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Editor's Comments ...

The American Health Association certifies that this issue of the *TIPI* has 231% more information than your body requires any given day. Loads of factoids(tm) for you to digest.

To clarify a few things, I would like to assure you that the L.E.C. directory has been updated and completely corrected. Also, I would like to apologize for lack of photo layout in this issue. The quality of our photographs and the limited space this time just did not make it a feasible idea to have a intricate photo layout.

Section Conference competitions are here already. I am currently looking for any photos, ideas for columns, wrtiers, joke tellers, or even fiction writers to improve the *TIPI*. We are beginning to change the lay-out of the *TIPI* and would like to accomplish at least a small part of this before Section Conference.

To the chapter chiefs: You WILL be harassed concerning your reports.

Comments, questions, or a replacement for the digi-gator(right) are always entertained. [BarbourR@Irwin.Vetrol.Com]



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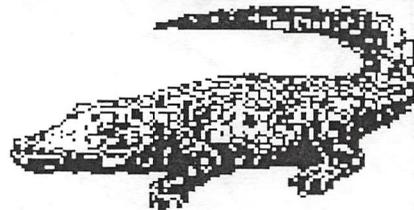
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Patches Available by Mail

It's now possible to purchase certain lodge patches by mail, with no charge for postage. Here is a list of the patches available and their prices:

Mike Machek	\$ 5.00
1993 Ordeal Patch	4.00
1994 Spring Pow-Wow	4.00
1994 Fall Fellowship	4.00
Sm Year patch	5.00
Lg Fla. shape 50th Anniv.	5.00
Sm Fla. Shape 50th Anniv.	2.00

Send a check made out to Gulfstream Council along with your order to the council office at 8335 North Military Trail, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410-6329.

L.E.C. Report

The Lodge Executive Committee has decided to bring back the Elangomat flap to serve as a recognition for those members who serve as Elangomats. As a result, the previously reduced weekend price for Elangomats has been eliminated. Designs for the new flaps are needed.

The ceremonial team expressed a great need of donations, monetary or material, to help them replace and repair their costuming. The L.E.C. responded by allocating a maximum of \$500 to cover this cost. The actual amount for any specific expenses must be first approved by the Lodge Chief.

In other news, the L.E.C. has decided that it is necessary for the Lodge Chief to be present at such functions as the Section Conference and N.O.A.C. in order for the Lodge to be properly represented. To make this possible, the L.E.C. has allocated up to \$500 for the Lodge Chief's expenses to attend these events each year.

Bruce Garwood Honored

Immediate Past Lodge Advisor Bruce Garwood was honored at the Annual Council Banquet on February 3rd by being presented with the William H. Spurgeon III Award. The Spurgeon Award is a National Recognition for outstanding achievement and excellence in Exploring. This occasion marks only the second time that this award has been presented to an individual in the Gulf Stream Council.

Mr. Garwood's post, also known as the Hitchiti Dancers, provides the members of the Lodge's Dance Team. The Team has been a source of pride for the Lodge, bringing home many honors, most recently First Place at the 1995 Section Conference.

Section Conference 97' Host Committee

Eric Mason, Conference Chairman

Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge is preparing for the best Conference to hit our Section ever. You can be a part of this great event by attending the weekends, joining a committee, and supporting our lodge. This will be a great success if all brothers do their part. Many people have stepped forward already to help, but many more are still needed. The upcoming Spring Pow-Wow will provide a good opportunity to meet the youth chairmen of the various sub-committees and to find an area in which you can help.

Again, you are encouraged to call Eric Mason with any of your suggestions or comments at 734-8822. With everybody participating, we will pull together to make this one awesome Conference. Don't wait for us to find you, offer your service now in a spirit of brotherhood and cheerfulness. Thank you for your support.



Chiefly Speaking

by Jimmy Walls

Fellow Arrowmen,

First and foremost, I would like to congratulate and welcome all of our new brothers into the Lodge. I hope to see all of our new members at the lodge activities yet to come.

If you haven't noticed, Section Conference '97 is almost upon us. This is an opportunity to become aggressively active within the Lodge and the Section. Take an active role in the planning and organization of the '97 Section Conference. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated.

I would like to encourage all of the Arrowmen who haven't signed up for Section Conference '96 to do so. This year's Section will be hosted by our neighboring lodge, O-Shot-Caw, and should prove to be out-standing.

