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 Echochotee Lodge 200

OA High Adventure

Peter Ordeneaux and Peter Wyckoff went to Florida Sea Base this summer. We did the Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure. What an amazing trip for us to go on. The whole trip took 10 days. For the first week we stayed on an island that the Boy Scouts own. How cool is that? This was the work week. We learned how to protect our envi-

ronment, and put an ecology plan into action. The second week, we lived on a 43 foot sail boat. We sailed around the Keys, snorkeling on the reefs. We learned about navigation, seamanship, and ocean ecology. Want to learn more and see the pictures, ask Peter Ordeneaux or Peter Wyckoff.
 By: Peter Wyckoff



OA @ Jambo

After ten days of nonstop travel and fun, everyone who went to Jamboree is back. For those who went on staff, the fun lasted as long as two weeks! Well, to give a brief run down of what the mega-experience of jamboree included: Skateboarding, Busch Gardens, hiking, walking,

every single merit badge, fireworks, rain, white water rafting, kayaking, rock climbing, zip lining, canopy traversing, wipe-out water obstacle course, traveling, religious services, conservation, service, cooking, sitting, running, swimming, paddle boarding, black-market patch trading, world record setting, liquid-nitrogen Snackwells, and many more things I can't even describe.

The OA provided staff and its Chief, Dan Brown; there were international venturers from everywhere; one of our troops even met the National Scout Executive himself, Wayne Brock! It was far more than what I expected, and from building a NASCAR to 'ambient temperature' showers I least expected it would end so soon.
 By: Austin Kriznar

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Officer Reports

Hello Brothers,
I would first like to congratulate and thank all of the Officers and Committee Chairmen that have stepped up to serve our Lodge. I hope everyone that attended LLD had a wonderful time, and even learned a thing or two. Our Lodge has many things on the calendar for this coming year, so keep an eye out for details about upcoming events. I look forward to seeing our Lodge at Fall Fellowship at the end of September.

WWW
Michael Simmons
Lodge Chief

Hello Echokotians,
Another year of service has begun for all of us. We are gearing up for our Section Conference, Camp Shands is evolving, and facilities are being created and updated. This is an exciting time for our Council. Fellowships help facilitate the necessary repairs and creations to the camp itself. This is a privilege and we now reach a moment in our Lodge's history where our privilege is great. "Concentrate on the work at hand. The Sun's rays do not burn until brought into focus." -Alexander Graham Bell

WWW
Austin Kriznar
Vice-Chief of Program

Brothers,
First off, I would like to thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Vice-Chief of Training for this year. I look forward to the next year, working with you all to improve the way our lodge works. I would like to ask for you all to encourage members of your chapter who are eligible for Brotherhood, to take the next step of being in our order. If you have a passion for helping others, please contact me about being an instructor for the brotherhood class.

WWW
JT Davie
Vice-Chief of Training

Attention Arrowmen!

If you are reading this, then that means you received The Feather. And by my calculations, you received it on-time! This is a big step in the right direction for our Lodge. I would like to personally thank everyone who submitted a report or article for The Feather. It couldn't have been done without you! We are also looking for writers for the next edition of The Feather. If you are interested, please give me a call at (352) 246-7978 or send me an email at gatoreagle432@gmail.com.

WWW
Josh Mintz
Lodge Secretary

Hello Echokotee!

The LLD budget presentation went extremely well! The budget is approved! All Chapter Chiefs and Committee Chairmen the money is there for you to spend! Go out and spend the money to help involve the lodge! For all Committee Chairman I would like for you to email me to get approval before a big expenditure. Make sure you fill out the check request form correctly and as soon as possible after you spend the money. Send it to me by email, preferable! Have a great year and go out and spend the money! My email is 4tmduffy@gmail.com

WWW
Travis Duffy
Lodge Treasurer

Hey Echokotee

I hope you guys had a great summer because this year is going to be great! The Kings Cup is going great! I really believe that our display will show the best of Echokotee. We are working on creating an additional patch board. The design is being made and patches are set out to go in them. I am looking forward to a great year, Echokotee!

