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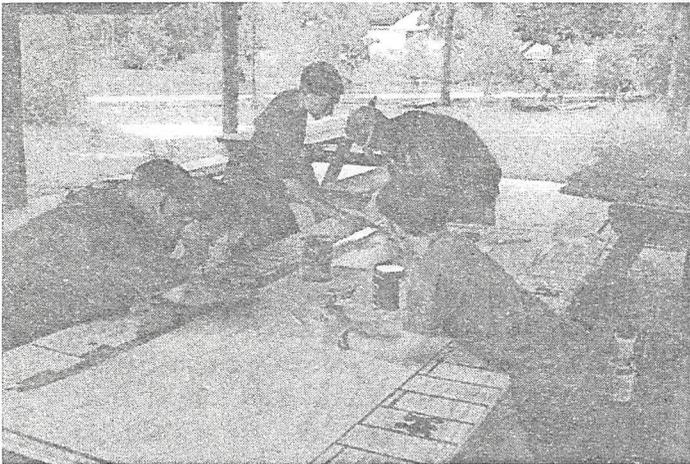
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Welcome

Fellow Arrowmen, welcome to the 1997 S-4 Section Conference. AAL-PA-TAH lodge has been working many months to prepare for your arrival. This is guaranteed to be a most memorable experience. The Host Lodge has put together the most exciting conference this section has ever seen. All of the committees have done their best to make your every waking hour action packed. You will never be bored. If you have any questions, please stop by the information booth located in front of the camp trading post or approach a member of the Host Lodge. They are ready to make this your best conference experience ever.

AAL-PA-TAH wishes you a weekend of fun and fellowship!



Members of Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge painting the table size game board for the Monopoly tournament



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Heavy construction at Ft. Blanchard

Camp Improvement

It all started over a year ago, when planning for Section Conference shifted into high gear. A list of potential improvements was formulated with the help of many dedicated volunteers. Then, the members of Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge and volunteers from across Gulf Stream Council began to make these dreams take shape.

First, work began on the new health lodge, which was completed during the summer of 1996. Next, the capacity of the parking lot was increased to accommodate all the arrowmen attending Section Conference. Then last September, we demolished two cabins that fell into disrepair, and we built the frame for our new handicapped accessible sidewalk. The old health lodge was renovated to serve as the official home of Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge at Tanah Keeta.

Aal-Pa-Tah's service did not stop there. Ft. Blanchard the camp amphitheater was re-engineered and a special stage was built. A new sand volleyball court was constructed, porches were added to both the dining hall and trading post, and the roof of the dining hall was completely replaced.

The improvements made to Tanah Keeta for the 1997 Section Conference will dramatically enhance the year round Scouting program in Gulf Stream Council.



Host Chief Speaks

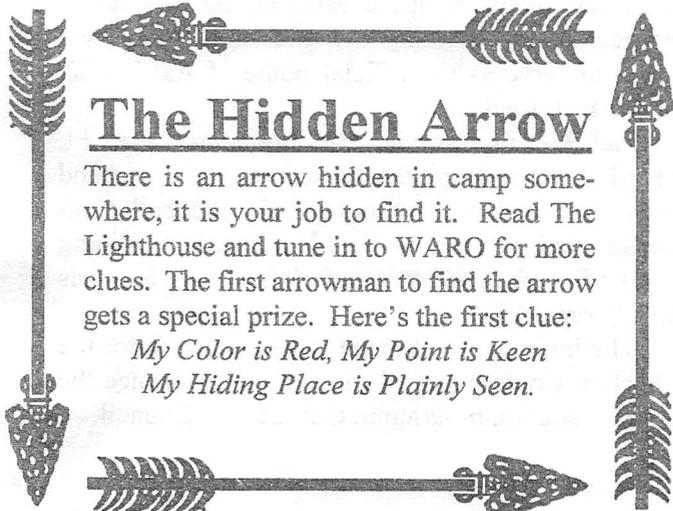
On behalf of Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge I would like to officially welcome you to Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation and the S-4 Section Conference of 1997. I am sure you're getting sick of hearing it, but this Section Conference is going to be phenomenal. We wouldn't say it if it wasn't so, after all a Scout is trustworthy. I'm not going to bore you with a list of all the events we are going to have for you to participate in, that's what the Program Guide is for. I would like to tell you, however, about what you should expect to see at the Conference.