Finally, I would like to remind all of the Arrowmen of the lodge that I am at your service. If there are ever any problems that require my assistance, please give me a call.

In cheerful service,

Jimmy Walls

Advisor's Corner by Ted Bowdler

A new year has started and I would like to begin this one by thanking everyone for their efforts this past year. For this year, we are looking for more individuals to step forward to help in numerous areas.

Congratulations to all our new brothers who completed the Ordeal. I hope you all become an active part of the lodge and not just a game player. Remember, for the lodge to be successful and an important part of the council, **WE ALL MUST BE ACTIVE.**

Our Chief and L.E.C. promise to have an active and fun filled year planned for us. I am hoping that we will have a bigger contingent to Section Conference in the spring than last year's, which was tremendous. We are also planning our trip to the University of Indiana for this summer's National Order of the Arrow Conference. Don't forget your deposit to save one of the few spots we have available.

I will close now with the hope everyone's new year started off great and will continue that way for its entirety. I plan on seeing you all at the Spring Pow-Wow.

1996 Ordeals

New Faces and New Opportunities

If you live in a biosphere, you may not have heard that the Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge inducted over 150 members this year. To handle this incredible number of candidates three separate Ordeals were required. *(Please see the list of our newest members on Page 5)*

Neil Clineman did an outstanding job as Ordeal Master. The miniseries of Ordeal weekends began in November at Tanah-Keeta. All went well, with the exception of a light rain during the ceremony. The second Ordeal weekend took place in December, also at Tanah Keeta. Much was accomplished over the course of these two weekends. Work projects included: rebuilding the bridge over the pond, working on our new health lodge, fixing up the ceremonial ring, and many other camp maintenance and improvements.

The third and final Ordeal was held at Camp Oklawaha during the first weekend in January. Members and candidates, worked hard on the continued construction of the ranger's house, some repair of the ceremonial ring, and some badly needed camp improvements were also completed for this smaller camp.

Over all, each Ordeal was a smooth and productive activity which benefited our council greatly and introduced those honored scouts to the paths of service in the Order of the Arrow.



Spring Pow-Wow

This year's Spring Pow-Wow will be held March 22-24, and it should be a great success. The purpose of the Spring Pow-Wow is to introduce our new Ordeal members to the fun and fellowship present in the Order. Basically, it's going to be a blast! Along with the many games, the Saturday night program will be very interesting. Saturday night, the Order of Chaos will meet once again to initiate various people into their society; also, Chaos flaps will be available for a mere \$2.50, in the traditional, non-chaotic, first come - first serve manner.

Information on attending the 1996 Section Conference will be presented at the weekend. Speaking of conferences, our 1997 Section Conference is only one year, two months, twenty days, four hours, sixteen minutes, and thirty-one seconds away. Members are encouraged to become a part of the '97 Section Conference Host Committee by signing up at the Pow-Wow.

Remember, we depend on our brothers to keep the spirit of cheerful service alive-see you at the Pow-Wow.

Chapter Reports

A-bani-ki -

We held our chapter banquet on January 14 of this year, thanks to all who showed up. I would like to remind everyone that the Spring Pow-Wow, N.O.A.C., and Section Conference are coming up. These events are full of fun and fellowship. I hope as many chapter members as possible will attend.

At-Seenah-Hoofa -

Trying to get a semblance of order in our tiny chapter. Hope to see everyone at the Pow-Wow.

Chee-pa-tah -

Nothing new or exiting has happened due to poor attendance in the chapter. We have some plans of things to do, but they are still in the planning stage. The main issue for our chapter is to get better attendance from the members. Also designs for patch and shirts are in the works.

Lowaneu Mawats -

Our chapter has planned a weekend in mid February, held at Oklawaha. We also plan a tremendous turn-out of over 20 people at the 96 Section Conference from our chapter.

Ne-ke-wa -

We tried to get inactive members to become more active, unfortunately were not very successful.

Oi-ya-tah -

Not too much here. Gonna bust out and take "Most Spirited"!

Osceola -

We called every restaurant in our area and we and failed to find a place to hold our Christmas dinner.. BOMB! After the Spring Pow-Wow we might have a chapter camp-out at Tanah-Keeta, if any weekends are available. Our phone call committees are all set and ready to go. We hope to have a huge contingent for the Spring Pow-Wow and Section Conference. See you all at the weekend!



