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Section Conference 2018

Brothers,

Are you ready? For the BIGGEST EVENT of the YEAR? Section Conference 2018 will be hosted by the Osceola Lodge at Camp Miles in Punta Gorda, FL on April 13-15, 2018.

I can attest that this will be one of the best Section Conferences that you will have ever attended. The Section has been working hard to provide all of your favorite programs, including lodge v. lodge competitions, innovative training seminars, and more! I encourage you to check out the "Section Conference 2018" page under the Events Tab on the lodge website: www.aalpatah.org with more information on the event, and registration instructions.



Base registration is \$36.00 (just the event fee). Contingent Registration is \$62.00 (including a t-shirt, patch, and spirit pack!). Check those out online! Transportation will ultimately be your responsibility, but carpooling will be organized; and if you are struggling to find a ride, let us know. The lodge leadership will help in getting you there! Don't let a ride be a reason not to attend. I wouldn't want to see you miss out.

As mentioned later in this publication, this Section Conference is especially important to our Lodge. It is the last one before it is OUR TURN to host this event. That's right! Section Conference comes to Camp Tanah Keeta in 2019. Your attendance to Osceola's Conference is CRITICAL, so you can learn what a great conference looks like, and use that experience to throw on the ABSOLUTE. BEST. CONFERENCE... THAT SECTION S4 HAS EVER SEEN! These are some strong words, but I know our lodge has what it takes!

See you at Camp Miles.

Robert Ulrich

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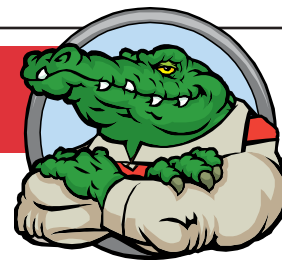
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Adviser's Minute



So Now What?

The Lodge would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members! You have just completed something that most have said changed their life. Some of it was easy, and some was a little challenging. It was a great weekend with lots of stellar service, incredible ceremonies, and a wonderful feast. This was followed by an amazing carnival and program of activities. So now what?

A common issue in Lodges all over this nation is what is called “sash and dash” – the term used for members who have attended their Ordeal and never return for another Order of the Arrow event. Those who do not return are missing out on the many, many benefits that being a member in Scouting’s National Honor Society offers:

Leadership:

The Lodge, like your Troop, is youth led. Every single part of your Ordeal weekend was planned and carried out by fellow Scouts like you. The leadership opportunities available to you in the Lodge are numerous and rewarding. Speak to your Chapter Chief or any other Arrowman about these opportunities! Adult leaders in the Order of the Arrow are called Advisers and we are always in need of positive role models who are willing to be coaches and mentors to the youth. But even if you do not want to take a specific Adviser role, we always have a long list of things to be done.

Service:

While most people don’t think of arduous labor as fun, there is an incredible sense of satisfaction in helping others. The Lodge prides itself in its Cheerful Service to our camp, to our district and units and to our communities.

Diversity:

It is always amazing to see a group of Scouts and Scouters come together for a common purpose. The common Scouting bond we all share creates a connection of purpose. Being part of the Order of the Arrow allows you to meet a variety of people and learn about Scouting in their units, districts, and regions. This network allows you to bring new ideas back to your units, helping them grow and prosper.

Fun:

In the Order of the Arrow, the saying “Work Hard, Play Hard” is very fitting! From Lodge Ball to GaGa Ball to the Trash Can Game to the 237 Surprise.... you will find something for everyone at Lodge events!!

Adventure:

The Order of the Arrow offers many opportunities for travel and adventure. Each of the BSA High Adventure Bases offer programs exclusive to Arrowmen such as yourself. In addition there are Section events such as Section Conference and Section Seminars and National Events such as NOAC (National Order of the Arrow Conference).

So, before you stick that sash in the back of your Scouting drawer, take a look at it and think of what you may be missing.

Now, go hang it up along with your Scouting uniform and be ready to wear it when you attend Summer Gathering at TK on May 4-6th! I look forward to seeing you there!

