

The

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Gazette

2004 S-4S Section Conference

## Camp Preparation

Last April, Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge had its first S-4S Section Conference meeting. Since that meeting, every member of Aal-Pa-Tah has worked diligently to make sure that this will be one of the most fun and exciting conferences, especially because the S-4S Section Conference is the second largest gathering of Arrowmen in the nation. Among the work projects done in preparation, Aal-Pa-Tah built a full-sized basketball court, landscaped the Campmaster Cabin, repainted the mural on the dining hall, repainted most camp buildings, and installed air-conditioning in the dining hall.



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## Welcome

Dear Arrowmen of the Section,

Welcome to our luxurious Camp Loxahatchee at the Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation! Our Lodge has worked endlessly to provide you with the most riveting, thrilling, non-stop program in the history of our Section, so don't miss out! From your arrival Friday night to your departure Sunday morning, we have something for everyone. Why else would we have a "24 Hour Fun" committee at Conference?! If you have a comment, question, or concern, please don't hesitate to ask a Host Lodge member, we're here with a smile to help. Enjoy food highlights throughout the weekend presented by our very own Dean of the Florida Culinary Institute, Dave Pantone! Visit our Indian Village and Dance Arbor areas, where you are sure to enhance your understanding of the Native American culture and even pick up a trinket at the vendors. Don't forget to come Saturday night to watch your very own Lodge Chief SUMO THE SECTION in the Lodge Chief Sumo Wrestling Competition! I have my money on the 100-pound wonder from O-Shot-Caw: Brian Polino. At any rate, the next few days will be what you make of them, so attend all of the events that interest you, support your Lodge, and be sure to enjoy the Conference!



In servant leadership,  
Travis Sheehan, Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge Chief

## Menu

**Friday Night Cracker Barrel**  
"All-Time Favorite Snack Foods"

**Saturday Breakfast**  
Scrambled Eggs with Sausage  
Pancakes with the Works  
Fruit Juice, Milk, Coffee

## Tournaments

If you would like to sign up for the Hearts (10 per lodge, total of 64) or RISK (6 per lodge, total of 36) tournaments, please sign up at the information booth by 10:30pm. Extra spots will be announced at the show. Please do not be late for the tournaments—they start promptly at 11:00 pm!

## **SURPRISE!!!!**

Every issue, there will be one newsletter with one article replaced with the word "Surprise" as the text of the article. (Like Willy Wonka's golden ticket).

If your newsletter has the "Surprise" article written inside of it, you must follow the directions given to claim your prize, an assorted patch set!

## Religious Services

There will be a Jewish Service in the Chapel from 7:30-8:00am on Saturday Morning. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## S-4S Carnival

Who said that you had to wait until Saturday to have fun? Well, not anymore. If you want to have a blast, come to the S-4S Carnival. It will take place tonight, from 7:00-8:30pm in the Dining Tent. There will be prizes and candy for everybody who participates. Some of the various activities that will take place are: Balloon Dart Pop, Tic Tac Toe, Beanbag Toss, Ball Toss, Putt-Putt Golf, Blackjack, and much more. So, come on out Friday night and get hyped up.

## Dive-In Movie

So, you think that you've seen a movie? Not like this, you haven't. Come on down to the pool at 11:00pm for a brand new viewing experience. For those who like the water, float around on an inner tube and relax. For those who prefer to stay dry, pull up a chair and watch the movie from the pool deck.

Tonight's Feature Presentation is:

### **Pirates of the Caribbean:**

Johnny Depp stars as a pirate named Captain Jack Sparrow, who was abandoned on a desert island by his crew. His crew was later cursed and now become the living dead by nightfall. Captain Sparrow teams up with a blacksmith to rescue a governor's daughter and get his ship back.



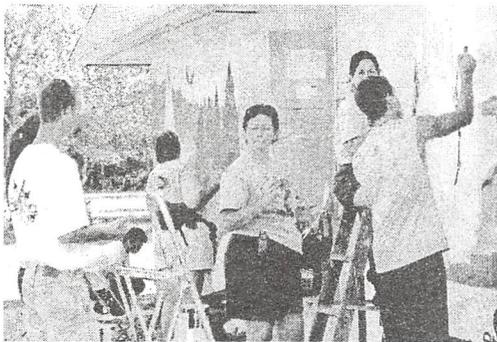
## Prize Patrol

Keep an eye out for the Prize Patrol. These wandering Arrowmen are willing to give out prizes and candy to anybody.

