

THE SOUNDS OF THE Section

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Section's First Event a Huge Success

By Sean Ferrier

During the weekend of November 7-9 members from across the Section gathered at Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation for the very first gathering of the new Section S-4. The 2008 Section Seminars was a weekend of training, great food, fun activities, and of course brotherhood. This year's Section Seminars was hosted by Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge, and what an excellent job they did. More than 200 arrowmen spent their weekend attending training seminars designed to enhance our understanding of the Order of the Arrow and Scouting. Scouts and scouters alike hailed the training. "I really liked the youth working with adults class," said Arrowman Bob Crossman, "it was fun and I learned a lot."

In addition to the wonderful learning, participants were given the opportunity



The evening pow-wow was a highlight of the Section Seminars

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National Realignment Brings Growth to Section

By Joe Charbonnet



The new Section S-4 stretches from southern Georgia down the Florida Peninsula all the way to Key West.

In an effort to better meet the needs of local councils, the National Council recently announced a realignment of councils into new geographic areas in three regions, including the Southern Region. As OA sections generally correspond to areas, this change has introduced a new configuration for the section. Eight lodges from Florida that formerly composed Section S-4S and three Georgia lodges formerly of S-4N have coalesced into the new Section S-4. Former Chief Quentin Lesser was certain to stress, "This is not three lodges from Georgia joining Section S4-S. This is eight lodges from Florida and three lodges from Georgia coming together to form Section S4."

The administrative changes, however, should flow seamlessly into the routines of the average arrowman in the Section. Those elected to Section leadership positions from the component lodges retained their positions, meaning that S-4N Vice-Chief Patrick Burnett of Pilthlako Lodge now joins the former S-4S leadership. The upcoming 2009 and 2010 Section Conferences and 2008 Section

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Chiefly Speaking



My Brothers,

Over the last few months our Section has been working through some issues but I am proud to say that we have pulled through and we are on the road to becoming even better than ever. There is a lot going on right now throughout the Section and I am very excited about the direction that we are moving. After approving the plan book at the CoC meeting in November, it looks like our very first Section Conference at Sand Hill Scout Reservation should prove to be a memorable experience for all of us. We have already begun to lay the groundwork for Section S-FourCorps which will take place in the Ocala National Forest in the spring of 2010, and myself and the other officers have been working to bring together our new Section in ways that will benefit all of us.



Sean Ferrier has taken the helm of Section S-4

Yours in Brotherhood,

Sean Ferrier
S-4 Section Chief

Section Elects New Chief

By Joe Charbonnet

In a special session of the S-4 Council of Chiefs, former S-4 Vice Chief Sean Ferrier was elected to serve as interim Chief until the 2009 Section Conference. Sean replaces Quentin Lesser who bowed out after a successful Section Seminars. Because the Section had two vice chiefs serving, Patrick Burnett will remain the sole Vice Chief and no further elections are needed.

Sean is well qualified to serve in the role, in addition to serving as Section Vice Chief, Sean also served as the Chief of Osceola Lodge when they hosted Section Conference in 2008. Sean is an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor member, and veteran of OA Trail Crew, OA Wilderness Voyage, ArrowCorps⁵, and National Jamboree, in addition to staffing and planning numerous council and lodge events. The entire section is very enthusiastic about Sean's leadership as we plan for the upcoming Section Conference.

Seminars: Included 2:37 am Surprise

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to experience fun around every corner. Aal-Pa-Tah made sure to pack our schedule with as much entertainment as we could handle. Some of the weekend's activities included football, basketball, a free shoot, the climbing wall, a "dive in movie" at the pool, and Aal-Pa-Tah's signature activity the 2:37 surprise that consisted of a giant slip-n-slide down the slope of Fort Blanchard.

During Section Seminars this year, when they weren't busy learning and having fun, several arrowmen were given the unique opportunity to seal their ties of brotherhood in a ceremony, which took place Saturday night. In addition to the various activities that our gracious hosts prepared for us, participants were also treated to a special powwow Saturday night, and before going off to bed many Arrowmen took part in the annual Section S-4 patch auction. This year the Section raised more than \$1900 to provide camperships and help the Section operate.

