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## Calendar

December 10th-12th  
Winter Fellowship 2010  
at Tanah Keeta S.R.

January 8th, 2011  
Annual Lodge Banquet

February 11th-12th  
Vigil Reunion Weekend  
& Brotherhood Day  
at Tanah Keeta S.R.

<http://aal-pa-tah237.org/calendar>

## Winter Fellowship 2010

My Brothers,

On December 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, our Lodge will be hosting the greatest event of the year so far, Winter Fellowship! My Brother I urge you to attend this weekend because you will have a blast. Let's just take a look at some of the activities we will be hosting. We are going to have Amtguard, Laser Tag, a Saturday night Carnival with DJ (that plays good music), there will be Chapter competitions during the day, a Hearts Tournament on Friday, and also on Friday we will be having an Xbox 360 tournament. There is going to be so much going on this weekend that you might not be able to do everything. This is going to be the best weekend of the year. So grab your friends and go to Tanah Keeta on December 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. There is nothing in the world going on that will be more important than this weekend. So please our Lodge needs you to come out in its support. This will be my last weekend that I will be hosting and I want to go out with a bang! There will be more for you to learn in the coming months about this weekend. Soon I will be sending some instructions for your chapters to your Chapter Chief regarding your part in the weekend. I hope to see you there and remember we need you to pre-register so that we can get some scrumptious food for you. The Council Office number is (561) 694-8585 and ask for Kelsey! As always, you can pre-register through the Lodge Website's registration tab at: <http://aal-pa-tah237.org/members/registration>. The cost of the weekend is \$20 for everyone that pre-registers by Tuesday, December 7th (after which a \$5 late fee applies to all members, including Fast Passers).

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WWW,

*Zachary Regan*

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## Chiefly Speaking

My Brothers,

I want to start by thanking everyone in the Lodge for their support for the past five months. We have started the lodge year in a terrific fashion. Our first weekend of the year was September Ordeal; it was a major success in my eyes. Luke Spratt put a lot of time and effort into the Ordeal, and it showed. There is only one thing that could have made that weekend an even bigger success and that would have been having more brothers there to spend the weekend with. So I am challenging everyone that was at Ordeal to go back to your unit and tell them about all of the fun you had. Then bring all of your friends to Winter Fellowship. It is December 10-12. Zack Regan has been given approval of a thousand dollar budget (as long as 100 people preregister for this event). Zack has been working hard to make this the best Lodge weekend ever!!! I hope to see everyone there.

Do not forget to come out and seal your membership into the Order by going through Brotherhood at Winter Fellowship. This is the last chance to go through Brotherhood for the year. Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge needs 18 people to get Brotherhood to make Quality Lodge. We need your help in doing this. Please spread the word.

Following the weekend we will be having an L.E.C. in the Lodge building. Anyone in the Lodge is welcome to attend. All members of the L.E.C. need to be in Class A with a written report.

WWW,

*Elliott Taft*

Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge Chief

Sitting Moose

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## Nimat Program

Brothers,

**Do you want to meet more Arrowman while taking an active role in the Lodge?**

Then you should think about being a Nimat! A Nimat is a friend to brothers after their Ordeal. Here's how it works: After an Ordeal, you will meet your 'clan'. You will be responsible for keeping in contact with your 'clan' and encouraging them to attend functions of the Lodge. Through this you will also be helping them attain their Brotherhood at the same time. The point of the program is to be a friend or Nimat in the Lenni Lenape language. In return for this service, you will have the opportunity to wear a special recognition item, to be decided at the next LEC.

If you are even the slightest bit interested or have ANY questions, please feel free to contact Mike McLoughlin at 561-267-8759 or [m.mcloug@gmail.com](mailto:m.mcloug@gmail.com).

Everyone, Youth and Adult are encouraged to serve as a Nimat!

In Brotherhood and Cheerful Service,

*Mike McLoughlin*

Aal-Pa-Tah Nimat Chairman

# Officer Reports

## Lodge Vice Chief of Inductions

Brother Gators!

