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Winter Fellowship



Hello Gators,

I wanted to tell you what is coming up for Winter Fellowship. The weekend for Winter Fellowship is the 5th through the 7th of December, and trust me when I say we have some amazing stuff planned. In addition to fun programs and cheerful service to camp, we also have the competition for BEST ALL AROUND CHAPTER. Come on out to this weekend so we can see which chapter reigns supreme when we compete in each event. Also, there are some great surprises in store for the weekend, including an awesome 237 surprise. Even if your not into competing, trust me, we have some awesome programs for those of you that just like to have fun. Programs will include music, dancing, karaoke, videogames, and much, much more. So come on out this December and lets kick it Aal-Pa-Tah style!

WWW,

Nate Zajac

Fall Ordeal Weekend Chairman



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Chiefly Speaking



Hello Brothers,

The end of 2014 is rapidly coming to an end! Over the coming year, new challenges and obstacles will present themselves. With an All-Star team of Officers, Chairmen, and Advisors I am convinced that Aal-Pa-Tah will continue to improve. I would like to thank everyone for the great time I had at Section Leadership Summit that we hosted, it was a blast. We learned a lot by working together as a lodge and, more importantly, had fun and got to know some fellow Arrowmen. If you wanted to learn more about the lodge and leadership you should look into going to NLS. I went four years ago and learned a lot; every Arrowmen can benefit from it.

During the rest of this year, Aal-Pa-Tah will be having its most fun weekend, Winter Fellowship. It will be one to remember! If you have never had an opportunity to make it to one you are missing out. There will be countless amounts of games, events, and fun. My goal is to have 237 Lodge members at this weekend. It is a perfect time to relax before school wraps up, so see you there.

WWW,

Daniel Olbrych



Adviser's

Like many parents, I became involved in Scouting because my child brought home that flyer from school, which resulted in me going to School Night for Scouting, which resulted in somehow becoming a Scout Leader! In the beginning, I was a leader to support my children, but, alas, my children are now all grown and out of the house. Yet, I am still involved in Scouting.

So every few weeks, a member of my extended family says "So when are you giving up that Scouting thing?" They sort of say it like it is a bad habit I have. Something that I should give up, but due to some personal weakness, can't. I am going to be honest with you, every so often I think, "Wow, this is tough, I should give up this Scouting thing." I am sure this is a sentiment many Scout Leaders feel from time to time. So, why do all of us Scout Leaders do this?

Having just finished Section Leadership Seminars, I think I know why we do this. It is called inspiration. We have the most amazing youth achieving the most amazing things. This was a Section Event hosted by our Lodge that was attended by scouts from across the state. Every detail was planned and carried out by the youth of our Lodge. The quality of the event, the brotherhood amongst everyone, and the spirit shown by all was truly energizing. Inspirational. The fact that we adults can work with these incredible young men as they achieve things, things that most their age would never attempt, is rewarding beyond words.

Parents, thank you for supporting your sons as members of the Lodge. I have met the most interesting, kind, respectful, hard-working young men. It makes me think that this world is in very good hands. If feeling happy and hopeful is a bad habit, then I will just have to live with it – thank you very much.

WWW,

Amanda Pantone





Officer Reports

Vice Chief of Program

Hello Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge 237,

We have had a great year thus far with program. Two successful weekends, Fall Ordeal, section Leadership Summit, and much more yet to happen. I'm so glad to have been elected to the Vice Chief of Program position this year and I know, with your help as lodge members, we can make program even better. My plan to do this is simple, I want to hear your ideas and what you guys have to offer. Each of you guys is what program is all about, which is better serving the youth in the lodge, and making our weekends fun. If you have any ideas for program, or what you want to see during the weekends let me know; email me or call me anytime. In addition, if you want to get involved with program by helping out on a weekend, or even being a weekend chairman, please contact me. I have a couple more weekends I still need to be chaired and, trust me, we have a lot of fun when we are working together. So far our weekends have been very, very good and I'm glad with how they turned out, thanks to my advisor and all the help from the lodge. I think this is one of our most fun and interesting years yet. I can't wait to see what the rest of the year holds for us in program. In addition I'd love to see each and everyone of you at all of our weekends. I want to make this the biggest year the lodge has ever seen for membership at each weekend. We had a great turnout it for Ordeal and SLS and I know we can up that even more with your Winter Fellowship and the upcoming ordeals. Also, I need your help we need to find a chief and participants for the Lodge dance team. In my opinion, one of the best parts of the lodge is dancing. Please consider joining the dance team or becoming the chief. Tell all of your friends that they should look into it. If you need any information please don't hesitate to contact me or the advisor Joe Costanzo.

