

## Chapters

Each Chapter corresponds to a district. Each Chapter had a Chapter Chief (a youth) who organizes and runs the activities of your chapter. These Chapter Chiefs are as follows:

Chapter	District	Chief
A-Bani-Ki	Everglades	Kyle Webb
Lowaneu Mawat	Indian River	Tristan Dales
Oi-Ya-Tah	Treasure Coast	<i>Vacant</i>
Ne-Kee-Wa	Sailfish	Gabe Cloudt
Wyhome-Pa-Tah	Lighthouse	Josh Caudill
Pan-a-so-fee	Big Lake	<i>Vacant</i>

The strength of the Lodge comes from the strength of the chapters, just as the strength of our council comes from the strength of our districts. Strong chapters have chapter meetings where they provide information about chapter and lodge events. At weekends, chapters camp and work together. They also compete against other chapters in a variety of games and other events.

## FAST Pass 2018

Sign up for a “Fast Pass” for 2018 year and get admission to all four lodge weekends plus the year set of patches and a limited edition Fast Pass Dangle. Not only do you get the patches, but you lock in weekend payments at \$20 per weekend versus the current fee of \$26. Fast Pass for 2016 are now available for purchase.

## Lodge Box

Each weekend in the Dining Hall you will find the Lodge Box open and ready for business. At the Lodge Box we sell items ONLY available to members of the Lodge—cool shirts, hats, cups, pins and of course PATCHES! Aal-Pa-Tah is well known for its patches, so stop by and see what they have.

# Aal-Pa-Tah First Year Arrowman Guide 2018



[www.aal-pa-tah237.org](http://www.aal-pa-tah237.org)

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## First Year Arrowman Award Requirements

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Ordeal: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Must attend at least three weekends within the next year. (Fall Festival, SLS, Winter Fellowship, Summer Gathering, Section Conference, or Spring Ordeal.)

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2. Must attend at least 1 service event (Gator Grind Build, SAW, Lodge Weekend, Chapter Service Days, Trail Crew Days, etc.)

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(Registrar)

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(Date)

3. Seal membership through Brotherhood within the first two eligible weekends.

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4. Meet with at least three committee chairman and discuss what their committee is about.

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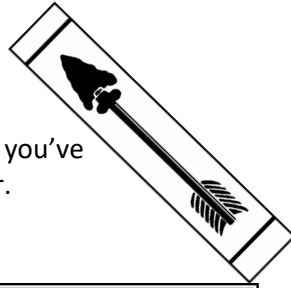
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## Brotherhood Requirements

Now is the time for you to seal your membership in our Order. You made a commitment at your Ordeal to cheerfully serve your fellow man. *It is only right* that you renew that commitment after ten months and become a Brotherhood member of Aal-Pa-Tah. For help, go to [www.jumpstart.aa-bsa.org](http://www.jumpstart.aa-bsa.org)

- Be an Ordeal member for at least ten months.
- Know the Obligation and Song.
- Write a letter to the secretary explaining how you've lived up to the Order since becoming a member.
- Admonition and Handclasp



### Obligation

I do hereby promise on my honor as a Scout, that I will always and faithfully observe and preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow, Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui.

I will always regard the ties of brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow as lasting, and will seek to preserve a cheerful spirit, even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities, and will endeavor, so far as in my power lies, to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others.

### SONG

"Firm bound in brotherhood,  
Gather the clan that cheerful  
service brings to fellow man.

Circle our council fire,  
Weld tightly ev'ry link  
that binds us in brotherhood,  
Wimachtendienk.

**ORDER OF THE ARROW OFFICIAL SONG**  
WORDS BY E. URNER GOODMAN

Firm bound in bro-ther-hood, Ga - ther the  
clan That cheer-ful serv-ice brings To fel-low man.  
Cir-cle our coun-cil fire, Weld tight-ly ev'-ry link That  
binds us in bro-ther-hood, Wi-mach - ten - dienk.

## Letter from the Lodge Chief

My Brothers,

Congratulations on the successful completion of your ordeal. I want to welcome you to the National Camping Honor Society of Scouting and **Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge #237**, home of the Gators!!! I hope everyone had a great first weekend in our lodge.

The next weekend which lies upon us is Spring Ordeal 2018 at Camp Tanah Keeta. For more info on the weekend look farther in the booklet. I can guarantee that you will love it. There will be lots of Food, Fun and Fellowship all weekend long. Before the Ordeal will take place our Annual Banquet (Jan. 6) and OA Day (Feb. 3). Beyond Spring Ordeal, I would invite you to participate in Section Conference. Please watch for more communication regarding the event, it is the BIGGEST PARTY of the YEAR!

