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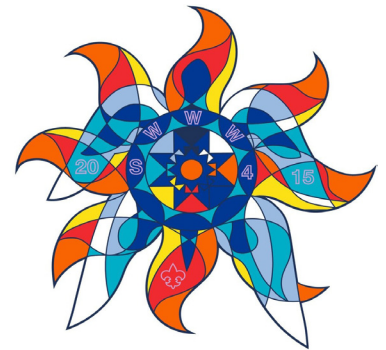


## Spring Edition 2015

### Section Conference 2015

*By TYLER BOUDREAUX, SECTION CONTINGENT CHAIRMAN*

For those who do not know, Section Conference is coming up! The 2015 S-4 Section Conference will be held April 10-12, at Camp La-No-Che. This event is huge for Arrowmen all around, so make sure that you mark the event on your calendar. The theme for the conference is “they will see us as brothers.” How is this event huge? Section Conference is all of S-4 camping together and having an awesome weekend. With this being the centennial year of the Order of the Arrow, Section Conference will be something special. There will be training of all sorts with trainers from all over Florida. And when the training stops, the games start. These are not your normal games- these are lodge versus lodge games that are extremely fun. If you think the games we play at lodge fellowships are fun, Section Conference takes it to a new level.



One of the most exciting things about Section Conference is engaging in fellowship with Arrowmen all across the state of Florida. Our own S-4 Section Chief Austin Kriznar has worked tirelessly with host lodge Tipisa to make this event one you will never forget. Last year, Echockotee Lodge had over 400 people show up to the conference; let’s strive to keep our history of bringing multitudes of Arrowmen to this event.



*The 2014 Section leadership taking the obligation to their newly elected office*

Registration has now begun! Print and mail in the registration form on the lodge website, and send it in to the North Florida Council office by March 18th to be guaranteed a conference T-shirt. Don’t miss out- register today!

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*These were only some of the games at Section Conference 2014. What will this year’s Conference have in store?*

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*Lodge Staff Adviser*



Echokotee Lodge,

We have now entered our year of celebration, the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow. Our year was kicked off with the 2015 Winter Fellowship, where we had the opportunity to recognize eleven deserving members of Echokotee Lodge with the Vigil Honor for their unselfish service to our lodge and the North Florida Council. Very soon, we will be recognizing more members as hometown heroes, Arrowmen (youth and adult) that have created an incredible legacy within our lodge, with the Centurion Award. It is a truly unique recognition, as lodges can only choose recipients in the year 2015; it is a centennial-only commendation.

With the beginning of such a critical year before us and a rich history for both Echokotee Lodge and the Order of the Arrow, we as Arrowmen must begin to wonder and plan what our legacy will be, both within the lodge and in our day to day interactions. Every incredible legacy begins with a single act of service. On behalf of all of our lodge officers, we would like to thank you for the opportunity to continue serving Echokotee Lodge and to contribute to its legacy, thus having an opportunity to have a part once again in shaping our lodge into something even better, more efficient, and more spirited than ever before.

Our lodge's progression to excellence will continue with our upcoming Spring Fellowship, where we will welcome the largest number of new members of the year. The enthusiasm of our new members reminds us to maintain our excitement of the Order and to lead in service, as all brothers before us have done. There will certainly be many great activities for our Dallas theme and we as officers will be giving it our all to make sure that a great, exciting, fun fellowship is put on for the spring. We'll cover the scheduling and programming, but it is also important that each of us take a personal responsibility for the service of the weekend. Every chance we have to give service is another opportunity for Echokotee Lodge to strengthen its legacy, and that is what we all strive for. I look forward to giving cheerful service with each of you, my brothers.

Yours in Witahemui,

*Cole Gabriel*

Cole Gabriel  
Echokotee Lodge Chief



*Congratulations to the newly elected 2015 LEC*

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Dear Brothers,

We had a great Winter Fellowship full of training and fun. It was great to see all of you there participating in fellowship and fun, and I thank all those who gave comments on training as I plan to implement those. Looking forward to Spring Fellowship, the Brotherhood Conversion class will be in full swing. If you're eligible, don't miss out on the opportunity. I can't wait to see all of you at Shands for some rootin, tootin good times. Stay classy Echokotee.  
Austin Schwindt, Vice Chief of Training



Howdy, Echokotee!

