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**CHANGES TO COME
FOR THE OA!**



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CHIEFLY SPEAKING WITH PATRICK KERLEY

As you can see, the time that has passed since May of 1998 has been full of exciting adventures and new experiences by your fellow Brothers. So first let me recap the past few months. A month after the election at the extremely productive May Work Weekend, a Lodge Leadership and Development Conference was held. Here all of the new officers and committee chairman that could attend brainstormed about this coming year and were taught valuable leadership skills. Further through the summer, a small group of our members headed to Iowa State University for the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). Here they saw first hand all of the new changes the Order will be experiencing which you can read about in this Tipi.

But, NOAC isn't just about the introduction of new policies it is great fun, too. There were patch traders, seminars taught by experts, and amazing ceremonial and Native American performances. September brought the Ordeal Weekend. In attendance where more then 150 candidates, 18 Elangomats, and more then 90 members. What made this truly successful was the great cooperation between your officers to overcome the absence of a true Weekend Chairman.

So that brings us to the present. What will happen over the next few months is all up to you. Many would say it is up to me to lead the lodge and achieve our goals. But, I will admit that you, the Brother that was just inducted or has been a member for 5 years, are the driving force. What was done at our Section

and other great event was not the product of just one persons work, but that of the whole.

Our lodge has been gifted with very talented members. We have exceptional Native American dancers, a great ceremonial team, superb leaders, and most importantly - everyone one of us has the ability to make the lodge shine. So why does our lodge lack in so many areas? I too am waiting for the answer. Right now from where I stand, my best guess is that our lodge needs one thing, *motivation*. **Your** officers and many of **your** committee chairmen are carrying the lodge and are tiring quickly. So, I urge everyone reading to get involved and place more of the lodge's success on your shoulder. What is a burden now will be a reward later.

Patrick Kerley
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What will happen over the next few months is all up to you.



ADVISOR'S CORNER WITH FRED DANAHER

Synergy

1. The interaction of two or more agents or forces so that their combined effect is greater than the sum of their individual effects.

2. Cooperative interaction among groups, that creates an enhanced combined effect.

I recall reading a book entitled Synergy by Buckminster Fuller who invented the geodesic dome. He was an American architect and inven-

tor who sought to solve practical problems with simple designs using a minimum of materials and energy. In his book he conveys the message that individual efforts and talents can only reach a specific limit but if combined in synergistic fashion results can be obtained that are many times greater.

In group dynamics, such as our lodge, synergy can only be obtained if each part is aware of a common set of goals and if each is aware of what

the other parts are doing. Synergy can not happen by chance. Too often great individual effort remains independent or cancels the effort of others. We must all work to coordinate our efforts. In the next issue of the Tipi I will discuss specific ways each of us can ensure our actions are synergistic and help maximize the benefit given to our Lodge, Camp and Council.

Life in synergy

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As I discussed in the last Tipi synergy is the effect of the sum of the parts being greater than the individual parts themselves. For a lodge this is particularly important. We all want to maximize our efforts and have the best lodge possible.

The way we can do this is by making sure all of our efforts are coordinated. If we each pursue our own goals for the lodge we may end up pulling it

in different directions. We need to all pull in the same direction. As members of Aal-Pa-Tah we can accomplish this by paying attention to the goals that our Chief and LEC members set for the lodge.

O v e r the summer the lodge held a Lodge Leader-

ship Development Conference (LLDC), which was an outstanding training event, following the National OA Guidelines. Our leadership not only presented

and learned about different aspects of the lodge, but more importantly came together as a group and focused on what is important for our lodge for this year.

This has resulted in a set of goals for this year. Patrick Kerley, our chief has spoken of some of these here in this publication. Please take the time to look them over and think about how you as an Arrowman can help our lodge achieve these goals.

Fred Danaher
Lodge Advisor

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A NOTE FROM THE VICE CHIEF WITH STEVE BROWN

Our lodge is off to a great start this year. We had a superb Ordeal weekend; inducting 160 candidates and we have been instituting many new policies to ensure a great future for our lodge. One of which you will 'notice' at the upcoming Fall Fellowship on December 4. You will be sent a pre-registration form

to pay for the weekend ahead of time to make it a more convenient process and to shorten registration lines at weekends. You must pre-pay for weekends or pay the late fee. Please come out for this weekend which will be a great success. I would like to personally congratulate all of our new brothers and extend

them a warm welcome. Remember, your Fall Fellowship fees are on us but you will still need to pre-register. Have a great Thanksgiving everyone, and I hope to see you in December. Just remember one thing, 237=#1!

