

Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge
LEC/LEB Meeting
June 1, 2025

Old Business

I. Officer Reports

A. Vice Chief of Program (Stephanie C.)

1. Report submitted by Stephanie, shared by Woody.
2. OA Summer Camp Nights will feature field games, a cheese board, cornhole, 9-square (if able and ready), karaoke, and indoor dancing. Cracker barrel will include ice cream sandwiches.
3. During the third week, Cub week, the same program will be offered, in addition to presenting the Cub Scout Camping Award.
4. Very happy with May program and got some good feedback for improving the 2:37, looking forward to Fall Fellowship in September.

B. Vice Chief of Inductions (Charlie T.)

1. Report submitted by Charlie, shared by Woody.
2. Ceremonies team is planning summer practice dates to prepare for Brotherhood.
3. Another ceremonies lock-in is being planned for the night before LLD (Fri. 8/15).
4. Finalizing details for Brotherhood at Fall Fellowship.
5. Awaiting further updates/announcements from NCOC to determine if there will be any impacts.

C. Vice Chief of Administration (Dennis C.)

1. Introducing website migration proposal during this meeting.

2. Publications (Brady K.)

- a) May Gator Tales went out in the morning, with a social media post also having just gone up on Instagram. Wants to also have those be posted on Facebook moving forward as well.
- b) Per new initiative from Section, every lodge now has complimentary access to Canva Pro. Brady has made a new Canva account under the email communications@aalpatah.org. He asked to please make sure everyone in the lodge is using that account, so that everything is under one single location. To login to the account, you need to have access to the Communications shared inbox within Outlook to get the login code each time during sign in. If you don't have access to that shared inbox and need it, please let Brady know.

3. Social Media (Lauren W.)

- a) Great engagement for Instagram and Facebook, and Ms. Silverstein was introduced as the new Social Media Adviser.

4. LodgeBox

- a) The team just crossed \$4k in total profits, and new Arrowmen have been recruited to help out and ensure there are people in place for after he ages out.

D. Vice Chief of Service (Colton M.)

1. All service was completed at Summer Fellowship.

E. Chapter Chiefs

1. A-Bani-Ki (Jacob W.)

- a) Had the highest turnout at Summer Fellowship with 40 Arrowmen from the chapter registered.
- b) Chapter meeting included planning for summer activities like mountain biking, beach cleanup, and ice skating.
- c) The last meeting, which was led by Allen, went well and included support at the Everglades District roundtable.
- d) Summer plans are still developing, looking to recruit chapter members to assist with Jacob's Eagle project.

2. Lowaneu Mawat (Sophie W.)

- a) May meeting was a movie night, featuring Lilo & Stitch with food, themed around recently released live-action version.
- b) June meeting will focus on chapter leadership and election interest, aiming to recruit new chapter vice chiefs to help the chapter grow.
- c) July meeting is still being planned, with a potential cookout in the works.

3. Oi-Ya-Tah (Will K.)

- a) More than 10 chapter members attended Summer Fellowship.
- b) Helped with their district's awards roundtable during their last chapter meeting.

4. Wyhome-Pa-Tah (Sebastian S.)

- a) 26 chapter members attended Summer Fellowship.
- b) Chapter hosted the flag ceremony at their district roundtable and held a social gathering two weeks ago with 10 attendees (9 in person, 1 online).
- c) Summer plans are light, but looking into service opportunities.
- d) Promoted ceremonies lock-in and LLD to encourage leadership involvement.
- e) Working with unit reps to promote upcoming chapter and lodge events.

F. Chairmen

1. Section Conference (Stephanie C.)

- a) Currently developing patch and t-shirt designs, and reaching out for design support.
- b) Some interest has been shown in logistics and program, but other positions are still open as well. Those interested in getting involved are encouraged to reach out to conference@aalpatah.org.

New Business

II. Summer Camp Nights 6/18, 25, 30 (6:30p - 8:30p)

A. Cub Scout Camping Award

- 1. Ethan presented updates to the award requirements, reflecting changes in the Cub Scout program from National. The number of conservation hours for the award still needs to be determined.
- 2. Discussion focused on whether the hours should be consecutive and the number of hours required. It was decided that 3 hours would be the final requirement, with no objections.