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

WWW,  
Gregory Yentz, Lodge Chief

## A Welcome from Vice Chief of Inductions

To our newest Arrowmen,

I am Ryan White, the Vice Chief of Inductions. I give all of you a warm welcome to our Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge 237. I'd like to tell you about the Order the Arrow honor award for First Year Arrowman.

The requirements are listed on page 11 (the second to last page.) This is an easy award to earn if you are active in the Lodge. If you need to contact me just email me at [lodge237@gmail.com](mailto:lodge237@gmail.com).

I encourage each of you to consider completing the First Year Award and I look forward to working with you.

WWW,  
Matt Mirandi, Vice Chief of Inductions

## Websites

### Lodge Website

The Lodge Website [www.aal-pa-tah.org](http://www.aal-pa-tah.org) is a very useful tool. All of this information can be found on it and more. You can read past and present Gator tales, you can check out pictures from the latest weekends and even register and pay for upcoming weekends, so make sure to check it out.

### OA Jumpstart Website

The Order of the Arrow Jumpstart website [www.jumpstart.oa-bsa.org](http://www.jumpstart.oa-bsa.org) is another great tool that will help you understand the ordeal you went through and more thoroughly understand the purpose and goal of the Order. There are also a lot of great resources to help you prepare to seal yourself in the brotherhood. I definitely recommend going to this website when you get some free time.

### Other useful sites

Council site: [gulfstreamcouncil.org](http://gulfstreamcouncil.org)

National Site: [oa-bsa.org/](http://oa-bsa.org/)

High Adventure Site: [adventure.oa-bsa.org/](http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/) Information on the four high adventure programs in the Order of the Arrow. DEFINITELY CHECK THIS OUT.

Lodge Facebook Group: [facebook.com/aalpatah](https://facebook.com/aalpatah)

## Gator Tales

The official publication of Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge is The Gator Tales which is published quarterly by our Publications Chairperson, Justin Krum. Look for it in your mail box soon! If your address has changed, let us know so we can be sure you get this great newsletter!

## Lodge Offices (con't)

### Vice-Chief of Service

The Lodge Vice-Chief of Service is responsible for coordinating all service of the Lodge, including Induction Weekends, service days and weekends, and service at district and council activities. He works with properties and camp maintenance committees, as well as with the Camp Ranger. He recruits manpower for projects, and tracks service hours for each individual. He sits on the Lodge Executive Committee, and supports the Lodge Chief in providing a quality program to the Arrowmen of the Lodge and to the Scouts of the Council. He sets a good example at all times to the people he leads and to the Community he serves.

### Lodge Secretary

The Lodge Secretary is responsible for all publications put out by the Lodge. He ensures that a quality newsletter is delivered to Arrowmen frequently and in a timely fashion. He sits on the Lodge Executive Committee and takes the minutes of the LEC. He sets a good example at all times to the people he leads and to the community he serves.

### Lodge Treasurer

The Lodge Treasurer is responsible for the financial aspects of the Lodge. He markets new items that are being sold in the Lodge Box, runs the Lodge Box sales and reports the financial state of the Lodge to the Lodge Executive Committee. He sits on the Lodge Executive Committee. He sets a good example at all times to the people he leads and to the community he serves.

### Lodge Historian

The Lodge Historian is responsible for the documentation of Lodge History both past and present. He prepares a "King's Cup" display that depicts the history of the Lodge. He takes photographs and keeps patches and records from the Lodge and ensures their preservation. He sits on the Lodge Executive Committee. He sets a good example at all times to the people he leads and to the community he serves.



## Lodge Offices

### Lodge Chief

The Lodge Chief is responsible for the running of the Lodge. He is the Chairman of the Lodge Executive Committee. He is responsible for all Lodge programs, as well as supporting other programs in the BSA. The Lodge Chief serves on all separate operating committees within the Lodge, everything from the Food Service Committee to the Drum Team Committee. The Lodge Chief is the only Youth Representative on the Council Executive Board and serves as the voice of not only all Arrowmen, but all Scouts in general. He also sits on the Section's Council of Chiefs and serves as the Lodge's representative to the Section. The Lodge Chief sets a good example at all times to the people he leads and to the community he serves.

### Vice-Chief of Inductions

The Lodge Vice-Chief of Inductions is in charge of all things Inductions. He oversees the elections process, the ordeal weekends, the ceremonies team, and the brotherhood process. He makes sure that the Spirit of the Arrow booklets are prepared for the weekend and mailed to the candidates on the right dates and

he makes sure that new candidate registration goes smoothly at weekends. He oversees unit election training and updates this booklet. He sets a good example at all times to the people he leads and to the community he serves.

### Vice-Chief of Program

The Lodge Vice-Chief of Program is responsible for overseeing the planning of all Lodge Weekends. He prepares a summary report of each activity for future use, and also coordinates services at Lodge Weekends, service days and events. He sits on the Lodge Executive Committee and supports the Lodge Chief in providing a quality program to the Arrowmen of the Lodge and to the Scouts of the Council. He sets a good example at all times to the people he leads and to the community he serves.