This year has been a year of excellence so far. We have had two very successful Ordeals and high numbers in Brotherhood conversion, however we still NEED 18 Brotherhood members in order for us reach the requirements for 'Quality Lodge'. There will be ample opportunity at Winter Fellowship for all of you to do this and the information you need to get this done is all on the Lodge website. And don't worry, it is easy and will be a very meaningful experience for all of you.

Our Elangomat Program is working amazingly. We had at least two Elangomats per clan at this last Ordeal. So from the Lodge we would like to say thanks to you all, without you we would not be able to run the Ordeals. We would also like to challenge you. The Lodge is in the process of setting up a Nimat program and would love if you all continued your service as Nimats, more information on that program to follow.

Closing in the words of Mr. Frank Taft "I would like to thank each and every Arrowmen who has given their time, efforts, resources and advice to the advancement of our Lodge so that we may once again be a 'Quality Lodge'. Remember that we are less of a Lodge without you. Congratulations to each and every one of our Lodge members. You make it happen!"

Your Brother In Cheerful Service,

*Jordan Alexander Davis*

## Lodge Vice Chief of Service

Hello my Brothers,

Anyone who has not signed up for Winter Fellowship should do so immediately because we are planning to have a great weekend for all Arrowmen. We also need all hands to help for the coming up 'BIG EVENT' that we host, Section Conference, and we want it all to be the Best All Around Conference and the most talked about for many years to come.

WWW,  
*Levi Stahl*

## Lodge Secretary

Hello Brothers,

Thank you for your cooperation and your plentiful contributions to the Gator Tales during my terms. Any stories can be sent to me at [secretary@aal-pa-tah237.org](mailto:secretary@aal-pa-tah237.org)

WWW,  
*Gregory Olbrych*

## Lodge Vice Chief of Program

This year is bound to be exciting, especially with the upcoming Winter Fellowship that is planned. However, in order to take part in this one in a lifetime event, you must pre-register. The Lodge is working very hard to make this the best and

I am sure you do not want to miss out.

WWW,  
*Denver Sherman*



## Lodge Treasurer

Hello Brothers,

I want to start by saying that there are now several patches currently pending on approval at the LEC: a new standard Lodge Flap, the Section Conference 2011 Host Flap, and the 2011 year set. By the way, there are a several new patches in the Lodge Box, including the 2010 National Jamboree Lodge Flap, which turns purple when exposed to the sunlight. As far as sales go, there was well over \$600 worth of patches sold out of the Lodge Box at September Ordeal alone; combine that with the June Ordeal, and the totals sales amount to about \$1,400.

WWW,  
*George Cooper*

## OA SummitCorps



[SummitCorps - The New River Experience](#) is a service adventure from the Order of the Arrow, similar to *ArrowCorps5* and the OA High Adventure Programs.

SummitCorps will take place over four weeks during July 2011: July 3-9, July 10-16, July 17-23, and July 24-30. Each week will be a separate session of SummitCorps, providing exciting opportunities for service, adventure, and recreation. SummitCorps will be held at the New River Gorge National River in West Virginia. The O-Shot-Caw Lodge has already made reservations for the first week, July 3-9. OA members who would like to attend need to make a deposit to reserve your spot.

From the first Native Americans to camp along the shores of the New River to the loggers who worked in the hills surrounding the bends and twists of the river, the New River has seen a lot as one of the oldest rivers in the United States. Many have walked its shores, and many have floated the swift rapids of the New River. Now it's the Boy Scouts' turn, as we prepare for The Summit: Bechtel Family Scout Reserve, the new site of the National Jamboree and the newest BSA high adventure base. While SummitCorps will not take place at The Summit, it will work to provide the link between the New River and the Summit, allowing a new generation of Americans to join the storied history of the New River.

The site of the SummitCorps is a part of the National Park system, maintained by the US Department of the Interior and the National Park Service. The over 70,000 acres surrounding the river provide an abundance of flora and fauna to enhance the experience of Arrowmen attending SummitCorps in 2011. The main focus of SummitCorps will be improving the Garden Grand Hike and Bike Trail. Other projects will include the removal of invasive species.