B. Emails

- 1. Emails need to be **regularly** sent out to promote summer camp nights.

III. LLD 8/16/25

- A. Check-in time is still TBD, but registration is now open and available as a Fast Pass event; otherwise, the registration fee is \$20, which includes lunch.
- B. Candidates running for chief, vice chief, or chapter chief positions are required to attend, as important election information and role preparation will be shared.
- C. LEC members are also asked to attend, and an LEC meeting will be held during LLD.

IV. Fall Festival 9/5-7

- A. Registration is open, and closes on 8/20. The cost of registration is \$45 per person, this is also a Fast Pass event.
- B. The theme for the program is Western.
- C. Woody encourages chapter chiefs to regularly send out emails and actively promote attendance to their members.

V. Paul Bunyan Day (10/4)

- A. No major planning updates, just a reminder to keep the event in mind.
- B. The event will be held at Tanah Keeta, we will also be hosting this event in January, serving hamburgers and hot dogs at both events.

VI. Lodge Elections & Interviews

- A. Interview dates for leadership positions are being compiled for before LLD; if necessary, interviews can take place after LLD, with elections held at Fall Fellowship.
- B. All candidates, including those seeking re-election to the same position, must interview.
- C. A parent must also attend the interview to understand the responsibilities associated with the position.

VII. Lodge Flag Design

- A. An adult in the lodge is offering to create a lodge flag similar to those used by units, to be displayed at the lodge building during camp and used for other purposes such as at section events.

- B. Flag designs are being collected, and designs are to be submitted via email at chief@aalpatah.org.
- C. Chapter chiefs are asked to promote this within their chapters.
- D. Brady proposed a reward for the selected design, and there were no objections. The reward will be determined at a later time.
- E. Deadline for submissions is 8/10, with the final design to be voted on at LLD.

VIII. Lodge Shirts

- A. Similar to the flag design, we are seeking lodge shirt designs, with submissions to be sent to chief@aalpatah.org.
- B. The deadline for submission is also 8/10, with the final design to be voted on at LLD.
- C. Chapter chiefs are asked to promote this within their chapters.

IX. Lodge Website

- A. Brady presented a proposal regarding migrating the current lodge website from Wix to WordPress. He stated that this proposal would be presented during the meeting, and voted on at the next LEC meeting in July, with it to be emailed out the lodge for further review.
- B. The goal of this is to strengthen the lodge's digital presence and serve Arrowmen better. Brady outlined that [DreamHost offers a free shared hosting plan for non-profits](#), and as an affiliated entity within a BSA council, the lodge would qualify for this. By switching to this hosting plan, the lodge would be saving approximately \$300 per year.

C. The benefits of using WordPress

1. Flexible, open-source platform for better management and updates.
2. Multiple lodge members can manage the site, fostering greater involvement.
3. Aligns with other lodges and sections using WordPress.

D. Cost outline

1. Domain registration: ~\$12-\$14 per year, we already pay for this with aalpatah.org.
2. DreamHost shared hosting: \$0 per year as this is covered in the non-profit plan.
3. Elementor Pro: \$84 per year, optional for enhanced page design and eCommerce functionality, which has been previously discussed in the past.

E. Timeline

1. Phase 1: Set up demo site on VPS (aalpatah.sites.bradykondek.com) and initiate DreamHost nonprofit approval. The demo site would be used to make the actual site for how it will look like and perfect it in the background before flipping the switches.
2. Phase 2: Configure DreamHost and migrate demo site from VPS to there under aalpatah.org, testing for accuracy and final touches on aalpatah.org.

F. The benefits of this versus other services

1. Greater control, flexibility, and long-term sustainability compared to Tentaroo, which is another option the lodge could technically do.
2. Youth and adult Arrowmen can contribute, build digital skills, and manage content.
3. Full ownership of the site and more design freedom.

X. Lodge Adviser's Minute

- A. Mrs. Webb thanked everyone for taking time out of their summer to attend. She expressed appreciation for everyone's support and shared her excitement for the upcoming summer camp nights. She also asked everyone to enjoy their summer and be safe.

Next LEC/LEB Meeting is July 6, 2025