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Section Conference 2009 Promises Fun, Fellowship, Learning

By Marty Shermetaro and Joe Charbonnet

Timuquan Lodge 340 has extended an invitation to Section S-4 to attend the 2009 Section Conference at Sand Hill Scout Reservation in Brooksville, Florida. Timuquan Lodge has been working hard for the past year in preparation for the event, which will run from April 17 to 19. The theme for this year's Section Conference is, "Together Fast and Firmly," which reminds us that we are all bound together as brothers in this great and honored order. Section Conference is a great way for everyone to come together for fun and fellowship.



The Adviser Sink-a-thon is a staple of Section Conference Competition

Sand Hill Scout Reservation consists of over 1200 acres of land and has many amenities that make it such a great scout camp. Timuquan Lodge has been doing many service projects to get camp ready for the conference including working on the brand new office building, large air-conditioned dining hall, hot showers in all of the campsites, and 3 pavilions for various activities.

The annual event will be a forum for all the traditional inter-lodge competitions. There will be athletic competitions including sports like football and volleyball, the Quest for the Golden Arrow, the hidden arrow, the 5k run and the Adviser Sink-a-thon. There will be evaluations of lodge publications, websites, historical

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"I'm There:" NOAC 2009 Looks to Be Better Than Ever

By Joe Charbonnet



Nobody throws a party like the Order of the Arrow, and boy do we have a real barn-burner planned for 2009. The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) will be held from August 1-6, 2009 at Indiana University. Over 6 days, NOAC will create a new spirit and a new enthusiasm for the OA and for scouting in its participants. They will bring home new ideas, new strategies, new gadgets, and new friends.

Advertised under the slogan "I'm There," this NOAC is expected to attract over 7,000 Arrowmen from around the country. Each day there will be classes taught on a wide range of topics, each by a national or international expert in the subject. There will be instruction in everything from Indian crafts to ceremonies to camping promotions. In the afternoons there will be athletic events and games. Throughout the event there will be evaluations of American Indian dancers and ceremonies and many other aspects of lodge program. Of course, there will be plenty of opportunities for patch trading, high adventure training, and even the OA Museum, housing a massive collection OA history an memorabilia. Scheduled for each night is a new and impressive show. Some will feature awards, one will feature the finals of the Indian dance competition, and one will see the new national leadership crowned with their bonnets.

Every lodge in the section will be sending a contingent and already has a NOAC Committee. A wealth of information is also available online at <http://event.oa-bsa.org/>. The last NOAC was in 2006, and who knows where you'll be when the next one rolls around? This is not an opportunity to be missed so register with your lodge to make sure that You're There!

Historic Service Project Leaves National Forest Service Applauding the Order of the Arrow

By Joe Charbonnet

When you have the people who you are doing service for scrambling to find *more* for you to do, its probably a sign of success. The OA put the National Forest Service in just such a predicament during the ArrowCorps⁵ project. The largest service project undertaken by the BSA since WWII, ArrowCorps⁵ was a massive service project embarked on by the OA in conjunction with the National Forest Service to bring a total of 5,000 arrowmen to five national forests over five weeks. Each lodge from Section S-4 was represented in the event.

From the Ozarks to the Tetons, arrowmen demonstrated their work ethic by building or refurbishing over 150 miles of trail including constructing dozens of trail signs. Hundreds of acres of invasive species were removed from the forests and nearly extinct species were preserved. Most of the work surpassed all of the expectations of the Forest Service so they had to track down new tasks for the groups. Overall, arrowmen from their mid-teens to their mid-eighties came out for a week of service at one of the five forests, hailing from all fifty states and five different countries. Highlights of the event included a visit from the president, who gave a volunteerism award to several of the national coordinators of the event, including National Chief Jake Wellman, as well as an address from Chief Scout Executive Bob Mazzuca.



President Bush and Governor Schwarzenegger congratulate the coordinators of AC⁵

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Section Announces Plans for New Mass Service Project

By Joe Charbonnet

service to a national forest. This time the Ocala National Forest will be the recipient of the service and Camp La-No-Che may be used as the base camp, though neither Tipisa nor any other lodge will host the event. To be planned, administered, and hosted by the Section, the project is still a long way off. Though the exact date is yet to be determined due to unreleased school schedules, it will take place in April of 2010, with the attempt to fall on Spring Break for as many S-4 arrowmen as possible.

