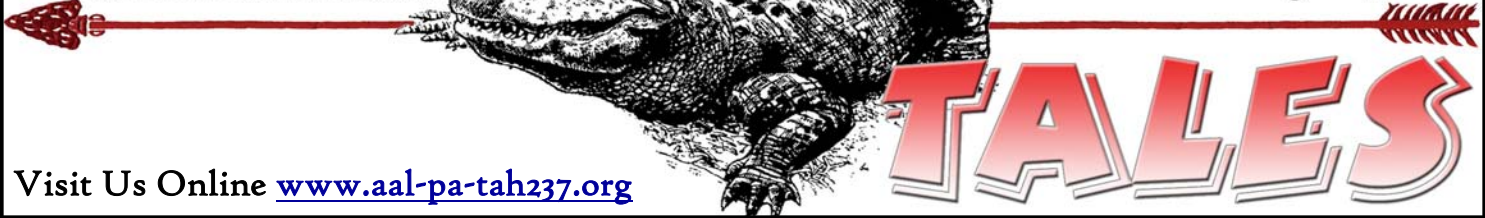


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Calendar

August 30
LLDC at T.K.

September 5-7
Ordeal Weekend
at T.K.

November 7-9
Section Seminars
Hosted by Aal-Pa-Tah

December 5-7
Winter Fellowship at T.K.

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

Section S-4 Seminars

Camp Tanah Keeta

Brothers,

That time of year is upon us once again. That's right it is time for Section Seminars. I know, I know, I thought the same thing. Great, oh boy, Seminars. But then I remembered something, something that would be different about this year's seminars, it is going to be hosted by the BEST ALL AROUND LODGE. That's right AAL-PA-TAH Lodge is playing host to the section this November. That means everyone needs to join in the fun and pitch in this November 7th to the 9th so we can show our section, including the new lodges, how awesome Aal-Pa-Tah is. This isn't going to be your average Section Seminars; it is going to be a weekend of fun, food, and fellowship, with a little bit of learning thrown in for good measure. This is a must attend weekend, it is going to be talked about for years to come. I can hear them now, "Do you remember Section Seminars back in 2008?" "Oh yeah, that was a good time." And if you don't show up, you are going to be left out of dozens of insightful conversations like that one. That's not something I would want to miss. "Wow, that sounds like the most fun ever, I really want to be a part of that and help out. How can I get involved?" Great question Johnny Arrowman, you can get involved by going to the September Ordeal, where we will be doing various work projects to prepare camp for an event of this magnitude. Contact me if you think you have something else to bring to the table or would like to be in charge of some aspect of this event. Other than that, just get pumped up to attend the best weekend of your OA career!

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Chiefly Speaking



To all of the Brothers in Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge #237, the **Best Lodge, All Around**. I would like to say that I am humbled and honored to serve as your Lodge Chief for the 2008-2009 year. It is a privilege to have been elected to serve the **Best Lodge, All Around**. Myself, the other Lodge Officers, and the Committee Chairmen have a lot of new and exciting activities in store for the year ahead. among which are:

On the weekend of May 30-June 1, 2008, Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge held its Service / 1st Ordeal Weekend at Camp Tanah Keeta. Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge members and Ordeal candidates helped the Tanah Keeta Summer Camp Staff prepare the camp for the various activities that took place there this summer. I would like to congratulate the fifty-six new Ordeal members that were inducted into our Lodge during the weekend. I urge all of our new Brothers to attend the next Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge weekend, which is free for our new members (the 2nd Ordeal weekend, which is September 5th—7th) to get the full experience of an Aal-Pa-Tah weekend.

On the Wednesdays of June and July, “OA Day” was celebrated at Tanah Keeta Summer Camp. On “OA Day,” Camp Tanah Keeta was decorated with OA and Aal-Pa-Tah signs, banners, and posters, as if it was an actual Lodge weekend! Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge fight songs were sung during the meals, the Lodge Box was open for all Arrowmen, and the Hitchiti Dancers put on a pow-wow at night. A call-out ceremony followed the pow-wow as well as recognition for all of the new Ordeal members. A Brotherhood ceremony also took place on each of the four nights, and I am happy to say that twenty-nine Brothers sealed their membership in our Order during these days.

