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Echockotee Lodge 200

Calling all Arrowmen (and women)!

I want YOU to be at the 2014 Section Conference, April 11th, 12th, and 13th. Camp Shands will play host to the entire Section S-4 during the annual Section Conference! The last time Echockotee Lodge was the host of Section Conference was in 2007, and we won't host again for another seven years! For those Arrowmen between the ages of 14 and 20, this will likely be the only Section Conference you ever get to host, come and be a part of this once-in-a-youth opportunity.

Echockotee Lodge needs 400 Arrowmen in attendance at Section Conference 2014, and each and every one of those Arrowmen will be an active participant in putting on the conference!

Conference Responsibilities: Apieka – Registration, Elemukulek – Parking/Grill, Oglala – Food Services, Oklawaha – Hospitality, Onathequa – Hospitality, Osceola – Support Competitions Staff, Outina – Water Management, Saturiwa – Bathhouse/Bathroom, Seminole – Trash Management, and Timucuan – Food Services.

Don't be left out of hosting this AWESOME event that your friends will be talking about for years!

Preorder all of you Section Conference gear at: <http://www.nfcscouting.org/online-store/1360> (click on the "2014 Section Conference" link)

Come join us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/thearrowmaneffect

You can also join us on Twitter at: @ArrowmanEffect.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Michael Simmons
Lodge Chief

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Officer Reports

Spring Fellowship is March 7th-9th, and it is our last Lodge Fellowship before we host Section Conference 2014 in April! Encourage the Arrowmen in your troop to come with you to Camp Shands, and enjoy the food, fun, and fellowship of our espionage themed weekend. I look forward to seeing you all at Spring Fellowship!

- Michael Simmons, Lodge Chief

Every person who helped and participated at Winter Fellowship, I must thank you. Thank you for making the OA weekends special; for every second you put into our events; and for every memory we forge as friends. This Spring Fellowship, we will have the most Ordeal Candidates inducted of the year. I charge you to take your experiences and pay them forward. Strive in service like never before. When we all celebrate at Section Conference, the toil will pay off like never before.

- Austin Kriznar, Lodge VCP

I am the new Vice Chief of Training. First, I would like to thank all of the trainers that came to LOAC and taught classes. You guys were a huge help. Second, I hope everyone enjoyed the classes that the officers and I put together. Now I need help from every Arrowman from our Lodge: if you know anyone who is ready for their brotherhood class please encourage them to come to Spring Fellowship. I hope to see everyone at Spring Fellowship in March.

- James Wisniewski, Lodge VCT

As always, if you are interested in helping with The Feather, we are always looking for help. Whether you are interested in writing, editing, photography, or working in InDesign, please feel free to send me an email at gatoreagle432@gmail.com. We are also hungry for your feedback! If you have any comments or concerns about The Feather, please let us know!

- Josh Mintz, Lodge Secretary

All Committee Chairman and Chapter Chiefs: spend the money that you have been given! If you have questions about the check request forms come and talk to me! To all Arrowmen, it's a new year so pay your dues and continue your membership in this awesome Lodge!

- Travis Duffy, Lodge Treasurer

Winter Fellowship went off great! We got a lot of work done on the Lodge display for Section Conference. It looks like we are in good shape for that! All the Chapter displays were very interesting in their own way. Thank you to everyone who participated and next year I am sure they will be even better!

- Ethan Smith, Lodge Historian

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Winter Fellowship Recap

For everyone that missed the 2014 edition of Winter Fellowship, you better mark it on your calendar now for next year because you don't want to miss out again! This exciting sci-fi themed weekend was full of fun, food, and fellowship. A special shout-out to the training team who put on another amazing LOAC, especially James Wisniewski for stepping up on such short notice.

After the valuable training came the exceptional program orchestrated by our very own Austin Kriznar, who brought an assortment of entertaining and competitive games including Lodgeball, Ball-of-Death Crab Soccer, and a Moonpie eating contest!

After everyone expended their energy on the afternoon games, we had yet another outstanding feast prepared by none other than the famous Echokotee Kitchen Staff and served by Echokotee's Vigil Honor members to celebrate the newest addition of Vigil Honor Members. We thank you for your dedication to the values of the Order in the Lodge, in your Troops, and in your daily lives.

So after a cold weekend of watching Arrowmen trying to stuff 4 giant Moonpies in their mouth and then going right into a brutal match of Lodgeball, it is hard to go back to school/work without wondering about how awesome it will be next year. And if you didn't make it out this year, I hope I'll see you next year!

