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Echokotee Lodge 200 - North Florida Council 87
Order of the Arrow - Boy Scouts of America

Fall 2017



Fall Fellowship 2017

By: Nick Chitty

ARE YOU READY?

I know I am. The officers and I have been working hard over the summer to bring you one of the most action-packed fellowships of the year. It brings us joy to see the beaming smiles on all of your faces. Whether you're throwing the round ending "out" in dodgeball, or the game winning catch in Ultimate Frisbee, we love to see you having fun. Plus, there is a special event that will have your chapter sliding into first on the leaderboards.

Help make this fellowship a success with three easy steps:

- 1.) Visit the local Scout office and pre-register.
 - 2.) Show up on Friday to register, and start cheering with your chapter.
 - 3.) Compete in each game, cheer on your fellow Arrowmen, and come back home victorious.
- I hope to see you all there!

Summer Fellowship Recap

By: Matthew Waeltz

Summer Fellowship surely was the best one to date! Our trip around the world stopped in Africa in May, with scorching hot weather to match the theme. We had a multitude of awesome things going on such as a pool party with a cookout, new, fun games, and a sense of spirit that couldn't be challenged by any other lodge in the nation! Most importantly, Outina Chapter reformed just prior to Summer Fellowship! It was their first event, and we congratulate them as they move forward and form as a chapter. Our trip around the world will stop next in Europe. I am looking forward to having another super fantastic fellowship this fall, just like we had in summer!

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Dear Brothers,

I hope all of you had a very exciting summer, full of summer camp fun and maybe a little bit of sun. As we all start back into the school year I would just like to remind you all of Fall Fellowship coming up September 22-24. This event is guaranteed to be packed with tons of fun activities and maybe a couple of surprises! Also, this is our last opportunity as a lodge to induct new members. Please encourage Ordeal candidates to come out and complete their induction! Potential Brotherhood members, I also encourage you to come out and seal your membership in our Order. Obtaining the rank of Brotherhood is a great way to not only find out more about the Order but also to discover more ways to get involved!

Looking forward from Fall Fellowship, I would like to remind you all of Special Needs Camporee on October 20-22 at St. Johns River Base at Echockotee. For those of you who don't know, this is the only event that we get to directly give back to our local community. At Special Needs Camporee, Arrowmen will have the opportunity to interact and give a camping experience to families with children with special needs. Not only is this event a ton of fun but it's also very rewarding and I strongly encourage all of you to come out.

I hope all of you start out your school years strong (or continue at your jobs) and I hope to see you soon! I appreciate everything that each of you do for scouting and can't wait to see what the future holds for us. Until then however, Stay classy Echockotee!!



Yours in Brotherhood,

Austin Schwindt

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Echockotee Lodge Chief



Bradley Hight
Lodge Vice Chief Of Program

Bonjour Echocotee!

I cannot wait to see you all in Europe this fellowship. I know you guys will come out with some amazing spirit gear but remember to cheer, cheer, and cheer some more! If you are able to speak at the end of the fellowship, you're doing it wrong. Cheer loud and proud! I hope you guys enjoy what we officers have in store for you at fellowship, and I hope you all have a great time!

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Wyatt Wiltse
Lodge Vice Chief Of Administration

Geia sou Echocotee!

I want to see everyone at Fall Fellowship, it is going to be super cold in those Scandanavian tundras! If you still need to go through brotherhood training, now is the best time to do so! Our Brotherhood training is the best in the entire nation. Thank you for coming out to beautiful Camp Shands, and I hope to see everyone at the fellowship!

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Matthew Waeltz
Lodge Secretary

Hola Echocotee!

¿Como fue tu verano? I am so excited to see all of our bright faces at Fall Fellowship. We have many fun activities planned for your trip to Europe! Be sure to grab your passports, pack your bags, and head on down to Camp Shands for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and a little bit of je ne sais quoi. I hope to see all of you down there decked out in your best European gear!

