

Chapters

Each Chapter corresponds to a district. Each Chapter has 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	Jacob Wieloch
Lowaneu Mawat	Indian River	Gabriel Sherwood
Oi-Ya-Tah	Treasure Coast	William Kicklighter
Ne-Kee-Wa	Sailfish	Lydia Vestrem & Emery Wilcox
Wyhome-Pa-Tah	Lighthouse	Sebastian Starbuck

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 2026

Sign up for "Fast Pass" for 2026 year and get admission to lodge weekend events and Lodge Leadership plus the year set of patches. Not only do you get the patches, but you get a reduced price for each weekend.

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 LODGE 237 FIRST YEAR ARROWMAN GUIDE 2026



Your interpretive guide to the
Aal -Pa -Tah Lodge 237

And all the things
Order of the Arrow!

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First Year Arrowman Award Requirements

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

_____ (Event) _____ (Registration) _____ (Date)

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

_____ (Event) _____ (Registration) _____ (Date)

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

_____ (Event) _____ (Registration) _____ (Date)

4. Meet with at least three Lodge Officers or Committee Chairmen and discuss what their positions are about.

_____ (Event) _____ (Registration) _____ (Date)

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Present this complete worksheet to the Lodge Chief or Lodge Adviser. Award will be presented at a designated time.

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 affirm that commitment after six months and become a Brotherhood member of Aal-Pa-Tah. For help, go to www.jumpstart.aa-bsa.org

- Be an Ordeal member for at least six months.
- Know the Obligation and Song.
- Write a letter to the Chief 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

Brothers,

You are now a part of scouting's best, and it is my pleasure to welcome you into our circle! Being a part of our Order provides you with endless opportunities and adventures you cannot find anywhere else. This is an outstanding achievement, and you should be proud of yourself and what you have accomplished, but this is not the end! This high adventure of the spirit will be a challenging endeavor. Still, you will always have your brothers to guide you, all the way to the firelight at the very heart of Brotherhood. I encourage you to Catch the Higher Vision!

WWW,

Ethan Stabile
Lodge Chief

A Welcome from Vice Chief of Inductions

New Arrowmen,

I am so proud of the journey you have gone through to enter within the brotherhood of our Order. I congratulate you on achieving such a high honor within Scouting America. You were all chosen to be here for a reason and what you have done has lead you here.

I encourage all of you to work towards completing the First Year Arrowman Award, and go beyond!

I hope to see you all help grow the lodge and grow yourself to become a better scout, look at all the opportunities that our lodge has to offer to you.

WWW,
Stella Singer
Vice Chief of Inductions

Websites

Lodge Website

The Lodge Website www.aalpatah.org is a very useful tool. You can read past and present Gator tales, you can check out pictures from the latest weekends and check out some lodge history.

OA Jumpstart Website

The Order of the Arrow Jumpstart website www.oa-bsa.org/jumpstart 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: quifstreamcouncil.org/oa

National Site: oa-bsa.org/

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

Lodge Facebook Group: Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge 237
Lodge Instagram: apt237

Gator Tales

The official publication of Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge is The Gator Tales which is published monthly by our Publications Chairperson. Look for it in your inbox soon! If your email 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. The youth works with properties and camp maintenance committees, as well as with the Camp Ranger. The youth recruits manpower for projects, and tracks service hours for each individual. The Lodge Chief in providing a quality program to the Arrowmen of the Lodge and to the Scouts of the Council. The youth sets a good example at all times to the people they lead and to the Community they serve.



Lodge Offices

Lodge Chief

The Lodge Chief is responsible for the running of the Lodge. The youth is the Chairman of the Lodge Executive Committee. The youth is responsible for all Lodge programs, as well as supporting other programs in Scouting America.. The Lodge Chief serves on all separate operating committees within the Lodge. 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. The youth 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 they lead and to the community they serve.