WWW
Ethan Smith
Lodge Historian

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LLD Recap



The 2013 to 2014 year for our Lodge started off with a bang at our Lodge Leadership Development weekend. Those who will lead us received valuable training in courses such as being an effective committee, speaking and listening effectively, and on chapter competitions. In addition to classes, Vice-Chief of Program Austin Kriznar led multiple games for chiefs to bring back for their chapter. The day culminated with a debate competition, to assist in our ability to see through opposing positions and get work done, to make Echockotee the best lodge possible.

By: JT Davie

Section Seminars

Attention Echockotee!

Fall Fellowship

The most horrifying fellowship of all time is here! Come on out to Camp Shands on September 27th-29th for a weekend of horror and fun. Fall Fellowship is here, and it's your job to come out with your chapter dressed up as the characters from your favorite horror movie. We will be having our usual service projects, ceremonies, games, and fellowship, so don't miss out! This is also your chance to seal your membership in the Order by completing your Brotherhood training. If you have any questions, contact your Chapter Chief.

By: Josh Mintz

Hello Echockotee Lodge,

This is your 2013-2014 Section Contingent leader. Brothers the Order of the Arrow is an organization that has produced many of the nation's leaders today. Do you aspire to become one of those great leaders? Do you want to be part of a once in a lifetime opportunity where all the best trainers in Florida converge all in one camp? Well lucky you!! You have this amazing opportunity to have just that. This year at Section Seminars you will have that training so many look for. Section Seminars will be held at Camp Soule November 8-10. Brothers don't pass up on an amazing opportunity that most arrowmen will never get the chance to have. Brothers, I challenge you to sign up today. Will you accept?

By: Hunter Barber

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AIA!

Hey Echokotee

Two words come to mind when I think about the AIA Committee. HELP WANTED. We NEED YOU to join this committee to help us with the many events we get asked to perform at so that 1) we can actually do them and 2) we can practice for Section Conference, the event we actually compete at. So if you would like to see Echokotee AIA continue to grow and progress, so that we can dominate at Section Conference, here at sunny Camp Shands this year; or just be a part of the many ceremonies we're asked to be at, please come talk to myself or my advisor, Mr. Rose. No experience necessary, just have a good attitude (like that should really be a problem) and look to have fun!

By: Kyle Geary

Hello Echokotee Lodge,

This year, like every year for the past 10 years, we are having OUR Special Needs Camporee October 18, 19 and 20th. This year we are doing things a little different. The committee midway will now be held in the field next to the climbing tower. Also something new this year is that we are asking that chapters don't do booths because we are the service leg of Boy Scouts and we as a lodge will be performing service this weekend. We will have a major role in getting the camporee to run smoothly. We are hoping to have an amazing camporee this year with our new layout! Look for more details at this upcoming Fellowship.

By: Hunter Barber

Special Needs Camporee

Attention Brothers,

I am looking for Arrowmen who have not found a way to serve our Lodge. Being a part of the Ceremonies Team is a fun way to assist the Lodge and it gives you an opportunity to learn more about the OA. You will also have a chance to be a role model for other Scouts by performing a speaking part in an OA ceremony. We are looking for dedicated Arrowmen who want to learn their role and take time out of the day to practice for the ceremony. No experience is required, and you don't have to start off in a speaking part. There are other things that need to be done so our ceremonies run smoothly, and it will give you a chance to see how a ceremony works before taking a speaking role. Taking an active role in the ceremony will be worth it! I encourage everybody to join the Ceremonies Team. You can reach me at (904) 525-9753 or jmobs15@yahoo.com.