Steve Brown

EDITORIAL COMMENTS WITH RANDY WERTEPNY

First of all, I would like to thank everybody who helped me put the Tipi together, especially Tom Sasser, Fred Danaher, Elam Patterson, Ryan Wertepny, and Patrick Kerley. I would also like to thank everybody else who sent articles in on time. Remember officers, chiefs,

and chairmen it is your responsibility to write a report and turn them in on time.

I encourage all Arrowmen to attend fall fellowship, remember it is free for all new members.

A great opportunity to have fun and provide service to

our lodge is to join the Tipi Staff. We are in need of your help so please contact me, Randy at 795-7453.

Randy Wertepny
TIPI EDITOR



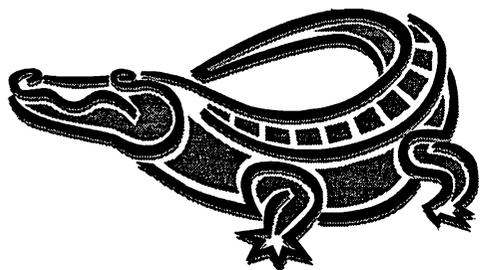
CHAPTER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chee-Pa-Tah Chapter (Trade Winds District)

Welcome all new Chee-Pa-Tah Chapter members. I would like to be the first to congratulate Chee-Pa-Tah's 28 new members and remember, new members, Fall Fellowship is absolutely free and you will have a chance to purchase lodge flaps at this event.

In other news, we now have a chapter patch and if you attend the Fall Fellowship or any other lodge weekend you are eligible to purchase one at \$3.00. During the weekend of December 11-13, Operation First Class will be held and if you attend this event you will also be eligible to get another chapter patch. On the 10th of September, our chapter helped set up, clean up, and serve food at a Cancer Walk on Flagler Drive. We were a little under staffed but we did alright. We are planning on having a Chapter barbecue on February 6, 1999. I need volunteers to help plan this event so please call me, Randy Wertepny, at 795-7453. I also need some volunteers for this years election team and to establish a chapter phone tree for better communications. All new members don't forget this weekend is absolutely free, so I hope to see you all at Fall Fellowship.

Your Chapter Chief,
Randy Wertepny



Ne Ke Wa Chapter (Sailfish)

Ne Ke Wa Chapter has nothing new to report. We are anxiously awaiting Sailfish District's annual Klindike Derby. At this event we hope to increase event attendance through lodge promotion, and a chapter meeting. I urge all of you to join me at Operation First Class, on December 11-13. Please fill out an application which is enclosed.

Chapter Chief,
Josh Saad

Coo-Wa-Chobee (Manatee)

Our chapter has recently earned \$200.00 from the TK grill. We are having a design competition for a chapter patch. If you have any designs please notify me, Tom Morgan at 499-5547. We are currently planning a beach clean up/barbecue. I can't wait to see you all in December at the Fall Fellowship and at Operation First Class.

Your Chapter Chief,
Tom Morgan

Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee is a new committee designed to give scholarships for under privileged or exceptional scouts to go to summer camp. In order to make this happen we need your help, so if you are interested in being a part of this committee please call Randy Wertepny at 795-7453.

Operation First Class

On December 11-13, we will be hosting Operation First Class. Operation First Class gives inner city youth the opportunity to experience camping for the first time. As staff we will be running programs, teaching scout skills, demonstrating scout spirit, and have a great time. The cost is \$10.00 includes: 1 weekend patch, 1 staff patch, 1 neckerchief, shirt, hat, meals, and more. So please fill out the application and send it to the council office or call Ryan Wertepny at 795-7453. There will be a workday on November 21 at Tanah Keeta at 8:00am. Questions, comments, or ideas are appreciated.