By: Josh Mintz



Arrowmen enjoying a game of balloon stomp



Congratulations to Echokotee's newest Youth Vigil Honor Members: Hunter Barber, Peter Wyckoff, Daniel Smith, Colin Duffy, and Cole Gabriel

Adult Vigil Honor Members (not pictured): Bryon Barber, Daniel Duffy, William Kingry, Dale Lewis, and Freddie Newell



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Inductions

The Inductions Committee for Echockotee Lodge facilitates and runs the Ordeal for Candidates of the Order of the Arrow. The committee is in charge of the Ordeal from Friday night when the Candidates arrive until the last ceremony ends on Saturday night. Our committee jobs include: Candidate preparation, call out ceremony, roll call, elangomat recruitment, camping arrangements, Ordeal service assignments (with service committee), food distribution, and water distribution. The candidate's first experience is crucial to member retention and it is our job to make the Ordeal as meaning full as possible. The Inductions committee constantly needs more members to complete all the jobs required of us each Ordeal weekend. The committee does a lot

of work but has fun doing it and asks any interested brothers to contact the committee chairman or adviser for more information about joining. The Inductions Committee would love to have more members to make the Ordeal the best possible experience for Candidates. Again please contact the committee chairman or advisor with any questions.

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Ron Fish: Inductions Committee Advisor

Check out Echockotee online:
www.echockotee.org

Get your spy game ready, because the espionage themed Spring Fellowship is here! Whether you come as James Bond, Ethan Hunt, or another one of your favorite covert intelligence agents, you're bound to have a great weekend. When operatives from the KGB, MI6, and CIA converge like this, the results will be explosive!

Behind all the cover IDs, there will be a great assortment of spy themed games for your enjoyment. Along with our usual service, we will be dedicating a great deal of time and effort into preparing sunny Camp Shands for the upcoming Section Conference. Echockotee Lodge will be hosting in April. Along with the outstanding food (which is much better than the take-out you ordered while on surveillance), Spring Fellowship will be one to remember, so don't miss out!

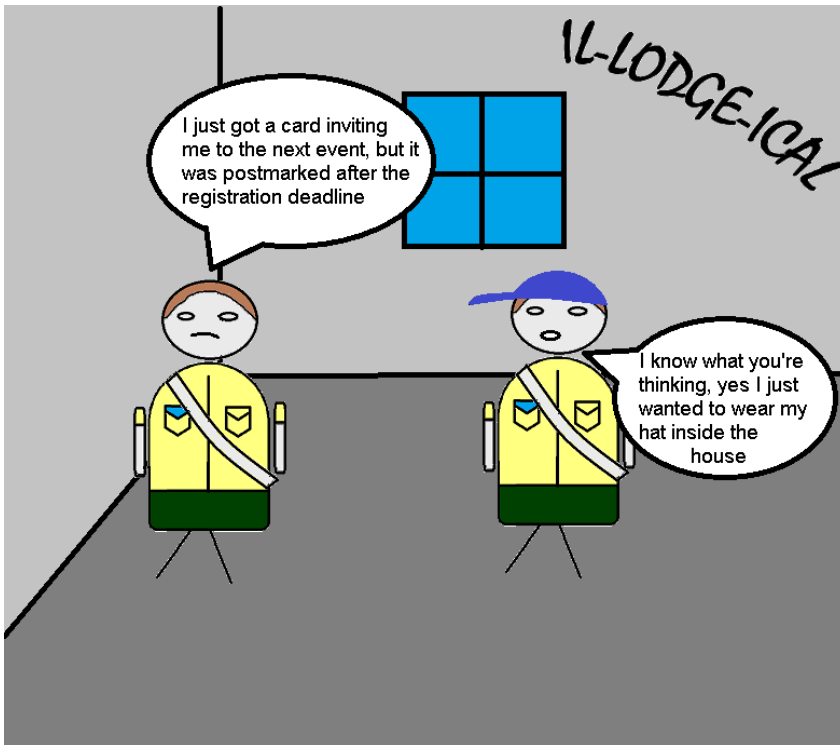
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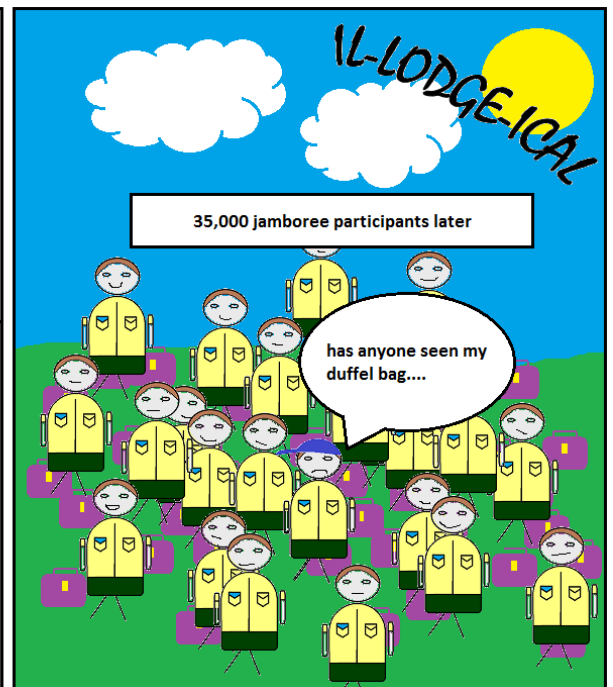
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Chapter Reports

