



August 2006 Issue

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Calendar

July 29 - Aug. 3
NOAC 2006
Michigan State University
East Lansing, MI

August 25-27
Ordeal #1

September 15-17
Ordeal #2

November 3-5
Section S-4S Seminars
Flaming Arrow S.R.
Lake Wales

December 8-10
Winter Fellowship

January 13, 2007
Lodge Banquet
Jupiter High School

Spirit of the Elangomat

-Author unknown

In Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge, the position of Elangomat is vital to any Ordeal Weekend we hold. The Elangomat serves as a friend to the Ordeal candidates in his clan. This person provides the leadership and support necessary for candidates to complete the Ordeal.

As an Elangomat, one is challenged to serve as an example of what an Arrowman should be. This example set by the Elangomat is a much better teacher of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service than any spoken words.

Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge has benefited greatly from those eager and willing to help serve as an Elangomat, some of those people even coming back again and again.

Although Elangomats are awarded a special lodge flap for each time they serve, and a special black sash after their third time of service, most will say that the real reward comes from knowing that they are helping new candidates enter the Order. Great satisfaction and fulfillment comes from serving in such an important way.

There are 2 opportunities in the next few months to serve as an Elangomat, and we implore those of you that are willing to give unselfish service to this great lodge and to our newest brothers to make a difference and become an Elangomat.

Contact our Elangomat Chairman, Levi Stahl, and give yourself in service to others as has been done unto you.

Did you know?

Editor

Interesting facts about the Gator Tales.

- The first lodge publication was the Tipi.
- We have over 6,000 picture online.
- Each issue is e-mailed in full color on approval upwards of a month before our mail members get each issue.

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Chiefly Speaking



Summer is coming to an end and we have two Ordeal weekends rapidly approaching; two Ordeal weekends of equal importance. If you attended summer camp this summer, or if you made it to TK for the OA callouts you know that this year's Class of candidates is a large class. We are going to need everyone's help to make these weekends run smoothly. Please take 5 minutes and call today to register. Calling the Council office to register totally makes things easier for our Weekend Chairmen and Vice Chiefs to plan the weekends. Remember, a lot of you have promised an oath of faithful attendance.

I challenge you: at the next two Ordeal weekends, any Arrowman who convinces, persuades or otherwise manipulates another Arrowman to attend the weekend, will be eligible to attend a special cracker barrel. However, the Arrowman that you convince to come to the weekend must not have already been planning on coming to the weekend in the first place. Please help our Lodge to grow.

I would like to add a special "Thank You" to Mr. Smith and his son, Jared for their hard work and dedication to the lodge. Last week these Arrowmen headed up a project that lasted over 4 hours and resulted in a new door and frame on the OA Lodge. With the help of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold, a ramp was also added to our Lodge building making it handicapped accessible.

See you at the August Ordeal. GO GATORS!

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Yours in Cheerful Service,

Adam Taft

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OA Trivia

Steve Gray

Are you ready for some OA Trivia? The first person to correctly answer all 4 questions wins the prize! Want to know what the prize is? Be the first person! BETTER HURRY!

1. How many Arrowman from Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge have served as the Area/Section Chief?
2. To what tune is the OA song sung?
3. Who was the Section Conference Chairman EVERY year that Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge hosted (1981,1988,1997,2004)?
4. Name ALL of our Lodge Officers from memory.

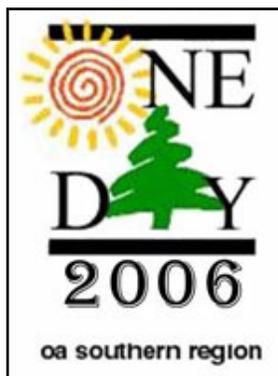
Send your answers to Steve Gray via email: stevegray237@yahoo.com, or talk to him at the Service Weekend.

Operation One Day 2006

Steve Gray

The Southern Region's One Day of Service Program was started in 1996 to better meet the goals of the Order's new strategic vision. ONE DAY is an opportunity for every lodge in the region to do meaningful service in their communities all on one day. It is a terrific opportunity to get members involved, make a significant contribution to the community, and have fun with your fellow brothers!

Every chapter is responsible for planning a chapter One Day of Service project, so if you have ideas for a project, or want to get involved in other ways,



talk to your respective chapter chief. Last year, all the work all of the chapters put in totaled up to 1,000 hours of community service work. This year, I think the lodge can easily top 2,000 hours.

Have some questions, feel free to call or email me, at (772) 643-3624 or stevegray237@yahoo.com.