## Associate Adviser's Counsel

Brothers:

This is an extremely exciting time to be a part of Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge. We have so much going on right now, that if you personally feel 'bored' in the OA, quite frankly it's your own fault. For any of you out there wanting to be a leader, the time is now.

First and foremost, the current youth leadership is energized and is running some excellent programs. Elliot and his LEC have really taken up the slack on the reigns. Simply, everything is running as it should. From an advisor stand point, this is exciting, and the youth and adults that have stepped forward to take part in the LEC should be commended for their work. Were does everyone else fit in? Well, for starters, you need to start regularly attending Lodge functions and enjoying it. The September Ordeal weekend was packed full of programming, and everything ran as scheduled. It was a fun weekend, but too few members were there to witness it. Get involved, be active, be a part of the program. More importantly, every committee in the Lodge always has room for more committee members. If you are looking to take a more active role, look over the LEC roster, identify a committee – or two or three – which you want to be a part of, and call the chairman. Along that line, I want to recognize Amanda Pantone for stepping up and taking on the role of an additional Associate Lodge Advisor. Mrs. Pantone brings a wealth of Scouting experience to the table, and having her as an Associate Lodge Advisor is a much welcomed addition to the LEC. Thank you for stepping forward Mrs. Pantone.

Secondly, as you all should know by now, Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge is hosting the 2011 S-4 Section Conference at Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation. Everyone in the Lodge – EVERYONE – needs to be giving their full support to Chairman Ian McKay and Advisor David Carlson. The Section Conference team has already put a lot of work into the conference planning, but as April 2011 approaches, the Lodge will need all hands on deck to prepare for and execute conference. Some committees still need leaders. Almost all committees still need members. TK will need thousands of service hours. During conference, the Lodge's host corps will need hundreds of you to run the infrastructure. The Lodge needs all Brothers more than ever to be attentive to Lodge communications, and actively participating in our work. Some of you past leaders and advisors are waiting in the wings for someone to ask for your help. This is it: Please help. Okay, no more waiting. Contact Ian and David to be involved.

My last piece of counsel for today is simply – pay your dues! As some of you may know, one requirement to achieve Quality Lodge is for the Lodge to experience 'positive growth' in our active membership. This means we must re-charter at least +1 active members over the prior year. The Lodge's re-charter is due December 31, 2010, and presently we are 60 dues paid members short of Quality Lodge. If you consider yourself active in the Lodge, but your 2010 dues are not paid, then please call Kelsey at the Council Office and pay your dues today. The mailing label on your Gator Tales, or the top of your Lodge email tells you when you last paid your dues. The Lodge email list goes out to over 900 Brothers, and Gator Tales reaches almost 2/3 that. I know you are out there, and I also know about half of you have not paid your 2010 dues. Please do so. No matter how much hard work the youth of the Lodge put in, they cannot make Quality Lodge if you do not pay your dues. It's that simple. OA dues are \$10 annually, which covers your National OA dues as well as your hardcopies of the Gator Tales. Additionally, you can pay as many years in advance as you wish – for instance \$20 now covers your 2010 and 2011 dues. Additionally, for everyone that is 2010 dues paid – Thank You! At this time, we ask that you start paying your 2011 dues to ensure no lapse occurs as we transition from 2010 to 2011.

This is truly an exciting time to be a part of Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge. Seize it. As the great philosopher Ferris Bueller once said: "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." Well, that's my favorite Ferris quote anyways. But, the one that's meant to inspire you is: "The question isn't 'what are we going to do,' the question is 'what aren't we going to do?'" So Brothers, in 2011, what aren't we going to do?

