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My Brothers,

I have to say I am very proud that this was my year as Chief. I am very excited to say that Echockotee Lodge has accomplished quite a bit this year. We did some serious service, played some awesome games, put on the greatest Section Seminars in S-4 history, and we really showed who we are at Section Conference by competing in every single competition; taking 1st place in Publications and gaining two seats in Section Office.

I would like to personally thank everyone who contributed this year. Thank you to my officers, advisers, committees, chapters, and also thank you everyone reading this right now! Without all the help and support this year, we wouldn't have accomplished nearly as much as we did. I would like to emphasize that the name of Echockotee, in Linne Lenape means "We are brothers. None of these things would happen without the strength and commitment of every arrowman in our lodge.

Also, I would like to wish anyone who is planning on running for Chapter or Lodge office at the Fellowship success. Having personally experienced both I can honestly say it is a very eye opening experience. Yes, it may be a little nerve racking, but you are all very capable of leading this great and honored order! With the new officers coming in we're also going to need new committee chairmen. So please get involved in one way or another, there's a place for everyone in this lodge. It will change your life!

Finally, I would just like to once again thank everyone for your help and that I am very excited to see all the campaigning at Summer Fellowship. I will always remember my time as Chief, for they are some of the happiest memories I've had in my Scouting career.

Yours in Wimachtendienk,
Alexander Williams

Ceremonies Teams

By Brandon Newell

Our ceremonies are an essential part of the Order of the Arrow. As we all know in 1915 the first Ordeal Ceremony took place at Treasure Island Scout Camp, and the Wimach-tendienk was founded. And over the past 97 years our organization has developed into one of the largest youth led and service oriented organizations in the world. We all share a common corner stone though, through our induction, that moment is a once in a life time opportunity and it is only right that we ensure that all Arrowmen receive a common and quality ceremonial experience. Brothers, you are needed, those of you that have the desire to serve your brothers have an opportunity to represent our lodge and impact hundreds of Arrowmen. You can do this through joining our ceremonies teams. As our lodge grows we have an enormous need for Arrowmen to take part in our ceremonies. If you have any questions or would like to participate as a ceremonialist please contact Brandon Newell (904)-502-5447 or bfd.newell@att.net

Join Publications!

By: Chris Faison

Echockotee lodge's publications are one of the most important assets that we as Arrowman have at our disposal. Whether you think about it or not, majority of the important dates and information that the lodge officers and committee chairmen want the lodge to know is communicated through the Feather's and the Fluffy's. We are always open to input and criticism regarding our publications, so if there

is anything that you would ever like to see in either the Feather or the Fluffy you are more than welcome to let the current Secretary know.

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However, what I would really like to talk to you all about is the formation of a Publications Committee within our lodge. For years the responsibility of creation and editing of both the Feather and the Fluffy has been solely on the Lodge Secretary to complete. But over the course of this year, the lodge officers and advisers have discussed creating a committee, that will be headed up by the lodge secretary, so that more Arrowman have the opportunity to get involved in the creation of our lodge's award winning publications.

We have recently gained a new adviser for Publications over the past couple months. So if you are interested in becoming a part of this new committee, please contact me at cwfaison@hotmail.com or call me at (904)316-1654. We really hope that some of you would like to get involved in improving our historically great publications.

NOAC 2012 is Almost Here!

By Alex Leonard

Hey Echockotee!! If you like fun, fellowship, and going crazy for eight days, then I have the perfect plan for you! Go to NOAC at Michigan State University! This Summer, July 28 - August 5, Echockotee Lodge will be taking a contingent to the National Order of the Arrow Conference. This is the largest gathering of Arrowmen from all over the nation, and trust me, it is not something you will want to miss.

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There are plenty of awesome things to do like games, training, shows, there may even be some awesome surprises thrown in on top! Echokotee Lodge will also be stopping at a few places like Dollywood and the Air Force museum! The first deadline is up so at this time there is a \$50 late fee. This brings the cost for those who have not registered yet to \$825 for youth and \$925 for adults. I promise that every last cent is worth it! There are only a few spots left on the bus so sign up while you can!