## Lodge Events

### Summer Gathering

Our Lodge kicks off the summer with this fun-filled event. Join us for Fun, Food and Fellowship!!!! At this event, you really get to know your chapters because of all the challenging chapter competitions. We also provide cheerful service by helping getting Tanah Keeta ready for Summer Camp!

### Spring Ordeal

This is the first our Lodge's two Ordeal weekends. Having the Ordeal early in the year has been popular as the weather is cooler and by attending this Ordeal, Arrowman can participate in all of the remaining Lodge events during the year. In addition, the service completed by all of our Lodge members at this event has a huge impact on the camp and prepares the camp for summer programs. But it is not all work! The feast kicks off an evening of FUN, FUN, FUN.

### Fall Festival

Ordeals are by far our most important weekends because these events are when we induct our new members. Every active member in our Lodge plays a part in the Ordeal, whether it be by being Elangomats for the Candidates,

performing the ceremonies, or just doing what needs to be done and providing Service to camp. The goal of this weekend is to promote the Order's motto, Cheerful Service.

### Winter Fellowship

This great weekend is filled with exciting games, fun activities, great service projects and interesting seminars; there's always something to do. You can't beat it.

### Lodge Banquet

In January, we hold our annual Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge Banquet. Banquet is where we gather for pure fellowship, and recognizing some of our brothers from the previous and current years. Please come on out and enjoy being a part of the Lodge celebrations.

### Service Days

There is so much the Lodge does at camp but there is even more we CAN do. Consider coming out to camp (and bring your unit also) as we build, repair and spiff up the camp! These events are open to EVERYONE and lunch is provided by our great kitchen crew! Re-member, cheerful service!

## Section and National Events

### Section Leadership Summit

This year this event takes place at Camp Wallwood in Quincy Florida (near Tallahassee) on November 6-8th. Section Leader Summit offers a ton of training classes on a variety of subject. There will be something for everyone and an emphasis on AIA topics.

### Section Conference

This is it! This is the event Aal-Pa-Tah strives for every year. At this weekend our Lodge is put to the test against all other Lodges in our Section and we really give them a run for their money. This is truly a blast. This year it will be in Camp Elmore in Davie Florida from April 8-10th.

### National Order of the Arrow Conference ("NOAC")

As an Arrowman, this is the biggest event you can attend in the Order of the Arrow. The last NOAC took place in 2015, and was the 100th year anniversary of the OA . The Lodge sent 95 Arrowman (79 participants and 16 staff) to the University of Michigan. Next NOAC—don't miss it—2018!

OA High Adventure—ask the Chief about opportunities to attend any of the 4 high adventure bases as a member of OA; for low and reduced prices!

## NOAC 2018

The next National Order of the Arrow Conference will take place from July 30th, to August 4th at the Indiana Univeristy in Bloomington, IN.

This experience is not one to miss! Arrowmen from all over the country are lining up to participate in what will be the event of a life-time! This is the second largest national event hosted by the Boy Scouts of America. The week is full of fellowship, innovative seminars, exciting program and competitions, and unforgettable shows. Due to the high anticipation, the lodge has opened an application to attend, and it can be found on the NOAC 2018 page under the Events Tab on the lodge website. Make sure to check it out!

See you at NOAC!!!

## Committees

### Ceremonial Team

This important committee conducts the ceremonies for Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil Ceremonies. They also train and help outfit Chapter Teams to conduct Cub Scout Ceremonies and Crossover Events. They compete in Section and National conferences.

### Dance Team

Performs Powwow Style Dances at OA events and competes in Dance Competitions at Section Conference and NOAC.

### Drum Team

Provides singers for drumming at the OA Powwow events and competes in Drum Competitions at Section Conference and NOAC.

### Aal-Pa-Tah Service Crew

This committee is the best and most fun. We are responsible for all of the lodges stuff. we organize repair and do maintenance on all lodge areas in camp (pressure cleaning, painting etc). We also plan and do service projects to add onto and improve lodge areas. If it was not for the quartermaster committee the lodge would not be able to

operate the way it does.

### Food Services

This very important and dependable committee provides excellent food service at all the Lodge weekends. Their duties include planning, preparing and serving our meals. This is truly the backbone of every weekend because without great tasting, nutritional food, we wouldn't have such healthy Lodge leadership.

### Trail Crew

This committee builds and maintains trails throughout the Mike Machek Trail system. Come see parts of camp you may have never experienced and help build stuff and blaze trails! See Ryan White for more details.

### Election Teams

Every chapter has the task of completing elections in each of the units in their chapter. Please consider helping out by volunteering to help with elections.