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The Order of the Arrow Strategic Plan



THE ORDER OF THE ARROW'S BLUEPRINT FOR GREATER SERVICE TO SCOUTING IN THE 21ST CENTURY

THAT WHICH IS OUR PURPOSE: TOWARD A SECOND CENTURY OF SERVICE

OUR VISION:

- *To be recognized as Scouting's "National Honor Society"*
- *To be an integral part of every council*
- *To maintain our service, activities, adventures and training for youth and adults as models of quality programming and leadership development that enrich, enhance and support Scouting*
- *To help extend Scouting to more of America's youth.*

OUR STRATEGY: INCREASED ORGANIZATION-WIDE SERVICE

In support of its vision, the Order of the Arrow (OA) intends to dramatically increase the level of service provided to councils and the national organization to assist the BSA in fulfilling its mission to serve our nation's youth.

For more than 80 years the OA has been honoring Scouts and Scouters who "best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives" through elected membership. The Order intends to call upon these honorees to do substantially more to assist councils in helping our young people better understand and "live" the Scout Oath and Law.

In addition, although considered the OA's traditional focus in the past, the organization will expand its scope beyond camping in the years to come to include greater emphasis on leadership development, membership extension, and adventure-related programming, as well as broader assistance to Scouting and the local community.

Consistent with this philosophy, the term "Scouting's National Honor Society" will be adopted in favor of the present designation "Scouting's National Honor Camping Society." Such a change does not represent a move to diminish the organization's focus on camping or the out-of-doors -- indeed, it is intended that this be expanded -- but, rather a move to broaden the perception of the OA's commitment of service to Scouting

The Order's operational effectiveness will be enhanced to better serve our lodges and membership. Specific initiatives will help strengthen and focus the work of sections to better support lodges, improve communication throughout our organization and provide additional program resources to our members.

OUR IMPLEMENTING ACTIONS:

To achieve its vision, the Order of the Arrow intends to implement specific actions. Implementation of many of these actions has already begun.

To be recognized as Scouting's "National Honor Society"

- To better position the OA as "Scouting's National Honor Society" we will strengthen our focus on the symbolism of the Arrow, so eloquently articulated in the Ordeal Ceremony, as related to the individual and to leadership.
- We will de-emphasize our American Indian image, while retaining it in the proper context as one of many "tools" used to enhance our program.
- We will adopt a new logo; one focused on the Arrow rather than the Indian. The Arrow is easily the most recognizable symbol that has its origin in our first ceremony. By taking the Arrowhead from the Arrow on the sash as our logo, we unify our image and strengthen the identity embodied in our name, the Order of the Arrow

- We will update OA publications and training to reflect our vision and the various components of this plan. A new *Program Resource Book* will be produced annually, with suggested training sessions and ideas focused around BSA and OA priorities and program emphases.
- We will expand the Order's presence on and use of the Internet.

To be an integral part of every council

- We will take the lead in developing meaningful, significant service projects to support Scouting in every council.
- We will redesign the Quality Lodge Award requirements focusing greater attention on the lodge's relationship with the council and overall support of the council's mission of service to youth.
- We will review lodge performance as part of the council re-chartering process. A checkpoint for assessing the lodge's efforts is now included in the *Council's Charter Review Self-Evaluation*
- We will redefine and enhance the role of sections to include a monitoring/ mentoring relationship with lodges designed to promote greater support to councils.
- We will improve the information and communication about the OA provided to professional Scouters, from entry level to Scout Executives.

To maintain our service activities, adventures, and training for youth and adults as models of quality programming and leadership development that enrich, enhance, and support Scouting.

Broader Service to Scouting and the Community

- We will establish programs to mentor Scout troops, assisting them to develop better quality and more creative programming, especially outdoor, high-adventure experiences.
- We will give leadership to significant national, regional and local Scouting and community service projects

Adventure-Related Programming

- We will expand the financial grants provided to local councils.
- We will provide special programs for Arrowmen at Scouting's national High adventure bases.
- We will support efforts of the BSA's camping and conservation service
- We will assist more American Indian and other Scouts with financial need to ensure their participation in Scouting's experiences, including long term camp
- We will identify and promote new ways to help maintain Scouting's "camping traditions and spirit."