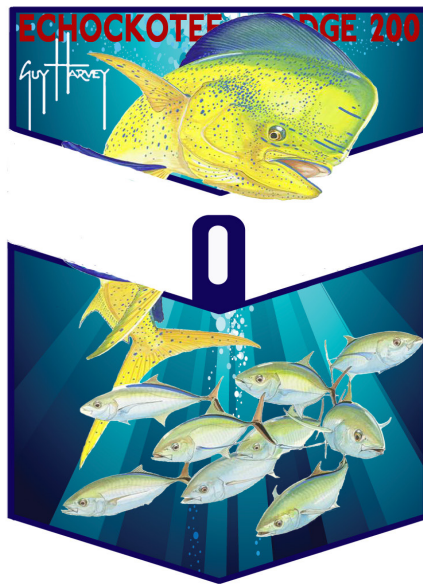
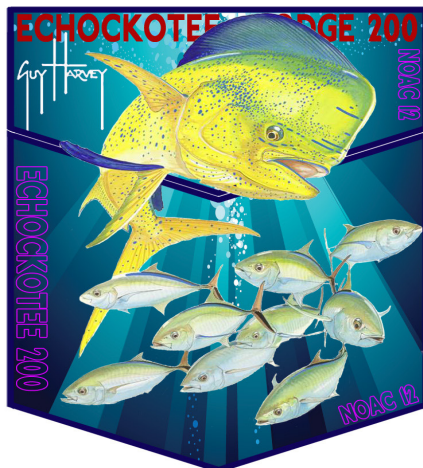
Brownsea NYLT 2012

By: Brandon Newell

National Youth Leadership Training is an intensive week-long summer camp experience for leadership oriented scouts. The course works to equip its participants with the basic skills necessary to become leaders within their troops, crews, ships, communities and future professions.

Each and every part of the program is carefully prepared and used as a hands-on tool to teach fundamental leadership concepts, while applying skills that are essential to every scouting unit. Since its establishment in 1976, the NYLT program has built a strong legacy of leadership and service within scouting. North Florida Council's NYLT course will be held at Camp Shands in Hawthorne, FL. The program runs July 22nd - 28th. Echokotee Lodge has a long history with the NYLT course and encourages all of our Arrowmen to attend this program that teaches many of the skills that are a necessity to the success of Echokotee Lodge. Many past chiefs and officers of Echokotee

have attended and returned to staff our NYLT course, including Seth Mollitt (past OA National Vice Chief and former NYLT SPL), Chris Hume (past Lodge Chief and former NYLT SPL), Aaron Lewis (past Lodge Chief and former NYLT SPL). More information can be found at www.nfcnylt.org



Echokotee NOAC Design
Size 125MM X 155MM overall
TWO patches
Pocket Flap
Pocket Dangle -- with button tab as shown
Rolled edge
Hidden lettering -- Shown in purple
Heavy shading / blending of colors

or by emailing info@nfcnylt.org

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WANTED: Elengomats

By Michael Simmons

Greetings Fellow Arrowmen,

Only three times per year (Fall, Spring, and Summer Fellowships) does Echokottee Lodge induct new Arrowmen into Scouting's National Honor Society, the Order of the Arrow. Ordeal Clans provide hundreds of service hours each Ordeal Fellowship for Echokottee Lodge and North Florida Council. Historically Echokottee's Ordeal Clans have participated in valuable camp service projects including Waterfront maintenance, reinforcing Fish Camp Bridge, laying concrete, and setting up tents for Summer Camp to name only a few.

Elangomats (Arrowmen undergoing the Ordeal again) are extremely valuable guides for our incoming brothers. The Inductions Committee respectfully requires that any prospective Elangomat be either previously Elangomat Trained or a Brotherhood member in order to serve. This policy helps ensure that trained quality Elangomats represent Echokottee while leading Ordeal Clans. Elangomat Training classes are open to everyone to attend and are available at both the LLD weekend and the Winter Fellowship.