Here are a few notes from your friendly Vice Chief:

- 1) "Yeeeeee Hawww!" Get ready for some Texas-spirited service at Spring Fellowship!
- 2) "This Sonic ain't big enough for two chapters to bring home."
- 3) "Get along little ordeals!" Get your unit elections completed, we like new members!
- 4) Tips on life:

- If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop digging.

- Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back.

- Never miss a good chance to shut up.

- If you get thrown from a horse, you have to get up and get back on, unless you landed on a cactus;

then you have to roll around and scream in pain.

I cannot wait to see each of you out at Shands for Spring Fellowship! It is coming up quickly!

Zach Morris, Vice Chief of Program



Fellow Arrowmen,

Are you interested in working with Echokotee social media, website, or publication? If so, I have a grand opportunity for you. We are looking for a few good Arrowmen to assist in the secretarial duties of the lodge. Whether you are a new Ordeal member, or an experienced Vigil Honor member, we have a place for you. Email me at [kipple.kyle0797@live.com](mailto:kipple.kyle0797@live.com) to inform me know of your interests, and we'll get you set up! I'm excited to see new faces in our department! I'll see you at Spring Fellowship.

Kyle Kipple, Secretary

Hello Echokotee!

This is your treasurer here and I want to remind you all of a few things. Chapter chiefs and committee chairmen, remember that you have money to spend. Use this resource to help bring your activities and projects to the next level and provide an all-around better program. Check-request forms on the lodge website; please allow 15 days for your request to be processed.

Echokotee Lodge has money allocated to helping Arrowmen who are in need of monetary assistance in attending events. There are scholarships ranging from \$100-\$500, and is provided on a basis of need and merit. You can get a scholarship form from the lodge website. Please send these forms to [jonbrescia@hotmail.com](mailto:jonbrescia@hotmail.com) for review. Thanks!

Jonathan Brescia, Treasurer

Get your scholarship forms at

[www.echokotee.org](http://www.echokotee.org)

Greetings Echokotee,

Lately I have been working hard on our Lodge's Kings Cup. I am enthusiastic and optimistic about Section Conference. Our historical display should do a great job of showcasing all that Echokotee has to offer. I am open to your ideas and suggestions, do not hesitate to bring them to me.

Preston Richter, Historian

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## Communication/Social Media

*By KYLE KIPPLE, LODGE SECRETARY*

Hey Echockotee! As the Centennial Celebration begins, it is imperative to stay informed with all of the various special events happening in our Lodge, Section, and Nation. Make sure you follow all of the National OA social media services, as well as Echockotee on Facebook and Twitter!



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*Text your chapter's code to 84483 to stay informed with text alerts!*

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| <b>Osceola:</b>    | OSCEOLA200   |
| <b>Saturiwa:</b>   | PLANET       |
| <b>Seminole:</b>   | PANTHERSROAR |
| <b>Timucuan:</b>   | BUFFITUP     |

## Winter Fellowship Recap

*By JACKSON ALEXANDER*

Did you attend Winter Fellowship? The first event of the 100th anniversary of our Order was a blast! On Friday night, our Lodge passed two amendments to our bylaws, which changed Lodge and Chapter elections from Summer Fellowship to Winter Fellowship. In addition to bylaw changes, eleven of our Lodge's finest were awarded with the Vigil Honor. Congratulations on your great service to Echockotee Lodge!



Our VCP, Zach, planned an awesome weekend of fun and engaging games, ranging from a vinegar relay to intense lodgeball games. VCT Austin did an outstanding job with his day of training on Saturday, where Arrowmen came out and learned how to further their leadership. While Preston the Historian worked diligently on his lodge historical display, Treasurer Jon and Secretary Kyle helped out wherever needed. Chief Cole, of course, ran around and did everything from leading a training session, assisting with games to serving at the Vigil banquet.

In the end, Sonic ended up going home with the Oglala Chapter. With outstanding cheerfulness and participation, Oglala rightly deserved our Lodge's spirit totem.



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## Chapter Reports

### Apieka

Apieka is starting this year off in full swing and is ready for 2015. We had an amazing time at Winter Fellowship and we hope to have many more fellowships even better than it! We are all eagerly waiting for NOAC and all the other Centennial Celebrations coming up right around the corner. We can't wait to see you at Spring Fellowship.

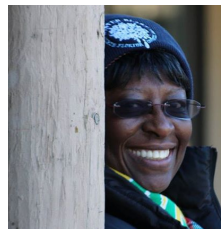
-Jonathan Gitzendanner, Apieka Chapter Chief

### Oglala

Hello Echockotee Lodge! Oglala had a great time participating in all the awesome games and training classes at the Winter Fellowship. We had both great attendance and fantastic spirit at the Winter Fellowship. We also managed to take home Sonic this past Fellowship and we would very much like to do a repeat of that at the Spring Fellowship. OG-LALA!!!!