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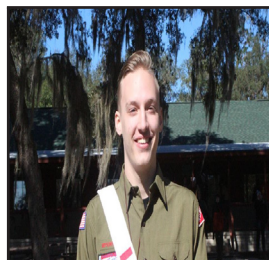


Jackson Alexander
Lodge Treasurer

Hello Echocotee!

I hope you all had a good summer! We are excited to get the ball rolling again as we approach Fall Fellowship. I hope to see all of you at sunny Camp Shands. For you committee chairmen, just remember that this is the final event of the budget year. We will have Winter Fellowship 2018 under the current budget as well. Plan accordingly! Once again, I hope to see all of you at Camp Shands!

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David Gabriel
Lodge Historian

Salut Echocotee!

Do you have your bags packed and ready for Europe this fellowship? I'm very excited to capture your chapter's achievements and spirit! If you are interested in taking photos for the Echocotee Lodge King's Cup display, please send me an email at DavidAGabriel@gmail.com. Get ready for the best fellowship so far, and I can't wait to see all of you in just a week at Camp Shands!

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Get Ready For Special Needs Camporee

By: Kyle Kipple

Hey Echockotee! Come join your chapter for a weekend of cheerful service as we give back to the local North Florida community at Special Needs Camporee. During the weekend of October 20-22, you and your chapter will help put together a unique carnival-style booth, campfire, and campout for hundreds of special needs children and families in our area. Special Needs Camporee is the BIGGEST service event of the year, and I want YOU to be a part of it! The price is \$20 before the registration deadline. Early registration closes on September 25th, so be sure to sign up and pay at Fall Fellowship. If you have any questions, be sure to text or email me (904-414-9336/kipple.kyle0797@live.com), or ask your chapter chief. Thank you for reaffirming your commitment to the high ideals of cheerful service. I'll see you at Special Needs Camporee!

Photos from the 2016 Special Needs Camporee



Our AIA dancers showing off some moves!



Lodge members having fun manning their booths.

Where will you go?

You and your chapter will soon be flying overseas to visit the beautiful continent of Europe! Can you name the capitals of some of the countries you will be visiting?



Wood Badge Training

By: Dot Coutu

Hello Echokotee Lodge!

My name is Dot Coutu, I am an active member of the Order of the Arrow and have received the Vigil Honor. You might recognize me from my work with the ceremonies team, or as one of the advisers for the Oklawaha Chapter. This past spring I accepted the "weighty responsibility" to be the next course director of the 2018 Wood Badge Course. I have assembled the best team of trainers from throughout the North Florida Council, many of whom are active members of Echokotee Lodge. The Wood Badge course is available to any Scout or Scouter ages 18 and older. This course offers the best training in leadership and teamwork skills that a council can provide. The skills taught can be brought back to your unit to enhance the Boy Scout program, but can also apply to your everyday life and careers. It is my belief that every youth deserves a trained leader.

Please consider registering for my course, S487181. Wood Badge consists of two, three day weekends that start early on Friday, and end on Sunday evening. Visit www.nfscouting.org/woodbadge for more information or email me at WBS487181@gmail.com. Thank you!



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Did You Know?

- 1.) Europe is the second smallest continent on Earth, but has the second largest population.
- 2.) Iceland has no mosquitoes at all.
- 3.) Croissants were actually invented in Austria, not France!
- 4.) The town with the longest name is in the U.K. in Wales. The town's name is Lanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiligogoch.
- 5.) Lichtenstein is the smallest country in Europe. It's last military encounter was in 1866. They sent out eighty soldiers and came back with eighty-one. The army made a friend in Italy.