FourCorps was conceived of as a follow-up for those enthusiastic about the work accomplished at ArrowCorps⁵ and as an opportunity for a similar experience for those who were unable to attend due to travel, monetary or scheduling constraints.

FourCorps has been warmly embraced by the Council of Chiefs, but still needs two essential elements: one is a name and the other is a leader. The Section is looking for a motivated and capable arrowman to head-up the event and a name for this project, any nominations for either should be sent to the section leadership. There is one Boy Scout essential that FourCorps already has, however, and that is a patch. The back patch for the event is intended to stir interest in the endeavour, but also just to look cool. Look for more news about the patch and the project to come.



Arrowmen proudly pose with a trail that they constructed during AC⁵

SOS: More than a Call for Help to Section Leaders

By Sean Ferrier

Every year, arrowmen from across the Southern Region gather for the annual Section Officer Seminars (SOS). This year the event took place during the weekend of September 12-14 in Charleston, South Carolina aboard the retired navy carrier, the *USS Yorktown*. During the weekend, four leaders from our section, Sean Ferrier, Quentin Lesser, Brent Marshall, and Adler Dehner, were given multiple opportunities to meet and share ideas with the leadership of other sections and several members of the National Committee, including the National Vice Chief Ben Stilwell.

SOS is designed to allow our section officers the chance to learn more about the Order of the Arrow, network with resources from outside our section, and most importantly to plant ideas and teach us new methods that would help us to serve S-4 to the best of our abilities. Seminars on topics such as promotions for national activities, how to plan a successful conference, how the section can most effectively serve the lodges, and how each of the officers can perform the responsibilities of his office most effectively were all taught. Our officers left the weekend with a renewed sense of purpose, many new friends, and the skills and experience necessary to make S-4 the greatest section in the nation.



(L-R) Quentin Lesser, Brent Marshall, Sean Ferrier, and Adler Dehner on the Flight Deck of the *USS Yorktown*.

AC5: “Most Successful Volunteer Project”

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The event did face some challenges, however. Event planner Tom Brownell explained, “moving 5,000 people across the country is going to be a logistical nightmare no matter how well it is planned.” Joking about lower than anticipated attendance at the early sites, some scouts called it ArrowCorps^{3,5}. But attendance rebounded and Forest Service Volunteer Liaison Tim Beaty called the project “the most successful volunteer project the US Forest Service has ever seen.”

Though ArrowCorps⁵ was a one-time only event, the memories of many arrowmen and the friendship that they formed made it something that will live on in recollections for years to come. Section S-4 is proud to have been so well represented at the event and honored to do such amazing service for our country and the outdoors.

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Among the most valued and life-changing opportunities for Boy Scouts are the three BSA High Adventure bases. Sea Base, nestled on Islamorada in the Florida Keys astounds scouts with the beauty of the coral reefs, the luxurious climates of the tropics, and the promise of the open ocean. Northern Tier, with rugged outposts in Minnesota and Canada, offers canoe treks over finger lakes and portage trails, providing a voyager-type experience in a natural setting little changed from the days of Marquette and Joliet. And the crown jewel, Philmont, "Scouting's Paradise," has been taking away the breaths of men young and old for decades as they have summited its mighty mountain peaks and backpacked through the wilderness vistas below.

Arrowmen Get VIP Treatment, Discounted Prices at High Adventure Bases

By Joe Charbonnet



Arrowman Dillon Pettyjohn SCUBA diving in the Keys

For members of the OA, however, the opportunities at these High Adventure bases is magnified. Being both a thing of the outdoors and of service, the OA has teamed up with each of the bases to provide an OA High Adventure (OAHA) program geared especially towards arrowmen. OA Ocean Adventure (OAOA), OA Wilderness Voyage (OAWV), and OA Trail Crew (OATC) at Sea Base, Northern Tier, and Philmont, respectively, combine special high adventure programs with service to the base. Crews get to spend a longer time on the base than standard crews, and in exchange for their services receive a reduced price for the experience.