In WWW,

Mr. Whalen

Chiefly Speaking



Greetings fellow Brothers,

It's that time of the year again! Ordeal season! Between March and May, the Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge is looking at taking on almost 200 new Brothers. This is a super exciting time of the year, but also very strenuous, both behind-the-scenes and on the ground. There is so much planning that goes behind our events; and through the Cheerful Service of every Brother, it is all very much worth it. The work we do for our beautiful camp is truly the reason that our camp is so great! So from myself, and on behalf of the Scouting Movement you serve, thank you.

To all of our newest members looking around for their own place in our Lodge, look no further. At this point, I only ask this of you: Take what you learned about yourself back to your unit. Use that knowledge to better your unit. And at each Lodge gathering, I invite you to join us and celebrate the service given back to the Scouting Program. Not all of our weekends were such like your Ordeal. Your next opportunity to camp with the OA is coming up very shortly, and you're fortunate to have done your Ordeal in time to attend --- Section Conference 2018! You can register for the most popular event of the year, right now - on www.aalpatah.org, under online payments.

Section Conference is commonly called, "The Party of the Year", and there's a reason for that. Section Conference is the gathering of Arrowmen, just like yourself, from ALL OVER THE GREAT STATE OF FLORIDA. Each year, one of the seven lodges in the sunshine state is tasked with hosting this event, which easily sees 900-1,000 Scouts and Scouters. The weekend is jam-packed with lodge v. lodge competitions, innovative seminars, fun, and fellowship! On April 13-15th, the Osceola Lodge will host Section Conference 2018 at Camp Miles, in Punta Gorda, FL. Check out the lodge website for more information, under events - Section Conference 2018.

This Section Conference is particularly important to our lodge. It is the last Section Conference before it is OUR TURN to host this HUGE EVENT! That's right, in 2019, Section Conference is coming to our very own Camp Tanah Keeta! There is so much work that goes into this weekend, so your attendance is critical at Conference 2018, so you can get the feel for this event, and help bring the vision together at our own Conference. I hope to see each and everyone of you there. We are aiming for 110 participants. Brothers, are you ready?

In WWW,

Robert Ulrich





Chapter Corner

A-Bani-Ki

Brothers,

I would like to congratulate all new brotherhood members who sealed their membership at OA Day! As we welcome in the new year A-Bani-Ki continues to strive for excellence we will be hosting mentoring day on March 24th at Tanah Keeta as well as working to improve in all areas. I look forward to bringing great things to A-Bani-Ki in the coming months.

If you are interested in making a difference in your chapter or working OA Mentoring Day 2018 be sure to contact me at oaevergladesaalpatah@gmail.com and you can help in making A-Bani-Ki the best of the best.



In WWW,

Kyle Webb

Contact: oaevergladesaalpatah@gmail.com

Help Wanted

Brothers,

Below is a list of open positions of the Lodge leadership. If you are interested in working in any of these roles, please contact lodge237@gmail.com.

Inductions:

- Elangomat Chairman
- Ceremonialists

Service:

- Trail Crew Chairman
- Service Crew Chairman
- SAW Service Chairman

Treasurer:

- Lodge Box Chairman

Secretary:

- Website Chairman
- Publications Coordinator
- Social Media Coordinator

In WWW,

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Ceremonies

Brothers,

Ceremonies are the most important part of the inductions process and possibly the most important function of the lodge. Without the ceremonies team new members could not be inducted, and the purpose of the Order of the Arrow would not be communicated. Joining the ceremonies team is a great way to become active in the lodge and a lot of past lodge leaders got their start on the ceremonies team. If you love theater, or enjoy entertaining others, or care about giving your fellow brothers the best experience possible, please contact the Vice Chief of Inductions, Ryan White, at lodge237@gmail.com and tell him of your interest. There are roles for Ordeal and Brotherhood members alike. We look forward to working with each and every one of our fellow brothers and we hope you will consider joining us to do the same.

In WWW,

Aal-Pa-Tah Ceremonies Team



The Forum

Call for Elangomats

My Brothers,

Now is the time to answer the call, step up and serve your fellow brothers.