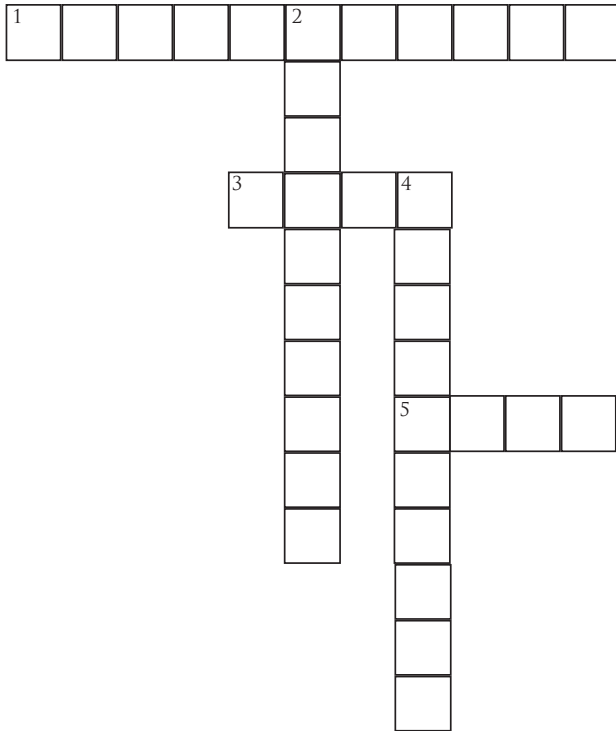
Join the Ceremonies

By: Jonathan Mobley



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- 1. Firm bound in _____
 - 3. One of the best OA experiences you can have
 - 5. Won't stay clean for very long
- ### Down
- 2. One! We are _____, Two!
 - 4. Best camp on the planet

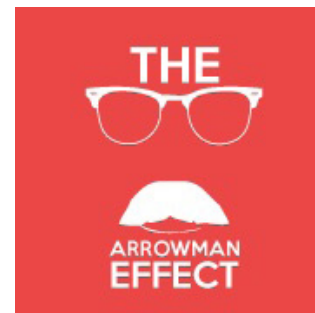
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Section Conference

This April, Echockotee Lodge has the very special privilege of hosting the annual S-4 Section Conference! This is an event that comes back to Sunny Camp Shands about every 7-8 years. This year we will have tons of games, activities, competitions, and plenty more! This is going to be a huge event for us so we need as much participation as possible from Echockotee Lodge to really pull this off. The last Conference that we hosted, in 2007, we had 450 members in attendance. I think we can beat that number! This is an event worth going to and an event where we get to show our Section what Echockotee Lodge is all about! Along with our exciting activities, Echockotee Lodge is known for its awesome shows! We will also have some guest performers before the show so be on the look out!

If you have not seen us yet, you can like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/thearrowmaneffect> or follow us on Twitter @ArrowmanEffect. There is a teaser trailer on the pages as well, so check it out to see a little bit of what you can expect for the shows! I hope to see everyone there!

By: Alex Leonard





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Chapter Reports

Join the Team!

If you want to join The Feather Team, we are looking for writers. Whether you are interested in writing stories about upcoming events, program recaps, or developments within the Lodge, we can find a place for you! Contact Josh Mintz at (352) 246-7978 or at gatoreagle432@gmail.com if you are interested in joining this incredible team!

Apieka

At LLD, we went back to the drawing board and had a great turn out. We had 7 youth and 1 adult attend. I am looking forward to seeing Apieka Chapter improve and grow larger this year.

-Michael Rossi, Apieka Chapter Chief

Elemukulek

Hey Echockotee! We have an outstanding group of officers and I look forward to working with them. Elemukulek was declared the Best-All-Around Chapter this year, even though we didn't quite reach the Gold Tier. Overall, Elemukulek had a fantastic Summer Fellowship, showing off our Luau spirit and Fire Dancing skills. But now I'd like to give you a fair warning. Elemukulek will really be stepping up its game in the upcoming /Fellowships, so we hope to see everyone else stepping it up as well to give us a run for our money. I wish everyone luck and hope to see all of you at Fall Fellowship. To you newer members of the Elemukulek Chapter, we meet the first Thursday of every month at Christ's Church off of Greenland Rd. at 7:00 PM. I'll see you there!