Upon completion of each Fellowship Ordeal, Elangomats (and Elangomats alone) are presented with an Elangomat T-shirt and an Elangomat Service Patch as tokens of appreciation from the Lodge. All Arrowmen are invited and encouraged to serve as Elangomats; contact me to register for Elangomat Service.

If you have any questions about the Inductions Committee's policies, procedures, Elangomat Training, or Unit Election procedures please contact me via e-mail or by





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Chapter Reports

Apieka

By JOSH MINTZ

Brothers,

Apieka Chapter is moving along quite well. We had a great time at Section Conference, and one of our members even found one of the Golden Arrows! We had a great time at our last chapter meeting with the various games we played and we plan on having more meetings devoted to games. Hope to see everyone at Summer Fellowship!

Elemukulek

By Austin Kriznar

Elemukulek has had a spectacular year. We have achieved so much in what has seemed so little time. We have served and left a mark on Shands, cutting a new Pre-Ordeal ring and trail stretching over a half-mile span. We have competed and won numerous accolades at LOAC. Our Chapter members have

accomplished and exceeded while taking on various roles in the Lodge. We would like to thank all of these people in our Chapter for serving, as well as to their advisers. We would also like to thank our Lodge's officers and the Chief. We have served at 110%. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Oglala

By James Andrew Higbe

Greetings Echockotee Lodge,

Oglala has had an amazing year! A "thanks" goes out to all the Oglala members who helped make this year great! It's hard to believe it is almost over. We have had great Chapter meetings and had fun at all the Lodge as well as Section events.

We hope our next monthly meeting will be the best yet. With each passing month our meetings get better! Oglala recently voted on pur-

chasing blue shirts, which we will have at the next Fellowship provided we get enough orders. The shirts will go for \$10 each.

Summer Fellowship is going to be fantastic. Oglala can't wait to show off our Scout Spirit!

Oklawaha

By Peter Wykoff

Oklawaha Chapter has had a very successful spring, 2012. At the Spring Fellowship, we had a good turn-out of members, 15 to be exact! The Chapter helped with the building of the ceremonies ring. Some Arrowmen helped with the EchoShows. This would be a great time to serve as an Elegomat. If you want to be an Elegomat contact Michael Simmons, Inductions Chairman or Mrs. Coutu.



Onathequa

By Joseph Sanderson

Onthequa chapter(home of the original owls)has been planning our fall camporee we host annually this year in october. We are sending 5 to NOAC. We have been continuing our tradition of pizza at our monthly chapter meetings.

Osceola

NO REPORT

Outina

NO REPORT

Saturiwa

By Bradley Phillips

Hello Everyone!! Saturiwa Chapter is having a great time. We have had positive member growth and have been completing unit elections like crazy. We're working hard and having a great time doing it too. Chapter meetings are a huge success as attendance grows and the word spreads about how fun the meetings are. We had great chapter representation with the lodge at Section Conference. Congrats to everyone who ran for section office and the newly elected section officers, and Saturiwa looks forward to seeing everyone at Summer Fellowship.

Seminole

NO REPORT

Timucuan

By J.T. DAVIE

Brothers,

We had a great time at the Spring Fellowship at Camp Echokotee (our own backyard)! Overall it was a super weekend for the Timucuan Chapter. At Section Conference, we had 4 dancers competing, and all placed! We had around 6 youth members attend. We look forward to Summer Fellowship, and winning Sonic!!

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2011 -2012 Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location
May 18-20, 2012	Summer Fellowship Theme: 1980s	Camp Shands
July 30- August 4, 2012	NOAC	Michigan State University
August 17-18, 2012	LLD	Camp Shands
Sept. 28-30, 2012	Fall Fellowship Theme: TBD	Camp Shands
Oct. 19-21, 2012	Special Needs Camporee	Camp Shands
Nov. 16-18, 2012	Section Seminars	Camp Miles
Dec. 1st, 2012	December Service Day	Camp Echokotee