I urge all Brothers in Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge #237 to attend the next Lodge weekend, the 2nd Ordeal Weekend, which will be held at Camp Tanah Keeta on September 5-7. It will be the last Ordeal weekend for this year’s class of Arrowmen. It is one of the most important weekends that Our Lodge puts on, because it is the first time that the candidates will experience an OA event as well as our Lodge. A strong presence of Brothers in attendance, would make the event even more memorable to our newest Brothers.

As most of you already know, Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge, the **Best Lodge, All Around**, will be the host for the 2008 Section S-4 Seminars on November 7-9, 2008. This will be the second time that Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge will have hosted a Section Seminars. It is going to be a fun and memorable event for all Brothers in Section S-4 and is not an event to miss.

In closing, this year is going to be one of the best years, all around, that Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge has seen. I look forward to working with each and every member in the Lodge, so that we can once again make Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge #237, the **Best Lodge, All Around!**

In Cheerful Service,

Michael Grove

Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge Chief 2008-2009

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:

October 1st

Officer Reports

Lodge Vice Chief of Service

Hello fellow Arrowmen, I am Justin Warnimont, Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge's 2008-09 Vice Chief of Service. My main focuses for the up-coming year are to rebuild the Machek Trail Crew, strengthen our support of the community by raising attendance in the "One Day of Service" projects, and to keep the "BEST ALL-AROUND LODGE" trophy in our own home.

During the past few years, the Machek Trail Crew has fallen out of existence, and as a result the trails of our home need some work. Over the next year, I hope to successfully rebuild the Trail Crew to its once great status and in doing so give our Lodge members yet another activity to experience through the Order of the Arrow. As a Trail Crew member you would start your hike Friday night and spend Saturday on the trail; repairing blazes, clearing trails and having fun with friends. Anyone who is interested in spending a weekend out readying the trails of TK for our fellow Scouts, please contact me.

Last year our Lodge had a record high number of service hours recorded. This year, I wish to exceed that amount and help our community at the same time by expanding the "One Day of Service" program. The "One Day of Service" projects are done at the Chapter level and are service projects organized and conducted by each Chapter to serve the community, all on October 22nd. But the most important thing to me is that we have fun. This year we as a Lodge will strengthen ourselves by expanding program and as a result we will raise our membership and have a lot more fun. Let's make this year the best year Aal-Pa-Tah has ever seen. If you have any suggestions or comments for the coming year, feel free to contact me anytime.

In WWW,

Justin Warnimont

vicechief@aal-pa-tah237.org

Lodge Historian

My Fellow Lodge Members, I am proud to serve the Lodge as Historian. My name is Steven Feldman and I am a proud Brotherhood member of our lodge. I am also an Eagle Scout with Troop 888. I am currently attending the University of Central Florida, majoring in Computer Science. I plan to attend all Lodge weekends, and to vastly improve our King's Cup display so that we maintain our First Place Title. If you would like to help or have ideas to improve the King's Cup, please email me. See you at the Ordeal Weekend.

Your Fellow Scout,

Steven Feldman

historian@aal-pa-tah237.org

Lodge Vice Chief of Program

Hey everyone, thanks for voting for me to be your new Vice Chief of Program for the 08' 09' year! This year should be a great one with us holding Section Seminars this year. Also, with the Hitchiti Dancers coming to every Lodge weekend, we should have a fun year full of partying and Native American activities. So again let me thank you for voting me to be the Vice Chief of the BEST ALL-AROUND Lodge! I will try to be the best Vice Chief that I can be. And this year I will make it my mission to help our new Chief, Mike Grove, as much as I am able. I hope we can lead us to another year as the Best All-Around Lodge for NOAC. So far this summer has been full of plans that will come to you soon and they will be great ones. And congrats to all the people who have been called out this year and all the new Brotherhood members who decided to seal their bond in our Brotherhood.

WWW,

Zach Regan

vicechiefprogram@aal-pa-tah237.org

Lodge Secretary

Hello Brothers,

This is Levi Stahl your new Lodge Secretary and I want to thank all of you for your support for this position and I will do my best to keep us THE BEST LODGE, ALL AROUND in Section S4. The production of the Gator Tales is going smoothly. Everyone needs to turn their articles in on time. You can send your articles to sal@gatortales.org. We will have a great year and continue to be THE BEST ALL AROUND

In WWW,

Levi Stahl

secretary@aal-pa-tah237.org

Lodge Treasurer

My Fellow Gators,

This is Oakley, your newly elected Lodge Treasurer. This year I plan to have the Lodge Box open more during the weekends and to have new items developed to be sold in the Box. If you have a design or an idea for a Lodge patch or item please email me.