You will see probably the best shows ever at a Section Conference. The Entertainment Committee has put in many, many hours of work in preparation for these great performances. You will be able to participate in some of the most unique and thrilling activities at a Section Conference. We have created new activities and games, as well as rediscovered old ones, that have been designed specifically for Conference. You will be able to eat your food, and like it! We have tested what we have planned for the different meals, and you're in for a treat, definitely by Conference standards.

I could go on and on. This is going to be a fun-packed weekend with more things to do than you could shake a stick at. If you have any problems just grab your nearest Host Corps Member. Hope you have a spectacular weekend.

In Cheerful Service,

Jimmy Walls



There is an arrow hidden in camp somewhere, it is your job to find it. Read The Lighthouse and tune in to WARO for more clues. The first arrowman to find the arrow gets a special prize. Here's the first clue:

*My Color is Red, My Point is Keen
My Hiding Place is Plainly Seen.*

S-4 Carnival

Are you full of energy and want to have fun after the long ride to camp, if so, then you must come to the spectacular 1997 S-4 Carnival!!! There will be plenty of games to keep you busy all night, prizes galore, and enough food to keep you full all weekend. All you have to do is go to the main dining tent at 6:30 PM, Friday night, to join in on all the fun and festivities. And that's not all. After the carnival, you can go straight to Pre-show in the amphitheater, so you won't miss a minute of the action!

Dive-In Movies

Come to the pool both Friday and Saturday nights for a new movie viewing experience. Kick back and enjoy the movie as you float across the pool in your own innertube. For those wishing to stay dry, the movie can be viewed from bleachers adjacent the pool. Come over to the pool right after the Friday night show, so you can pick out your seat.

Tonights Feature Presentations are:



Jaws -

An East Coast resort, Amity Island, is plagued by attacks on swimmers by a 28-foot great white shark. Although the mayor (Murray Hamilton) would like to keep the whole thing quiet--he doesn't want to ruin the summer tourist season--the brutal attacks soon cannot be ignored, so police chief Martin Brody (Roy Scheider), marine biologist Matt Hooper (Richard Dreyfuss), and grizzled old shark hunter Quint (Robert Shaw) go after the monstrous creature, winding up in a desperate fight for their lives.

Jaws 2 -

Once again the resort town of Amity Island is in terror of vicious shark attacks, and again police chief Brody tries to close the beaches--but, of course, the still-moroniac mayor refuses to allow this because it might threaten an important property-development deal.



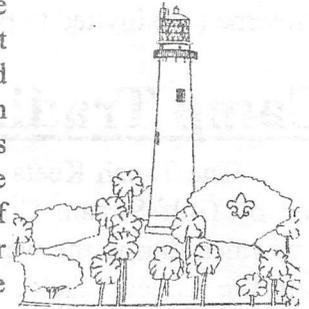
Mike Machek Trail

Do you like to hike? Are you into nature? If so come hike the Mike Machek Trail! The Machek trail's 6-mile course offers an up close and personal look at the real Tanah-Keeta. Trail guide Philip Ashford says, "There really isn't much nature (wildlife) in camp, until you get out, away from the people." On the trail besides the assorted plant life you can expect to see many types of wild life including: birds, baby hogs, deer, gopher tortoises and snakes. Your hike will be led by an experienced trail guide who will explain 28 different points of interest along the way as well as point out all the different habitats found along the trail. Note if your group decides to hike the trail backward, you must refer to the trail as the "Kehcam Ekim".

The trail usually takes 3 to 4 hours to complete and guided tours will depart on Saturday at 6:30 am and noon from the Parking Lot Shelter. The recommended group size is 8 hikers, however groups can be as large as 10 to 12. Participants should bring water and wear shoes they don't mind getting wet, as one guide says "I've pretty much given up trying to avoid puddles." Do not bring anything you don't want to carry the entire way. Trips will depart rain or shine, so bring rain gear accordingly. During the lunchtime training seminars, a Lodge Service Project seminar is being offered, which will highlight the history of the trail, as well as those aspects of the trail that make it so special. Whether you hike the trail in the morning or are planning to hike it after lunch, the seminar will offer new insight into one of our camps greatest assets.

What is "The Lighthouse"?