Aal-Pa-Tah Welcomes Our Newest Ordeal Members

Fall Ordeals at Camp Tanah Keeta and Makeup Ordeal at Camp Oklawaha
November 17-19, December 1-3, and January 5-7

James Abbgly
Craig A. Adams
Michael Adler
Nathan J. Alexander
Chris B. Allen
Stephan C. Allen
Ben P. Allred
James G. Archer
Tyler G. Atkins
Brian Barbour
Dan R. Bauer
Leslie Bauer
Matt S. Beatty
Matt S. Bilyeu
Trevor M. Bosmans
Erick Busold
Kenneth H. Cleveland
Debbie C. Clineman
Tim P. Corbett
Jason Cruz
Archange D' Haiti
James R. Daniell
Sally E. Daniell
Micheal M. Davidson
John F. Day
David Deatly
Aaron M. Decastro
Nathan A. Deckard
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Christophr French
Brian Fritz
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Keith R. Giffels
Jeremy J. Glanz
Erik H. Goossens

Casey T. Griffith
Dane K. Hession
Joesph R. Hill
Curt J. Hostetler
Justin Howe
Mike Hughes
Jason T. Hymell
Philip J. Indovina
Jay Jackson
Edward T. Jarrett Jr
Norman Johnson
Patrick J. Kerley
Ben R. Kilinski
James W. King
Danny M. Kopp
Steve L' Heureux
Jerry C. Leakey
Andrew L. Ledbetter
Joe E. Lenz
Matt Lesniak
Erick A. Lieb
Allen H. Likes
Greg A. Likes
Alex J. Lindsey
Felipe Lofaso
Sam J. Lombardo
Robin Lopez
Ben Macfarlind
Kevin P. Maharrey
Donald E. Malak
Jason Malak
John P. Marshall
Jason Matthews
Brian Matzen
George Matzen
Aric Mcclory
Dan Mccracken
Jeff Mcdonald
Michael MCGahee
Joe H. Mcneill
Vito F. Mecca
Ian M. Merle
Andrew F. Miller
Cheryl A. Miller
Jason Miller
Willie J. Minkel Jr
Orva Nickerson
Bobbie G. Noel II
Bobbie G. Noel III
Andrew B. Norris
Brad A. Ochs

Shane Ostrower
Kevin Patterson
Lynn Pike
Mike J. Polane
Pierre S. Ramsaran
Curtis Ramsey
Aaron P. Reynolds
Dylan L. Roden
Xavier Rojas
Guy Row
Alan Ruken
Joe B. Rumberger
Debbie Saad
Josh D. Saad
Mose E. Sanders
Page F. Sanders
Joseph Schmidt
Dwight H. Schnirman
Chad D. Seabrooke
Peter T. Shea
Jason M. Shone
Robert L. Sikes
Robert Sims
Robert F. Sims
Scott E. Smith
Andy J. Sorrell
Darrell Springer
Mike Stolar
Philip C. Thomas
Collin B. Tipping
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Matt W. Tyler
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Brad R. Vance
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Service Within the Lodge