Want to find out more? Visit: <http://www.southern.oa-bsa.org/oneday.html>

Section Seminars 2006

Steve Gray

Section Seminars is still 5 months away, but it's never too early to make plans. On the weekend of November 2-4, brothers from all over Section S-4S will gather for a weekend of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service at Flaming Arrow Scout Reservation in Lake Wales, courtesy of Seminole Lodge 85. At this weekend, many sessions on a variety of topics will be taught, including those on Order of the Arrow programs, history, dancing, drumming, and of course, patch trading. Our section is unique in that we are the only section in the nation to have a second section gathering beyond our Section

Conference, and the fact that we've been doing it for over

30 years is a testament to how well it turns out year after year. Talk to others that have been to a Section Seminars in the lodge and in your chapter, and let them say for themselves why it's a good idea to go. More information will come out at both Ordeal weekends in August and September, but the least you can do is to mark your calendars now for the weekend of November 2-4.



Don't delay! To find out more about the 2006 Section Seminars visit: www.sections4s.org

Looking for pictures? Head over to our gallery!

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Seminars to Expect	
OA Scoutreach Mentoring	Camping and the Order
What is Cheerful Service?	How to Run a Successful Chapter
Lodge Historical Display	History of the Section
Lodge Administration	How to Get Involved
Pre-Ordeal/Ordeal Ceremony	Brotherhood Ceremony
Vigil Honor Ceremony	Brotherhood Conversion and Retention

More Reports...

Hey,

the first thing I would like to do is thank Ian Mckay for a great weekend. I would also like to congratulate Lowaneu Mawat chapter for having a Chapter website, which is something I encourage all chapters to do. We are still looking for help with the Gator Tales and the lodge website.

If you are interested, please contact Patrick Rice or me. The last thing I would like to say is that I am really looking forward to the new year, because I know it's going to be a great one.

Thanks,
Jeff Gray
Lodge Secretary

Hello, I'm sure everyone is having a great summer full of food and fun! I'm also sure you're all ready for school to become optional so you don't need to attend.

We are all presented with amazing opportunities as we grow older and learn more. I am able to attend a facility at the Indian River Community College called the Kight Center for Emerging Technologies. Despite the half-hour drive each way I am able to learn in a facility currently ranked as the most advanced in the U.S.A if not the world. In other words it's an amazing opportunity in my backyard. Now how does this relate to the OA and my report? Everyone in the lodge has the opportunity to participate in the Gator Tales. You can show all the grades you want to get a job. But when you are able to pull out a handful of Gator Tales issues and say you contributed to each issue, that will make a big impact.

Most people end up in the spotlight as the news, however how many people can you name that are in the media by choice? When was the last time you were published in the newspaper or on the local news?

We all have clocks ticking, alarm clocks, clocks till the end of summer, and even clocks for when we become adults in the lodge. I am hear to ask that everyone in the lodge steps up to the plate and has a chance to say they helped with a publication. My clock is quickly running out and as such, I must find people willing to take a rare opportunity of publishing a quarterly newsletter, run the lodge website, and help our lodge present amazing opportunities to fellow members.

If you are interested in the opportunity to publish a newsletter you can call your own, improve an already massive lodge website, or help someone else who is willing to take on the job contact me at: patrick@gatortales.org

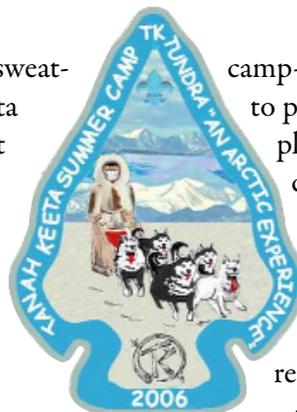
Enjoy the rest of your summer!
Patrick Rice
Internet Chairman
Publication Chairman

What's more amazing? Your summer, or saying you're the head of a quarterly publication?

Tanah Keeta Summer Camp

Brrrrr! While the rest of South Florida was sweating under the hot summer sun, Tanah Keeta Summer Camp was piling on the layers to fight off the biting cold of the arctic tundra. Every week, a new batch of campers arrived, feeling the frigid wind just as they crossed the threshold into camp. The summers' "Arctic Tundra" theme was prominent throughout every program area and event in camp.