The quality trails arrowmen build are a godsend when portaging at Northern Tier

At OAOA, which costs \$500, participants spend the first week of the experience earning their PADI SCUBA certification and their second week rendering service to the underwater ecosystems of the Florida Keys, including the coral and fish species that make up such a colorful part of the undersea world. OAWV, which costs \$150, allows scouts to provide service and maintenance to the portage trails and environment around the Charles L. Sommers Canoe base, and then go on a one week trek through the boundary waters planned by the scouts themselves. OATC, for which the cost of attendance is \$200, has participants spend the first week of their adventure building trails through the Sangre de Cristo Mountains to preserve and conserve their natural state, and their second week backpacking through Philmont on a unique trek.



Arrowmen team up to build trail at Philmont

The OAHA programs are open to any arrowman under the age of 21. Scholarships to attend are available through the Section and through many Lodges. To apply, visit <http://www.adventure.oa-bsa.org/> and choose your adventure. The programs are extremely popular and filling up quickly this year, as always. At least one program is likely to be full by the end of the year, so those interested should apply now.

Each program is tailored specifically to the OA, meaning special program elements most will never even get to see and OAHA crews often receive special privileges on the bases. But despite all of the "on-paper" advantages of OAHA, the best part of the experience is the people that you meet. As a veteran of OATC and a friend of those who have participated in all three programs, it is clear that the bonds of brotherhood formed in the two weeks are universally strong. I have 22 brothers around the country who I consider family in a most real sense. We still keep in touch over a year later and I value my experience with them as the best I ever had in scouting. As arrowmen we are called to be outdoorsmen, so I encourage everyone to take the opportunity to find fellowship with the wilderness and with your fellow man through one of these amazing experiences awaiting you.

Want to Learn more? Visit: <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/>

Conference: Annual Highlight for Section

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displays, ceremonies teams, and dance teams. As always, the coveted Spirit Award and Best All-Around Lodge Award will be up for grabs.

The event is also a time for cooperation and fun though. Timuquan has planned great shows, the always astounding Festival of Feathers, meetings of the Council of Chiefs, even a blood drive. The trading post will be open and Indian vendors will have their crafts on display. But the best opportunity at this event is to meet make friends from all over the section. There will surely be plenty of story swapping, patch trading, and bonding. There will be special meals for Vigil members at the Vigil Breakfast and new Ordeal members at the VIA luncheon. Conference chairman Marty Shermetaro elaborated on the VIA luncheon, "In the past the VIA luncheon has been open to any new ordeal members, but this year we wanted to restore some of the luster to the event, so we are asking for Lodge Chief to send the 5 Ordeal members from the Lodge that show the most promise for leadership and activity in the Order."

The conference will also present the rare opportunity for members to attend a Brotherhood Ceremony for the entire section. If they have received counseling from their lodge, any ordeal member will be able to seal his bonds in the Order in front of the entire section, a truly unique opportunity. This ceremony is a very real manifestation of the weekend's theme.

Early registration ends April 3, so be sure to get your registration forms in through your lodge, and we will see you all in April.

Our Section: It Has Seen this Configuration Before

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Seminars would still be held in the locations originally planned for Section S-4S (see calendar), but a new schedule for Section events beyond those has been approved by the Section S-4 Council of Chiefs.

Veteran arrowmen likely find this configuration of lodges familiar to the Section as these realignments are not uncommon and these eleven lodges have been grouped together in the past. If you'd like to know more about the history of OA section alignments, see: <http://www.oasections.com/>.

Randy Cline, the Northeast Region OA Chairman who played a role in the national process explained that the new section boundaries were established to help regions serve local councils, with the consultation of region staff and area directors. "Lodge sizes, the strengths of the lodges, the sections' conclave [or Conference] traditions, and the distances that lodges would be required to travel to attend conclaves and Council of Chiefs meetings" were all considered, Cline said. This new grouping enables members of S-4 to build on old friendships and establish new brotherhoods.

