



# The Feather

Echokottee Lodge 200 - The Men In Black of Scouting  
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## Fall Edition 2011

### YOUR 2011-2012 OFFICERS!

#### **LODGE CHIEF- ALEX WILLIAMS**

I am a Life Scout from Troop 631 in Mayport Florida. I go to Fletcher High School and have served two consecutive terms as class president. Within in the Lodge I have served as Chapter Secretary, Chapter Chief, Lodge Vice-Chief of Training and now currently serve the Lodge as the Lodge Chief. I was awarded the MVP of the House of Representatives at the 2011 Florida American Legion Boys State. As well as I've been awarded the Citizenship award by the Daughters of the American revolution. I am very excited about working with you all this year.

#### **VICE CHIEF OF PROGRAM- KYLE GEARY**

Hey there, Echokottee Lodge! For you guys who don't know me, I'm Kyle Geary, your Lodge Vice-Chief of Program. I'm looking forward to an exciting year with you all! Some quick things about myself, I'm currently a 17 year old Life Scout from Troop 631 in the Shawnee District and a Senior at Duncan U. Fletcher High School where I'm the Low Brass Section Leader for the Pride of the Beaches Fletcher Band. You can be sure

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to have creative games at all Lodge events and be guaranteed to have an awesome time!

#### **VICE CHIEF OF TRAINING- ALEX LEONARD**

I am a brotherhood member from the Elemukulek chapter. In the Order of the arrow I have held a few different positions such as chapter vice-chief and the lodge ceremonies chairman. Also, I am the 2012 River Bend District Camporee Chairman which will be taking place at Camp Echokottee. Outside of the OA I am a life member coming from Troop 110 located in River Bend District. I am so excited to be Echokottee Lodge's 2011-2012 Vice-Chief of Training.

#### **SECRETARY- CHRIS FAISON**

I am an Eagle Scout out of Troop 159 in Riverbend District. I am a freshman majoring in Mrine Biology at the University of West Florida in Pensacola Florida. I served two terms as an officer of the Elemukulek Chapter as the Vice-chief of membership and then the Chief of my Chapter. And most recently, I served our lodge as the Camping Promotions chairman.

#### **TREASURER- DYLAN KILBY**

Hey, guys! My name is Dylan Kilby. I am a junior at Florida State University where I study performing arts, international affairs, and media/communication studies. I'm a member of the Delta Chi Fraternity and work as an audio engineer at a radio station. I have previously served Echokottee as the 2009-2010 Lodge Secretary and as the Membership committee chairman. I also like pie; if you have any, please tell me.

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## My Brothers

Let's get this year started off right. As you may know, this is a very important year for our lodge. Along with all the normal events that our lodge holds, we have a very special event this year. The Section Seminars! For those of you who do not know, it is very similar to the event we just held, our lodge leadership development, except it is on the section level. It is a great way for us to receive advanced training, share best practices, and to show why Echockotee Lodge is the best lodge in the section.

Another very important event for us that is coming up soon is our Fall Fellowship. Our Vice-Chief of program Kyle Geary has chosen the theme to be the 1950's. I cannot wait to see what sort of wacky costumes you all are going to come up with. Sonic is looking for a new home and your chapter could be next.

In addition to the fellowships, we also have our Learning for Life Camporee where we always have loads of fun. Seeing the smiles on the campers faces is such a wonderful thing because it is sometimes the only chance they get to camp. Like I said, we have a very intense lineup of events for quite a while and I can't wait to see how everything plays out.

In Brotherhood,  
Alexander Williams  
Echockotee Lodge Chief

## Summer Fellowship Recap!

By *KYLE GEARY*

Hello, Echockotee! This is your newly elected Vice-Chief of Program, Kyle Geary, and I would like to begin by congratulating all the new members of our Lodge and everyone who sealed their ties in Brotherhood at our Summer Fellowship. Speaking of Summer Fellowship, if you didn't have a good time, you must have been asleep! A lot of needed service was done on Camp Shands property for the Summer Camp season, and afterwards, the level of fun we had beat out a barrel of monkeys any day. Chapters celebrated either through fun water games like water balloon toss, just being cheerful and supporting their players, and some even went as far into the theme as to bring out a parrot head band and serving lime flavored slushies! All in all, we got work done and had some quality fellowship with our brothers, and that is the goal of an Echockotee Lodge fellowship.

Now, we also had a very important election at this fellowship. Most of our chapters' elected officers, and all of our new Lodge Officers were elected. For all you recently inducted members of our Lodge, you need to know who our officers are, so here's a list in order of election:



- Lodge Chief - Alex Williams
- Vice-Chief of Program - Kyle Geary
- Vice-Chief of Training - Alex Leonard
- Secretary - Chris Faison
- Treasurer - Dylan Kilby
- Historian - Avery Garrett

On behalf of the lodge officers, we look forward to serving you this year. We are committed to providing

quality leadership and service. Our collective goal is to continue to inspire all of Echockotee to fulfill the obligations of the Order and to have a great time while we work together!