Wednesday night brought with it the special



Summer Camp Patch

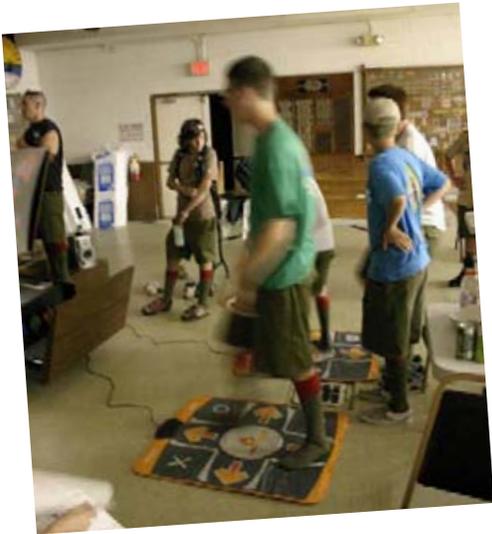
camp-wide Winter Carnival. Campers could choose to play tons of different games, climb the rock wall, play basketball, or cash in on some free cotton candy.

Every Friday evening, along with the Family Night campfire, Tanah Keeta hosted a call-out ceremony. Dozens of elected OA candidates received their first taste of the OA, and hopefully every one of them will make an effort to attend their ordeal.

Jay Pantone

Service Weekend





Mentoring Day 2006

Oakley Hammond

Mentoring Day was a huge success. There were over 33 OA members on staff and more than 33 participants. Scoutreach provided 10 participants from Crew 471. OA members taught seminars like first aid, knot tying, knife & ax, tents, back packing, and cooking. Each participant had time to attend all of the seminars. After which everyone enjoyed dutch oven pizza for lunch. Everyone participated in a scavenger hunt and a staff vs. camper's dodge ball tournament. After all of the games everyone enjoyed a wonderful tin foil dinner. We ended the day of fellowship and mentoring with awards and recognition.

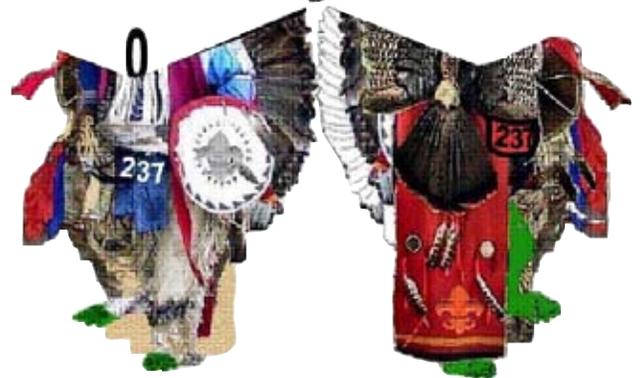
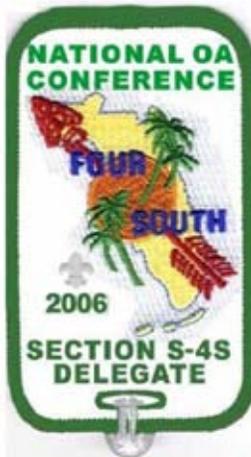
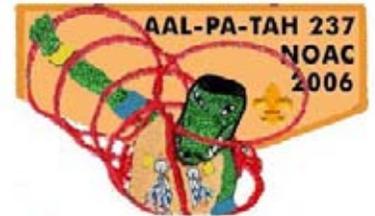
For everyone that missed this year's Mentoring Day, you missed a fun and exciting day of fellowship and mentoring that will last forever.

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Oakley Hammond

Want to see all the pictures? Head over to www.gallery.aal-pa-tah237.org



New in the Lodge Box



Looking for a new patch to add to your collection?

Here are some of the latest additions to the lodge box!

2006 Dwyer Award Winner

-The Palm Beach Post

Lodge member Cecil Phibbs was selected from more than 200 nominations to be awarded the Economic Council of Palm Beach County's William T. Dwyer Award for Excellence in Education in the middle school category. He turned to middle school teaching four years ago, after years as a Boy Scout leader. Phibbs' scouting experience made middle school a natural choice. He has thrown himself into the students' activities, supervising the yearbook and newspaper staffs, coaching the chess and baseball teams, leading kids to wins at the local and

national academic games and sponsoring the national Junior Honor Society.

This summer, Cecil served as the Program Director at Tanah Keeta and was a member of the lodge NOAC contingent. He is currently serving as the advisor for Ceremonies and Inductions. Congratulations Cecil and thank you for all the work you do!!!