Ship 307 Helps Tanah Keeta

by Sea Scout Scott Allen

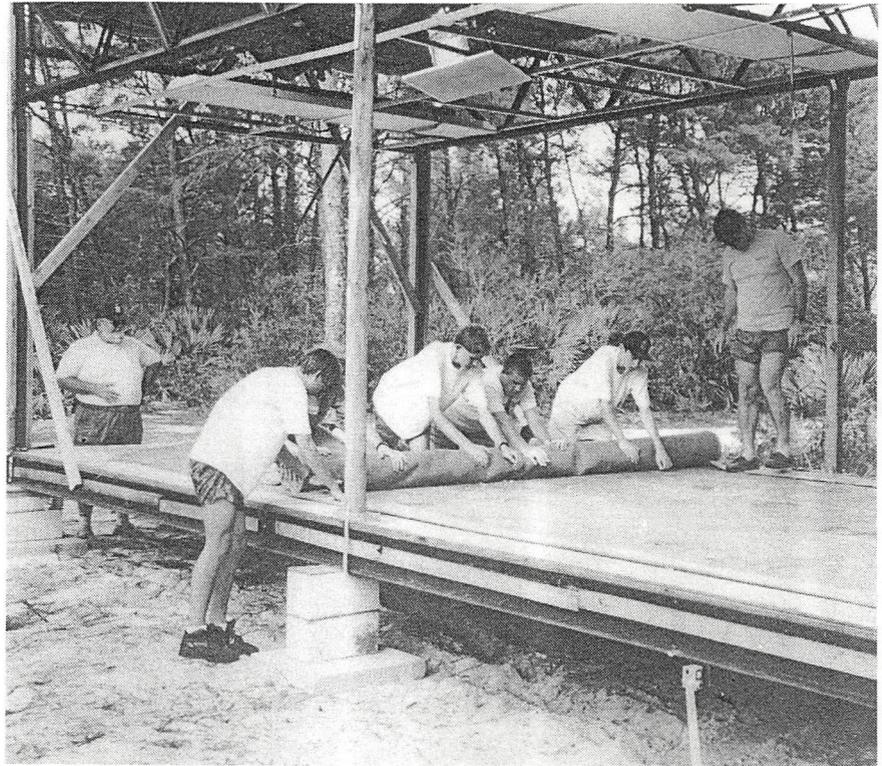
Each year, Sea Scout Ship 307, of Boca Raton, spends time between Christmas and New Year's at Camp, traditionally combining service projects with fun activities. This is an account of this year's trip.

What can I say about the winter trip? Well, if you went, you hopefully will remember enough that this article is not necessary. Therefore, this article is primarily needed to describe the trip to those who didn't come. I could tell you that 10 boys and 4 girls came, but that probably doesn't interest you much. I could then give you our menu, but given the fact that no one got food poisoning, you are probably are not interested in that either. Compared to last year, the canoe trip was fairly mundane and uneventful, due to the river being higher and no one getting lost (we think..). Mike Sprinkel was very careful to avoid any obstructions this time.

Perhaps, the best way to describe the trip would be to describe it's main purpose: to put the roof on the staff dorm, thus completing Adam Kaczmarek's project for the Quartermaster Award (*Sea Scouting's highest award*). Prior to the trip, we had raised and braced the walls, and built a strip around the roof to which the roof trusses were nailed. Once these were in place, hurricane straps connecting them to the flat trusses were attached. At the same time, another crew started raising and fitting the porch trusses. Once the hurricane straps were finished, the plywood sheeting was hauled and stacked on makeshift frames. We then fitted and nailed the plywood with a nail gun, the operator of which was unfortunately less than an accurate shot. A few touch-ups and adjustments officially completed the project.

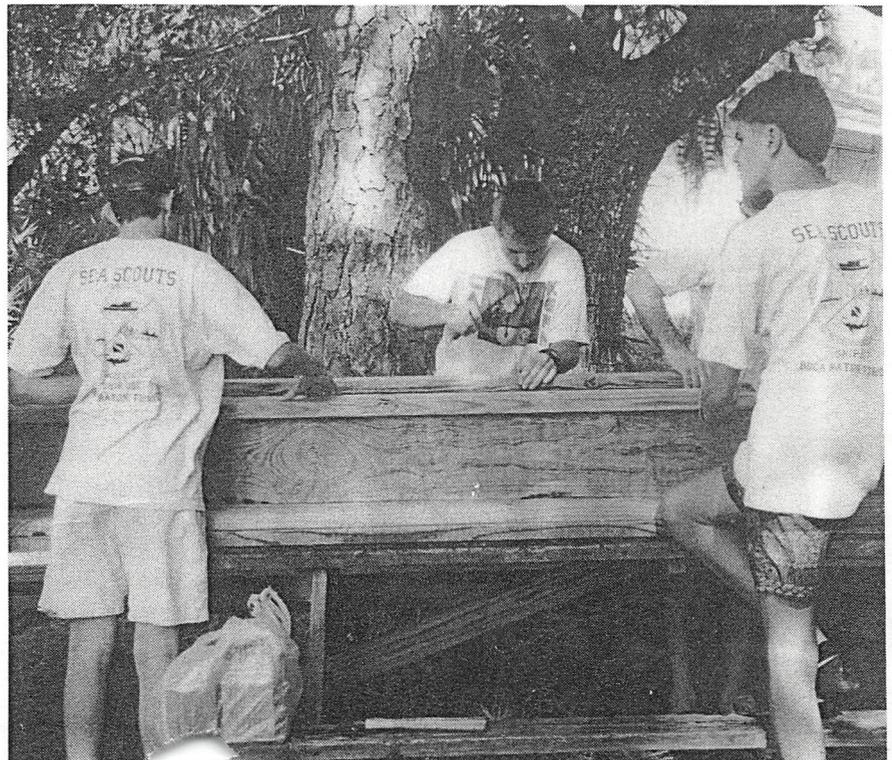
In the afternoons, half the group would work on the dorms and the other half would do an activity. These activities included shooting pistols at the range and scaling the rock climbing tower. On the second night, the boys engaged in a ritualistic game of Rambo, ending in a disagreement over the sanity of some of the players.