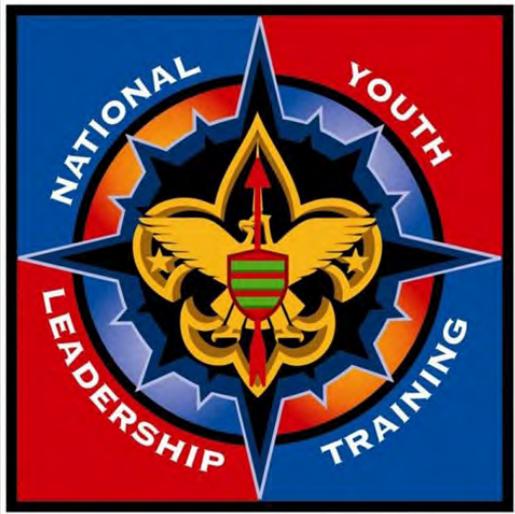
WWW,

*Bradley J. Ellis*

Associate Lodge Advisor

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# National Youth Leadership Training



**Do you want to advance your leadership skills while having fun?**

Then National Youth Leadership Training is for you!

The Course runs from December 27<sup>th</sup>-January 1<sup>st</sup>. At beautiful Camp Tanah Keeta.

You will learn skills that will last a lifetime such as Communicating Well, Preparing Your Plans and other life skills that will help you succeed! The fee for this intense, fun training is \$155.

First Class Scouts who are at least 13 years old and have completed Troop Leader Training or Venturing Scouts are eligible to take the course. This means that NYLT is CO-ED!!!! Invite your friends!!!!

So come on out and spend Winter Break with your friends while learning some valuable life skills!! For more information, contact Brendon Morgan, Course Leader at [btm120@hotmail.com](mailto:btm120@hotmail.com) or 561-324-4165.

In WWW,

*Brendon Morgan*

NYLT Course Leader 2010

## New Brotherhood Members in 2010

Blake Ambach  
Brian Beckett  
Zachary Bishop  
Bernard Budd  
Michael Budd  
Wyatt Bunch  
Tyler Carley  
Alex Carnes  
Connor Carnes  
Bryan Claypool  
Richard Gallant  
Gregory Garfinkel  
David Gouge  
Kyle Haynes  
Flacco Herrera  
Roy Jones  
Matthew Kenney

Eric Laprairie  
Chris Leach  
Robert Letourneau  
Erik Littlefield  
Jack Longo  
Michael Masters  
David McClintock  
Stephen McCloskey  
Mike McLoughlin  
Chad Miller  
Daniel Mintz  
Tyler Mitchell  
Brandon Monbleau  
David Nitz  
Kristina Olbrych  
Trevor Perkins  
Joshua Prestia

Khalil Rouse  
Grant Sennott  
Tom Sennott  
Tristan Siebeneck  
Diane Spencer  
Brandon Stendara  
Crawford Teets  
Christian Townsend  
Peter Viggiano  
Ian Wagner  
Elliot Wechsler  
Christopher Wentz  
Patrick Wishard  
Jon Young  
Anthony Zaleski  
Robert Zaleski

Congratulations!

## New Ordeal Members in 2010

Eric Andersen  
John Arias  
Chase Asmussen  
Patrick Bain  
Lucas Barron  
Carl Bauer  
Dustin Bishop  
George Bockmeyer  
Tyler Botts  
AJ Brands  
Paul Brennan  
Mitch Brooks  
Craig Buttery  
Kevin Buxton  
Robby Buzen  
Michael Bychek  
Peter Candela  
Riley Carlson  
Brandon Carter  
Kyle Compare  
Sean Connolly  
Troy Conover  
Jack Cooper  
Daniel Cross  
Deborah Cross  
Robbie Crum  
Austin Daniels  
Wesley Dean  
Brennan Delaney  
Timothy Delaney  
Joseph Dorrington  
Michael Eckerle  
Jonathan Edmonson  
Sean Elia  
Thomas Elia  
Tyler Elliott  
Michael Evans  
Anthony Farmer  
Troy Ferguson  
Brandon Fleming  
Richard Fritz  
Trey Fritz  
Marcus Fuller  
Michael Gabriel  
Adam Garey  
Matt Glassman  
Aaron Gluck  
Chris Green  
Patrick Gregston

