Suarez Christopher Swindler Michael Tessler Jim Totton Zachary Totton Dale Tucker Nathan Tucker Jonathan Van Dyke Brandon Vasquez Charlie Vilmar Kris Waide Nick Walker Shane Walsh Allen Webber Elliot Wechsler Braemen Weiner **Taylor Winder** Joshua Wright Robert Wysong Logan Yates Anthony Zunker

## Section Seminars

Section Seminars was hosted by Semialachee Lodge at Wallwood Scout Reservation in Quincy, Florida. The event included a Friday afternoon of tubing down the Ichnetucknee River and fun filled weekend of seminars in leadership, high adventure, ceremonies and Native American activities. I unfortunately missed Section Seminars this year. After hearing how good the weekend was, I wish that there was some way I could have went. If you missed this exciting section event make sure you go to the Spring Powwow which is conducted in a similar fashion. And just in case you don't believe me, you can ask any one of these five guys who were among the lucky ones to attend.

> In WWW, Salvatore Sodano



# Congratulations New Brotherhood Members

Our Lodge now has 67 new Brotherhood members, way to go! After 10 months as an Ordeal member in the Order, you can seal your membership by becoming a Brotherhood member. If you see these brothers, make sure to congratulate them on their achievement:



Robert B Baker Adam J Bourque Alex Bradford Michael A Brown Gary E Buzen Erik F Christensen Chris K Davis Jordan A Davis Kevin P Downes Josh L Everett Devan A Faillace Stephen M Faillace Steven D Feldman Matthew E Gagne Robert A Glassman

Scott Arnett

Walter Arnett

Chris Gocio John C Gordon **Brian A Harner** Scott M Hausman Taylor G Hoffman Jeffrey P Jones Jerrid A Kosma Lizbeth A Kraus Michael P Kraus Elvin V Manges Meredith L May Michael P Mcgee Jake P Mcgowan Patricia P Mckay **Teodor G Merritt** David Miller Robert Miller

Brendon T Morgan Brian A Morgan Shawn L Nichols Daniel A Norwood Matthew R Odell Greg M Olbrych Andrew R Padden AI J Pantone Steven M Pollachek Robert L Preston Zach M Regan Devin P Richie Matt J Rilev Bryan T Roden Matthew R Scott Cathy R Smith Francis Smith

Stewart D Smith Luke F Spratt Debra A Stahl Justin S Stanford Logan W Tessler Andrew M Tymczyszyn Kevin J Vaccarello Steven H Vandercook Jeffrey A Ward Justin S Warnimont Taylor V Warren Sam A Webber Chandler R Weiner Robert A Weiner Shiiyantha Wimalasekera **Bradley A Woods** 

Each weekend, Arrowmen have an opportunity to seal their membership and become Brotherhood members. Those who would like to complete their Brotherhood will need to do the following:

- 1. Be an active paying member for 10 months
- 2. Memorize the O.A. Obligation, Song, Admonition, Handclasp, and sign of Ordeal membership
- 3. Gain a thorough understanding of the Ordeal through which you passed
- 4. Write a letter to Lodge Secretary explaining:
  - a. Your interpretation of the O.A. Obligation
  - b. Describe how you have fulfilled, and will continue to fulfill, the Obligation in your Troop or Team and in your daily life.
  - c. How you have used your understanding of the ordeal to aid in service to the Lodge
  - d. Describe your specific plans for giving service in the Lodge
- 5. Register for Brotherhood prior to weekend and pay additional \$14 fee at or before the weekend

## Congratulations New Vigil Honor Members

The Vigil Honor is the highest recognition that our Lodge can bestow and we would like to congratulate our six new Vigil Honor Members for 2007. 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. Our six new Vigil Honor Members are:

Chas Carlson David Carlson R Scotty Paul	J Patrick Rice Patrick Rice Ted Sobol	

## SAW Cleanup

Salvatore Sodano SAW Cleanup Coordinator

Scouting Advancement Weekend was November 16th-18th. The OA was given the opportunity to ensure that Camp was left in good condition after the council's largest event of the year. We had a great team of 28 people show up on Sunday,

contributing more than 85 hours of service. Also, three Troops and some non-OA members aided us completing our project. All of the people and Troops who helped are listed below. Thank you for your help!

Lea Arnold Tim Arnold Matt Carothers George Cooper Jack Cooper Zack Crochfelt Mike Fiheray Sean Foster Matt Gagne Sandy Griffiths Harlan Pierce Brandon Haydan Richard Hicks Jerry Regan Mike Regan Zack Regan Frank Schwarz Steve Steinmetz Adam Taft Frank Taft Zack Taft Skip Tavernia Jesus Tomas Josh Vasata Matt Walker Shane Walsh Robert Weil Troop 204 Troop 333 Troop 888



Zack Regan carries the first bag of trash.



# New World Jamboree Flaps

Two of the newest additions to our Lodge Box are our World Jamboree Contingent Flaps. There are two versions of the flap, the first with a yellow border (\$5) and the second with a gold mylar border (\$25). The money from the sale of these patches will support our two contingents to ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup>. Just remember, these patches are available to all members and are a crucial part to any Aal-Pa-Tah patch collection.

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Spring Powwow 2008! Calling All Gators!

It's time again for the BIGGEST Lodge Weekend AAL-PA-TAH has to offer. Spring Powwow 2008! This weekend will be held at Camp Tanah Keeta on March 7th-9th. Spring Powwow has something for everyone: Seminars and Trainings, Chapter Competitions and Activities and even a Powwow Saturday night! So come on out and have a great time at Spring Powwow 2008.

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, by **March 1st**. Members must be dues paid to participate in Lodge events. 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.

Save the hassle of having to register. Why not purchase a 2008 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.