-Daniel Fisher, Oglala Chapter Chief

### Some of the smiling faces at Winter Fellowship!



### Elemukulek

Greetings Echockotee! This year, Elemukulek is starting off with a strong foot. With a new slate of strong, willing officers, I believe this chapter is ready to bring it this year. Watch out for all of our spirit and cheerful service throughout the fellowships. In addition, we plan on bringing more and more of our members to events, as well as the ones we already have. With the leaders in our chapter, I have no doubt in my mind that this will be another fantastic year for Elemukulek. I hope to see all of you at our Spring Fellowship!

-Matt Waeltz, Elemukulek Chapter Chief

### Onathequa

Greetings from the Onathequa! Our chapter is busy planning a ILST training for the troops in our district. We have not done one of these for as long as I can remember. As our chapter has nearly doubled in size this past year we are excited to add a new point of service to our district. We are Onathequa, and we are growing.

-Christian Rodriguez, Onathequa Chapter Chief



## Oklawaha

Hello Echokotee Lodge! Our chapter had a great time at the past event! We had a lot of fun participating in all of the games, training, ceremonies, and service. You will be sure to see our chapter spirit wherever you are! We are looking forward to our next event, where we will have lots of fun. Until then, see you later Echokotee!

-Oklawaha Chapter Chief

## Osceola

Osceola is doing great so far. We are working this year towards re-branding our chapter and working on retaining our membership. We have a good amount that recently got elected and are looking forward to joining the lodge. We are almost done with our new website and publication. I can wait to see everyone at the next fellowship for some service and fun. Lets have a great year!

-Zachary Brandvold, Osceola Chapter Chief

## Saturiwa

Saturiwa has been having a great time since we last gathered. Winter Fellowship was a blast for the whole chapter as we congratulated the 5 newest Vigil honor recipients from our chapter. We also had an amazing, gold level historical display and the debut of our newest spirit gear. We have many things planned such as a chapter fun nights and other activities. We look forward to a strong showing at Spring Fellowship with tons of surprises. PLANET!!!

-Justin Cowell, Saturiwa Chapter Chief

## Seminole

Seminole Chapter is doing great! We got a TON more participation with lodge events. We re-elected all of our old officers. We have had one unit election, and several more planned! We hope to have a great year! See y'all at Spring Fellowship!

-Griffen Walters, Seminole Chapter Chief

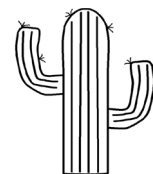
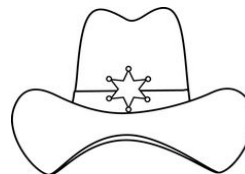
## Timucuan

We will be very busy over the next 2 months. All of our elections will be done by March 13th, we will have our tap out ceremony for those elected, as well as lead a Baden Powel program at our district's merit badge fair campfire on the 14th. In addition, we will be performing 4 Webelos crossover ceremonies in the coming weeks. Timucuan is gearing up for a Dallas themed Fellowship and is planning on 'roping in' Sonic!! Let's go TIMUCUAN!!

-Brian Reed, Timucuan Chapter Chief

## Get Ready for Fellowship!

By ZACH MORRIS, VICE CHIEF OF PROGRAM



Hey guys! If you want to have a leg up on other chapters for the games at Spring Fellowship, then it might be a good idea to know these things. Who will come out on top?

|                      |                      |                |                   |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Basic knots          | History of the OA    | Lodge History  | Basic Ceremonies  |
| Fire-building skills | Knife skills         | First-Aid      | Boating Safety    |
| National OA Events   | National OA Officers | Lodge Officers | Safe Swim Defense |

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## Calendar of Events

| Date                  | Event              | Location                      |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| March 6-8, 2015       | Spring Fellowship  | Camp Shands                   |
| April 10-12, 2015     | Section Conference | Camp La-No-Che (Paisley, Fla) |
| April 25, 2015        | Service Day        | Camp Shands                   |
| May 15-17, 2015       | Summer Fellowship  | Camp Shands                   |
| July 10, 2015         | ArrowTour          | Camp Shands                   |
| August 3-8, 2015      | NOAC               | Michigan State University     |
| September 25-27, 2015 | Fall Fellowship    | Camp Shands                   |