I'm sure all of you remember your Ordeal and the elangomats that guided you through it. They sacrificed their fun-filled weekend to spend the Ordeal with you in arduous labor, working cheerfully.

Now it is your turn. Your fellow brothers need your experience and guidance to make it through their ordeal. Remember, "He who serves his fellows, is of his fellows greatest".

If you are interested in serving as an elangomat or have previously been one and would like to continue your service for Spring Ordeal, please contact me at lodge237@gmail.com.

In WWW,
Ryan White

Fast Pass 2018

Brothers,

Fast Pass 2018 is on sale on the Lodge Website! What is Fast Pass?



Well, Fast Pass will include:

- Registration for all 4 events **AT A REDUCED PRICE:**
 - Spring Ordeal: March 2-4, 2018
 - Summer Gathering: May 4-6, 2018
 - Fall Festival: September 7-9, 2018
 - Winter Fellowship: December 7-9, 2018
- Dues for 2018!

FAST PASS 2018 is perfect for any Aal-Pa-Tah Arrowman! Order now on <https://www.aalpatah.org/> !

In WWW,
Gator Tales Writing Staff

James T. Sasser Campership

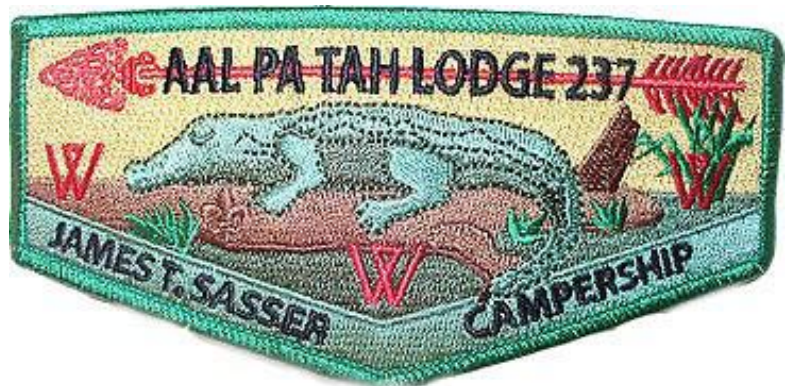
Brothers,

The James T. Sasser Campership helps to fund the Camperships that many Arrowmen and Scouts around Gulf Stream Council rely on.

By purchasing the patch that is pictured, you can help the Lodge donate to the James T. Sasser Campership fund to further support your fellow Scouts.

These patches will be sold at Lodge Box at future events and from the Gulf Stream Council office in Palm Beach Gardens, FL.

In WWW,
Gator Tales Writing Staff



OA Day at TK Recap

Brothers,

Thank you to everyone that was able to come out to OA Day at Tanah Keeta for the Ordeal Call-Out ceremony, which you can see pictured on the next page, and Brotherhood Day.

Congratulations to the following members who were able to attend and seal their membership with Brotherhood Counseling!

- Zachary Robert
- Jacob Aronowitz
- Jake Kerr
- Daniel Melton
- Eric Aronowitz
- Christina Wilson
- Sonia Santiago
- Carlos Chirino
- Steve Schmidt
- Wilner Joseph
- Neal Grabasch

In WWW,

Gator Tales Writing Staff

Outstanding First Year Arrowman

Brothers,

It is an honor to have been chosen as the recipient of the 2017 First Year Arrowman Award an award given to those Arrowmen who go above and beyond to serve others. Through the past year I have attend most events and activities as either a participant or giving service in the kitchen. Attending Chapter meetings has also allowed me to connect with other Brothers in the Chapter, which has allowed me to make many new friends in other Troops and grow as a Scout. I encourage you to attend events and be active in your chapter. Get involved and find your place.




In WWW,

Caleb Webb

OA Day Photos





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Upcoming Events

April 13-15

Section Conference at Camp Miles

May 4-6

Summer Gathering

June 20, June 27, & July 11

OA Days at TK