-Cole Gabriel, Elemukulek Chapter Chief

Oglala

Oglala Chapter had a great time at the summer fellowship. We ended up having 48 members attend with 8 new ordeals and 2 new brotherhoods. I would also like to congratulate Carrison Hager on earning all of the merit badges. We are also looking forward the fall fellowship.

- TJ Laquidara, Oglala Chapter Chief

Oklawaha

Hello Echockotee, we've had a fantastic summer! Our main focus this summer was high adventure and of course that was centered around the Summit. We had a great turn out at the National Scout Jamboree with 15 of our chapter members in attendance. We look forward to having a great time this year and we plan on boosting our membership to record highs. See you at Fall Fellowship!

-Jonathan Brescia, Oklawaha Chapter Chief

Onathequa

Our chapter has a busy schedule ahead of us. We are hosting our District Camporee, the "Cast Iron Camporee". It will be held just south of Lake City. from October 18th-20th. We hope to have a great turn out. See you in the Fall!

- Kyle Barker, Onathequa Chapter Chief

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Osceola

Osceola is doing great and continuing to grow in membership, brotherhood, fellowship, and service. We had a great time at our yearly party meeting, as well as at summer fellowship. We're looking forward to fall fellowship and another great year.
-Hunter Hayes, Osceola Chapter Chief

Outina

With our newly elected officers we plan to continue to grow our chapter and improve our program. We look forward to developing leadership at LLD and My vice chief and I will be teaching a class on finding your place in the lodge. We also would like to congratulate our new Lodge officers and look ahead with hope for another year of outstanding Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service!
-John Crittenden, Outina Chapter Chief

Seminole

Hello, Seminole has set up a great communication system within the Chapter. We have used social media to our fullest ability to get information to our Chapter. We have also contacted the Scoutmasters of the Troops within our District to discuss elections, and regaining some "sash and dashers." We have moved our Chapter meetings to a different time and place to enable higher attendance. We will also had a great showing at LLD with not only our Chapter Officers, but a number of our other members as well.
-Robert Landrum, Seminole Chapter Chief

Timucuan

Brothers,
The Timucuan Chapter had a great time at the last fellowship. I would like to congratulate all the new ordeals and the new brotherhood that we have just recently accepted into our lodge and our chapter. I'd also like to thank the Elangomats that gave up their weekend to serve and help their new brothers with their ordeal. Shortly afterward, we had our annual cookout at Ronnie Vanzant Park where we welcomed our new ordeals to the Timucuan Chapter. We played games and ate fantastic food made by our adult leaders. Timucuan Chapter is looking forward to the Fall Fellowship and the rest of the year.
-Collin Bloch, Timucuan Chapter Chief

Saturiwa

Saturiwa is gearing up for a fantastic rebuild year! Our district camporee is planned and being advertised every meeting. We are super excited about Fall Fellowship coming up and can't wait to see everyone there. Sorry to say however, our logo and apparel are still exclusive. Last but not least, we'd like to give a big planet shout out to our Lodge Chief Michael Simmons who is a member of Saturiwa Chapter! Keep up the good work brothers.
-Zach Morris, Saturiwa Chapter Chief

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2013 Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location
September 27-29, 2013	Fall Fellowship	Camp Shands
October 18-20, 2013	Special Needs Camporee	Camp Echockotee
November 8-10, 2013	Section Seminars	Camp Soule
December 7, 2013	December Service Day	Camp Shands
January 3-5, 2014	Winter Fellowship	Camp Shands
March 7-9, 2014	Spring Fellowship	Camp Shands
April 11-13, 2014	Section Conference	Camp Shands