

AAL PA TAH LODGE

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December 13, 2006

Dear Member of the Executive Board,

Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge is pleased to have this opportunity to present a report of our activities during 2006. Similar to the Gulf Stream Council, the Lodge adopted a five year strategic plan for 2003-2007. The plan focuses on three areas that are important to the Council and are integral parts of the Order of the Arrow: Leadership, Service and Financial Support.

Leadership

All of the activities of the Lodge are youth run. Members of the Lodge had a number of opportunities to be involved in activities. The lodge held a Lodge Banquet, Spring Pow-wow Weekend, Pig Roast, Turkey Roast, Mentoring Day, and Lodge Leadership Development Conference. The lodge encourages involvement at the unit level and support of other council activities, including summer camp. The lodge actively supports the Scoutreach Mentoring Program. A member of our lodge has earned all three mentoring awards and the lodge sponsored the first mentoring day at Camp Ab-ba-lu-fa this year.

Service

The lodge provided service to the council camps and to the community. The lodge held the first Ordeal of the year at Camp Oklawaha in Sebastian. A service weekend to prepare for summer camp was held in June and two more Ordeals were held in August and September, inducting a total of 191 new Ordeal members. The lodge had twenty members participate in the council's spring break trip to Camp Tiak near Wiggins, Mississippi. The lodge had thirty people earn the Leadership in Service Award. The lodge also participated in the Southern Region's One Day of Service program. The lodge had one youth, Jay Pantone, attend the Trail Crew program at Philmont, one staff member at Philmont and two members (out of eight total) who served as guides for the Wilderness Voyage at Northern Tier.

Financial Support

Each year the Lodge contributes to the council endowment fund through the naming of one of our members a James E. West recipient. The lodge has named four individuals so far. The 2006 honoree is Debbie Clineman. The 2007 honoree will be announced at the lodge banquet in January. In addition, the lodge contributed \$1,000 towards the councils spring break trip to Camp Tiak as well as contributions to the camp. The lodge continues to strengthen and diversify the James T. Sasser Campership Fund. Scholarships from this fund were provided to help five young men to attend a week of summer camp at Tanah Keeta. The lodge has also committed funds to future camp improvement projects such as the irrigation system for the parade field at Camp Loxahatchee.

In addition, the lodge sent a contingent of 105 members to Section Conference in April, 41 participants and 11 staff to the National Order of the Arrow Conference in July, and 41 participants at the Section Seminars in October. The lodge also presented a Founders' Award to Bill Jones and the Vigil Honor to eight Arrowmen (and women). The lodge implemented a "Best All-around Chapter" that was won by the Lowaneu Mawats (Indian River District). By the way, Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge will be a "Quality Lodge" again in this year.

Yours In Scouting,

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Lodge Chief



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