Our masthead is named after the city of Jupiter's own, Jupiter Lighthouse. It was first designed in 1853 under the administration of President Franklin Pierce. The selected designer was Lt. George Gordon Meade, who later gained fame as the General in command of the Union troops at the Battle of Gettysburg. The materials for the building of the lighthouse had to be taken down the Indian River Inlet, which was treacherously narrow and shallow. It took three scows fifty trips to transport all of the materials.



Construction of the lighthouse was halted twice due to the Third Seminole War and a plague called the "Jupiter Fever". It was finally completed on July 10, 1860, at a final cost of \$60,859.98, which was nearly double the price of the original estimated cost of \$35,000.

The Jupiter Lighthouse is one of the tallest and most powerful in the country, with a beacon that is visible from 18-27 miles out to sea.

Ordeal Breakfast

The Ordeal Breakfast is a time for the new members of the order to share friendship and fellowship. Both ordeal members and their lodge chiefs are invited. It will be held on Saturday morning from 7:30AM 'until 8:30AM. All ordeal members are strongly urged to attend.

Need Money?

If your wallet is empty and you need money to buy conference items or get a snack at the Gator's Nest Grill, the Host Lodge can help you get a cash advance if you have a Visa or Mastercard. It is as easy as coming to the camp office, located on the east side of the trading post.



Hale-Bopp Comet



Discovered-	July 23, 1995 Alan Hale and Thomas Bopp
Size-	25 miles in diameter 10 times the average comet
Visibility-	Can be seen well with an unaided eye or with binoculars in the NW sky just after dusk.
Closest to Earth-	Approximately 122 million miles (A near miss)



5K Brotherhood Run

The 5K Brotherhood Run will take place at 6:30 a.m., Saturday morning. The run involves a trek down Sugarsand Road and many of the winding roads of camp Tanah Keeta for a total of 5K. All arrowmen are invited to participate in this event.

Camp Trading Post

The Tanah Keeta Camp Trading Post, operated by Gulf Stream Council, will be open to all Arrowmen during the weekend. It is located across from the Athletic Field. On sale are hot and cold beverages, muffins, candies, popcorn, homemade cookies, and various sun dried items. National BSA supply items, camp souvenirs, and miscellaneous scout items will also be available. The hours are as follows:

Friday	1:00PM-Midnight
Saturday	7:00AM-1:00AM
Sunday	7:00AM-2:00PM

The Camp Tanah Keeta Trading Post will be closed during ALL shows and religious services.

The Friday Night Show

This year's shows are guaranteed to blow you away! The Entertainment Committee has been slaving for months to put on the best shows ever. "The shows are just the first step towards our superior conference", said Troy Rinks, the entertainment advisor. Friday will come in like a lion with a spectacular historical reenactment featuring the conference theme, "On The Trail of The Arrow." The show includes our extremely talented Hitchiti Dance Team, posts 157 and 757.

Everything gets started at 9:00 p.m. when the pre-show begins. Arrive early to avoid the crowd and enjoy music, fun, giveaways, and fellowship while you wait. The pre-show is a mini-show and should not be missed. For great seats come over to the amphitheater right after the carnival.

BE THERE!

Gator's Nest Grill

If you need a quick snack or a cold drink, stop by the Gator's Nest Grill operated by Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge. The grill will be serving hot dogs, hamburgers, polish sausages, fountain drinks with ice, bottled water and various other snack items.

The grill is located between the Camp Trading Post and the Dining Hall.

Conference Trading Post

The Section Conference Trading Post will also be open and selling the various Section Conference items. It is located between the Indian Village and the Dining Hall. It is recommended that if you are going to buy any items, that you should get them quickly because it is possible that some items may run out. The hours for the Conference Trading Post are as follows:

Friday	1:00PM-Midnight
Saturday	7:00AM-11:00PM
Sunday	7:00AM-9:00AM

The Conference Trading Post will be closed during ALL shows, seminars and religious services.

Here are the prices for the Conference items at the trading post:

Conference Patch	3.50
Neckerchief	12.00
Neckerchief Slide	4.00
Hat Pin	2.00
Backpatch	7.00
Coffee Mug	4.00
T-shirt	10.00
Chenille	25.00

Make sure to check this article every issue to get an update on any sold out items.

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