The lodges that make up the new S-4 are Aal-Pa-Tah from West Palm Beach, FL, Alapaha from Valdosta, GA, Echockotee from Jacksonville, FL, Immokalee from Albany, GA, O-Shot-Caw from Miami Lakes, FL, Osceola from Fort Myers, FL, Pilthlako from Waycross, GA, Semialachee from Tallahassee, FL, Seminole from Tampa, FL, Timuquan from Seminole, FL, and Tipisa from Orlando, FL.

Welcome all arrowmen to new Section S-4!!



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AAL-PAH-TAH Brothers of Section S-4,



I hope you all enjoyed yourselves at Section Seminars. Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge is very grateful to all of the brothers who came out to make it one of the best Seminars, All Around, that this

Section has seen.

Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge inducted 59 new brothers into the Order at our September Ordeal weekend. We also had 19 brothers seal their membership in the Order by going through brotherhood. Altogether, Aal-Pa-Tah provided Camp Tanah Keeta with over eleven hundred service hours that weekend!

Oiyatah Chapter, which services the Treasure Coast District of the Gulf Stream Council, ran the Cub Scout District Camporee on October 24-26, 2008. Our Lodge Treasurer Oakley Hammond planned out the event, and 375 service hours went into planning and executing the event!

Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge has a lot of activities coming up within the next months, the first of which is our Winter Fellowship. Winter Fellowship will be held on December 5-7, 2008 at Camp Tanah Keeta. It is a weekend of fun and fellowship for all of Arrowmen to enjoy. We hold Seminars in the morning and inter-chapter competitions in the afternoon, a brotherhood ceremony Sat. night, and of course a 237 surprise Sunday morning. And for the first time ever at Winter Fellowship, we will also be holding a makeup Ordeal.

The next event on Aal-Pa-Tah's schedule is our annual Lodge Banquet. Our Banquet will be held at Jupiter High School on January 10, 2009. The Lodge Banquet is a night in which the Lodge comes together to celebrate and recognize the accomplishments of the previous year. There will be food, patch auctions (both live and silent), door prizes, give-aways, and awards. And we'll be calling out our Vigil Honor class for 2009! It already looks like it's shaping up to be one of the Best Banquets, All Around!

The following months for Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge will bring great fun and fellowship to all of its members. I extend an invitation to all of the Section Officers to come down and participate in an upcoming Aal-Pa-Tah weekend. And in doing so watch us flourish into what we are, the Best Lodge, All Around!

In the most Cheerful Service,
Michael Grove
Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge Chief

ALAPAHA Brothers,



Good day to all of you, my name is Drew Kuhlmann and I am the Lodge Chief of Alapaha lodge. Throughout the years that I have been a member of

OA and this Lodge I have seen it grow steadily each year. It's true that in the past we lost our way by having adults run everything, no trained lodge leadership, and few brothers at events. This lodge is correcting many of these issues, and to show our progress we were awarded Quality Lodge in 2007, and hopefully will make a tradition of being a Quality Lodge.

In 2006, when Eric Miller was Lodge Chief, an event was founded that is still strong today: Operation First Class. This event was established to train and instruct young scouts and future arrowmen in fire building, knot tying, first aid, compass use. This event was one of the deciding factors in us achieving quality lodge. That year was also the first time the lodge adopted a new ceremony for tap outs which actually explained the story of Uncas and his bravery instead of having the lodge chief and vice chief taping people out. The following year Jason Halter was Lodge Chief. Our lodge still hosted and ran Operation First Class, but instead of the Lodge Chief running all the events, we had chairmen who ran every event and the event, in turn, ran more smoothly. Also, that year was the first in which the lodge had its own Indian regalia, which was donated by parents of a member. This allowed more people were able to participate in the ceremonies.

As for this year, the lodge hosted its first conclave at our Camp Patton. That was a major accomplishment for the entire lodge. This lodge, in turn, had the record number of 79 members attending the 2008 Conclave. Alapaha was able to create more jobs and opportunities for members to get involved. The LEC believes that if you give someone a job and make them feel important they will want to remain active.

We are still a growing lodge, but every year we have an increase in brothers at events. We will continue improving our lodge and protecting the policies of OA. For more information of our lodge please contact me at 229-834-4758, or email me at dfkuhlmann@hotmail.com. Yours in Service,

Drew Kuhlmann
Alapaha Lodge Chief

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ECHOCKOTEE Brothers,



The lodge has already started a very successful year. A special thanks to our previous lodge chief Corey Troxell for every thing he did to close out the past year's success. Another congratulations to Joe

Charbonnet and Andrew Self for their section positions and Quentin Lesser on his former chiefdom.