Yours In Scouting,

Oakley Hammond

treasurer@aal-pa-tah237.org

Sharing the Vision

“Turning the Corner”



If this is your very first Gator Tales then Welcome Ordeal Member! If this is one of many Gator Tales, Welcome Brotherhood Arrowmen! If you have saved each and every Gator Tales and The Tipi for many many years, Welcome Vigil Member!

I truly believe that in the future our Lodge will become a little bit better or a little bit worse... depending on you and how active you are within our Lodge. If you really want our Lodge to “Turn the Corner” and be the Best All-Around Lodge then you have to be active in our Lodge in which case I will see you soon. If you do not stay active in our Lodge, then you will miss all of the fun, new activities that we are going to do at our weekends. I promise you that we will have great, exciting weekends but they will not mean a thing unless you are there!

So, if we have truly “Turned the Corner”...I’ll see you at the next Lodge Weekend!

In WWW,
Frank Taft,
Lodge Advisor
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Lodge Wish-List

The “Lodge Wish-List” area is one of several new editorials that have been added to the Gator Tales. The idea behind this section is that any item that the Lodge may need or want, any work project that the Lodge may want to work on or any goal that is being worked on can be listed for everyone in the Lodge to see. If you would like to add something to the list for the next issue of the Gator Tales, please email sal@gatortales.org, no item is too big or too small.

- ◆ Eagle Dance Regalia for the Hitchiti Dancers
- ◆ Teepee Poles or Donations for new Poles (cost about \$800 new)
- ◆ Wooden Chapter Signs made
- ◆ Refrigerator for Lodge Building (for the OA Grill)
- ◆ Fire Ring in front of the Lodge Building painted red and filled with sand.
- ◆ 237 members at each Lodge Weekend



If you can help out with any of these items, Please contact the Lodge Advisor.

Who Am I?

This section is another new addition to the Gator Tales. When you see a picture like the one to the right, all you have to do is use the clues provided to guess who it is and the answer will appear somewhere in each (this) issue.

Hint:

- ◆ Is that a fire extinguisher in his right hand?

If you have an old picture and would like it included in this section in a future issue, email sal@gatortales.org.



The answer to this “Who Am I?” is on page 12.

Elangomat Program

Fellow Arrowmen,

I would like to congratulate all of our new Ordeal Members and also thank all of the Elangomats that came out to the May Ordeal. We are also looking forward to them coming to the September Ordeal (September 5-7, 2008), so that they can continue on the path to earn their Black Sashes. In order to earn the Black Sash, an Arrowmen must be an Elangomat at least three times. They also must complete the Elangomat training each year. Sounds interesting? If so, we are going to have training for Elangomats after the LLDC on August 30, 2008, at 2:30 in the afternoon. The training will take place in the OA Lodge at Camp Tanah Keeta. Our goal for the coming year is to have **10** Brothers earn their black sashes. If you are interested in becoming an Elangomat, please feel free to contact me at (561) 676-5910 or at telliott829@gmail.com.

In the most Cheerful Service,

Elliott Taft

Elangomat Chairman

Brotherhood Membership

Calling All Ordeal Members

Do you meet this requirement "be registered in your Lodge for 10 months"? Well if you do then you are eligible to receive your Brotherhood.

As a Brotherhood Member you will be seen as a true and willing member of our Order, someone who has committed themselves to serving the Lodge. At the next Lodge weekend, the September Ordeal, a Brotherhood ceremony will be offered. So, if you wish to seal your membership in the Order, attend the weekend and see the steps below so that you can receive your Brotherhood.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Walter "Dutchee" Arnett

Brotherhood Chairman

After 10 months as an Ordeal member in the Order, you can seal your membership by becoming a Brotherhood member. At each Lodge 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 registered member for at least 10 months
2. Memorize the OA 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 OA Obligation
 - b. Describe how you have fulfilled, and will continue to fulfill, the Obligation in your Troop, Team, Crew or Ship 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 the additional \$14 fee at or before the weekend

Why would you want to Seal your Membership in the OA and become a Brotherhood Member?