The trip both up and back was fairly uneventful, except for a sore back and a broken window on the house boat, due to Mrs. Allen fending off a little too eagerly. All in all, a good time was had by all, at least some of the time.



Above: Working on the new Staff Dorm (left to right), John Leasor, Tom Stromberg, Mrs. Allen, Doug Lothar, Matt Allen, David Briggs, and Mr. Allen.

Below: Working on replacing the Camp's dock (Left to right), David Briggs, Matt Allen, Mr. Allen, and Doug Lothar.



N.O.A.C. Cresting Horizon

Chris Miller, N.O.A.C. Contingent Leader

It is a time to rally up and defend the honor of Aal-Pa-Tah by participating to your utmost ability at the National Order of the Arrow Conference. There will be events for everyone to participate in, from patches, to games, to Native American events, and even the chance to make a friend from a different part of the nation.

You ask, how and when can you take part in all this excitement? All you have to do is clear your schedule from August 10-16, 1996 and send a \$50.00 deposit to the Gulf Stream Council office by February 25, 1996, to reserve a spot for an adventure that will last with you throughout life.

This adventure is taking place in Bloomington, Indiana at the University of Indiana(Go Hoosiers). The lodge contingent is tentatively planning to fly into either Indianapolis or Chicago, and then travel by bus to the University. While at N.O.A.C., the lodges eat and sleep in the dormitories, attend training and activities during the days, and experience thrilling shows and fellowship in the evening. The estimated cost for the entire N.O.A.C. trip is \$500 - \$600, which will be confirmed later in the spring.

In the words of the mighty Chieftain, Allowat Sakima, "Who will go upon this journey? You must choose."

1996 Section Coming Soon

by Patrick Foradori,
'96 Section Conference Contingent Chairman

The 1996 Section Conference is rapidly approaching. If you have not yet registered for the Conference, don't wait, register now. Please take advantage of the early registration fee by sending the form below to the Council Service Center by March 10. Deposits received after the March 10th date will be assessed a \$10 late fee by the Section. Become a part of the one hundred and fifty Aal-Pa-Tah Arrowmen to attend the Conference and participate in the fun, fellowship, and brotherhood. All brothers are encouraged to show their support for the lodge by attending the Conference. With your support it will be a truly successful venture for our lodge.

The Section Conference weekend date is April 19-21, and the Conference fee is fifty-five dollars. This all inclusive fee covers transportation via charter bus, the delegate fee, a contingent T-shirt, an embroidered hat, and a most annoying SQUEAKY GATOR.

To reserve your spot, a twenty-five dollar deposit is required by March 10th at the Council Office. Deposits are unfortunately non-refundable, but are certainly transferable to another member. Remember, deposits received after the March 10th date will be assessed a ten dollar late fee. Please don't wait, register now!

1996 Section Conference Registration Form

(Last Name) (First Name) (MI)

(Address) (City) (St) (Zip)

(Phone Number) / /
(Date of Birth) (Unit #) (Chapter or District)

Check One: I have enclosed my \$25 deposit in order to reserve a place _____

I have enclosed the entire Conference fee of \$55 for a place _____

Detach and mail, with check or money order, to:
Gulf Stream Council, BSA
8335 Military Trail
Palm Beach Gardens, Fl 33410

1996 Lodge Calender

Spring Pow-Wow
Unit Elections Begin
Section Conference
Work Weekend
National Conference

March 22 - 24, 1996
April 1, 1996
April 19 - 21, 1996
May 17 - 19, 1996
August 11-15, 1996

**Pow-Wow will be Awesome
Reserve your Section and NOAC
Spots Now Before it's Too Late**

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