WWW,

Michael Riley

Lodge Historian

I had an AWESOME time at Fall Ordeal and got a ton of great pictures of the Service and the awesome times that we had! Section Leadership Summit was a great success and I had lots of fun. Check out our pictures on the Lodge Website at Aal-patah.org. I can't wait for Winter Fellowship on December 5-7th, it's going to be a blast! Keep up all the awesome work! I'll be sure to capture it and put it up for all of our brothers to see. If you have any pictures that you would like to be uploaded, feel free to send them to me via text at 561-628-5893 or email at Jott782@gmail.com.

WWW,

Josh Ott

Vice Chief of Inductions

My fellow Arrowmen, though the year is coming to an end, we are just getting started. After having an amazing Fall Ordeal and seeing many members of Section S-4 learn about inductions and all things OA, I have seen what our lodge can really do and look forward to seeing more in the coming months! In addition to this, Winter Fellowship is occurring December 5th-7th at our very own Tanah Keeta! Get ready for lots of fun, games, and best of all Inductions! At some point during the weekend there will be ceremonies practice, and an opportunity to obtain your Brotherhood. I can't wait to see everyone and if you are interested in joining ceremonies or you have any questions for me, feel free to contact me at mmirandi0987@gmail.com or (561)-866-1633. WWW,

Matthew Mirandi

Vice Chief of Service

Fall Ordeal was a great success and we lots of new members have a great experience and become part of our brotherhood of cheerful service. Speaking of service, be on the lookout for any service days we have and try to make it out if you're free. Our camps and council do so much for us, so it is only right that we give back. I'm proud to work with all of you and look forward to working with you at Winter Fellowship (and then having a lot of fun cause it'll be super awesome) !!!

WWW,

Gregory Yentz

Lodge Treasurer

This is my first report as lodge Treasurer. There has been a lot of activity with the Lodge Box at the most recent Lodge weekends. Currently, the Lodge Box has cut the price on most patches on sale, as to make room for new patches. If you have any suggestions for how we can make the Lodge Box better, contact either me or George Cooper, the Lodge Box chairman. In addition, I am preparing to do the lodge budget for 2015, so look out for that.

WWW,

Everett Pierman

Lodge Secretary

Brothers,

I have had a great time this year and I hope you all have too. Seeing as it's coming to a close, I would like to reflect on all the amazing things we have done this year. From the induction of new members, to the fellowship on all our lodge weekends, I have been astounded by the energy you all have. Keep it up guys. If you are interested in ceremonies shoot me an email at jonathanlukeclaridge@gmail.com. GO AAL-PA-TAH!

WWW,

Jonathan Claridge



Chapter Corner

Lowaneu Mawat

Brothers,

We had an amazing Section Leadership Summit! Winter Fellowship is coming up fast, so bring your friends! I am excited to continue working for you, elections are going great. If you want to know when your election is, email me. Chapter e-mails are now coming out with more important information. If you do not see these emails, please contact Ms. Nancy Faillace or myself. Thank you!

WWW,
Robert Ulrich

Lowaneu Mawat Chapter Chief

A-Bani-Ki

Brothers,

A-Bani-Ki chapter is doing very well this time of year. Meeting turnout is slowly growing from already stable numbers. Remember that we meet at the same time, the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00pm, but in a new place, Imagine School's Chancellor campus. Lodge event turnout is high, as always, and even section events have strong numbers from our chapter, as seen by the past weekend at Section Leadership Summit. After summer, we began a bake sale fundraiser at our meetings, which has become very prosperous for the chapter. We also are planning to have new patches and t-shirts designed, as we just ran out, for the next years to come. Any questions can be answered at the lodge website, www.aal-pa-tah.org, or in an email sent to me at arrenkodak@gmail.com. It's No Lie, The Best Chapter is A-Bani-Ki.