Well the answer to that is simple. Brotherhood Membership is considered the full membership in the OA. Do not worry, all of you Ordeal Members are still in the OA. Brotherhood Membership gives you a total understanding of the Order of the Arrow. Additionally it helps our Lodge in Section competitions and Quality Lodge Recognition. The main point is, you will not know what Brotherhood is until you have become a Brotherhood Member. Just remember this, it is worth it. For more information on Brotherhood, visit:

www.jumpstart.oa-bsa.org



Mega Scout Show Pig Roast and Turkey Fry

The 2008 Annual OA Lodge 237 Pig Roast and Turkey Fry was held again this year at the Mega Scout Show on Saturday, May 4th at Tradition Field Baseball Stadium in Port St Lucie. We set up our site on Friday and got down to the business of smoking nearly 350 pounds of pork. Mr. Carlson, Mr. Trojan, Mrs. Soles, Chas, Ben and myself watched the smoker all night to make sure the pork was cooked just right. The results were fabulous, the meat was the best yet. On top of all the pork, we also deep fried 12 turkeys. At Noon Saturday the meat was served to all who wanted it by more than 25 Lodge members who came by to help. Within 2 hours it was gone. Arrowmen also manned 2 concession grills, serving hamburgers, hot-dogs, and sodas to Scout Show attendees. Proceeds were raised for projects at Tanah Keeta.



Also, we held a OA call out at the Mega Show and more than 30 new Scouts were called out to join the OA And a big thanks to Fed-Ex for the donation of a life sized gator to the Lodge, delivered to the Mega Show for all to see. It will be a great addition to the King's Cup display at section events.

In Brotherhood,

Gregory Soles

Mega Show Pig Roast/Turkey Fry
Adult Advisor



Pig (Above), Turkeys (Below)



Photos by Sal Sodano



The Hitchiti Dancers!



Mr. Soles proves that Gators love Fried Turkey (*above*)
The Ceremonies Team conducts a Call-Out (*below*)



Chas Carlson and his dad pack up (*above*)
Elliott Taft flexes his muscles (*below*)



Visit www.aal-pa-tah.org for more pictures, many more pictures



Lodge Chief Mike Grove waves as we pack up at the end of the day.

NOAC 2009

It's coming!! It's the National Order of the Arrow Conference and it's the best thing in Scouting next to a National Jamboree or getting your Eagle. It will be Saturday, August 1st through Thursday, August 6th 2009 and be held in Bloomington, Indiana at Indiana University. It looks to be a great time with lots of interesting things to do and if you are not careful you might just have fun or learn something.

Some interesting things came from the meeting at Section Conference. They are reinstating the 2 to 1 ratio (2 youth to 1 adult) again because there is a cap of only 8,000 on the attendance due to the size of the University. We should be receiving our allotment in October, and then the first deposits are due in January 2009. That may seem like a long time away but it will creep up real fast. Also, they expect transportation to be the biggest expense (surprise – NOT) due to the high cost of fuel. National will be coming online with their website soon, but right now they are fully focused on ArrowCorps⁵.

Some lodges have already started taking their own deposits and making calls for transportation. An airplane ride from West Palm to Bloomington is already somewhere around \$575 and is expected to rise. Bus transportation is worse with diesel at \$4.25 and climbing. One Lodge was given an estimate at \$900 per Arrowman but could not even get them to commit to it in writing. Most transportation places will not even talk to you yet about November, much less next August. We are going to need to do some serious fundraising to help with this.

Some things that were discussed were operating our Gator Grille at things like MEGA Show, SAW, Webelos Woods and other Council gatherings, and possibly doing it at times during Summer Camp (Wednesday or Friday evenings?) when it might be feasible. Also, a fund raising patch that we can sell to everyone in the Council, Cub Scouts included. Time is now to start on this project and we need to get out of the box with our thinking. Let's all start thinking early and get ahead of the ball. If we wait much longer we will be late. Please bring your ideas to our Lodge Officers.

WWW,
The NOAC Gang

Food Glorious Food!

Greetings and salutations. The Food Guys are up and ready to put out some great food this next Lodge weekend. Being that this is an Ordeal weekend, (never quite knowing when the meal times are) we have not come up with a theme for the weekend. What we thought we would do is cook some of the same meals that we are going to make for the Section Seminars coming in November. Kind of like a shake down cruise.