Leadership Development

- We will expand opportunities for participation in the well-received National Leadership Seminar so that the effective program can reach as many Arrowmen as possible.
- We will develop and present a new interactive course in Leadership skills targeted at younger Scouts, to be introduced nationally, for presentation in every council as a special program offered by the Order.
- We will develop and implement a lodge adviser's training program nationwide, with the goal of every adviser being trained within the firsts-3-6 months of their appointment.
- We will assist in the recruitment of the best possible lodge advisers.

To help extend, Scouting to more of America's youth

- We will implement a membership growth program nationwide, helping lodges assist councils in reaching and serving more boys.
- We will provide resources to help lodges, in conjunction with councils, mount a public relations campaign conveying the many positive attributes of Scouting.
- We will develop and promote activities to help Arrowmen assist Scout troops with Webelos-to-Scout transition activities.

NOAC 1998-AMES, IOWA

One small step for Aal-Pa-Tah, One giant step for the O.A.

This summer about 30 arrowmen had the incredible experience of attending the National Order of the Arrow Conference in the fantastically interesting state of ... Iowa. But, even Iowa has its tattoo parlors and body piercing among its many, many, MANY corn fields.

Iowa State University became the home of 7000 arrowmen at the beginning of August. There were seminars, arena shows, conferences, expos, galas, the student union, patch trading, college food, TOAP, Section events, Active Arrowmen awards, athletics, Dance competitions, Ceremonial competitions, and

announcements. Our lodge was very active, and the ever popular gator memorabilia were in demand.

There was plenty to do and plenty of free time. Then there was the arena shows. We saw the Opening Show, Founder's Day Show, the Theme show, and the Dance finals. But while the Chief of the Delaware Indian Na-

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tion listened, the Order announced a shift of focus away

from Native Americans, as well as many other profound changes that proceeded to cause mouths to drop to the floor. We will see how these changes affect us, but we should certainly give ourselves a pat on the back, since Aal-Pa-Tah is a pioneer in many of the programs the O.A. wishes to start on a lodge level.

The conference was definitely fun. From flying Value-Jet, living in dorm rooms, participating in the events, to flying to Orlando and driving home. It was enough to put anyone asleep (when they weren't throwing skittles). I encourage everyone to go, and win. But at least make sure you see the video when it comes out (soon, I hope).

LODGE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

This summer; over 30 Leaders and advisors from AAL-PA-TAH gathered for a day of training at The Holiday Inn Catalina in Boynton Beach. At this meeting we discussed issues ranging from patches to budgets and made a plan for the coming year. The day consisted of seminars in the fields of Public Relations, Camp Promotions, Advisors' role, serving the Council, Participating in an effective LEC, Year Round Service, Chapter System, Induction Procedures, Weekend Planning, Leadership and Teamwork, Service to Units, and 3 workshops to plan; Lodge Goals, Lodge Budget, and Lodge Calendar. We concluded the day with our first LEC of the year

where we made many decisions for the Ordeal. Special thanks to the following for acting as instructors:

Brad Ellis
Ryan Wertepny
Eric Mason
Preston Barbour
Patrick Kerley
Stephen Brown
Gregg Goldsbury
Randy Wertepny
Chris Malin
Fred Danaher
Ray Malin
Tom Sasser
Elam Patterson
Alan Clineman

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Micheal Arnold

has sealed his membership in the Order in the Arrow. If you are eligible to seal your membership and receive Brotherhood, come to the Fall Fellowship. Contact David English at 954-752-6777 for more information.

- You are eligible if you took your Ordeal before this past March, 1998.
- Know/sing the OA song
- Letter to Lodge Secretary
- Know the Obligation
- Go through Brotherhood ceremony

See Brotherhood information elsewhere in the TIPI



WELCOME NEW ORDEAL MEMBERS

The Ordeal went great. We had nice weather and no problem with mosquitoes. But we sure had a lot of people. I would like to thank everyone that helped. It couldn't have happened without you. We now have about 160 new members welcome, and a lot of work done. We had about 30 members that helped with being elangomats or guides. The cook crew did great, and so did the service chairman, and the ceremonial team. Congratulations to everyone. If anyone would like to be an elangomat in the future, please call me, John Sheetz, at 627-3816, or Steve Brown, at 451-3684. I hope to see all our new members back at their free Fall Fellowship.