BROTHERS IN ACTION

Lowaneu Mawat

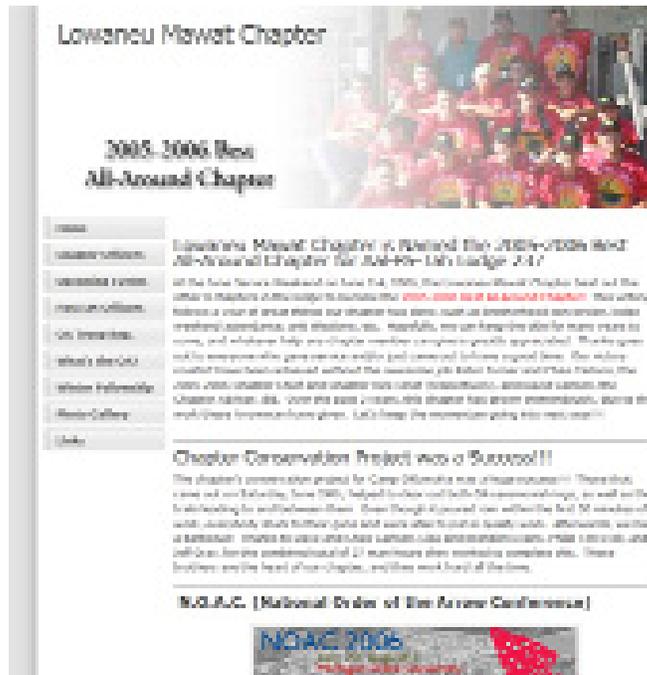
Chief: Chas Carlson

Hello to everyone from "The Northern Ones". As all should know, WE'RE THE NUMBER ONE CHAPTER of Aal-Pa-Tah.

and a fun day for all members at Camp Oklawaha later this year.

We also figured out that we are the best looking chapter, have the most members going to NOAC and are just the best all around. Our old Chapter Chief, Peter Turner, has turned over the reins to me and told me to run with it. Peter was an excellent Chief for two years and I will have some big shoes to fill.

Luckily, I'm twice as big as he is (and better looking) so it shouldn't be too hard. We are going to continue on with the tradition of having chapter meetings every month on the 2nd Monday at the First United Methodist Church in Vero Beach at 7PM. We are also working hard on a community service project to fulfill our service commitment



Also, you need to check out our web site. Steve Gray has done a superior job of making this great. (It's the only one on the Lodge web site; We're #1) www.lowaneumawat.aal-pa-tah237.org

Hope everyone has a good summer and we will see ALL of you at the Ordeal Weekend in August.

Yours in Fellowship
Chas Carlson

(Editor Note: Chapter website need to be hosted on the Lodge host. If you have a

website elsewhere you will need to move it to be on our lodge host. See Patrick for more details or to start building your own chapter website.)

Ready for some ACTION

Steve Gray

Winter Fellowship will be on the weekend of December 8-10, AND WHAT A WEEKEND IT'LL BE!!!

It's going to be such a crazy, fun-filled, Gator-licious, Aal-Pa-Tah extravaganza, it would be a shame to miss it. However, in order for it to be a great weekend, a weekend chairman, any weekend chairman, needs the help of his Gator Brothers. SO, I am asking everyone to think of ideas YOU would like to see happen at the weekend, and email your ideas to me, at stevegray237@yahoo.com.

That way, there is something for everyone. You can also talk to me or Ian McKay, the weekend Vice-Chairman, at the August and September Ordeal Weekends.

Don't miss all the ACTION!

Want a sample of all the action? Head over to www.gallery.aal-pa-tah237.org for pictures from the last Winter Fellowship.

Ordeal Weekend



Join us at the Ordeal Weekend! As with all lodge weekends you must pay the weekend fee of \$15.00 (\$20 at the door) which covers your weekend patch and food. Member dues must be paid up. Please check the label below to determine if your dues are current. Annual lodge dues are \$10.00.

Payments made by Monday at 2 pm two weeks before count as prepaying. Payments go to the Council Service Center and can be made in person, by mail, or by phone with credit card (VISA/MC/AMEX/DISC) at 561-694-8585 ext 234. Information required if using voice mail: purpose of payment (weekend, dues, etc.) participant name, cardholder name, card #, expiration date, street address and zip code.

You've heard of SunPass? Try our Fast Pass - it's only \$75 for the year! Fast Pass covers all weekend Lodge events, dues, annual year patches, plus a weekend a patch will be saved if you can't attend!

We'll see you August 25-27th and Sept 13-15, to share in brotherhood, cheerfulness and service with your fellow Gators!

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