## LLD!

By *ALEX LEONARD*

Echockotee Lodge's "Lodge Leadership Development" was a HUGE success! The weekend was packed with lots of fun classes and exciting tips, skills, and games for the arrowman of our lodge to take back to their chapters and troops. The lodge trained 101 arrowman, 15 of which were also trainers. The trainers did an excellent job with their classes and they were a treat to all who attended. If there is anyone out there who would



like a copy of our Echockotee Lodge Training Disk please find me at the Fall Fellowship and I would be glad to give you a copy. The disk includes

every presentation that was made throughout the weekend with a few other useful pieces of information thrown in there as well. Once again, I would like to thank everyone who attended for making it such an awesome event!

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## Learning for Life Camporee

*By: Hunter Barber*

Calling all Chapters to come prepared to host your best Carnival booth ever. This is our flagship event where Echockotee Lodge hosts a fun-filled weekend event for Special Needs Students. We are assisted by volunteers from all over NE Florida to offer up Carnival-style Activity Booths and other fun activities for people of all exceptionalities! Crafts, Games, Leather Working, Field Games, Fishing, Displays of Fire Trucks, Military Displays, and much more! Evening events include a Campfire Program with Native American dancing, stories, skits and songs all presented courtesy of our Lodge. Students may come for a few hours on Saturday or spend the night. Either way, its our job to see they have a great outdoor experience that weekend. The date for this event is October 15-16 at Camp Echockotee in Orange Park.

## Indian Summer

*By: Kyle Geary*

Hey there, Echockotee! So there was National Event this summer that would totally be for you if you've ever been interested in Inductions, AIA, or Ceremonies called Indian Summer. Speaking from personal experience, it was truly awesome! Six days in the Smoky Mountains of Asheville, North Carolina at one of the nicest convention centers in the area. At this event, some of the most well-known and most experienced trainers were on staff, people like Wayne Dukes who is the head adviser for NOAC 2012 and the past Section Chief Sean Ferrier who is an absolutely phenomenal Grass-style dancer. Whether you went to im-

prove your skills as a ceremonialist, an inductions chairman, a dancer, or if you're just interested in crafts, there was something for everyone to do.

Without a doubt, if you didn't have a good time, you probably ate too much and fell into a food coma like I did, (yes, the food was that good). Participants walked away with not only mental knowledge, but physical experience and anything else that you made while you were there, like Lazy Stitch patterns or gunstocks or sleigh bells for dancing. Truly, there was something for everyone at this event, including three powwows and a pretty amazing closing show that most if not all our dancers were selected to participate in. Next time it comes around, even though I will be an adult, I would still consider going because of how fun it was, just as you should consider going next time it comes around, brothers.





## Section Seminars

*By: Brandon Newell*

This year Echokotee Lodge had been selected to HOST the 2011 Seminars training weekend for our section. While this means that we will be preparing our camp for guests from all over the State of Florida, it also provides an excellent training opportunity for all Echokotee Arrowman. I would like to ask all of you to join us at Camp Shands from Nov 11th - 13th , for this awesome event. During the event you will be able to experience training classes in things like, Ceremonies, Song and Dance , Improving a Chapter or Lodge and a multitude of other things. The Trainers are experts in their area matter and some of them have even taught at the national level. Following classes there will be a chance to relax and find a number of competitions to take part in. Please take advantage of this awesome opportunity to help our lodge through your knowledge and also learn a little more about our Order. During this weekend Echoshows for the first time will be designing and performing the section gatherings. They will be second to none preformed in our Section, this is something you don't want to miss. Also a reminder, being the HOST lodge our chapters will help to provide needed support to our lodge, so that we can make it a comfortable weekend for our guests. Be prepared to do a minimal amount of service during the weekend.

## Get Involved!

*By: Chris Faison*

If you have an interest in doing something within our lodge, there is definitely a place for you in one of the many committees we have here in Echokotee. Whether you like dancing, or editing videos, or performing in ceremonies, there is always a place for you in one of our committees.

If you are interested in finding the committee that is right for you, then come talk to any one of the lodge officers. We have an extensive list of the committees that we have in our lodge, and we will be more than happy to point you in the right direction, and encourage you to get your feet wet in any one of the committees. Being a part of committee is a great thing, and it gives you the chance to meet new people and get involved.