Come say hello, and make some new friends.

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Neil Duffy	Matthew Lambie	Shawn Rhyne	John Wheeler
James Dunkle	Brandon Lee	Arden Rochester	Erik Wile
Kurt Durjan	Michael Lioce	Brett Roegiers	Matthew Williams
Justin Felker	Nathanael Loftin	Matthew Rogers	Nancy Wynen
Jonathan Finke	Scott Longshore	Aaron Rogerson	Adam Ziegenfuss

Scouting's New Wilderness Camping Policy

"Leave No Trace"



The tremendous rewards of high-adventure treks are drawing more and more people to the backcountry. At the same time, the vast territory suitable for treks is shrinking in size. More people and less land mean we all must be careful not to endanger the wild outdoors we have come to enjoy.

A High-Adventure Ethic

A good way to protect the backcountry is to remember that while you are there, you are a visitor. When you visit a friend, you are always careful to leave that person's home just as you found it. You would never think of dropping litter on the carpet, chopping down trees in the yard, putting soap in the drinking water, or marking your name on the living room wall. When you visit the backcountry, the same courtesies apply. Leave everything just as you found it.

Hiking and camping without a trace are signs of an expert outdoorsman, and of a Scout or Scouter who cares for the environment. Travel lightly on the land.

The Six Principles at "Leave No Trace"

"Leave No Trace" is a nationally recognized outdoor skills and ethics education program. The Boy Scouts of America is committed to this program. The six principles of Leave No Trace are not rules; they are guidelines to follow at all times.

The Leave No Trace principles might not seem important at first glance, but their value is apparent when considering the combined effects of millions of outdoor visitors. One poorly located campsite or campfire is of little significance, but thousands of such instances seriously degrade the outdoor experience for all. Leaving no trace is everyone's responsibility.

1. Plan Ahead and Prepare

Proper trip planning and preparation helps hikers and campers accomplish trip goals safely and enjoyably while minimizing damage to natural and cultural resources. Poorly prepared campers, confronted with unexpected situations, often resort to high-impact solutions that degrade the outdoors or put themselves at risk.

Poor planning often results in

- High-risk travel, because campers failed to obtain information concerning geography and weather
- Improperly located campsites, because groups failed to plan enough time to reach their intended destination
- Improper campfires or excessive trash, because of failure to plan meals or bring proper equipment
- Discomfort and not much fun.

2. Camp and Travel on Durable Surfaces

Damage to land occurs when surface vegetation or communities of organisms are trampled beyond recovery. The resulting barren areas lead to the development of undesirable trails, campsites, and soil erosion.

Should you concentrate activity, or spread out?

- In high-use areas, campers should generally concentrate activity. Use existing trails whenever possible and select heavily used campsites so that further damage is unlikely with careful use.
- In areas of little or no use, campers should generally spread out. When hiking, take different paths to avoid creating new trails that cause erosion. When camping, disperse tents and cooking activities and move camp daily to avoid creating permanent-looking campsites.

These guidelines apply to most alpine settings and may be different for other areas, such as deserts. Learn the Leave No Trace techniques for your crew's specific activity or the area in which you're trekking. Check with land managers if you are unsure of the proper technique.

3. Pack It In, Pack it Out

This common saying is a simple yet effective way to get backcountry visitors to take their trash home with them. There is no reason why people cannot carry out of the backcountry the extra materials they carried in with them in the first place. Though most trash and litter in the backcountry is not significant in terms of the long-term ecological health of an area, it does rank high

as a problem in the minds of many backcountry visitors. Trash and litter detract from an area's naturalness. Accept the challenge of packing out everything you can.

4. Properly Dispose of What You Can't Pack Out

Backcountry users create body waste and waste water, which requires proper disposal.

Waste water

Prevent contamination of natural water sources: disperse dishwater at least 200 feet (about seventy strides for an adult) from springs, streams, and lakes. Use soap (biodegradable) 200 feet or more from any water source. Minimize the need to pack out food scraps by carefully planning meals.