## Hunt for the Arrow

Somewhere inside Camp Tanah Keeta is hidden a red arrow. Read each issue of The Gator Gazette and keep an eye out in camp for more clues. The first person to find the arrow will win a fabulous prize. If you locate the Arrow, turn it in at the OA Building. The first clue is:

*My hiding place might seem a bit extreme,  
But future clues will explain what I mean.*



## Friday Night Show

If you go anywhere on Friday night, make sure that you go to the Friday Night Pre-Show and Show. The Pre-Show starts after the S-4S Carnival at 9:00pm. Be at the Pre-Show to have fun with the crowd and get trinkets thrown to you. Afterwards, the Show starts at 9:30pm. With plenty of music, humor, and fun, the Friday Night Show promises to be a good one.

## 5K Brotherhood Run

The 5K brotherhood run will take place at 6:30am Saturday Morning. This run is a great chance to learn about Tanah Keeta's geographical features. All Arrowmen are encouraged to join in. Meet at the Welcome Shelter in the parking lot.

## Jeff Hayward

The Publications Committee interviewed Jeff Hayward, the National Order of the Arrow Chief. Here are some of the questions and answers.



**If you were to add one more point to the scout law, what would it be?**  
Hmmm...one more. That's a tough one, but I'm going to say, "A Scout is a fan of the Minnesota Twins" because everyone should be one of those!

**Do you have any role models?** One person who I think is a great role model to all is a man by the name of Erik Weihenmayer. He is a professional mountain biker, a skier, a rock climber, and a mountaineer. His most notable accomplishment came in May of 2001 when he climbed to the top of Mt. Everest, also allowing him to claim something that less than 100 people can, climbing the seven summits (the tallest mountain on each continent). What makes Erik such a role model? Erik is blind, and has been since he was 13. I think that his perseverance and ability to overcome his misfortunes is something that we can all look up to and be inspired by.

**What are some of your favorite scouting activities?** I'm really into the outdoors, I just love being out in nature. I also love to climb, kayak, and mountain bike, all things that scouting let me experience first.

**Do you have a favorite quote?** "Do not go where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." —Ralph Waldo Emerson

# Schedule

## FRIDAY

- 1:00pm—Registration and Preorder Pickup  
All Camp Stores Open
- 7:00-8:30pm—S-4S Carnival
- 9:00pm—Pre-show
- 9:30pm—Opening Show
- 10:30pm—Cracker Barrel
- 11:00pm—Dive In Movie, Hearts and RISK  
tournament begins

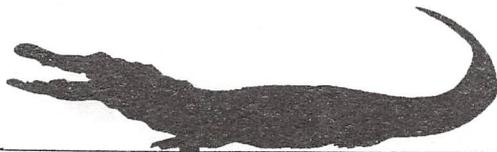
## SATURDAY

- 6:30am—5K Brotherhood Run
- 7:00-8:30am—Breakfast
- 7:30-8:00am—Jewish Service

# Conference Trading Post

The Section Conference Trading Post is the main headquarters for all items Conference related. Come here to pick up your pre-orders and buy any Conference Patches, Bolos, Back Patches, Pins, Mugs, Key Chains, etc. The Conference Post is open at the following times:

- FRIDAY: 1:00pm-9:00pm, 10:30pm-11:30pm
- SATURDAY: 8:30am-9:00pm, 10:30pm-11:30pm
- SUNDAY: 7:30am-9:30am



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# Swamp Shack

Have a midnight craving for something to eat? Visit the Swamp Shack for any kind of food or candy that you desire. They have soda, candy, hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken sandwiches and much more. It will be open during the following times:

- FRIDAY: Arrival—Midnight
- SATURDAY: 9am—Midnight
- SUNDAY: 9am—Departure

The Swamp Shack will not be open during any meals.

Soda-\$0.50	Candy-\$0.50
Water-\$1.00	Potato Chips-\$0.50
Hamburger-\$2.00	Grilled Chicken Sandwich-\$2.50
Hot Dog-\$1.50	Cheese/Pepperoni Pizza-\$1.00/\$1.50

# Camp Trading Post

For any camping supplies such as sunscreen, bug spray, batteries, or candy, pay a visit to the Tanah Keeta Trading Post. You'll find the Trading Post east of the dining hall. It will be open during the following times:

- FRIDAY: 5:00pm-9:00pm
- SATURDAY: 9:00am-11:00am, 10:30pm-11:30pm

The Trading Post will not be open on Sunday.