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Chapter Reports

Apieka

Bonjour Echockotee! Apieka has been having an awesome summer so far, with incredible chapter meetings and an end-of-summer party at the springs. We are ready to rock the world at Fall Fellowship! Keep the competition good, as this is the final countdown to Winter Fellowship! Keep being awesome Echockotee!
-Kile Melvin, Apieka Chapter Chief

Elemukulek

Good day Echockotee! Elemukulek has had a terrific summer. We went to Bowl America and had tons of fun. Our elections are almost completed and our membership this year has grown by almost 10%. Our spirit for this fellowship is going to be great, so I would like to see all of our members at the event. We can't wait to have some more fun at Fall Fellowship!
-Ford Setzer, Elemukulek Chapter Chief

Oglala

Hello Echockotee! Oglala Chapter has been hard at work to bring you the best we have to offer at Fall Fellowship. We are working hard on our Journey to Excellence, and cannot wait to jump into the second half of the year. We are also super excited to show off our spirit at the fellowship! I hope to see all of you out at Camp Shands very soon!
-Tyler Grogg, Oglala Chapter Chief

Onathequa

Hello Echockotee! Onathequa Chapter has been very busy lately. We have planned out our district camporee, which will take place in October. I hope to see all of the troops in our district come out to compete in games and practice essential Scout Skills. Also, all of the troops in our district with eligible Order of the Arrow candidates have been contacted, and election dates have been set. Finally, we have two Brotherhood members that have attended the National Leadership Seminar earlier this month. I hope to see everyone at the Fall Fellowship!
-Jacob Gravel, Onathequa Chapter Chief





Oklawaha

Hello Echocotee! Oklawaha has had an amazing summer. We have accomplished so much in the first half of the year, and plan to bring that enthusiasm into the second half. We are actively working towards our Journey to Excellence, and plan to strive for gold level! I hope to see all of our members out at Fall Fellowship, ready to display our chapter spirit. I cannot wait to see all of you at the next event, and I am excited for the rest of the year.
-Joe Veale, Oklawaha Chapter Chief

Saturiwa

Hello Echocotee! Saturiwa has had an amazing summer with Sonic. The chapter had a huge representation in the contingent at the national Scout jamboree, including yours truly and Sonic! We have some seriously awesome plans for Fall Fellowship in Europe. We have some very fun activities planned in the future, so be on the lookout for information! I cannot wait to see all of the chapters out in full force at Fall Fellowship!
-Whit Hemphill, Saturiwa Chapter Chief

Osceola

Osceola Chapter is fired up for another fantastic fellowship and we cannot wait to perform some cheerful service for sunny Camp Shands. We are also gearing up for our annual Spook-A-Ree! We can't wait to see you all at the Fall Fellowship!
-Ethan Griner, Osceola Chapter Chief

Seminole

Hello Echocotee! Seminole Chapter has had an amazing summer. We are so excited for the rest of the year with the fellowship coming up! We cannot wait for new Ordeal members to go through their Brotherhood training and seal their membership in our Order. I invite all members out to Fall Fellowship for a weekend filled with fun! I hope to see all of you there.
-Ben Altman, Seminole Chapter Chief

Outina

Hello Echocotee Lodge! Outina has had a great time this year. Since Summer Fellowship, we have had one OA troop election. We are planning to incorporate many troops from around the area into our chapter. We ask for all of your support as we forge a new meaning for Outina Chapter. We had a great time at Summer Fellowship, and hope to have an even better Fall Fellowship. I want to thank everybody for all of their support.
-Cody Donnelly, Outina Chapter Chief

Timucuan

Hola Echocotee! Timucuan has had a wild summer full of fun and adventure. Our chapter plans to extend that kind of awesomeness into the fall! We are super excited and have big things coming this holiday season with camporee. We are also super pumped up for Eurocentric fellowship approaching. I'm anxious to see what gnarly spirit gear we have out there during Fall Fellowship.
-Ricky Rubio, Timucuan Chapter Chief

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Calendar of Events

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| September 22-24, 2017 | Fall Fellowship | Camp Shands |
| October 20-22, 2017 | Special Needs Camporee | SJRB @ Echokotee |
| December 2, 2017 | Winter Service Day | SJRB @ Echokotee |
| January 5-7, 2018 | Winter Fellowship | Camp Shands |
| February 16-17, 2018 | Lodge Leadership Development | TBD |