Human waste

Proper human-waste disposal prevents the spread of disease and exposure to others. Catholes-six to eight inches deep and 200 feet from water, trails, and campsites-are often the easiest and most practical way to dispose of feces. In some cases, it may be necessary or required to pack out human waste. Securely pack-age feces in a plastic bag and carry in a metal container until you reach a disposal site.

5. Leave What You Find

Allow others a sense of discovery: Leave rocks, plants, animals, archaeological artifacts, and other objects as you find them. It may be illegal to remove artifacts.

Minimize site alterations.

Do not dig tent trenches or build lean-tos, tables, or chairs. Avoid hammering nails into trees, hacking at them with hatchets or saws, or damaging bark and roots by tying horses to trees for extended periods. If you clear an area of surface rocks or twigs, replace these items before leaving. On high-impact sites, it is appropriate to clean the site and dismantle inappropriate user-built facilities, such as multiple fire rings and log seats or tables. Consider the idea that good campsites are found and not made.

6. Minimize the Use and Impact of Fire

Some people would not think of camping without a campfire. Yet the naturalness of many areas has been degraded by overuse of fires and increasing demand for firewood. Lightweight camp stoves are essential for low-impact camping and have encouraged a shift away from fires. Stoves are fast, eliminate the need

to consider the availability of firewood when selecting a campsite, and enable trekkers to perform better personal hygiene.

In building a fire, the most important consideration is the potential for resource damage. The best place to build a fire is within an existing campfire ring in a well-placed campsite. Choose not to have a fire in areas with little wood – at higher elevations, in heavily used areas with a limited wood supply, or in desert settings. True Leave No Trace fires show virtually no evidence of having ever been constructed.

If a site has two or more fire rings, you may dismantle all but one and scatter the materials in the surrounding area. Be certain all wood and campfire debris is dead out.

"Leave No Trace" Information

For additional Leave No Trace information, contact your local land manager or local office of the Bureau of Land Management, the Forest Service, the National Park Service, or the Fish and Wildlife Service. Or, contact Leave No Trace at 800-332-4100 or on the

Internet at <http://www.lnt.org>.

For posters, plastic cards listing the six Leave No Trace principles, or information on becoming a Leave No Trace sponsor, contact Leave No Trace Inc., P.O. Box 997, Boulder, CO 80306, phone 303-442-8222.

Master of Leave No Trace Training Course

Master of Leave No Trace training courses are available from the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) in cooperation with four federal agencies (the Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service, National Park Service, and Fish and Wildlife Service). Approximately eighteen courses are taught throughout the country each year in all types of environments from alpine tundra to deserts.

The Master of Leave No Trace course has three components: 1) low impact camping skills, 2) wild-land ethics, and 3) teaching techniques. A five-day field course provides students with a comprehensive overview of Leave No Trace techniques through practical application in a field setting comprising a short back-country trip.

If you are interested in attending a Master of Leave No Trace course, call the Leave No Trace hotline at 800-332-4100 ext. 282. Also call that number for a list of Leave No Trace masters in our area.

UPCOMING AAL-PA-TAH LODGE EVENTS

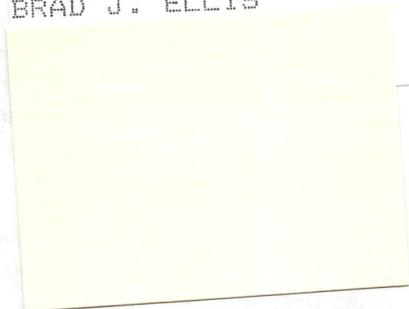
December 4-6.....	Fall Fellowship
December 11-13.....	Operation First Class
January 8-10.....	Make-up Ordeal (Oklawaha)
January 23	TK Work Day
February 8.....	Tipi Articles Due
March 19-21.....	Spring Pow Wow
March 22.....	Unit Elections Start
April 10	TK Work Day
April 16-18.....	Section Conference
April 19.....	Tipi Articles Due
May 1.....	TK Work Day
May 15.....	Mega Scout Show
May 21-23.....	OA Work Weekend

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Dues pd thru 2001

BRAD J. ELLIS





Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge wants you to attend its next weekend. Come to camp Tanah Keeta December 4-6 and have a load of fun!