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## Chapter Reports

### Apieka

By *MATTHEW FAUX*

Hello Echockotee,

Apieka is off to a great start after electing new officers at the Summer Fellowship. We had a lot of fun preparing and serving food at the Saint Francis House for our service project in June. We look forward to chapter competitions at the upcoming Fellowships. We are ready to train the New officers and some prospective officers at the upcoming LLD. Hope to see you all there, and have a great school year!!!

### Elemukulek

By *Austin Kriznar*

Hey Echockotee

To all new members of our lodge, welcome and congratulations on completing your Ordeal. And to all new Brotherhood members, congratulations on sealing your membership in our Order. The best advise I can give to you about the OA is it gives back as much as you put in, and the perfect way to get involved is to attend chapter meetings. The Elemukulek chap-

ter meetings are the first Thursday of every month, at Christ's Church off of Greenland Road in Mandarin. All are invited, and encouraged to attend for important information on upcoming events, as well as crazy and outlandishly fun games.

### Oglala

By *James Andrew Higbe*

Oglala Chapter is looking to come into the new year with renewed energy, and loads of enthusiasm. Our goals this year is to reclaim Sonic, increase overall attendance, and to break out amongst the top chapters again this year. Our new Chapter officers are Andrew Solomons-Chapter Chief, Steven Willing-Vice Chief of Program, T.J. Laquidara-Vice Chief of Spirit, Jay Rodriguez-Historian, and Andrew Higbe-Secretary. Finally we wish to congratulate all the new Lodge Officers and wish them the best of luck for each of their positions.

### Oklawaha

By *Peter Wyckoff*

The Chapter has had a very successful summer, 2011. Five Arrowmen cheerfully served their Council summer camp at Camp Shands. Jon Brescia served at the Bechtel Family Summit, preparing a place for the 2013 National Jamboree.

At the Cheeseburger in Paradise, Summer Fellowship, we had a good turn out of members, 35 to be exact! The Chapter helped with the burn pile and waterfront projects. Some Arrowmen helped with the EchoShows, and ceremonies. Thanks to every-one!

## Osceola

By *CHALKER KINGRY*

Helloooooo Echokotee! This year you should expect a record High in attendance and an all time high of enthusiasm in Osceola Chapter with clear skies coming our way.

Coming up is our annual Spook-a-ree Camp-o-ree for Cub Scouts in October. During our next few monthly chapter meetings we will be planning the Spook-a-ree's haunted trail which is our biggest portion of the event. We are looking forward to making this Spook-a-ree our best one yet and scaring Cub Scouts getting them ready for Halloween!

Along with the Spook-ree-a we will also be gearing up for time travel to the 50's at the Fall Fellowship.

Our monthly meetings are going great. We have pizza and drinks for everyone and a great activity planned for each meeting.

This year we hope to have a few more cheers and a lot more spirit at this year's Fellowships. We are really growing as a chapter and we are excited for the new year!

## Outina

By JohnDavid Butler

Echokotee,

I hope that everyone one had a great summer and that you are ready to vamp up your Order of the Arrow involvement. We are beginning the process now of contacting all of the troops in our district for OA elections. We are hoping for great attendance at the Fall Fellowship as well as the Section Seminars. The recruiting for volunteers out of the Outina Chapter to assist in the Section Seminars has started. LLD was great, but disappointing in our turn out.

## Saturiwa

By *BRADLEY PHILLIPS*

Hello Everyone! Saturiwa is off to a great start this year. We have been very active these past few months. We have had members on Camp Shands Summer Camp Staff, including three of our chapter officers. We also had one officer serve on Brownsea staff and a few members go through the program. We are working on boosting membership and retaining members. We have many events coming up, including the Special Needs Camporee and District Camporee which we are all looking forward to attending. It is going to be a great year for our chapter. PLANET!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



## Timucuan

By *J.T. DAVIE*

Echokotee,  
The Timucuan Chapter has already started off to a great year, by bringing home Sonic from the Summer Fellowship. We as a chapter would like to thank our previous chief, Brandon Westgate, for an awesome year as chief, and wishing him good luck as he ages out and enters the "real world." Hopefully we can bring home Sonic once again at the Fall Fellowship. Go Bufalos!!!



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## 2011 -2012 Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location
September 23-25	Fall Fellowship - Theme: 1950s	Camp Shands
October 14-16	Special Needs Camporee	Echokotee
November 11-13	Section Seminars	Camp Shands
December 3th	Service Day	Camp Echokotee
January 6-8, 2012	Winter Fellowship - Theme: Wacky Winter Jam	Camp Shands
March 2-4, 2012	Spring Fellowship - Theme: 1970s	Camp Shands
April 20-22, 2012	Section Conference	Wallwood Scout Reservation
April 28, 2012	Service Day	Camp Shands
May 18-20, 2012	Summer Fellowship - Theme: 1980s	Camp Shands
August 17-18, 2012	LLD	Camp Shands

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