Kyle Grieser  
Cassie Griffith  
Jonathan Guerra  
Joshua Hartigan  
Brandon Haynes  
Kyle Heckman  
Austin Hemmer  
Harrison Hemmis  
Connor Hunt  
Mason Hutchinson  
Elliot Jaffe  
Kevin Jennings  
Trevor Jennings  
Charles Joachim  
Hunter Johnson  
Thomas Johnson  
Matthew Jones  
Matt Kastelic  
Grant Kazi  
Nick Keller  
Doug Killip  
Christopher Kovhcs  
Austin Lannon  
Brandon LaRosa  
James Leach  
David Legault  
Ethan Letourneau  
Robert Livingstone  
Pete Lumb  
Max Lupin  
Peggy Lyon  
Colin Mackay  
Chris Mancuso  
Kathy Martin  
Ronald Martin  
Zachary Martire  
John Masterson  
Daniel McNalis  
Timothy Mcnalis  
Joseph Mills  
Matthew Mirandi  
John Montanelli  
Connor Moura  
Justin Oh  
Brian Olcott  
Chris Oster  
Josh Ott

Alex Palles  
Ross Pantone  
Curtis Parkes  
Kevin Parkes  
Austin Parriott  
Chase Patterson  
Dylan Petroll  
Bucky Poderski  
Jerry Ponce  
Nicholas Ponce  
Maxwell Pratt  
Andrew Price  
Jeffrey Price  
Mitch Price  
Alton Pullon  
Reed Rabideau  
Allan Radcliff  
Anton Relin  
John Schiller  
Peter Scott  
Corey Seldin  
Timmy Shablom  
Anson Shurr  
Ryan Smith  
Colton Spencer  
Jay Spicer  
Reed Spicer  
Michael Springthorp  
Connor Sturgis  
George Sturgis  
Jared Sussman  
Alex Sutterfield  
Charles Thibault  
Tim Thibault  
Ethan Trinh  
Tai-Tjing Tse  
Patrick Tully  
Randy Ulm  
Kyle Vadas  
William Van Dyke  
Gianluca Viggiano  
Brook Williams  
Chris Wilmoth  
Mark Wishard  
Justin Wright  
Azim Wynn  
Gregory Yentz  
Michael Zuckerman

Congratulations!

# Food Service

## **FROM THE FOOD GUYS:**

The following is the menu for the upcoming Winter Fellowship Weekend. Since the Christmas Holidays are just a short time away, we thought that we would have a Holiday Themed Weekend.

### FRIDAY NIGHT CRACKERBARREL

Cinnamon Rolls with Butter Cream Frosting  
Hot Chocolate

### SATURDAY BREAKFAST

Breakfast Casserole  
Biscuit with butter

### SATURDAY LUNCH

French Bread Pizza  
Apple

### SATURDAY DINNER

Baked Ham with Raisin Sauce  
Sweet Potato Casserole  
Green Beans  
Corn Bread Stuffing  
Corn Bread with butter  
Desserts (*you do not want to miss this*)

### SATURDAY CRACKERBARREL

Cinnamon Ice Cream with Chocolate Sauce

### SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Biscuits and Sausage Gravy

We are beginning to need to look for more cooks and helpers. If anyone knows of someone interested or is interested themselves, have them speak with myself or Aaron in the kitchen on Friday Night.

Cordially,

*Chas Carlson*

Food Service Grand Emperor



## Hitchiti Dancers

The Hitchiti have already been asked for many pre-season performances this year. Also if you are interested in learning about Native American Dance or drumming YOU are always welcome to come by and give it a try.

Dance Team members are willing to help you out along the way. We are also in need of dancers and singers for various competitions. In addition, at the Winter Fellowship we will be hosting a Pow-Wow Saturday.