We are still open for ideas on what to do with our weekend meals. We've done Russian and Italian so far, we will probably try Mexican and are looking into Greek. If you have an idea for something you would like to see us try, come and see me Saturday afternoon and I'll give you a little treat.



Food will be great, there will be a lot of it, and everyone will leave full. It's our job to feed you till you burst.

In Food and WWW,
Chas Carlson & the OA Food Masters

The Gator Tales

Like what you see in the Gator Tales? Want to become a part of the Gator Tales staff? Better yet, want to be in charge of producing the Gator Tales? Aal -Pa-Tah is looking for Arrowmen with basic computer skills and the ability to work with the Officers and Chairmen of the Lodge to help produce a quality publication in a timely manner. If you are interested in any way, please e-mail me at sal@gatortales.org.

In WWW,
Salvatore Sodano
Publications Coordinator

ArrowCorps⁵

Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge sent a contingent of 12 Arrowmen to ArrowCorp⁵ at the George Washington and Jefferson National Forest site in Virginia. Aal-Pa-Tah members served in all capacities at this site: Mr. Elam Patterson and Mr. Richard Fore served on the Administrative staff for this site; Dutchee Arnett, Nathan Peavler, Levi Stahl, John Keltner and Mr. Barry Ekle served as Recreation Staff members at the Warm Springs site; Jonathan Van Dyke, Justin Stanford and Mr. Len Hungerford, Mr. Carl Fox, and Mr. Greg Soles went as participants, helping to build more than 62 miles of new hiking trails in the Alleghany Highlands Trail System and 12 new camp sites at Warm Springs.

While Mr. Patterson and Mr. Fore traveled up to VA early to set up the project, the rest of us left on June 19th to start the trek to AC5. After an overnight stay in Columbia, SC, we traveled to Blacksburg VA, where we all had lunch together before the Recreation Staff members went to Goshen Scout Reservation. Our ArrowCorps⁵ participants stayed in Blacksburg for the night. They toured around Blacksburg and found a hiking trail in the National Forest that led to Cascade Falls, a 60 foot waterfall some 2 miles up the trail. The next day, while traveling to Goshen, they stopped at the Natural Bridge, outside of Lexington VA. The Natural Bridge is one of the 7 natural wonders of the world. They went into a caverns that went 350 feet under ground, hiked under the bridge, went to a Native American Village, and saw a waterfall while there. Then, they traveled on to Goshen, where they checked in with more than 700 other Arrowmen to start ArrowCorps⁵.

Everyone spent Sunday training with the National Forest Service on Tool Usage, Safety, Hydration Safety, and Leave No Trace. Sunday evening, we were split up and half of our group went to the Warm Springs site on Lake Moomaw, which was a spectacular location. This site was over 2 hours away from Goshen. Our ArrowCorps⁵ participants worked on 4 different projects all separate from each other, and most did not see each other for the whole week. Recreation time was fun for all and ranged from boating and water skiing at the waterfront, to White Water Rafting at the New River Gorge, West Virginia. At the end of the week on Friday night everyone was reunited back at Goshen, and was treated to a great closing ceremony. We were addressed by the Deputy Director of the National Forest Service, where she told us that we put the trail building efforts in the George Washington and Jefferson Forests ahead by 10 years, and that the trails were considered professional grade in their construction. She closed by saying that one of the areas would be named the "ArrowCorps⁵ Trail Loop" to commemorate our service. The highlight of the evening though, was when our own Dutchee did his fire hoop dance for the whole crowd, and then received congratulations from both the National Chief and the National Chairman of the Order of the Arrow.

Saturday, we left for home, traveling to Hardeeville SC for the night, then home on Sunday. We were tired but highly satisfied that we were able to be a part of such a service project. We were charged with the "challenge" of creating smaller ArrowCorps⁵ type projects on a more local scale, and talk has already started on a "FloridaCorps10" to take place in Section S4 in 2010. Will you be there? I know I will...

In the Service of Brotherhood,

Gregory Soles

The Hitchiti Dancers

Greetings one and all, Dutchee here to inform the whole Lodge, from all you new Ordeal members to all you old Vigil members that I am the new Hitchiti Chief. Me, along with the rest of the dancers have been charged to be much more involved in the Lodge. Starting with a Pow-wow at each of the Lodge's events and taking charge to bring you a Spring Pow-wow like you have never seen. The legend of The Order of the Arrow was based on the Native American and I feel that it should be brought back into our Order. See you all at the next Ordeal.