Echokotee lodge has already had its first fellowship weekend of the new term, which was full of fun and service. We implemented our new Service and Ceremonies Plan that created a smoother, more memorable weekend. We also pumped up our Brotherhood training class, which should help to improve Brotherhood conversion by offering our candidates a better experience. The lodge's weekend service project was hosting the annual Special Needs Camporee, and it was also a huge success with record participants and staff. We extend a very special thanks to Geoffrey Brown for chairing the event. Finally, we had the second highest amount of participants at section seminars, second only to the host lodge. The lodge has a Service day on December 6th at our beloved camp Echokotee where we project to have 100 members performing 8 hours each.

In Service,
Jon Wright
Echokotee Lodge Chief

IMMOKALEE Brothers,



Immokalee Lodge has hosted a grand total of 5 lodge activities during 2008, with two more scheduled before the year ends. The activities completed include the Winter Fellowship in January, the OA Endurance Ride in February, the Summer Camp Call-Out Ceremonies and Evening Social in June, the Fall Ordeal and Fellowship in September, and the OA Day of Service in October. We still have the Second Ordeal Weekend and Winter Banquet planned for the last two months of the year.

There were 63 candidates called out between the two Summer Camp ceremonies, 47 of which attended the first weekend. 12 Brotherhood candidates also converted their membership. We expect about fifteen Ordeal Candidates to attend this upcoming weekend, and as many as five brotherhood candidates to convert. Total registered membership remains below 200, with disproportionate percentage of membership being comprised of adults and advisors. The ratio of registered membership is approximately 1 to 5, with youth in favor.

Our biggest mission as of now is to develop a strong OA Troop Representative core, from which we can maintain troop communication and involvement. This is the entire premise of next year's goals, which include increasing total events to 11, building a stronger interest and involvement in Ceremonies Team, and finally, to develop more youth leadership within the Lodge.

Andrew Michael Horne
Lodge Chief, Immokalee Lodge 353

OSCEOLA Brothers of S4,



Osceola Lodge, home of Section S-4 Chief Sean Ferrier, is currently preparing for our luau themed Winter Fellowship at Camp Miles in Punta Gorda, Florida December 12-14. Our first weekend under

new Lodge Leadership started the year in an extremely positive way. Our Fall Fellowship had an Olympic theme and we had an enthusiastic attendance. During the weekend we played typical Olympic games such as water polo and had some unusual Olympic games such as ping pong. We were expecting a guest appearance from Michael Phelps but he had a last-minute engagement to film a commercial for auto insurance.

As the year comes to a close, we are looking forward to Winter Fellowship with great anticipation and excitement.

Yours In Brotherhood,
Derek Piotter
Osceola Lodge Chief

SEMIALACHEE Dear Brothers of Section S-4,



Semialachee Lodge 239 from the Suwannee River Area Council has had a great year for 2008. On November 2, 2008 we elected a new LEC at our Fall Fellowship,

which was also our Fall Ordeal Weekend because Hurricane Fay made us cancel the original weekend. For the upcoming year the lodge plans to attend Section conference with the intent of vying for honor team in the Pre-ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil Ceremonies. Also, our dance and drum team will be competing in group dance. As for the rest of 2009, Semialachee will attend NOAC in the summer and will have its Ordeal in August. We hope to receive honor team at NOAC to help out the new Section S-4. We all know that Section S-4 South was the greatest section in the nation and now we plan to help show the nation that Section S-4 is the now the greatest section in the nation.

Your Nimat,
PJ Rivera
Semialachee Lodge Chief

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O-SHOT-CAW Brothers,



O-Shot Caw Lodge has truly begun a new era of excellence. Through excellent service, unmatched brotherhood and endless spirit, O-Shot-Caw Lodge has truly been revived. We have started to pave our path to success and once again achieving the standard of Best All Around Lodge.