WWW,
Arren Richter

A-Bani-Ki Chapter Chief

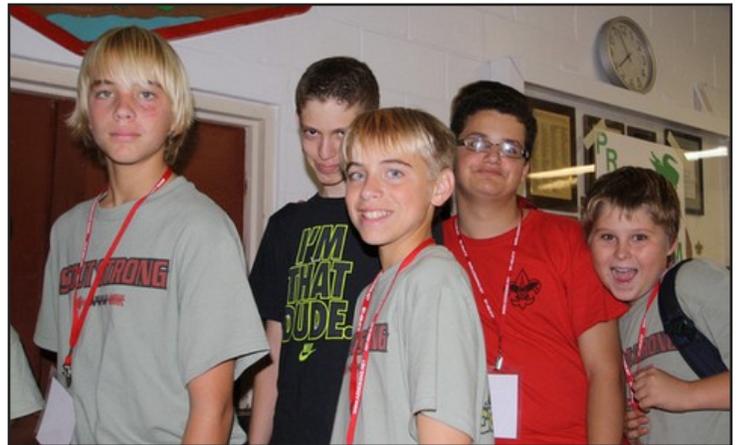


Oi-Ya-Tah

Hello Brothers,

Oi-ya-tah chapter is doing great. We still meet the second Thursday of every month at Treasure Coast District Roundtable. We are thrilled to announce that we have an amazing ceremony team that will be making its debut at Winter Fellowship. We are also thrilled to be competing for best all around chapter and can't wait until the competition this December. Always remember HAVE NO FEAR OI YA TAH IS HERE!!!!

WWW,
Michael Riley





The Forum

Brothers,

Did you get a chance to see the regalia that were being displayed at the arbor during the SLS? Interested in learning more about Native American culture and dance? Then come join the Lodge Dance Team. We are looking for 10 to 20 members who would like to learn about Native American dancing, both group dances and individual dances.



We are also trying to reform the Lodge Drum. If you are interested in Native American Singing, give us a call. We will be singing at the Winter Fellowship weekend.

We have the resources and documentation; we need dancers who want to learn. Our goal is to have a team ready by Section Conference and to compete at NOAC 2015. It's not that difficult. If you can walk, you can dance. Contact any LEC member, your Chapter Chief or me, Mr. Costanzo, Dance Team Advisor, at 561-293-0860 or BigJoe1513@aol.com

WWW,

Joe Costanzo



Brothers,

The Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge Annual Awards Banquet is coming up soon! It will be held at TK on Saturday, January 3rd 2015, at 6:00 PM. This event is only \$10, or free if you buy a Fast Pass, and is intended not only for all Arrowmen, but for your families as well so that they can have a chance to see what the OA is all about. For all Arrowmen who have never attended, this event is where we honor those who have performed outstanding service to the lodge in the past year. It will also include raffle items, great food, music, games, fellowship, and, of course, the fantastic patch auction. Last year this event was a great success and I hope to see everyone at the banquet again this year.

WWW,

Aaron Gluck

Banquet Chair



Section Leadership Summit Recap

Well its a wrap folks! What a wonderful weekend and what a great way to show everyone exactly what Aal-Pa-Tah can do!!! As some of you know, Section Seminars/Summit has had a reputation for being boring and always the same. We changed that image and showed everyone that you can mix training and fun in the same event.



I wanted to send out a HUGE thanks to everyone who help make this event such a success. You all did an AMAZING job and truly made our jobs easier. Speaking of Mike, I only took this position because I know with Mike being the Chairman there was no way it could fail, and I was 100% right! Between him and Crawford, I can't count how many phone calls, texts and meetings we had leading up to the event. I know there were more then a few times they both wanted to block my number! In the end, it was worth it just to see everyone having such a great time and learning skills that pass on to their lodges.

Once again thank you all for everything! You proved once again why Aal Pa Tah is the best lodge in the country!!



WWW,
Shannon Straight
Section Seminars 2014 Advisor

WWW,
Mike McLoughlin
Section Seminars 2014 Chairman



Section Leadership Summit Recap



Fall Ordeal in Review

My Brothers,

I would like to extend a big thank you to everyone that came out to Fall Ordeal. From the elangomats, to the ceremonialists, to the kitchen staff, and to our brothers that came in recently, if it were not for all of your efforts and participation we would not have been able to have such a wonderful event and introduce new brothers into our order. It is your efforts that make this lodge that much better. As such, I would suggest you give yourselves pats on the back for all your hard work to camp.

WWW,

Michael Riley





NLS



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Upcoming Events

January 3rd

Lodge Banquet

January 17th

Service Day (TK)