Vice-Chief of Inductions

The Lodge Vice-Chief of Inductions is in charge of all things Inductions. The youth oversees the elections process, the ordeal weekends, the ceremonies team, and the brotherhood process. The youth makes sure that the Spirit of the Arrow booklets are prepared for the weekend of the candidates and the youth makes sure that new candidate registration goes smoothly at weekends. The youth oversees unit election training and updates this booklet. The youth sets a good example at all times to the people they lead and to the community they serve.

Vice-Chief of Program

The Lodge Vice-Chief of Program is responsible for overseeing the planning of all Lodge Weekends. The youth prepares a summary report of each activity for future use, and also coordinates services at Lodge Weekends, service days and events. The youth 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. The youth sets a good example at all times to the people they lead and to the community they serve.

Vice Chief Administration

Responsible for taking accurate Minutes at Lodge Meetings, Lodge Executive Committee Meetings, and Lodge Executive Board meetings, as well as emailing those Minutes to the webmaster. Brings previous minutes to the LEC and LEB for approval. Oversees the posting of the minutes on the Lodge Website. Oversees the Lodge Marketing Committee, Website Committee, Publications Committee, Lodge Box Committee, Lodge History Committee, and Merchandising Committee Coordinates Member Check-in at events Oversees the duties of the Lodge Website Chairman and makes sure the Lodge Website is up-to-date and accurate and meets all protocols.

Lodge Events

February Ordeal

This is the first of our Lodge's two Ordeal weekends held at Camp Oklawaha. This weekend consists of 2 days. The main focus is the Ordeal for the Candidates and service to camp.

Spring Ordeal

This is the second of our Lodge's 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.

Summer Gathering

Our Lodge kicks off the summer with this fun-filled event. This is the third weekend of our Lodge each year. 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. It's the best way to end the school year, and jump into an awesome summer!

Lodge Leadership Development

In September, the Lodge holds various training classes on a weekend for all Lodge members.

Fall Festival

This event is all about FUN! Whether you enjoy sports, water activities, or more, this event aims to pack all of your favorite happenings into one—action packed Festival for all Arrowmen to enjoy. We also elect our Lodge Officers for the next year. Come out and have some fun!

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.

Event Registration & Deadlines

All event registration is done through tentaroo at: Gulfstreamcouncil.org/OA. Registration closes one week before the event.

Section and National Events

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's Section Conference is being held by Aal-Pa-Tah at Camp Tanah on April 10-12, 2026.

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!

Section Leadership Summit (SLS)

SLS is the premiere OA event featuring innovative seminars, inductions training, leadership development, interactive games, and fellowship with other Arrowmen throughout the Section. Join us at Camp La-No-Che on November 13-15, 2026, for an unforgettable SLS experience.

National Leadership

Seminar (NLS)

A weekend conference focused on the skills and attributes of leadership. The program enhances the leadership skills of the Order of the Arrow's key youth and adult members as they seek to improve their services to the Boy Scouts of America and the greater community. The weekend format complements the longer, more detailed Junior Leadership Training program (for youth) and Wood Badge program (for adults).

During the seminar, participants make a contract with themselves to apply the skills learned on projects in the lodge, council, and community. NLS prepares Arrowmen to become better leaders both within and outside of the Scouting program.

NOAC 2027

The next National Order of the Arrow Conference will be held on July 26-31, 2027, at University of Illinois of Urbana-Champaign. 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 lifetime! 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. We hope to see you all there representing Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge at NOAC 2027

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.

Aal-Pa-Tah Service Crew

This committee is the best and most fun. We are responsible for all of the lodges staff. We organize repairs

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 the Vice Chief of Service, Colton Morgan or the Lodge Chief, Ethan Stabile, 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.

- People with different identities, backgrounds, and beliefs are present, and respected, valued, and celebrated;
- Empathy is practiced; Grace is offered when people inevitably make mistakes;
- Everyone feels responsible for helping others succeed; All are loved unconditionally.