Over the past few months we have shown countless hours of cheerful service. We embarked on this journey with a Fall Ordeal service project that ensured success for our Haunted Forest; it was with every brother on his feet that we had a successful Fall Ordeal. My congratulations to all the new O-Shot-Caw arrowmen who completed their Ordeal. We continued sailing with our streak of service, with a large contribution to two Cub Scout Fun Days at which O-Shot-Caw Lodge welded the link between Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. This led right on in to our Annual Haunted Forest which was a definite success from the start. We showed brotherhood unparalleled to any shown before.

So it is without a doubt that we have a successful agenda ahead of us. I am looking forward to a continuation of a fantastic year. I would also like to invite everyone in the section to come and join us for one of our fun lodge weekends, and experience the brotherhood we joined the Order for.

WWW,
Mark Jelincic

O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief

TIMUQUAN



My Fellow Brothers,

Timuquan Lodge has been extremely busy over the past couple months. We recently held our Fall Conclave, which was September 5-7 at Sand Hill

Scout Reservation, and had over 160 people in attendance. It was a weekend of cheerfully serving but also a weekend of fellowship. We had 24 new Ordeal members and 25 new Brotherhood members. On Friday night we had Elangomat, Ceremonies, and Unit Election Training. Then on Saturday, we worked hard on improving the camp, from re-building picnic tables to finishing up the Staff Cabins--about 800 hours of Camp Service in total. Overall, it was a fantastic weekend and we completed all of our projects. Our next conclave is January 9-11, 2009 at Camp Soule.

This past October 18 at Palm Harbor United Methodist Church, West Central Florida Council held their University of Scouting. This is our One Day of Service, we helped out with set-up on Friday night, parking on Saturday morning, clean-up of lunch, and take-down Saturday afternoon. It was a huge success and we also were able to sell refreshments during the event. Although we have our conclaves and day events going on, we are working hard on Section Conference. We are very excited to host this year's Section Conference and hope you all will be in attendance. I hope that all of you are having a great school year and happy holidays.

Yours in WWW,
Matthew Dodge
Timuquan Lodge Chief 2007-2009

PILTHLAKO

Fellow Brothers of the Arrow,



Hello from Pilthlako Lodge. It has been a busy few months for Pilthlako. We have been working hard at planning for our annual banquet, elections, ordeal, and our service project.

Our fall ordeal saw us induct 5 members into Brotherhood and 10 new Ordeal members. Along with the ceremonies we were able to prepare camp for an upcoming Camporee. The Lodge also held it's annual election with the following arrowmen elected: Lodge Chief Aaron Moore, Lodge Vice Chief Shaune Choudhari, VC Inductions Trey Lee, VC Finance Nathan Potts, and VC Administration John Floyd. I would like to take this time to thank the past officers for their service to the Lodge and wish the new Lodge officers all the best in the coming year.

The Lodge's One Day of Service saw us shoveling and bagging oyster shells for Georgia's oyster reef restoration project. G.E.O.R.G.I.A. (Generating Enhanced Oyster Reefs in Georgia's Inshore Areas) is a community based restoration program that promotes the recycling of oyster shells to create new oyster reefs, and educates the general public of the importance of restoring, preserving and enhancing oyster reefs along the Georgia Coast.

We look forward to meeting and making many new friends in Section S-4 in the coming year.

Robert Nash

Lodge Chief, Pilthlako

TIPISA



Dear Brothers,

Tipisa Lodge is proud to be starting our Ordeal season, when all of our 14 chapters recognize and welcome nearly 400 scouts and scouters in our council into our Order. We are also hard at work planning our upcoming weekends, the Tipisa Native American Weekend and our Spring Conclave, and look forward to even more adventures in the months ahead. And for the most up-to-date information about Tipisa, go to www.tipisa.org.

Yours in Wimachtendienk,
Matt Tucker
Tipisa Lodge Chief

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2008-2009**



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Calendar of Upcoming Events

April 17-19, 2009
Section S-4 Conference
Sandhill Scout Reservation
Brooksville, FL

June 2, 2009
OA Ocean Adventure Begins
Florida Sea Base
Islamorada, Florida

June 8, 2009
OA Trail Crew Begins
Philmont Scout Ranch
Cimarron, New Mexico

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