Yours in WWW,

Walter "Dutchee" Arnett

Hitchiti Chief

The OA Grill

New! Coming to ALL Order of the Arrow Week-ends—The OA Grill! If you don't have time to eat before you get to TK, come visit the OA Grill from 6pm –8pm on Friday nights. Great hot dogs and hamburgers priced right!



An article from our Bridger-Teton ArrowCorps5 Contingent is on Page 11.

Service/Ordeal #1 Weekend



This weekend included Service to Tanah Keeta an Ordeal Ceremony and a healthy dose of fun. We had 56 new members inducted into our Order, we hope you come back to our next Ordeal Weekend on September 5th—7th which will include a good deal of fun for our new members.



The Ceremonies Team Poses for a Picture



The Ceremonial Team prepares for the Ordeal Ceremony



Section S-4 Vice Chief Sean Ferrier comes to visit

Welcome New Ordeal Members!

Welcome Brothers, 56 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 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 page 5 to seal your membership our the Order.



Anandan Amirthanaya
Laurie Beckett
Ricky Berlin
Tyler Bishop
Gerardo Blanco
Patrick Brennan
William Burrell
Anthony Cavanaugh
George Cooper
Bradley Corum
Kelsey Cupples
Peter D Angelo
Randell Doane
Michael Dzuro
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Zack Taft
Chris Trapasso
Sean Trivitt
Sarah Troupe
Robert Tymczyszyn
Shane West
Nathan White

ArrowCorps⁵

From July 26 through August 2, 2008, approximately 1,200 Arrowmen converged on the Bridger-Teton National Forest in Jackson Hole, Wyoming for the largest of the ArrowCorps⁵ projects. Aal-Pa-Tah Brothers Bradley Ellis, David Miller, and Robert Miller attended the Tetons site. Mr. Ellis was a Sector Boss on the ArrowTrail - the flagship trail of the Tetons site. Mr. Ellis oversaw approximately 80 Arrowmen to complete a 3,000 foot section of the newly constructed ArrowTrail. David Miller and his father Robert, represented Aal-Pa-Tah as participants, and they worked on the History Trail - a historic trail in the Teton Pass to which the Order of the Arrow provided much needed maintenance. In all, the Arrowmen at the Bridger-Teton site worked on five separate trails, completing almost 12 miles of trail construction in the Bridger-Teton National Forest. For more on the Bridger-Teton ArrowCorps⁵ site, feel free to find Mr. Ellis or the Millers at our upcoming Lodge weekends. They will be happy to share their experiences with you.

Section S-4 Seminars Schedule

November 7-9, 2008

Friday

3:00 pm	Registration Opens	Camp Office
5:00 pm	Trading Post Opens	OA Lodge Building
5:00 pm	Free Climb	Climbing Wall
8:30 pm	Welcome	Ft Blanchard
9:00 pm	Cracker Barrel	Dining Hall
9:00 pm	Dive-in Movie	Pool
9:00 pm	Council of Chiefs	Nature Lodge
11:30 pm	Lights Out	

Saturday

7:30-8:45 am	Breakfast	Dining Hall
8:00 am	Registration Opens	Friends House
	Trading Post Opens	OA Lodge Building
9 am-12 pm	Interactive Training	Parade Field & Dining Hall
	- American Indian Activities	
	- Ceremonies	
	- Leadership	
9 am-12 pm	Council of Chiefs	Nature Lodge
12-1:00 pm	Lunch	Parade Field
1:15-4:15 pm	Interactive Training	Parade Field & Dining Hall
	- American Indian Activities	
	- Ceremonies	
	- Leadership	
1 pm-4 pm	Council of Chiefs (if needed)	Nature Lodge
4:45 pm	Pool opens	Pool
6 pm-7:00 pm	Dinner	
7:30 pm	Powwow	Registration Shelter
	Basketball & Volleyball	Sports Courts
	Evening Climb	Climbing Wall
	Hearts Tournament	Dining Hall
	Free Swim	Swimming Pool
9:00 pm	Cracker Barrel & Patch Auction	Dining Hall
12:00 pm	Brotherhood Ceremony	Brotherhood Ring