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

Apieka is excited to introduce it's new advisor: Ted Dage. We are happy to have him! We are currently working on increasing our attendance at Chapter meetings as well as completing our unit elections.
- John-Paul Keller, Apieka Chapter Chief

Oglala

Oglala had a great time at Winter Fellowship. We would like to thank the people who taught the classes and learned a lot from them. We also enjoyed playing the games that were planned. We look forward to having fun at the next Fellowship as well.
- TJ Laquidara, Oglala Chapter Chief

Elemukulek

The Elemukulek Chapter has had a spectacular beginning of the year. At our Winter Fellowship, five of our members were selected to receive the Vigil Honor, we made a strong spirit impression, and we won first place in the historical display competition.

Just two weeks later, the Elemukulek Chapter hosted the River Bend district Camp-O-Ree. It was extremely successful with 16 troops in attendance and an abundance of fun activities and spirit.

We are in the midst of planning our chapter service project involving additions to the Camp Echockotee chapel. We look forward to seeing everyone and fighting undercover for Sonic at Spring Fellowship!
- Cole Gabriel, Elemukulek Chapter Chief

Oklawaha

Oklawaha is doing great! We have finished 2 unit elections already and are almost done scheduling the rest. We are also making an effort to contact our members that are eligible for their Brotherhood conversion so we can have a good turnout. See you guys soon!
- Jonathan Brescia, Oklawaha Chapter Chief

Onathequa

Elections are coming up in Suwannee River District, and we in Onathequa Chapter hope to turn this into a large turnout at the Spring Fellowship. We are looking forward to the coming Section Conference, and are planning for our annual District Camporee.
- Kyle Barker, Onathequa Chapter Chief

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Osceola

Osceola is having a great time this Unit Elections season. We had a ton of fun at Winter Fellowship (where Will Kingry, Chapter Adviser was honored with the Vigil Honor), and our Historical display even got HONORABLE MENTION. Looking forward to our upcoming February Crossover/Tappout Weekend. See you all at Summer Fellowship and Conference!
- Hunter Hayes, Osceola Chapter Chief

Outina

Outina chapter had a low turnout at Winter Fellowship, but still had fun and enjoyed having a good experience playing ultimate frisbee with the other chapters on team Clusterclutch. We are excited for the new year with unit elections and Section Conference 2014! We hope to have a great time at Spring Fellowship and make many memories at Section Conference!
- John Crittenden, Outina Chapter Chief

Seminole

Seminole has visited three troops in the past three months and conducted elections. The troops all together elected 15 boys to the Order of the Arrow, many of them are planning on going through their Ordeal at the Spring Fellowship. We will also by the end of the month have contacted all of the troops in our district. This is a large step forward for Seminole. Seminole Rising Panthers Roaring
- Robert Landrum, Seminole Chapter Chief

Saturiwa

Winter fellowship was a blast for Saturiwa Chapter! We more than doubled our Fall Fellowship turnout and plan to continue the trend at Spring Fellowship. With a silver tiered historical display, Planet dominated games, and an awesome joint party with Timucuan Chapter, Saturiwa is on the rise! It is important for us to instill a sense of true Brotherhood in every member of our Chapter and we strive each event to instill the values of the Order of the Arrow in each brother of Shawnee District. I am personally proud of every active member of Saturiwa and want each of them to understand we are a family. We are not just Brothers in name, but also in spirit and purpose. I hope to see all of Saturiwa and all of Echockotee at Spring Fellowship and then Section Conference 2014. PLANET!
- Zach Morris, Saturiwa Chapter Chief

Timucuan

Timucuan is hard at work trying to defend Sonic! We have most of our unit elections scheduled within the next couple of months, so we should have a good turnout at Fellowship. We moved the day of our chapter meeting to try and get better turnouts, and so far so good. Our officers are calling Arrowmen eligible for their Brotherhood conversion in Spring. Expect a fight from Timucuan to take Sonic home in back-to-back Fellowships!
- Collin Bloch, Timucuan Chapter Chief

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2014 Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location
March 7-9, 2014	Spring Fellowship	Camp Shands
April 11-13, 2014	Section Conference	Camp Shands
April 26th, 2014	Spring Service Day	Camp Echockotee
May 16-18th, 2014	Summer Fellowship	Camp Shands
August 22-23rd, 2014	LLD	Camp Shands
September 26-28th, 2014	Fall Fellowship	Camp Shands
October 17-19, 2014	Special Needs Camporee	Camp Echockotee