What is going on at Fall Fellowship anyway?

Founder's Banquet
GAMES!
Contests!
Excitement!
Brotherhood

Seminars!
Auction
FOOD!

What to bring:

- Tent
- Money
- Clothes
- Bathing Suit
- Toiletries
- SASH
- Class A Uniform
- Board Games
- Patches
- Magic and Star Wars
- Mosquito Repellant

THE LOWDOWN-

WHAT:

Fall Fellowship

WHERE:

Camp Tanah Keeta

WHEN:

December 4-6, 1998 arrive at 7:00, be ready to leave at 11:00 on Sunday



If you were inducted in January 1998, you are now eligible to take the next step in the Order.

Brotherhood! See Back for Details!

Pre-Registration – A MUST!

Now it is time to talk money! Please note, **ALL MEMBERS INDUCTED AT THE LAST ORDEAL (9/12/97) MAY ATTEND THIS WEEKEND FOR FREE! HOWEVER, YOU MUST CALL INTO THE COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER (694-8585) BY 11/30/98 TO RECEIVE THIS OFFER.** Otherwise, please do the one of the following:

- 1) Call the council Service Center (694-8585) and leave your name, phone number, and credit card number and expiration date on the voice recorder or with a secretary. Please include \$10 if you will be participating in the Brotherhood Ceremony.
- 2) Send in the form on the back of this insert completely filled out with a check for the total cost. Mail postmarked later than 11/25/98 will not be accepted.

WEEKEND FEE – \$15.00



BROTHERHOOD REQUIREMENTS

So, you have been in the Order for at least ten months and you think you know your stuff huh? Well, take the next step – BROTHERHOOD!

Here is what you need to do:

- Be an Ordeal member for ten (10) months
- Know the Obligation
- Write a letter to the Lodge Secretary
- Know/Sing the OA Song
- Participate in the Brotherhood Ceremony at this weekend.

Obligation:

“I do hereby promise on my honor as a Scout, that I will always and faithfully observe and preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow, Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui. I will always regard the ties of Brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow as lasting, and will seek to preserve a cheerful spirit even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities, and will endeavor, so far as in my power lies, to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others.”

ORDER OF THE ARROW SONG

ORDER OF THE ARROW OFFICIAL SONG
WORDS BY E. URNER GOODMAN

Firm bound in bro-ther-hood, Ga - ther the
clan That cheer-ful serv-ice brings To fel-low man.
Cir-cle our coun-cil fire, Weld tight-ly ev-ry link That
binds us in bro-ther-hood, Wi-mach - ten - dienk.

Firm bound in brotherhood, gather the clan that cheerful service brings to fellow man. Circle our council fire, weld tightly every link that binds us in brotherhood, Wimachtendienk.

Add \$10 to your Weekend Fee if you will be participating in Brotherhood.

Make checks payable to: Gulf Stream Council, B.S.A.

**Mail to the Council Service Center at : 8335 N. Military Trail
Palm Beach Gardens, FL. 33410**

O.A. 1998 FALL FELLOWSHIP REGISTRATION FORM:

NAME _____

UNIT: _____

ADDRESS _____

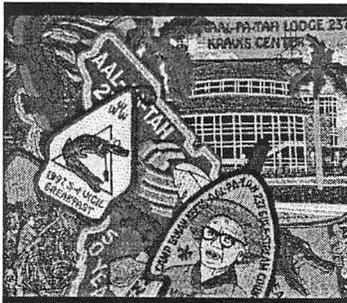
BROTHERHOOD? YES NO

PHONE # _____

AMOUNT PAID: _____

**New items in the
Lodge Box**

Come visit at the Fall
Weekend

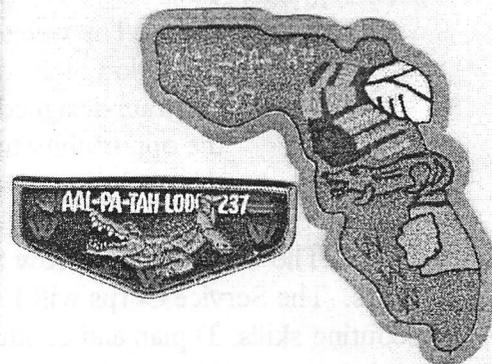


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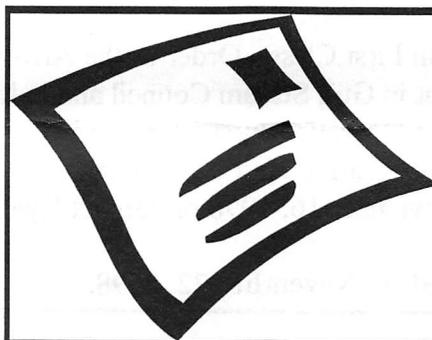
LODGE BOX

See some of our old patches at
their NEW low, low price!!!!

There are a lot of
great Patches, T-
shirts, Backpatches,
Hats, Flaps, New
Chenille order forms,
Name tags, Necker-
chiefs, 1997 Confer-
ence Host polo shirts,
OA ribbon pins,
Sashes, NOAC items,
and a whole lot
more.....



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By-Mail service.
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'round.

Some restrictions apply, plus postage.

Per item pricing for you convenience

Lodge Flap Green	2.50	Current Lodge Neckerchief	20.00	Ordeal Sash	10.00
Trader Flap Maroon	3.00	Lodge T-shirt/ '97 Host T-shirt	10.00	Brotherhood Sash	10.00
1996 NOAC Flap	4.00	1997 Host Hat	10.00	Vigil Sash	10.00
1998 NOAC Flap	3.00	1998 NOAC Hat		Name Tags	5.00
Selected Older Activities	2.00	'97 Host Polo	25.00	Chenille Patch Pre-orders	25.00
1997/1998 Activities	3.00	'98 NOAC Polo		OA Handbook	2.00
1997/1998 Year Patches	10.00	1997 8-Hour Service Dangle	3.00	Lodge Patches Collecting book	5.00
1997 Conf. Host Neckerchief	20.00	1997 Conf. Pins	1.00	Older Lodge Hats	2.00
		OA Ribbon	2.00		
		Vigil Pin	2.50		



OPERATION FIRST CLASS

Order of the Arrow Service Corps

The weekend of December 11-13, 1998, Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge will be hosting Operation First Class at Camp Tanah Keeta. Operation First Class is a national program designed to give Scouts who have never had a real camping experience, the opportunity to have an exciting outdoor Scouting adventure. To help make this event a success, 30 Arrowmen from Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge will be invited to serve on the Operation First Class-Order of the Arrow Service Corps.

The Order of the Arrow Service Corps will serve as the program staff for Operation First Class. The Service Corps will 1) operate the rock climbing wall and the pool, 2) teach basic scouting skills, 3) plan and conduct a special Saturday night campfire show, and 4) plan and judge various competitions and games. Members of the Service Corps will stay in the Staff Dorm and the Staff Cabins. Arrowmen who wish to be a part of the Service Corps must be willing to work hard all weekend in the spirit of cheerful service and share fun and fellowship with other arrowmen in the Service Corps.

The weekend fee is \$10.00 and will include two patches, one neckerchief and all meals. You will have the opportunity to pre-order as many neckerchiefs as you like for \$10.00 each. You will also have the opportunity to buy at least one more staff patch for \$5.00.

To be a part of the Operation First Class - Order of the Arrow Service Corps, you must:

- 1) Be a registered Scout in Gulf Stream Council and a dues-paid member of the O.A.,
- 2) Be available to attend Operation First Class, and
- 3) Submit a completed Operation First Class Service Corps Application to the Council office by November 16, 1998 or contact Ryan Wertepny at 561-795-7453.

Arrowmen selected will be notified by November 22, 1998.

Mail to: Gulf Stream Council, 8335 North Military Trail, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410



Operation First Class Service Corps Registration Form



Name: _____ Age: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Unit #: _____ Rank: _____ O.A (circle one): Ordeal Brotherhood Vigil

Unit Leadership Positions: _____

Attended: Jamboree ___ Yes ___ No NOAC ___ Yes ___ No BSA Lifeguard ___ Yes ___ No

Why do you want to be a part of the O.A. Service Corps? _____

(attach additional sheet if necessary)