Sunday

7:30 am	Wake-up or get more coffee	
8:00 am	Breakfast—Class A	
8:30 am	Chapel Service	Chapel
9:30 am	Checkout with Campsite Host	Campsite

2008-2009 Officers and Chairmen

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BROTHERS IN ACTION

Chapter Reports

A-Bani-Ki

Osceola District

My fellow brothers,

I would first like to welcome our new Arrowmen who have completed their Ordeal and extend a branch for those who will complete theirs at a latter date. Your interest in the Order of the Arrow will only grow stronger as you begin to attend our functions and hopefully seal your membership as a Brotherhood Member. The A-Bani-Ki Chapter accepts our new members with open arms! For those new to our Chapter, or for those who forgot, A-Bani-Ki has Chapter meetings at every District Round-Table. Please contact your Scoutmaster or District Representative for directions, times, and schedules. We would love to see as many Brothers as possible attend these meetings, not only to help and make positive decisions for the Chapter, but to show how grand A-Bani-Ki really is. We have been moving on with our communication/email system as well as our website; more details on those projects in later Gator Tales. Please feel free to contact me at any time with any questions, comments, or concerns that you have. Again, welcome new members and may you continue to be ambitious and grow in our Order.

In WWW,

Chandler Weiner

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2007-2008 A-Bani-Ki Chapter Chief

Chee-Pa-Tah

Trade Winds District

A farewell to all my Chapter members. I'm no longer your Chapter Chief. I had a blast doing the job and would be more than happy to do it for another year but I have been called to other places in the Lodge. It is my hope that our new Chief serves our Chapter well and continues the traditions that I have started. We have held our Chapter elections and your new Chief will be addressing you at the next Chapter meeting. Just a reminder that the Chapter meetings are at the Church of the Latter Day Saints in Wellington on the second Thursday of every month at 7:00, hope to see you there.

In WWW,

Walter "Dutchee" Arnett

2007-2008 Chee-Pa-Tah Chapter Chief

Coo-Wa-Chobee

Manatee District

Arrowmen,

Coo-Wa-Chobee Chapter is looking forward to the upcoming year! To start off the year, we had a Chapter picnic on Saturday August 16, at 3 pm. It was at the Lakeside United Methodist Church. We are looking forward to the September Ordeal; we are ready to welcome the rest of the new Coo-Wa-Chobee Ordeal Members from the 2008 class of candidates. Over the next year we are going to grow in size and continue to become more active in the Lodge. Coo-Wa-Chobee is going to continue to meet at Lakeside United Methodist Church on the second Monday of the month at 7pm, during the Manatee District Roundtable.

In the most Cheerful Service,

Elliott Taft

2007-09 Coo-Wa-Chobee Chapter Chief

Lowaneu-Mawat

Indian River District

Greetings to all you Gators out there in Gator Land. I'm sitting here, looking around, trying to figure out where summer went. It seems that we just had our Service Weekend and now it's almost time for our Ordeal weekends. What happened to summer? Oh well.

Not too much happening up here in the North Country. We usually meet during Roundtable but the Indian River District does not hold one in June or July. We meet on the 2nd Monday night of each month at the 1st United Methodist Church in Vero Beach at 1750 20th Street. We meet on the third floor and we normally start around 7PM and have a door prize!!

Communication being the key to any great organization, I have sent out a letter with a calendar of events to each of our LM Gators. I am hoping that by having this calendar to hang next to their unit calendar they will attend our meetings and the Lodge Weekends.

Congratulations to all of the new Lodge Officers and Chapter Chiefs. It's some times a difficult, challenging job but it is worth it. The life experience you get by stepping up and taking on your job will be with you forever. The more you put into it, the more you will get back.

Let's have a great 2008-2009 Scout year and make our Aal-Pa-Tah Gators stronger yet by getting out, having a great time and giving some excellent service to Scouting.

WWW forever!!

Chas Carlson

2007-2009 Lowaneu-Mawat Chapter Chief

Nekiwa

Sailfish District

Hi everybody, my name is Cody Feldman and I'm the new Chapter Chief for Nekiwa Chapter. I just got inducted in the OA and I'm very excited to be a Chapter Chief. We will be holding Chapter meetings at The Pine School by JD Parker Elementary starting in August on the second Thursday of the month at 7pm. Thanks to everyone that voted me into this esteemed position.