Come out and have fun! Don't forget to contact the Council Office to pre-register, or pre-register on line at [www.aal-pa-tah237.org](http://www.aal-pa-tah237.org)



WWW,  
*James Herrera*  
Hitchiti Chief



# ***BROTHERS IN ACTION***

## Chapter Reports

### **A-Bani-Ki**

Osceola District

Fellow Brothers,

I welcome all new members to the Abaniki Chapter, and encourage all to come to Abaniki Chapter meetings. During the Chapter meetings there will be giveaways and information about the upcoming Lodge events. Abaniki Chapter meetings take place at Spanish River Church on the second Monday of every Month at 7:30pm.

Thank you to everyone who helped run the grills on the Ordeal Weekend in September and the Fall Family Campout in October. All of the money made from the grills will go to the Chapter polo shirt fund. Our Abaniki Chapter was able to act as a mentor to the Cub Scouts during our Osceola District Scout O Rama in September. Some of the activities that our brothers staffed were a rubber band rifle range, Pine-wood Derby Races, Craft area, Cub Scout Belt loops and team building games.

WWW,

*Daniel Olbrych*

### **Chee-Pa-Tah**

Trade Winds District

Dear Chee-pa-tah,

We are currently having our meetings at 7364 Westport Place WPB, FL. We are currently discussing ideas for a game at Winter Fellowship, ideas for fundraising, and ideas for a Chapter camp out. Please make sure to come to the meeting, we need new thought and ideas.

YIS,

*Crawford Teets*

## Osceola

Lighthouse District

The Osceola Chapter is doing just swell! We helped our District run the shooting ranges at Critter Prowl for our One Day of Service Project. We also held a fundraiser at the Lighthouse Districts Webelos Activity Pin Day at St. Marks. We are currently working on plans for a holiday party. That's all that I have for now.

Please remember that our Chapter meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month (in conjunction with our District Roundtable). We start our meetings at 7:00pm and end them exactly at 8:00pm, always playing a fun game at the end. Our meetings are at St.Marks Episcopal Church(by Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center) If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to contact me at 561-267-8759 or at [m.mcloug@gmail.com](mailto:m.mcloug@gmail.com).

WWW,

*Michael McLoughlin*

## Lowaneu-Mawat

Indian River District

Fellow Brothers,

I hope everybody is looking forward to a great year. We're off to a great start with a successful Ordeal and some great local event assistance. We've got some great events coming up that I want to see everybody at including Winter Fellowship which is shaping up to be one of the best weekends we've had in years. I'm also looking for some troop representatives that I can count on showing up to all of our Chapter meetings and Lodge events. Anybody interested please contact me at [jscgray@yahoo.com](mailto:jscgray@yahoo.com)

WWW,

*Jeff Gray*

## Nekiwa

Sailfish District

The Nekiwa Chapter Chief did not submit a report and no report was submitted on his behalf.

## Oi-Ya-Tah

Treasure Coast District

The Oi -Ya-Tah Chapter Chief did not submit a report and no report was submitted on his behalf.

## Panasofee

Okeechobee District

The Panasofee Chapter Chief did not submit a report and no report was submitted on his behalf.

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## Section Conference 2011

Mark your calendar, put in your vacation requests, save your money and get ready to attend the biggest thing to happen in your Lodge for years. What is it you ask? It is the Section 4 Conference. When is it? April 8-10, 2011. Where is it? Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation. What is happening? More fun than a barrel of monkeys and if you are not careful you might learn some of what the Order of the Arrow is about and maybe some Native American stuff too. There will be a Carnival Friday night, Seminars and training Saturday morning, the Quest for the Golden Arrow (games, games, games) Saturday afternoon followed by a Powwow and a Stage Show Saturday night. Sunday will bring the Business Meeting of the Section along with Section elections. The only down side to this is that Aal-Pa-Tah is putting on this Conference for the Section, so we need your support and help. Ask your Chapter Chief or a Lodge Officer what you can do to help. Let's all get together and make this a Conference that Section 4 will not forget.

*Ian McKay*, Conference Chairman

*David Carlson*, Adviser

### Gator Tales Reminder

Officers, Arrowmen, and Advisers  
Each issue of the Gator Tales is  
produced on a tight schedule.

**Help us get each issue out on time!**