WWW,

Cody Feldman

2008-2009 Nekiwa Chapter Chief

Oi-Ya-Tah

Treasure Coast District

Our Chapter has been dormant for the summer and will kick off with meetings and the election of a new Chapter Chief in August at the first Roundtable meeting of the new Scout Year. Meetings are held at the District Roundtable, on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Indian River Presbyterian Church in Fort Pierce at 7:30 pm. See you there!

In WWW,

C.J. Soles

2007-2008 Oi-Ya-Tah Chapter Chief

Osceola

Lighthouse District

The Osceola Chapter Chief did not submit a report and no report was submitted on his behalf.

Panasofee

Okeechobee District

The Panasofee Chapter Chief did not submit a report and no report was submitted on his behalf.

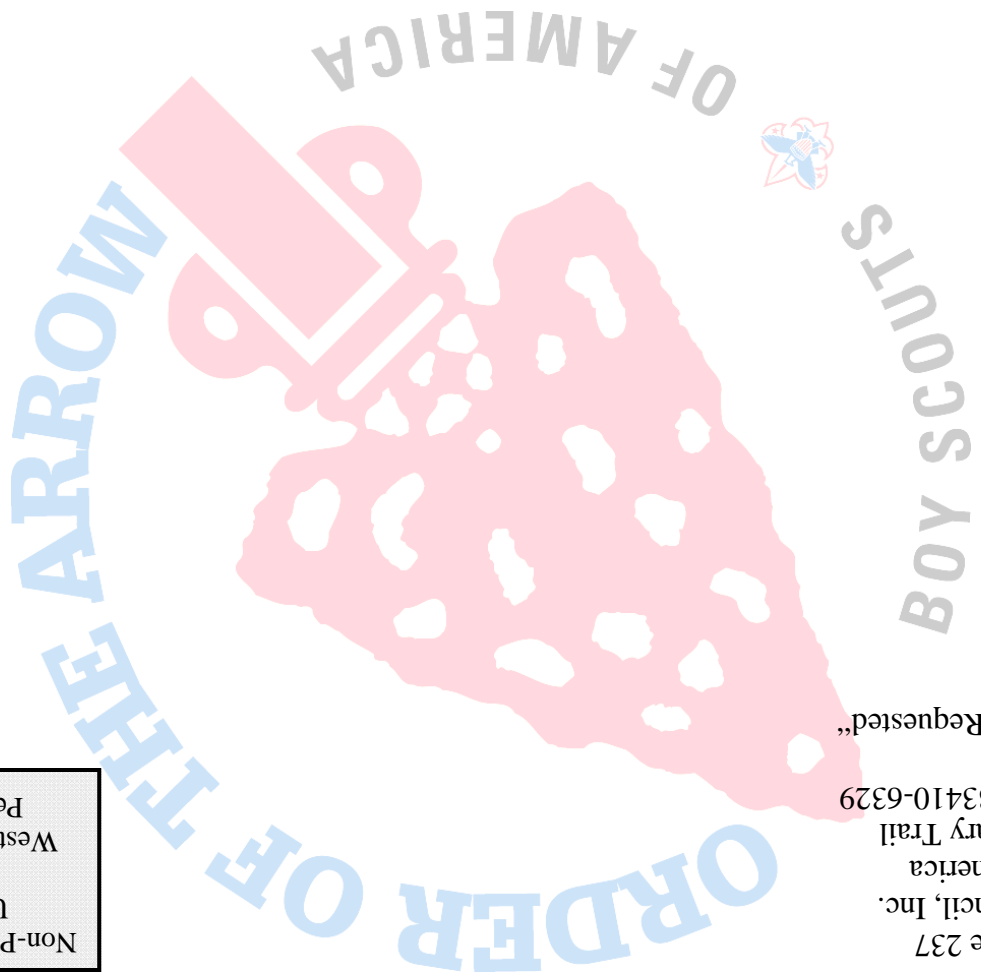
Ordeal #2 Weekend 2008



This weekend will be held at Camp Tanah Keeta on September 5th—7th. The Ordeal Weekend is one of the most important events of the year because we induct new members into our Order. Additionally, at this Ordeal Weekend we will begin preparing Camp Tanah Keeta to host Section S-4 Seminars in November. This Ordeal Weekend will be like none other, it will include a great deal of fun events also to help show our new members how much we appreciate them.

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 **August 23rd**. 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.



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